

Colchester frustrated

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Luton 3, Colchester 1

MAYBE Colchester are wondering exactly how they came to lose this game which they could have won had King and Stark been reasonably lucky with a couple of shots midway through the second half when the score was 1-1.

Luton, given the fillip of a goal by Walden after seven minutes, sparkled for a few minutes more and then settled into the sort of shiftless form that has made them the despair of their supporters. A bad mistake by Baynham enabled Hunt to equalise and from that point until about 20 minutes from the end Luton played with little confidence.

Their saviour in fact, was the youngest player on the field—O'Rourke, whom Chelsea may well regret allowing to leave them for nothing.

With his back to the goal, he flicked at a shot by Pacey and steered the ball wide of Ames. That was 11 minutes from the end and for good measure, four minutes later, Turner made no mistake from the penalty spot after O'Rourke had been fouled.

The margin may have flattered Luton, but players like Bramwell, Fincham and Pacey deserved to be on the winning side. Conversely Ames, McCrohan and Rutter did not deserve to lose the bonus.