

# BILLY HAS 'PADDY'S' LUCK

LUTON 0, MAN. UNITED 0

**H**OW near did Luton's Irish winger, Billy Bingham, come to being sent off in this match? That was the query as the fans left Kenilworth-rd.

The answer I would say was: As near as the time it takes for an average woman to change her mind.

For Bingham was distinctly lucky that referee P. G. Brandwood of Kidderminster changed his mind.

It was in the 40th minute that a throw-in down on the left corner found Bingham in a clash with Joe Carolan.

The referee was quickly on the spot alongside Bingham, and pointed unmistakeably to the players' entrance. But then, after Bingham had remonstrated, the referee appeared to change his mind and settled for taking the names of both players.

It was as near as marching orders as that for the little Irishman. And Wembley only three weeks away, too!

What made it all look worse was that the referee completely

forgot the throw-in that should have followed, and reduced the tense situation to a farce as he awarded a free-kick—to Luton.

This was typical of the lack of control throughout this game which demonstrated frayed tempers from the time Fred Goodwin started exchanging heavy tackling with George Cummins.

Before this, United had had it all their own way with some delightful midfield football. But they sadly lacked the finishing power of Bobby Charlton.

Maybe tempers flared up because of the easy way in which United dealt with the opposition. It was certainly not pretty to watch a Cup Final side being toyed with as Luton were in the first half-hour.

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