

BLOW FOR LUTON 77/78

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Blackburn 2 Luton 0

After defending with a comfortable look for so long, Luton conceded the first goal in the 69th minute.

The move stretched from one box to the other, Wagstaffe's centre being guided in by the head of Paul Round, the second-half substitute who had sneaked in on the blind side of the back four.

The second clinching goal eight minutes from time was a goalkeeper's nightmare.

Aleksic was caught stranded off his line after throwing the ball straight to the feet of Brotherston who promptly chipped it back over the 'keeper's head.

THE DECISIVE factor which yielded the points for promotion-seeking Blackburn lay in the courage of their front men to risk a limb or two in terrible conditions.

Rarely did Luton look likely to upset the form book.

Town were badly disrupted by a fearsome-looking injury to the lively "Lili" Fuccillo with the first half almost ready to close down.

Glen Keeley, never noted for his delicacy, barged the Luton midfielder heavily to the ground. A stretcher was brought on and it was later revealed that Fuccillo had ricked his neck muscles, but anyway he was taken to hospital for a double check-up.

Where Luton slipped up was in failing to curb the elusive Noel Brotherston, who led them a merry dance