

Hatters hold Rangers

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QPR missed the chance to put real pressure on leaders Plymouth as Luton came from behind to draw 1-1 at Loftus Road.

Rangers had the better of a hard-fought first half with Martin Rowlands and Kevin Gallen both forcing good saves from Luton keeper Morten Hyldgaard.

And they were finally rewarded for their efforts when Gallen delivered a deep cross and Paul Furlong rose highest to nod home his 11th goal of the season.

Injury-hit Luton had been forced to make all three of its substitutions in the opening 26 minutes but levelled matters in the 76th minute through Enoch Showunmi.

Showunmi equalised when a dangerous high goal kick was allowed to bounce by the hesitant QPR defence and he hooked the loose ball into the corner.

Rangers should have won it when Rowlands' cross picked out Furlong but

this time his shot flew inches wide.

QPR manager Ian Holloway believes it is only a matter of time before his side begins to gel.

Holloway said: "The effort was there. I felt we were a new team out there with the players coming in and we lacked a bit of cohesion.

"We needed the second goal but it just didn't come. I always felt that with these players we could go and get the winner.

"Full marks to Luton considering the injuries they have I think they played very well."

Luton manager Mike Newell felt his side were good value for their point.

"I don't think anyone can say we didn't deserve something out of the game," he said.

"We've played the top two in consecutive weeks and I couldn't ask for any more effort. We don't fear anyone now and we're not scared of our run-in, the only thing we are afraid of is running out of fit players."