

Colchester scramble a point

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A CROWD of 10,200—Colchester's biggest for five years—were on tenterhooks until the closing minutes.

Promotion rivals Luton, showing greater enterprise, led through Edwards and Whittaker (penalty) until the 68th minute when Stratton beat Ramage to give Colchester their first flicker of hope.

Two minutes from the end it was Stratton who seized a loose ball to run through for a great equaliser.

But on this form Luton looked more like Third Division candidates than Colchester, who lost Loughton after 40 minutes. He did not reappear after a collision, and substitute Raine was never quite as dominant.

Loughton should be fit for the visit to Torquay today, but six changes include Hall at left back, Raine right-half, Blackwood centre-forward, and Hornsby outside left.

FAIR PLAY: 75%, 65%.

Colchester.—Kennon; Forbes, Fowler; Blackwood, Loughton, Previs; Grice, Bullock, Stratton, Phillips, Hall. Sub: Raine

Luton.—Ramage; Riddick, Jardine;