

STORMY DAY AT LUTON

John Sillett sent off then call for police



IN the overtime allowed for injuries in a tough clash at Luton, John Sillett, Chelsea's left back, was sent off the field for an alleged foul on winger Billy Bingham, writes STAN HALSEY.

About fifty Chelsea supporters gathered outside the Luton offices and dressing-rooms after the game and demanded the presence of the referee, Luton skipper Sid Owen, and of several other Luton players.

A police inspector went into the Luton dressing-room and asked the players to leave the ground discreetly.

Some players protested, but they were prevailed upon to leave by a back

Luton 2
Chelsea 1
entrance. Owen was taken home in a car by director Frank Tooley.

"It was an accident," John Sillett, brother of right back Peter, explained to manager Ted Drake. "I felt the action somewhat drastic," commented Drake.

Said referee H. V. Stott (Boston): "If onlookers could not see what happened they must have been blind."

My own view is that had the referee taken firmer action in earlier incidents the climax would not have arisen.

The robust element ruined the game.

Twenty minutes before the end Cummins scored a

deserved winning goal for Luton with the most perfect half lob I have seen

Luton should have won much more convincingly. Chelsea were just spoilers by comparison.

I have seldom seen a more mediocre Chelsea performance. They should forget power-play and develop more skill.

The tactical plan reduced the Greaves-Bra-brook right wing to a shadow of the England wing which it was hoped they would become.

Owen, who may become Luton's manager, was certainly a "manager" on the pitch, directing and holding the side together.

Brown opened the score and Tindall equalised before half-time