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A FAN threw a football into the Luton goalmouth as Stan Bowles slotted in Rangers' 37th minute equaliser from the penalty spot.

I have never seen anything like it in soccer. Referee Les Hayes ordered a retake — and Bowles again netted with a shot into the other corner and demonstrated to the crowd he'd score them either side.

I thought Bowles first shot went in before the ball from the crowd—one of six thrown to the fans before the game—came on. It was just as well Stan scored the

second time. Otherwise there could have been a nasty situation.

After the match, Luton boss Harry Haslam raged about the referee and Bowles, who was booked in his second match back after suspension.

Haslam said: "That was the worst refereeing I have ever seen. We encourage our players not to get involved and yet there were gestures to the crowd today,

fingers up and arguing with the referee with no rebuke.

"My players are being shown bad habits—with the help of the referee. Bowles is a brilliant player, but he's a fool to himself and incites the crowds."

"The first penalty should have stood. Otherwise it encourages crowds to throw on footballs. What was an easy match could have become ugly.

"It is a pity clubs can't all play on different nights and let Jack Taylor referee the lot."

PENALTY

Haslam criticised the penalty decision — "Dave Thomas dived" — reckons Luton should have had two and disputed the booking of John Faulkner, his second of the week, after returning from suspension.

"I am entitled to appeal. The game that referee had . . . he'll get no marks from me," he said.

Rangers manager Gordon Jago said he would consider an appeal against the Bowles booking when he got the referee's report.

The controversial striker fouled Luton newcomer Adrian Alston as an attack was cleared. Alston gently threw the ball back for the

BLASTS BOWLES

ref as Rangers snatch a penalty leveller

kick—and it hit Bowles in the back.

Stan turned round looking indignant and was promptly booked. The referee refused to comment.

Bowles had been booed from the time he went down after a tackle and went off for a couple of minutes for touchline treatment.

Faulkner, ironically, was booked for a foul on Bowles.

Luton led after seven minutes when John Ryan's shot, following Alan West's short free-kick zipped in off Terry Mancini.

I thought Bowles unfair in his final "prediction" to Luton's jeering fans at the end. He gave the thumbs down sign indicating that Luton, who have still to win in the First Division, would be relegated. I don't agree.

LUTON. — Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Ryan, Hindson, Husband, Butlin, West, Aston. Sub: Chambers.

QPR. — Parkes, Busby, Gillard, Venables, Mancini, Webb, Thomas, Francis, Beck, Bowles, Givens. Sub: Leach.



PENALTY KING — that's Stan Bowles who was also booked, and got the "bird" from the crowd into the bargain