

Luton lift pressure on Blackwell

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KEVIN BLACKWELL'S Luton side ended a poor run of results to record their fourth league win of the season.

Goals from Darren Currie, Paul Furlong and two penalties from Matthew Spring helped Blackwell, who has incurred the wrath of disgruntled Luton fans.

Luton took the lead in the third minute when Currie struck with a fine curling shot from 20 yards.

Northampton responded positively and nearly found themselves back in the game when Daniel Jones' cross floated onto the crossbar.

Anxiety grew among the home supporters, whose side had not won in the league for nearly a month and had, in their last game, tumbled out of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy to Gillingham, despite holding a 3-1 lead.

And Northampton levelled after 22 minutes, Bradley Johnson firing in a stunning left-footed drive.

Luton regained the lead, somewhat fortuitously, two minutes after half-time,

when Spring converted a penalty following a handball that was adjudged to have been committed by Johnson. Furlong's glancing header made it 3-1 just after the hour and Luton began to dominate.

The fourth goal came a minute before the end, Spring scoring another penalty after Mark Hughes felled Furlong in the box.

Luton (4-4-2): Brill; Jackson, Perry, Fojut, Goodall; Bell, Spring, Hutchinson, Currie; Furlong, Talbot (Andrew 84). **Subs:** Coyne, Morgan, Edwards, Brkovic. **Bookings:** Perry, Furlong.

Northampton (4-4-2): Bunn; Crowe, Hughes, Dolman, Jones; Johnson, Russell, Jackman (Gilligan 67), Holt; Kirk, Larkin (Henderson 67). **Subs:** Dunn (g), Burnell, Johnson. **Bookings:** Bunn, Hughes.

Referee: J Moss (West Yorkshire).