

Wegerle wrecks miserable Luton

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ROY WEGERLE, the South African-born striker Rangers bought from Luton for £1m, led this ravaging assault on his old club with a superlative display down both flanks.

He scored twice and inspired two more goals with as fine an exhibition of all-round skills as one would ever hope to see, justifying totally coach Don Howe's pre-match forecast that Rangers were ready to give someone a real hammering.

There was nothing to suggest the goal avalanche to come when the teams broke off at half-time with Rangers leading by just a single goal.

That came in the sixth minute and what a cracker it was. Wegerle pounced to dispossess David Preece, side-stepped John Dreyer as daintily as a ballerina, then

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by John Morgan

hammered a vicious right-foot drive into the net.

There was no stopping Wegerle and when he collected a lovely crossfield pass from David Bardsley he conjured up the simplest of chances for Falco inside the six-yard box.

Unbelievably Falco prodded the ball straight into Alec Chamberlain's arms.

Luton came close to equalising when Beaumont put striker Iain Dowie clear but his rocket shot was bravely parried by Tony Roberts.

Rangers were inches off adding a second goal when Danny Maddix just failed to get a touch on a Falco shot that skidded inches past.

The second-half was

barely three minutes old when Wegerle laid off a peach of a pass to Bardsley and the defender's centre was beautifully headed home by Andy Sinton, racing in at the far post.

Dowie did well to force in a header from Tim Breacker's centre but the ball fell into the lap of Roberts.

Then Wegerle, after another mazy run down the right, sliced a wicked right-footer wide with Falco, unmarked, screaming for the ball.

Ray Wilkins, repeatedly getting into dangerous positions in the Luton penalty area, was rewarded in the 55th minute when he headed home Sinton's centre for his first goal of the season.

Ceri Hughes pulled one back for Luton two minutes later, beating Roberts from close range with a fierce

right-footer on the turn.

Wegerle raced onto Paul Parker's excellent through ball to fire home Rangers' fourth off the inside of the far post in the 62nd minute.

With 25 minutes left Falco added the fifth, a fine, first-time volley on the turn off Wegerle's centre.

Finally, to the delight of the home supporters, Parker slotted home No. six with five minutes to go. Rangers were queuing up at the end when it seemed all but goalkeeper Roberts were eager to have a pop at the Luton goal.

QPR: Roberts, Bardsley, Sansom, Parker, McDonald, Maddix, Wilkins, Wilson, Falco (w'drn 77, sub Ferdinand), Wegerle, Sinton.

LUTON: Chamberlain, Breacker, James, Rees (w'drn 73, sub McDonough), Beaumont, Dreyer, Elstrup, Preece, Dowie (w'drn 73, sub Nogan), Hughes, Black.

REFEREE: K. Morton (Bury St Edmunds).