

Hatters keep their nerve

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(1-1 aet — Luton win 5-3 on pens)

LUTON'S players kept their nerve to net all five spot-kicks in a penalty shoot-out and end the hopes of battling Bristol Rovers.

Adam Boyd shot the visitors in front from 20-yards after only three minutes, but Richard Walker scored a deserved equaliser for Rovers on the hour.

Luton goalkeeper Marlon Beresford made a fine first half save to tip a Craig Disley shot onto a post and Stuart Campbell went close for Rovers in the second half.

Luton almost snatched it in injury-time of the 90 minutes when an Ahmet Brkovic header hit the crossbar.

In extra-time, Beresford made brilliant saves from Steve Elliott and Andy Sandell, while Rovers keeper Steve Phillips did the same to deny Dean Morgan and Chris Coyne.

Brkovic, Rowan Vine, Carlos Edwards, Morgan and Sol Davis all netted from the spot, while Sandell crucially missed for Rovers.