

COVENTRY FIGHTING TO STAY UP

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WHEN George Curtis hung up his boots in 1970 after playing a vital role in Coventry's dramatic climb from the Fourth to the First Division, he could never have dreamed that 16 years later he would be called on to don a tracksuit and set about the task of motivating the current Highfield Road side in their last-ditch attempt to avoid relegation.

The players responded with a well-deserved win, their first in nine games, the winning goal coming in yhe 47th minute from Pickering.

Mr Curtis, now the club's executive director, said; "In five days of hard training I have lost ten pounds in weight. It has been worth it. Today we created more chances than in any game this season and just as importantly we remain solid at the back.

Luton could have no complaint. They allowed frustration to creep in and Hartford, their striker, was booked in the second half.

Coventry—Ogrizovic; Borrows, Downs, Adams, Kilcline, Peake, Bennett, McGrath, Regis, Brazil, Pickering.

Luton—Sealey; Lohson (Stein, 75m0, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Breaker, hartford, newell, Preece.