

Three penalty goals

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Bolton 4, Luton 2

Luton returned to the Second Division only to be beaten by Bolton in an incident-packed game which included three penalties.

Bolton took the lead in the 18th minute when Wharton scored from the penalty spot after a handling offence by Slough.

But Luton hit back to equalise in the 26th minute when Keen hit a long-range effort through a ruck of players.

Another long-range try — this time from Greaves — put Bolton back in front in the 36th minute.

Tempers started to fray and this meant that the game suffered as a spectacle, yet Bolton still managed to attack which brought them a goal in the 62nd when Wharton scored with a fine-angled drive.

Wharton's third goal came from another penalty when Byrom was pulled down.

Fullbacks Ryan and Ritson were booked by the referee, and the third penalty of the game came in injury time when Farrimond fouled Ryan and Macdonald side-footed the ball past Clarke.

Bolton: Clarke; Ritson; Farrimond; Williams; Hulme; Rimmer; Wharton; Byrom; Hunt; Greaves; Taylor. Sub.: Jones.

Luton: Starling; Slough; John Ryan; Hoy; Branston; Moore; Jimmy Ryan; Givens; Macdonald; Keen; Busby. Sub.: Bannister.

Referee: J. H. Yates (Redditch).