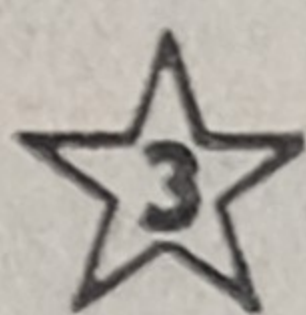


O'ROURKE SETTLES LUTON CUP CLASH

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Luton 1 Romford 0



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O'ROURKE,

transfer-

seeking Luton

centre forward, put a moment of class into this raw, rousing battle.

He sent in a glancing header in the 66th minute to knock Southern Leaguers Romford out of the F.A. Cup.

It was a rare flash of finesse in a first-round replay that was jammed with bad temper and savage feuds.

The feuding had not stopped even at the final whistle.

Luton centre half Matt Woods and Romford centre forward Brian Kelly had to be pulled apart by teammates as they squared up to each other a few yards from the dressing-rooms.

The violence threaded through this match was partly caused by frenzied Luton fans who kept up a chant of "Dirty Romford."



This was a nasty sequel to Saturday's 1-1 draw at Romford, when Luton players complained of alleged over-tough play.

Best scoring chances of a furious first half were created by Romford, and three of them fell to Terry Tapping.

He had one shot scrambled off the line and put two headers wide.

It was a different story in the second half as Luton raised their pace.

There was a new outbreak of duels between players, and referee Reg Paine had to call Woods and Kelly apart in one clash.

Two minutes after the match-clinching O'ROURKE goal the referee booked Kelly in midfield.

LUTON. — Tinsley ; Thomson, Edwards ; Reid, Woods, Moore ; Harber, Read, O'Rourke, Gibson, Whittaker.

ROMFORD.—Earl ; Read, Harris ; Reed, White, Gibbs ; Sanders, Obeney, Kelly, Tapping, Barnett.