

Luton—all attack and no luck

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Luton 0 Swindon 1; by JAMES FRENCH

SHORN OF their brightest star, Don Rogers, and manager Dave Mackay in one week, Swindon needed all their fighting heart to win their first away League win of the season. It was a brave and bonny performance, for Luton had more class, more control, and far more of the game.

But Swindon's new captain, rightback Rod Thomas, marshalled his team well.

Centre half Frank Burrows was the rugged rock against whom most of Luton's attacks foundered.

Luton should have won by at least two goals, but Swindon goalkeeper Peter Downsborough brought off a handful of good saves.

Amazingly, considering how closely they have kept in touch with the Division II leadership, Luton have not won at home since September 16.

Amazingly, too, they won 2-0 at Swindon on September 26.

Yesterday, it was a brisk battle, with Swindon's Steve Peplow, Peter Noble and Ray Treacy fighting hard to mount goal threats with far fewer openings than Luton's attackers achieved.

PRESSURE

Every time Luton sagged when their heavy pressure had achieved nothing, Swindon surged forward.

Swindon's spirit was rewarded by Treacy's matchwinner after 56 minutes.

It was tough luck on Luton, who had attacked persistently.

Jim Ryan hammered a pile-driver from Vic Halom's cross after four minutes and Downsborough did splendidly to turn it over.

Ten minutes later, John Aston fired wide from Alan Slough's short centre.