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ROGER HOY
Luton striker

IRE international striker Don Givens went off injured, Roger Hoy and David Court were booked and the winner was a late penalty converted by their former player Brian Lewis.

You name it — and it happened to Luton. It was just one setback after another, with elimination from the Watney Cup the least of their worries.

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Biggest blow was the booking of ex-Spurs man Hoy. It's the third he has collected in less than 12 months and means he must now face the FA Disciplinary Committee.

Moaned Hoy: "What a way to start a new season, especially as two of the cautions I've received were for kicking the ball away."

Team-mate Givens was equally down in the dumps, for it must be touch and go whether his damaged ankle will mend in time for the League kick-off in a fortnight.

Court, too, was feeling less than happy. In addition to being 'booked,' he was replaced by substitute Ken Goodeve in the 73rd minute.

Goodeve had been on the pitch only five minutes when he downed Lewis a couple of yards inside the area. Referee Burtenshaw pointed to the spot, and Lewis bounced to his feet

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to stroke the ball past 'keeper Read.

Colchester deserved victory, but it was ironical an old-fashioned penalty brought the only goal on a day when the offside experiment was expected to produce a scoring spree.

Soccer's top brass gave an after-match nod of approval to the rule-bending. Yet, apart from reducing the number of stoppages, it was hard to notice much difference.

Although there wasn't a single offside decision, the

players failed to make use of the greater freedom the experiment offered.

Perhaps it was sheer habit, maybe a lack of tactical foresight. But nobody used the extra space down the wings to run clear of an opponent, and I can't remember one chance being created as a result of the relaxation of the off-side code.

Not that Colchester had any complaints. They now meet Carlisle at home in the semi-finals on Wednesday—and, on this spirited show, must feel optimistic about reaching the final.

COLCHESTER UTD.—Smith (G), Burgess, Cram, Owen, Garvey, Lewis, Crawford, Simmons, Gibbs, Mahon, Jones. Subs: Kurila, Cook, Leslie, Smith (B), Bloss.

LUTON.—Read, John Ryan, Slough, Hoy, Nicholl, Moore, Anderson, Court, Busby, Keen, Givens. Sub: Wainwright, Goodeve, Jim Ryan, Barber, Garner.