

# STARK SETS A HOT PAGE

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COLCHESTER 1, LUTON 1

COLCHESTER failed to win for their eleventh consecutive League match, and whilst saving a point, I made Luton the better side.

They were more resourceful, played the better football and showed greater determination. With a bit of luck they would have had the game won in the first half.

O'Rourke, a lively leader, once missed by inches with a brilliant header. He also hit the side-net from close in and another shot hit 'keeper Ames on the foot. Inside-right McKechnie also hit the bar with a great header. Colchester were certainly in luck.

Colchester inside-right Stark was the home live-wire. He had bad luck when a slick back-heel missed by inches.

Stark got little or no support until the second half when centre-forward King joined the issue and went close with several fine efforts.

## Equaliser

Luton took the lead in the second half when O'Rourke looked to be well offside. As Colchester were claiming for a penalty, the ball was booted up-field to O'Rourke, standing yards offside.

A linesman flagged but then changed his mind and O'Rourke ran on to score. The referee spoke to the linesman and to the disgust of the Colchester players the goal was allowed.

When Colchester equalised it was rather a lucky goal, centre-forward King's shot was deflected by a defender into the net.

Colchester then came into the game. Despite an injury to right-half Trevis, who went on the right-wing, they found gaps in the Luton defence.

Luton manager Bill Harvey said: "I wasn't sure about the offside goal, but we should have had the game tied up in the first half."

COLCHESTER.—Ames 6; Forbes 6; Fowler 5; Trevis 6; Rutter 6; Rumney 5; Hill 5, ★STARK 7, King 6, Docherty 5, Grice 5.

LUTON. — Baynham 6; McBain 6; Bramwell 6; ~~Pacey 5~~; Fincham 5; Lownds 6; Walden 6, McKechnie 6, ★O'ROURKE 7, Reid 5, Whittaker 5.

Referee: N. Matthews (Bicester) 6