

Pleat pleased

A DEPLETED Blackpool side, weak in defence and lacking a real marksman, gave Luton an asey win.

Blackpool must surely have offered stiffer opposition had their leading scorer Bob Hatton and their recent record buy in defence Max Thompson been on parade.

The youngsters in their defence lost their way in the second half and Luton were

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able to pile on three goals in the last 14 minutes.

Both clubs had new managers and Blackpool's Jimmy Meadows said I have no grumble about the result. They might have got their three goals in the first half."

David Pleat, who saw his side win for the first time, said: "There was a bit more application and spirit. We kept going. It was all for one and one for all."

Six minutes before the interval Luton gained a well-deserved lead following a free kick by Phil Boersma. John Faulkner headed into the goal-mouth and Alan West found the net with a diving header.

Fourteen minutes from the end neat control by Brian Stein set up Luton's second goal. He passed to Price who sent to Ron Futchner who scored.

Phil Boersma headed the third goal three minutes later and with only two minutes to go. Pasquale Fuccillo drove home the fourth. During the game Luton's Ron Futchner and Blackpool's Alan Waldron, skipper Peter Suddaby and Billy Ronson were booked.