

Turner asks to lose the 'spot' job

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GORDON TURNER is not accepting sympathy, seeking advice, or making excuses for missing three League penalties on the trot. He is merely going to tell Luton Town, "I want to give up the job."

Sad-eyed Turner is in the unenviable position of knowing: "My misses have cost the rest of the lads £60 in draw bonuses because each time we lost by one goal."

Turner resigned once before this season so George Cummins took over the penalty spot. He missed too.

What turns a man who never failed with a penalty for seven seasons into 1959's gift to goal-keepers?

"Search me," says Turner. "All I know is that if Dick Neal can score for Birmingham, from 20 yards, I should be able to score from 12."

Neal's goal (with his "wrong" right foot) came in the fourth minute. Turner's shot into the terraces in the 10th.

The rest of this afternoon on what the Football League officially classify as a playable pitch was largely spent in mud-flinging, shirt-pulling, two-footed tackles, and a private match between Brian Dorrill, of Young Wales, and Billy Bingham, of Old Ireland.

Frank Collinge, after refereeing a though on a goodwill tour from Rochdale, was finally stirred into a semblance of severity. He booked Jimmy Larkin for petulance, which was just a misdemeanour in this match.