

Lennie has last laugh as goal lifts gloom at Luton

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AFTER a week in which nothing has gone right for beleaguered Luton Town, manager Lennie Lawrence had a smile on his face again last night.

He is still operating with a chairman who has fallen out with the rest of the directors and will leave if he can sell his interests in the Second Division club.

But after seeing Luton win for the first time in a month and play well, Lawrence said: "Perhaps we have turned the corner."

He was delighted with the way Luton responded after a dreadful performance in mid-week when they were beaten at home by Notts County.

"I made several changes and you could say I took a bit of a gamble," he said. "But our attacking performance especial-



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ly in the first half was the best we have seen for some time and there is no doubt that on the run of play we were deserving winners."

Blackpool manager Nigel Worthington was concerned at their sluggish start. They were second best for the first half and

although goalkeeper Steve Banks kept them in the game with several saves, Luton's 54th minute goal was well deserved.

Ironically Blackpool were the prime movers in the goal that settled it. They started passing the ball around deep in the Luton half but played it backwards and eventually Clarke Carlisle was robbed in his own half by Stuart Douglas. The striker wasted no time and placed his shot carefully leaving even the excellent Banks with no chance of saving.

Luton: Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring, Willmott, White, Harrison, McKinnon, Douglas, Gray, George.
Subs: McLaren, Cox, McGowan.

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

Referee: R Furnandiz (Doncaster).