

# Keane clips City ecstasy

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**LUTON TOWN** .....3

Howard (26), Boyce (56), Keane (90)

**BRISTOL CITY** .....2

Roberts (59), Coles (90)

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**EMOTIONS** took opposite twists in injury time as first Bristol City seemed to have saved a point, but then finished up beaten as the game exploded with two goals in added time.

Manager Danny Wilson will keep chasing the automatic promotion place he craves, especially after losing in the play-offs a year ago.

But he knew that Luton, with play-off hopes of their own, had been let off the hook. City opened at a fierce pace and Luton were rocking for the first 25 minutes.

First Christian Roberts

defence but then saw his shot saved by goalkeeper Morten Hyldgaard. The same fate befell Micky Bell when he was put clear down the middle by Tony Rougier. Between those two efforts Lee Peacock wasted a wonderful chance with a free header which he put wide after a good run and accurate cross by Roberts.

But then Luton, against the run of play, snatched the lead when Steve Howard headed his 12th goal of the season from a free kick by Steve Robinson.

Ahmet Berkovic should have given Luton a second goal, but chipped his shot too weakly and City were able to clear after the Croatian raced clear because of an incisive pass by Adrian Forbes.

Luton doubled their lead 11 minutes into the second-half when another free kick by Robinson led to Chris Coyne heading the ball across the goal area and Emmerson Boyce headed in via a post. City complained furiously the ball had not crossed the line and Wilson said: "It looked impossible for that ball to be over the line. The referee was

in a position to overrule it but didn't."

City came back five minutes later with a stunning strike by Roberts and then a minute into stoppage time, City equalised with Danny Coles heading in a corner by substitute Brian Tinnion.

But the point was then snatched away in even more dramatic circumstances when a free kick led to a scramble in the goalmouth and 17-year-old Keith Keane hammering his first even League goal with a mis-hit volley.

| LUTON | BRISTOL CITY |    |
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| 48    | Possession % | 52 |
| 2     | Corners      | 4  |
| 5     | Offsides     | 9  |
| 18    | Fouls        | 17 |
| 1     | Yellow       | 2  |
| 0     | Reds         | 0  |
| 5     | Shots On     | 7  |
| 7     | Shots Off    | 6  |
| 0     | Hit Woodwork | 0  |

**LUTON:** Hyldgaard 6, Keane 7, Coyne 7, Boyce 8, Davis 7, Nicholls 6, Robinson 6, Brkovic 6, Foley 7, Forbes 7 (Showunmi 8), Howard 8.

**BRISTOL CITY:** Phillips 6, Carey 7, Butler 6, Coles 6, Hill 6, Bell 7 (Miller 86), Doherty 6, Wilshire 6 (Tinnion 57), Rougier 6, Peacock 7, Roberts 7 (Goodfellow 73).