

Warren hands it to Luton

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AN OWN goal by Rangers' Warren Neil settled this battle of the plastic pitch pacemakers.

Neil, back in the first team after missing nine games, took the ball off Peter Nicholas in the 56th minute but lost contact with 'keeper David Seaman and knocked the ball into his own net.

Luton deserved their victory for their willingness to take chances, and were unlucky not to increase their lead when first Mike Newell hit an upright in the 66th minute, then Seaman produced a great save from a Mark Stein drive.

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Shot-shy Rangers had their best opportunity when Luton 'keeper Les Sealey was forced to dive at the feet of John Bryne in the 76th minute.

England's Terry Fenwick, back in the Rangers' defence, showed a lot of his old class but nearly presented Luton with a fourth-minute goal when he was slow to stop Mark Stein.

Luton's defence was well organised by Steve Foster, who had the ball in the Rangers' net in the 15th minute. But his effort was disallowed for a foul