

PICK OF THE FIRST DIVISION ACTION...

Currie makes it too hot for Luton

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LUTON TOWN are just down and out on their luck.

Tony Currie's 58th minute goal that sank them deeper into relegation trouble should never have been allowed.

At least, that's the view of booked defender John Faulkner.

"He controlled the ball with his hand," said Faulkner. "But that's the way

it goes. When you're struggling the luck usually goes against you."

Luton certainly had a touch of the gremlins yesterday.

United's defence had soaked up tremendous pressure from Luton, particularly in the first half when the desperate home forwards did everything but get the ball in the net.

Just before half-time, the

United keeper Jim Brown was lucky to pull off two desperate saves when Alan Garner and Don Shanks fired from close in.

And that cruel goal was symbolic of the Luton misery. Alan Woodward's cross appeared to be handled by Currie before he put in his first goal of the season. But referee Sinclair waved play on.

It was enough to send

Luton's spirits plummeting and United came close to scoring a second when a header by Currie was turned round the post by 'keeper Keith Barber.

After Sheffield scored, Luton manager Harry Haslam tried to find added punch by bringing on 17-year-old striker Ron Fletcher for his debut in place of Fern.

But, as the game pro-

gressed, he too became lost in the Luton attack.

Luton have scored only two goals in their last eight matches and coach Roy McCrowan summed up their problems: "We had our chances. But if we can't score goals, we're never going to win are we? And, at the moment, I just don't know what the answer is."

LUTON. — Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Chambers, Faulkner, Garner, Hindson, Fern, Anderson, West, Aston. Sub: Fletcher.

SHEFF UTD. — Brown, Badger, Hemsley, Garbett, Colquhoun, Eddy, Woodward, Speight, Dear-den, Currie, Field. Sub: Bransford.



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