



BARROW 1 LUTON TOWN 0

Boyes 5



GAV THAT! Luton's Jonathan Smith tries to block Gavin Skelton. Inset: Barrow's assistant boss Ashley Hoskin shows his delight

PICTURE: Gareth Owen



BOYES SINKS HATTERS ^{12/13}

By Bob Herbert

WHAT a difference a week makes. Luton boss Paul Buckle may have been able to mastermind the FA Cup downfall of Wolves and Premier League Norwich City, but struggling Barrow proved a much tougher nut to crack.

Like many before him, he saw the Blue Square Bet Premier Manager of the Month award act as a curse as his play-off chasing side fell to a fifth-minute Adam Boyes goal.

Boyes cashed in on a Greg Taylor error as the full-back tried to head the ball back to his keeper.

The header fell short of Mark Tyler who was caught in no man's land as Boyes calmly lifted the ball over the keeper and into the net.

"You just don't make errors like that," fumed Buckle.

"We can't afford any weakness in our back four. That was poor, it should have been cleared.

"I was pleased with everything else at the back but we gifted them a goal to hold onto and they held onto it with blocks when we threw everything at them.

"In the end we couldn't get the equaliser. It was an individual error and I'll keep changing it until I get it right.

"We didn't trouble them enough. When you go behind to a team down at the bottom a bit of a panic can set in.

"Maybe we should have been a bit calmer. Barrow are renowned for good football but we knew it was going to be a fight.

"You can't gift goals and if you do it, it is going to be a hard afternoon. We do it too many times. That goal was so poor and pathetic, which really annoys me.

"Last week we had a massive high at Norwich; this week we have had a massive low."

The nearest the Hatters got to a goal was in the 50th-minute when Andre Gray, from a very narrow angle, hit a post.

Things got a bit hectic as Luton battled for the equaliser and a minute into added-on time

Nathaniel Rowe-Turner got a red card after he made a plunging tackle on Boyes.

Some of the gloss was taken off the win for Barrow win when they lost Danny O'Donnell who was brought in to stiffen their defence.

He was injured in a clash with his own keeper after 30 minutes and soldiered on for another five minutes before being taken off with a dislocated shoulder.

Despite that, manager Dave Bayliss was upbeat.

He said: "As a team we defended very well. We handled everything they threw at us. I thought we thoroughly deserved to win.

"We had chances and perhaps we could have scored a couple more. These are bonus points for us, though, as we didn't expect this win.

"But to beat Luton Town with the budget they have got, and the players they have got – for Barrow it is a fantastic win."

MATCH STATS BARROW v LUTON

6	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
3	SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
4	CORNERS	3
1	OFFSIDE	3
11	FOULS CONCEDED	13
2	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	1

STAR MAN: Mike Pearson (Barrow)
ATT: 1,188

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

REF RATING: Anthony Blackhouse 7/10

BARROW: 4-4-2: Hurst 7; Flynn 7, M Pearson 8, O'Donnell 7 (Hessey 40, 7), Skelton 7; Rutherford 7, Baker 7, Owen 7, D Rowe 7 (McConville 75, 6), Boyes 7, D L Rowe 7 (McEvilly 88, 6). Subs not used: S Pearson, Harvey.

LUTON: 4-4-2: Tyler 7, Rowe-Turner 7, Henry 7, McNulty 6, Taylor 6 (Howells 81, 6), Lawless 7, Mendy 7 (Neilson 45, 8), Smith 7, Martin 7, Shaw 6 (Rendell 70, 6), Gray 7. Subs not used: O'Donnell, Fleetwood.