

INCREDIBLE, GASP LUTON

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Luton 0, Swindon 1

LUTON should have had this game won easily before half time had they been able to cash in on their attacking dominance. But a brilliant headed goal by Treacy gave Swindon both points and prevented Luton notching their first double against a Division Two club this season.

Swindon, playing with a demoralised air, as though reacting from the week's internal comings and goings, were hard pushed to contain the Luton forwards.

And had not Downsborough

miraculously saved a fierce drive by Jimmy Ryan from just inside the box after three minutes perhaps Luton might have got the glut of goals they deserved.

Halom, Aston, Hindson, and Jimmy Ryan peppered Downsborough with efforts in the first 35 mins.

Signing absent

With only Noble and Treacy up front, Swindon's goal chances were rare. Jenkins, their £50,000 winger signed from Southampton, did not make his debut because of leg strain and a defender, Butler, took his berth.

Howells started Swindon's revival when he brought a great save at the foot of the post from

Barber after 35 minutes. Swindon's confidence grew and in the 48th minute Treacy was unlucky not to convert a Trollope centre from the left.

It was a slip by Garner that led to Swindon's goal. As soon as he moved in to tackle, Peplow easily raced clear on the right and crossed perfectly for Treacy to head home.

Fern was brought on for Anderson as Luton strove desperately to equalise and Aston and Halom went close near the end.

The running niggling between Halom and Burrows ended with Halom being booked in the 75th minute after a vicious kick at Burrows with the ball nowhere near them.