

PHILLIPS OFF TARGET WITH VITAL CHANGE

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Bristol City 1 Luton 0

RIGHT-BACK Tony Ford saved over-anxious, off-form Bristol City the embarrassment of a miserable draw against lowly Luton—after six consecutive wins which had taken them dramatically back up with the leaders of the Third Division.

Seventeen minutes from time Luton—who had defended grimly and attacked rarely—conceded a penalty.

Right back Ken Barton seemed distinctly unlucky to handle. A crowd of players rose to a corner kick from Peter Hooper and a close-range header bounced against Barton's arm.

Twenty-year-old Ford strode up to maintain his 100 per cent spot-kick record.

Luton, despite their limited chances, should still have taken a point. Ted Phillips fluffed the best opportunity of the match 30 seconds from time.

He ran on to a neat through pass—when the home defence was wide open. But Phillips, possessor of one of the fiercest shots in League football, tried to glide the ball in with a delicate touch. The effort went a foot wide.

The visitors defended with tenacity, although frequently helped by City's ponderous forward play. Barton once saved on the line from John Atyeo.

Visiting goalkeeper Colin Tinsley did well with a second attempt save just after the interval from Atyeo. His best save, however, was from wing-half Gordon Parr, who was deputising with fair success for the injured Drury.

Luton were without inside right Tom McKechnie for 12 minutes in the first half with a head injury that needed stitches.