

CLASSY LUTON

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Luton displayed the greater sophistication but failed to take their chances, and Blackpool's gritty persistence earned them victory at Bloomfield Road.

Some of Blackpool's midfield work was slipshod, and they were fortunate not to pay the price for the possession given away to such a challenging side as Luton, who will no doubt play worse yet fare better.

Winger Ronson, in whom some of the bigger clubs are beginning to show interest, was the man who put the spark to Blackpool's storming comeback.

While strikers Walsh and Hatton took on the major role, Ronson, now happily restored to his rightful position, provided the inspiration.

He scored a 26-minute equaliser and, in the 75th, gave Ainscow the opportunity to record his first goal this season.

Luton midfielder West was their most commanding player in building up attacks, and there was a wealth of talent in the front line. Husband, always a threat, headed Luton's eight-minute goal.

Blackpool.—Ward; Gardner, Milligan (Finnigan 57 min), Hart, McEwan, Suddaby, Ronson, Ainscow, Walsh, Hatton, Weston.

Luton.—Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Futch, P. Husband, Hill, Fultcher, R. Fuccillo, Boesma.