Humes shot foils unlucky Luton

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Chester 1 Luton 1: by HENRY WESTON

UNDER A SKY of the deepest blue, Luton Town yesterday winced at a savage irony—a rainstorm had cost them a place in the Third Division. The storm came two weeks ago, when Luton were coasting at 2—0 to a comfortable victory, and washed out the game just after half-time.

What made it all the harder to take was the news that rival Colchester had lost at Newport—and the way Chester scored their 71st minute equaliser.

It came with Luton centre half, Alan Rivers, lying injured in the penalty area.

Chester centre half, John Butler, floated a high ball down the middle, and with Luton's defence in panic, right winger Jimmy Humes shot the equaliser.

A minute of confusion had thus wrecked 70 minutes of careful, precise football, which seemed certain to take Luton to the victory that would have meant promotion.

Flying start

Stark, a late selection, gave Luton a flying start when he moved on to the superb pass by centre forward Gordon Riddick, and slipped the ball wide of goalkeeper Dennis Reeves.

Both sides had to bring on substitutes. Chester player-manager, Peter Hauser, came on for left-back Malcolm Starkey at half-time, and Tommy McKechnie replaced Luton inside right Dick Edwards in the 54th minute.