

Husband provides flair

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Luton 1, Blackburn 1

LUTON, if only for the persistent attacks they mounted in the final quarter in search of a winning goal, deserved more than a point.

But they have a long way to go before they recapture the fire that nearly saved them from relegation last season, while Blackburn, sound in defence under pressure, looked unlikely candidates for honours.

The return of skipper West, after missing four league matches through a shoulder injury, and the inclusion of Husband for his second full game, gave the Luton attack flair and bite.

Backed by the strong gale in the second half—it blew in a wired window in a door under the stand—Luton became more and more menacing and in the 55th minute Husband, in a repeat of his performance in midweek against Plymouth, scored their goal to put them ahead after West curled in a pass from the left.

West, in fine form, nearly added a second in the 65th minute but hit a post before Blackburn scored the equaliser a minute later. Paul Futchler failed to head clear a lob from Beamish and Kenyon raced through to beat Barber.

Luton: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, P. Futchler, Jim Ryan, Husband, Ron Futchler, West, Seaman.

Blackburn: Jones; Wilkinson, Hutt, Hawkins, Fazackerley, Metcalfe, Oates, Beamish, Martia, Kenyon (Hickman), Parkes.

Referee: R. Perkins (Stafford).