

FIND THAT MANAGER, LUTON

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THAT deep depression over Luton is still just as deep, although they took their first point in six matches. Forward-line experiments were a complete flop and their need of a manager was underlined more than ever.

Brendan McNally, converted from full-back to centre-forward, was a failure, as was Allan Brown at outside-left. Just why some reconstruction of the forward-line has not taken place sooner is perhaps a clear indication of the way things are going at Luton.

Without a manager, they lack control and the biggest need apart from a class centre-forward, is for someone to take charge and dictate the way things should go.

Ironically, former Luton manager Dally Duncan is in charge of the Rovers and his well drilled team only served to emphasise that Luton lost more than they thought at his departure.

Even though Sid Owen did his best to marshall his forces, he had more than enough to do to keep a watch on Blackburn's lively leader, Tom Johnston.

Johnston gave Blackburn the lead after 29 minutes, through a mistake by Dunne, who was having a very shaky time, but the Rovers were so superior that their half-time lead could have been much greater had they taken their chances.

Probably in desperation, Luton got on top in the second-half and Bingham equalised after 63 minutes, following brilliant work by Turner.

The Blackburn defence resorted to desperate measures to keep on terms and the referee earned no cheers from the crowd by refusing to award Luton two penalties for hands. He had to call police to patrol behind the Blackburn goal.