BUTLIN CRACKS JAW

Luton 2, Bolton 1

AN injury to Barry Butlin meant the end of Luton's promotion run last season. Now they face the prospect of being without their leading scorer for at least a month. He fractured his jaw and went off in the 32nd minute.

While Luton were down to ten, Bolton, the Second Division strugglers, broke out of deep defence to take a shock lead through Whatmore in the 37th minute. They had seemed content to play for a point with often nine men back in defence.

But Bolton's luck was in again five minutes into the second half when Paul Jones brought down Finney to give a penalty away. Siddall, who had pulled off fine saves from Anderson and Aston in the first half, dived to his left to make a great save from Aston's spot kick. Siddall faced a similar test five minutes later when Luton were awarded another penalty. He came close to saving.

The penalty was given by Mr. Castle (Dudley) for a defender handling on the line to keep out a header by Anderson. Mr. Castle was surrounded by players. Luton claiming the ball had crossed the line for a goal and Bolton disputing the penalty.

Jim Ryan took the kick. Siddall dived to his right to touch the ball against a post, but Ryan followed up and equalised.

Bolton opened up in the later stages but paid the penalty three minutes from time when McAllister put in his own net as he tried to stop a break by Shanks.