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Luton 3 Sunderland 0 07/08 (FLC)

SUNDERLAND came a real cropper at Luton, crashing to a 3-0 defeat.

The first clear-cut chance fell to Luton's recent signing Paul Furlong, who could hardly believe it when he was unmarked in meeting Steve Robinson's cross in the seventh minute, but he headed wide.

Eight minutes later, Luton were deservedly ahead. Dean Morgan was adjudged to have been brought down just on the edge of the box by Greg Halford and from the free-kick, David Bell's shot flew past Darren Ward into the net.

Daryl Murphy and Anthony Stokes both had shots as Sunderland tried to hit straight back, but when Luton broke away, they put the visitors under pressure again immediately.

Nyron Nosworthy brought down Furlong just outside the area and although Bell shaped to have another shot at goal, he left it to Furlong this time and the effort went wide.

Stokes twice threatened to bring Sunderland back into it, but when Alan

Sunderland's
ANTHONY STOKES,
front, is closely
marked by Luton's
DEAN MORGAN



Goodall put Furlong clean through on the left side of the penalty box, the former Chelsea man coolly lobbed Ward into the net.

Just before the break, Stokes hit the bar with another long-range attempt. The rebound fell to Michael Chopra, but his header was saved on the line by

David Forde.

Grant Leadbitter had a chance to halve the deficit after 57 minutes but his effort flew high and wide.

Sunderland were really up against it when Halford was sent off and Furlong's second goal completed the upset.