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STRATTON GOAL RAID SQUEEZES A POINT

Colchester 2 Luton 2

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REG STRATTON, Colchester's marksman-inchief, saved a point two minutes from time with a break-away goal. Luton's Ray Whittaker insisted it was offside and was booked for arguing with a linesman.

But Colchester, struggling for long periods against a well-drilled Luton outfit poised for promotion, very nearly left it too late before fighting back to trim a two-goal deficit.

Inside right Dick Edwards put Luton up just before the nterval, minutes after the home team lost their strong man in defence, Mick Loughton, with concussion.

Whittaker put Luton two up with a disputed penalty after 65 minutes, but Stratton took his chances to level with goals in the 68th and 88th minutes.