

Ryan grabs equaliser

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Blackpool 1, Luton 1

A NOISY and prolonged demonstration by a considerable number of home supporters against the Blackpool manager and club directors provided a sour ending to a drab and dismal game.

With nothing at stake for either side there was an end-of-season atmosphere from the kick-off and it was no surprise that the pitifully small crowd of 6,947, was Bloomfield Road's lowest since the war.

A long, dull stretch from the start ended with Suddick, Blackpool's most accomplished player, scoring with a magnificent long drive from a free kick after 20 minutes.

Jim Ryan equalised in the 70th minute after a brilliant run during which he held off two defenders before shooting past the advancing Blackpool 'keeper.

Blackpool: Wood; Hatton, Bentley; Alcock, James, Suddaby; Burns, Suddick, Rafferty, O'Neil, Ainscow. Sub.: Tully.

Luton: Carrick; Shanks, Thomson; Anderson, Garner, Moore; Ryan (Jim), Ryan (John), Busby, Hindson, Aston. Sub.: Fern.

Referee: H. Williams (Sheffield).