

Hatters off to Murphy

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Luton 1 Blackpool 3

A SUPERB John Murphy hat-trick lifted Blackpool into the play-off zone after a 3-1 win over Luton at Kenilworth Road.

Winger Martin Bullock was inspirational in the Seasiders' fifth away triumph of the season and he played a significant role in all three goals.

Murphy opened the scoring with a low angled drive after 10 minutes, headed home his second on 52 minutes and completed his treble with his 15th goal of the season on 76 minutes from close-range.

Luton had threatened to get back into the game early in the second half when Tony Thorpe drove home after a clever ball from Dean Crowe, but Steve McMahon's side had too much class for the Hatters who themselves had hoped to climb into the play-off zone.