

ELLIOTT'S GOAL SINKS RANGERS

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LUTON 1

By Eric Harris

A 10th minute goal from Paul Elliott, who enjoyed a superb game, put Luton in firm control at Loftus Road this afternoon.

The defender took complete advantage of a corner involving Brian Horton and Gary Parker to head firmly past Peter Hucker.

Rangers, who contributed much more in the second half, were struggling in the 70th minute when England midfielder John Gregory was sent off after appearing to kick Luton keeper Les Sealey.

The domineering Hatters were in full control in the first half when Hucker was forced to make a superb save to prevent Mal Donaghy increasing their lead with a ferocious 30-yard drive.

The second half was only 20 seconds old when Trevor Aylott should have put the game beyond Rangers' reach but ruined the chance by allowing the keeper to hack the ball clear with his legs.

It took Rangers 49 minutes to put their first effort on target when Sealey tipped Simon Stainrod's shot away for a corner before grabbing Clive Allen's header on the line.

Despite being down to 10 men late in the second period, Rangers never gave up and it took another fine save by Sealey — again from Stainrod — to maintain the Town's lead.