

Saddlers turn it on

Walsall 2
Luton 0

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RUNAWAY League One leaders Luton slipped to their second successive defeat when they crashed 2-0 at Walsall.

The Saddlers, now unbeaten in three games, were inspired by player-manager Paul Merson who scored one goal and helped create the second against the Hatters.

Merson struck in the seventh minute, drilling home a low shot from Darren Wrack's cross — the former England star's first goal for more than a year.

Luton played well and caused numerous problems with set-pieces, but top scorer Steve Howard headed against a post in the 10th minute and home keeper Joe Murphy saved from Rowan Vine two minutes later.

But Walsall were strong all round and made sure of the points in the 72nd minute, substitute Matty Fryatt scoring with a deflected shot after good work from Merson and Wrack.

Luton tried hard to fight back with Steve Robinson prominent, but Neil Emblen was a tower of strength in the home defence.