



Paul Murray fires in Shrewsbury's first goal

LUTON PUT TO BED

Shrewsbury 3 Luton 0

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PROMOTION-CHASING Shrewsbury secured a comfortable 3-0 win over rock-bottom Luton.

The home side went ahead after four minutes through Paul Murray and never lost their grip on the game.

An injury-hit Luton side held on under constant pressure until the 76th minute when the outstanding Ben Davies fired a fine 15-yard shot high inside the far post.

Five minutes later Grant Holt let Richard Walker's low centre pass through his legs before delicately back-heeling the ball past Conrad Logan.

Logan had been outstanding as Shrewsbury piled on relentless pressure. Murray, on his first start since August, had a shot superbly tipped over and the Luton keeper saved point-blank with his legs from Davies and then blocked a close-range header from Michael Jackson.

Luton were limited to long-range chances but their shooting was wayward. Paul McVeigh came closest with a first-half 25-yard rocket which goalkeeper

Glyn Garner tipped over.

Shrewsbury manager Paul Simpson thought his side were almost at their best as they put Luton to the sword.

"We needed that win," said Simpson.

"We knew it would be hard against the teams fighting for their lives but we got nearly back to our best and scored some good goals."

Luton boss Mick Harford said: "We were poor and if you keep giving the ball away it will eventually end up in the back of the net — and it did, three times. "In fact, I don't think we had a shot in the second half."