

# Luton smash and grab

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## Luton 3 Bristol City 2

THE play-off hopes of Luton were put firmly back on course with a dramatic injury-time winner to finally see off promotion rivals Bristol City 3-2.

Rookie defender Keith Keane scored his first senior goal to seal a dramatic victory after the Robins had seemingly grabbed a share of the spoils with a late equaliser.

Luton took the lead when Steve Howard headed home his 12th goal of the season and Emmerson Boyce doubled their advantage with another header in the 56th minute.

Christian Roberts threw City a lifeline when he scored four minutes later, but it looked as though Luton had done enough until Danny Coles came up from the back to head a dramatic leveller a minute into added time from Brian Tinnion's corner.

City had barely time to celebrate when Luton piled forward for one last effort and Keane popped up to volley the winner.

Luton manager Mike Newell admitted he was delighted with the efforts of all his players after the win.

Newell said: "This was a must-win game and by hook or by crook we've got the right result.

"We must win at least three of our remaining four matches but we are still in with a chance of the play-offs and it would be foolish to give up."

Bristol City manager Danny Wilson revealed he would take a close look at Luton's second goal after a suggestion that Boyce's effort had not crossed the line.

Wilson said: "I'll look at the video but I'm sure it will cement my view that it was impossible for the ball to be over the line.

"The referee was in a position to overrule it but didn't. His assistant gave the goal but nobody in the crowd thought it was in. It was a major decision and in the end we've paid for it."