

LUTON COME ALIVE TO SNATCH WIN

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Tranmere 0, Luton 2

LUTON kept their slim promotion hopes alive and hammered out a warning to rivals Swindon that they will have to do it the hard way if they are to accompany Watford into the Second Division.

The position will not be clarified for at least another 10 days, when Luton have completed their programme with two home matches. But it looks now as though Swindon will have to take five points from their remaining four games to go up.

For half of this game Luton looked anything but promotion material. They relied on an off-side trap to keep them out of trouble and were not prepared to risk going forward.

One miss by Tranmere skipper King a minute from half time was typical of Tranmere's finishing. For once, Luton's off-side trap failed and King, with only Read to beat, blasted wide from six yards.

It was an incredible miss, and it gave Luton the encouragement to play more adventurously after the interval. The result was two goals in six minutes.

Defender Moore hit the first after 48 minutes, an unstoppable drive from 25 yards.

After 54 minutes the hard-working Allen carved out a chance for Bloch to score from inside the penalty area.