

Colchester march on

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COLCHESTER scored two goals in each half to record their 10th home win on the trot and keep themselves firmly on course for a play-off spot.

The visitors had the first effort on goal, Dean Morgan's 25-yard drive being well held by Colchester goalkeeper Dean Gerken after 17 minutes.

But it was the home side who took the lead after 23 minutes when Kevin Watson's outswinging corner found Kevin McLeod who crashed a header past Dean Kiely from 12-yards.

Luton almost hit back just three minutes later but Gerken was equal to Morgan's shot from 25-yards and the home side had a lucky escape shortly afterwards when the Colchester keeper somehow managed to deny Ahmet Brkovic from close-range.

The increasingly busy Gerken was again called into action to deny Morgan and he then excelled himself by tipping a 20-yard

thunderbolt from Leon Barnett around the post.

Luton were indebted to Kiely, who tipped over a shot from Jamie Cureton to prevent the home side doubling their lead six minutes before the interval.

But Colchester's hopes of victory were given a major boost after 41 minutes when Chris Iwelumo coolly slotted home to give his side a two-goal cushion.

Geraint Williams' side could have been even further ahead shortly after the restart but Iwelumo missed a great chance by dragging his shot wide and Kiely then saved from Richard Garcia as Colchester continued to turn the screw.

And their efforts were rewarded when they made it three just before the hour mark.

Watson's free kick was met by Garcia who steered the ball past Kiely to kill off any hopes of a Luton comeback, before Iwelumo added his second of the game after 64 minutes.

Late on, Rowan Vine was fouled by Garcia in the area and picked himself up to score from the spot.