



● The incident that robbed Luton of a point against Bury. Dave Pacey, sprawling on the goal-line with goalkeeper Ron Baynham, was judged to have handled and Bury's Mayers scored from the spot.

BURY DEFENCE WAS FAR TOO STRONG FOR LUTON

Bury 1 Luton 0: by TOM COATES

IT was the old, old story at Gigg-lane. Bury won, and deservedly so, against Luton Town, but they had to depend on a disputed penalty goal. Up to the 79th minute neither side had shown enough resource in attack. Lornie, the Hatters' centre-forward, had hit a post and Mayers, Bury's new right winger from Leeds had struck the Luton Town bar. But these were in the first half.

It was after the interval that the forward play of both sides struck a very, very low level. Spectators had long despaired of a goal when the game unexpectedly came to life.

Bartley, the Bury left-winger, broke through and his fast cross was forced off the line to Jackson whose shot struck Pacey.

Referee Howley promptly pointed to the spot and despite persistent protests by all the Town defenders, stuck to his decision.

There was no doubt that the ball had struck Pacey as he lay on the ground, and the only issue was whether there had been a deliberate handling. Mayers capped his debut for Bury with an unstoppable penalty shot.

It was a pity that Baynham, the Town goalkeeper, had to be beaten in this way, for he had given a first-class display. He had few direct shots to save, but his judgment of the cross ball was excellent.

He certainly kept the Town in the game with a chance until the penalty incident.

Bury, as expected, were very

resourceful in defence and far too strong for the ineffective Luton attack. Turner and Lornie tried hard to infuse some needed punch, but as a line Luton never generated the power to disturb the Bury rearguard, which was ably held by skipper Stokoe.

Bury's persistence in the end gave them the points, but they will have to do much better in attack. A little more of the enthusiasm of the last 10 minutes would certainly help, but a little more skill is clearly required at inside-forward.

Luton were a disappointing lot, especially in attack, promising well in midfield and then frittering away their good positions with indecisive finishing.

Centre-half Terry Kelly did well in the hard-worked Luton defence, but if Baynham had not been in tip-top form Bury must have got more than the penalty goal.