

Lewis shows his old pals

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Colchester 1, Luton 0

THEY changed the rules in an attempt to produce more goals—but it still took an old-fashioned penalty to decide yesterday's Watney Cup clash at Layer Road.

Colchester manager Graham is convinced that the experimental rule—where a player is offside only in the penalty area—is worth an extended run and that it is clearly too much to expect instant success from such a revolutionary method.

Although the game flowed more and had added continuity, old habits die hard and it came as no surprise to see lines of defenders strung across the pitch as per usual.

Colchester adapted better to the new system. In the second half they used the corners of the pitch to good effect and made things tough for Luton, who fell away after a bright start.

The vital goal came in the 78th minute when Lewis, playing against his former club, was brought down in the area by Goodeve.

Immaculate

Lewis sent Read the wrong way with an immaculate penalty.

Slough deprived Colchester of another by heading off the line by Gibbs, and Simmons wasted two fine chances.

Luton threatened only in the first 15 minutes and Colchester's agile goalkeeper Smith kept his side in the game by saving superbly from Anderson and Court.

To crown an unhappy afternoon for Luton, Hoy and Court were booked by the referee.

Colchester: Smith; Cram, Gilchrist; Burgess, Garvey, Owen; Lewis, Simmons, Gibbs, Crawford Mahon (Jones for Owen in 32 mins.; Leslie for Simmons same time).

Luton: Read; Ryan, Slough; Hoy, Nicholl, Moore; Anderson, Court, Gibbons, Busby, Keen (Wainwright for Gibbons 31 mins.; Goodeve for Court 72 mins.).

Referee: N. Burtenshaw (Yarmouth).