

Luton make it a repeat

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Luton2
Blackburn0

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LUTON sustained their belated appearance on the Second Division promotion scene with this 'repeat' performance which means they are now level on points with Nottingham Forest.

The score, which should have been greater, was the one by which Blackburn had been losing when the match was controversially abandoned on January 3.

Yet Luton's opening goal after 35 minutes should not have been allowed.

TOP NINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea ...	27	14	8	5	45	35	36
Bolton ...	25	15	4	6	46	31	34
Wolves ...	25	12	9	4	56	30	33
Blackpool	26	11	10	5	39	26	32
Nottm For	25	11	7	7	51	30	29
Luton	26	13	3	10	43	32	29
Charlton	26	10	9	7	49	41	29
Millwall ...	25	11	6	8	40	32	28
Oldham ...	24	11	6	7	36	33	28

John Aston was clearly off-side, a couple of yards from the goal line, as the ball was pushed through by Paul Price. The linesman immediately flagged and kept his arm raised over the next 45 seconds while Aston manoeuvred himself into position for the cross which newcomer David Geddis headed in.

Blackburn persuaded Nottingham referee Brian Martin to consult the linesman—but remarkably the goal was allowed to stand.

Geddis, 18, was making his first full appearance since joining Luton on loan from Ipswich.

Seven minutes earlier he had missed a simple chance by heading wide in front of the goal after Ron Futchter had nodded on Aston's corner. Just before this, Paul Bradshaw saved brilliantly from Lil Fucillo, Brian Chambers and Price in a sparkling eight-minute spell by Luton.

Yet it was not until the 65th minute, when Ron Futchter's shot struck Mick Wood and spun past Bradshaw that Luton confirmed their authority.



GEDDIS . . . goal start