

Wily old Furlong rescues Hatters

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EVERGREEN striker Paul Furlong rescued a home point for Luton with his sixth goal of the season in a 1-1 draw with Doncaster.

The 39-year-old rounded off Luton's best move of the game with a diving header from Calvin Andrew's cross to cancel out James Hayter's opener for Doncaster.

Rovers took a deserved lead when Hayter was left unmarked in the area to stoop and head home James Coppinger's centre.

Sean O'Driscoll's side came tantalisingly close to doubling their lead before half-time when Brian Stock crossed from the right and Stephen Roberts hit a post, with Hayter firing the rebound against the crossbar.

Luton struggled to come to terms with Doncaster's slick short passing game but leading scorer Furlong still managed to scare the Rover's defence with a near-post header that flashed just wide.

Luton manager Kevin Blackwell called for patience from supporters after the draw left the Hatters with just one league win in seven games.

Blackwell said: "I'm trying to rebuild a football club that was on its back.

"Some people are moaning about this, that and the other but I'm trying to deal with things behind the scenes which people don't know about.

"I've been in football long enough to know that unless you are winning in style every week some people won't be happy."

Doncaster manager Sean O'Driscoll said: "I thought it was a bright display and we played some good football, especially in the first half.

"We weathered a bit of an aerial bombardment after the break and had a few walking wounded with some of the tackles flying in, but when you play football that's the price you have to pay sometimes.

"It's a case of taking your chances."