

PROBERT DENTS LUTON HOPES

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Luton dropped a valuable home point in their push for promotion when Probert equalised for Notts County 10 minutes from time at Kenilworth Road yesterday.

The Second Division high-fliers started like thoroughbreds and ended like carthorses. It took them 65 minutes to convert superiority on the field into advantage on the score sheet.

Then leading goalscorer Anderson ended the small crowd's frustration with a goal that was deflected off the back of centre-half Bolton, playing only his second game, in place of 'flu victim Needham.

The 4,908 gate was Luton's smallest since their Fourth Division days seven years ago and the fans were far from happy when the slack Town defence allowed Probert to shoot from inside the box in the 80th minute and nullify Luton's hard-won lead.

With five minutes left, Husband had a penalty claim rejected when he appeared to be tripped in front of goal. Two minutes later, County's Bradd saw a diving header saved by Horn. And in the last minute, Jim Ryan, of Luton, was booked after another angry appeal for a penalty, for hands, was rejected.

Luton.—Horn; John Ryan, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jim Ryan, Husband, Fern, West, Butline.

Notts. Co.—McManus; Brindley, Cliff (Sub: Nixon 3mins), McVay, Bolton, Mann, Randall, Masson, Bradd, Probert, Carter.