

Some relief for Hatters

Luton 1 Southend 0

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CALVIN Andrew struck the winner 16 minutes from time to earn troubled Luton a 1-0 win over Southend.

The Hatters were sent to the bottom of League One in midweek when they were deducted 10 points for entering administration.

But striker Andrew headed home at the far post from Matthew Spring's cross to give Town a much-needed three points.

Luton had started well and were only prevented from taking the lead when Southend goalkeeper Steve Collis tipped Dave Edwards' looping header on to the bar after 13 minutes.

The Shrimpers should have opened the scoring themselves four minutes later when Richard Jackson fouled Gary Hooper in the area, only for Dean Brill to save Matt Harrold's spot-kick.

Brill saved well from Garry Richards after 21 minutes and was relieved to see Adam Barrett head Steve Hammell's free-kick wide eight minutes later.

Luton picked up the pace after the break and Andrew netted after 74 minutes, then missed a great chance to make it 2-0 when he fired wide seven minutes later.

Boss Kevin Blackwell praised the "terrific" response from his players.

He said: "It was all about the players and I thought they were absolutely terrific."

Southend manager Steve Tilson thought his side could have got something from the game, especially after a good first-half display.

"Going into administration may have brought Luton closer together but we had chances to win the game," he said.

"We should have been two-up at half-time and they took the one chance they had in the second half which was the difference."