

We can stay top — Stock

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Luton 2, Blackburn 0

LUTON, still unbeaten at home, moved to the top of the Second Division—only 13 games after coming up from the Third.

Luton manager Alec Stock said afterwards: "We expect to be top. Of course, I'm happy to be there. And I'm certain we have the ability to stay out in front."

But the Bedfordshire club's growing dreams of a return to the First Division were given many rude shocks before lowly Blackburn were finally conquered.

Luton, watched by scouts from Chelsea and Spurs, could not have made a more encouraging start, Don Givens giving them the lead with an unstoppable shot after only 50 seconds.



With the crowd biting their fingernails, Malcolm Macdonald, Luton's leading scorer, rose to head a Mike Keen centre firmly into the Blackburn net.

A second Luton goal was rather less than Blackburn deserved.

On several occasions only the vigilance and agility of centre-half Chris Nicholl and goalkeeper Tony Read, prevented Luton losing their record of not having conceded a League goal at home this season.

Even after Macdonald had scored, Blackburn kept fighting. In one of the last of this game's many exciting moments, Luton full-back John Ryan headed off the line from Kerr.