

BLACKPOOL0

LUTON1

Robinson (35)

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LUTON MANAGER Mike Newell was delighted with his side's performance and a wonder goal from Steve Robinson which stole all three points at Bloomfield Road.

He said: "We created a lot of chances early on and we had to make sure that we took one of them or the game may have gone against us. It was a lovely goal. Steve Robinson is the sort of the player that can do that and he's just finding his full fitness after injury. He will keep improving."

Robinson's goal came in the 35th minute after the visitors

Robinson hits wonder goal to sink stunned Seasiders

bombarded the Blackpool goal in the opening half.

His goal took everybody on the pitch by surprise, launching a 35-yard curling shot over keeper Brad Jones into the back of the net.

The visitors took no prisoners in the first period, creating five chances in the first 20 minutes alone.

Adrian Forbes forced Jones to make a drastic save in just the second minute.

Injury-ravaged Blackpool struggled their way back into

the game but were let down by the final ball.

Playmaker Ritchie Wellens did all he could to drag his side back into the fray, twice feeding the ball through to leading striker Scott Taylor. Both his efforts though flew harmlessly wide.

Blackpool strike partner Mike Sheron endured a nightmare, repeatedly giving the ball away before the best chance of the match fell to him on 38 minutes. He latched onto a Steve Elliott

header and lashed a fierce effort against the bar.

Blackpool defender Mike Flynn was lucky to stay on the pitch after cynically pulling down Forbes in the area when he was clean through on goal.

The home side emerged from the break a different side, putting the visitors under constant pressure and preventing them from making a single chance.

A Blackpool penalty appeal was turned down on 53 minutes and Taylor

spurned a chance to make it 21 for the season when his thumping low drive was saved by Marlon Beresford.

Blackpool loan signing Simon Johnson almost levelled three minutes from time but he shot wide.

BLACKPOOL		LUTON
54	Possession %	46
6	Corners	3
5	Offsides	6
5	Fouls	14
2	Yellows	2
0	Reds	0
4	Shots On	3
4	Shots Off	6
1	Hit Woodwork	0

BLACKPOOL: B Jones 5, Grayson 6 (Burns 54), Flynn 6, Elliott 6, Evans 6, Bullock 5 (McMahon 80), Coid 7, Wellens 7, Johnson 6, Taylor 6, Sheron 6 (Davis 80).

LUTON: Beresford 6, Foley 6, Boyce 7, Coyne 7, Davis 7, Mansell 6, Spring 7, Robinson 6, Brkovic 6 (Leary 90), Forbes 6, Howard 7.