

Valiant effort falls shorts

Luton 2 Port Vale 1

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PAUL Furlong and David Bell got Luton's season back on track against 10-man Port Vale with a 2-1 victory.

The Hatters had lost their previous three matches but Furlong broke the deadlock in the 29th minute when he was left unmarked in the box to head in Bell's near post corner.

The Valiants' cause was not helped when Ashley Westwood received his marching orders three minutes before the break for dissent.

Bell secured the win five minutes from time by firing from the edge of the box, before Luke Rodgers headed a late consolation.

Luton boss Kevin Blackwell

warned his side they have got to start taking their chances despite seeing them return to winning ways.

"It's a big relief to get a win but the game should have been killed off with the amount of chances we had before the break and then in the second half we came out with the wrong attitude," he said.

"You can't just play for 45 minutes — you've got to keep going for the full 90 and we didn't do that."

Vale boss Martin Foyle said: "We worked really well in training all week but when we got onto the pitch we just froze.

"We knew what we wanted to do but it's not happening for us at the moment and it's costing us."