

Luton's Spring in their step

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MATT SPRING knocked Charlton off their perch when his extra-time header dumped Alan Pardew's side out of the Carling Cup.

The Championship high-fliers looked to have been in cruise control when Dean Sinclair gave them a third-minute lead.

But the League One Hatters hit back through Steve Robinson, Spring and Drew Talbot to send the Addicks the same way as Sunderland in the previous round.

It had looked good for Pardew's team early on and they took the lead through Sinclair.

Izale McLeod broke away down the left and crossed for Svetoslav

LUTON

3

CHARLTON

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(AET: 1-1 after 90 mins)

Todorov to head towards goal and Sinclair got the final touch. From then on the visitors always looked most likely to score, with McLeod guilty of two missed chances.

Luton finally eased their way into the match two minutes before the break, an outstanding strike against the run of play pulling them level. A corner by David Bell was headed out by Madjid Bougherra and Robinson fired in his volley. The goal came

at a good time for Luton and they re-emerged for the second half with fresh belief.

Spring almost gave the Hatters an advantage just a minute after the restart with a shot that was charged down.

Then Paul Furlong, 39 next month, dribbled through four players before his low shot landed safely in the goalkeeper's arms.

It was Spring, though, who finally found the back of the net for Luton in extra-time, scoring just seconds before the break.

And Talbot made sure of the victory three minutes before the final whistle.



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