

LUTON MAKE IT FIVE IN ROW

Luton 2 Blackburn ... 0

A goal, surrounded by controversy, from David Geddis, coupled with another scored by a Blackburn defender, boosted Luton's challenge for Division One status. Geddis, on loan from Ipswich and making his League debut, headed Aston's cross past Bradshaw after 35 minutes.

But a linesman had his flag raised for almost 30 seconds before Geddis scored, and Blackburn's strong protest sent referee B. Martin to discuss the situation with the linesman.

The goal was allowed presumably because Aston — judged to be the player offside — was played on side by a defender. But Blackburn could not really complain about the result. Although they had brief spells of command, Luton should have won more convincingly.

Geddis, Ron Futchter and West missed relatively easy chances and Bradshaw made three fine saves within eight minutes in the first half.

Rovers demoralised

Conceding an own-goal after 65 minutes demoralised Blackburn. Aston's cross found Ron Futchter, whose shot was tipped out by Bradshaw, but was deflected into his own net by defender Wood. It was a blow from which Blackburn never recovered, and Luton gained their fifth successive victory.

Aleksic made one superb save from Svarc — but Rovers were mostly on the receiving end.

Luton. — Aleksic; Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, P. Futchter, Geddis, West, R. Futchter, Fuccillo, Aston.

Blackburn. — Bradshaw; Hird, Wood, Metcalfe, Fazackerley, Keeley, Taylor, Svarc, Byrom (Mitchell, 45 mins), Parkes, Waddington.



● **GET IN THERE:** David Geddis, partly hidden as he leaps over a defender, heads his debut goal, with Ron Futcher in close attendance. 76-77 Biba



● Ron Futcher cracks in the Town's second goal.

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