

Q.P.R. 2, Luton 0

RANGERS, now within two points of first division football, had too many individual skills for Luton who commendably attempted to match them in ability and had three goals disallowed. They also had Hindson sent off four minutes from the end for a foul on Francis.

The intelligent placements of midfield men Francis and skipper Venables allowed the powerful and penetrating strikers, Thomas Bowles and Givens to play havoc with Luton's rearguard.

Both goals came in the opening half. Mancini headed a Thomas byline free kick against the inside of the post in the 25th minute and, although Barber caught the rebound, the referee awarded the goal.

Seven minutes before the break an inspired Francis ran the length of the field and beat the covering defence by switching the ball outside to Givens, who scored from close range.

Sad day for Luton and Hindson

Luton's reply was an Aston header kicked off the line by Venables after a weak Parkes clearance but the goalkeeper made amends after the interval with a fine save from French.

Anderson was booked after Luton had goals by Aston and Busby disallowed. Bowles also had one ruled out for Rangers when Givens was adjudged offside.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Hazell; Mancini, Watson, Venables; Francis, Leach, Thomas, Bowles, Givens. Sub.: Delve.

Luton: Barber; Shanks, Faulkner; John Ryan, Thomson, Anderson; French, Hindson, Jim Ryan, Busby, Aston. Sub.: Slough.

Referee: I. P. Jones (Glamorgan).