

What Moore could you want?

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STEFAN Moore scored the winner on his debut to keep Walsall's promotion push on track and plunge Luton further into relegation trouble.

The striker pounced in the fourth minute, beating the offside trap to reach Tommy Mooney's pass and touch the ball past Dean Brill.

The Saddlers had twice gone close before that. Keith Keane cleared Anthony Gerrard's shot off the line in the second minute, then Kevin Betsy fired wide from 20 yards a minute later.

Luton rallied with a Keane header blocked on the line by Ian Roper in the 12th minute, before a mis-hit Stephen O'Leary volley flew straight at Clayton Ince just after the half-hour mark.

Despite having long periods of possession after the break, Luton struggled to create clear openings and Mooney almost got number two for Walsall when he lobbed onto the roof of the net from 25 yards in the 72nd minute.

The Hatters thought they had earned a point when substitute Calvin Andrew nodded in Matt Spring's corner in the 82nd minute, but the goal was disallowed for a foul, leaving Luton without a win in 13 league and cup games.

Saddlers boss Richard Money hailed his side's resilience, saying: "I thought we only played for five minutes. We had four good chances in that time, scored one and after that, it was all about being resolute.

"We weren't at our best but it's all about results rather than performances, especially when the pressure starts to build at this stage of the season."

Luton boss Mick Harford threatened to bring in the club's youth players for some of his underperforming senior stars.

He said: "It's important to start games properly and we didn't do that.

"There's going to come a point when we have to play the young kids. Every player has had an opportunity since I've been here except for the injured lads and most haven't done very well."