



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Blackpool's Martin Aldridge, right, challenges Marvin Johnson of Luton Town.

Nowland shows he is the miracle man

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YTS striker Adam Nowland came off the bench six minutes from time to grab a dramatic last gasp winner for Blackpool in the early promotion tussle against Luton.

Super-sub Nowland, 17, took just three minutes to break a scoreless deadlock and give the Seaside a precious three points with a 1-0 victory.

Until then this classic clash of the styles had goalless draw written all over it.

Luton's attractive passing game matched Blackpool's impressive workrate and it is easy to see why both sides are flying high.

But Pool boss Nigel Worthington is beginning to fashion a side in his own

Blackpool 1 Luton 0

image tough, hardworking, never-say-die and he is now starting to reap the rewards.

Afterwards delighted boss Worthington beamed: "I told Adam to go on and score the winner and he did. It comes as no surprise as he is very cool and calculated in everything he does.

"This was a great three points for us because Luton are a very good side. They pass the ball well and caused us problems in the second half, there was only one team in it.

"If we carry on with this type of endeavour there may well be a smile on our faces come next May." Dejected Luton manager

Lennie Lawrence said: "It was very disappointing to lose the game at such a late stage and I think we deserved a draw. But in the end we didn't have enough ideas.

"The thing that disappointed me most is that we didn't post them a threat and we definitely need to change a few things."

The Hatters started in bright fashion and striker Phil Gray could have put them in front after just three minutes but keeper Steve Banks did well to turn his low shot wide.

Blackpool had a penalty appeal waived away on 26 minutes when Marvin Johnson appeared to trip Martin Aldridge in the area.

Steve Davis shot straight at Banks on 52 minutes but from then on it was all Blackpool. Malkin tested Davis on 66 minutes.

Worthington threw on Noland after 84 minutes and his gamble paid off immediately.

The teenager picked up Junior Bent's through ball to grab the glory.

Blackpool: Banks, Bryan, Shuttleworth, Bardsley, Carlisle, Ormerod, Thompson, Clarkson, Aldridge, Bushell, Malkin. Subs: Hughes, Nowland, Bent.

Luton: Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Davis, Johnson, Cox, Evers, Douglas, Gray, McIndoe. Subs: Marshall, Bacque, Thomas.

Referee: G Cain (Bootle).