

*Two clashes, then he gets marching orders*

# THOMSON OFF IN LUTON FLARE-UP

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Doncaster 1, Luton 1

**L**UTON right back Bobby Thomson was ordered off after a fantastic flare-up in this Fourth Division match last night.

Trouble came in the fifty-third minute when Thomson and Doncaster centre half Keith Ripley appeared to clash in a goal-mouth scramble.

The ball was cleared off Luton's line by left half John Moore—and then, while Middlesbrough referee Peter Baldwin was following play at Doncaster's end, Thomson and Ripley clashed again in mid-field.

Players jostled each other as the referee

came up to consult a linesman before appearing to book Thomson.

Then, after more words, Mr. Baldwin pointed to the dressing room. The dejected Thomson trooped off, indicating as he went that he had a cut on his lip.

Seconds before trouble flared—in the fifty-second minute—Luton went ahead from a controversial penalty by left winger Ray Whittaker.

## Sliding Tackle

Controversial in the eyes of Doncaster fans because Luton centre forward John O'Rourke had already managed to get his shot in before a sliding Ripley tackle brought him down.

But after eighty-five minutes Doncaster got the equaliser they had earned by doggedness, if not more organised method.

A brilliant Alick Jeffrey header from a corner squeezed under the body of the diving goalkeeper Colin Tinsley.

The goal-less first half—played out in torrential rain—was a nightmare for both teams.