

STAN BOOED

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STAN BOWLES, the stormy petrel of Shepherd's Bush collected another mixture of trouble and triumph at Kenilworth Road

Bowles, booked in the first half and booed ever after, salvage a draw for Rangers with a bizarre, twice-taken penalty.

But his antics incensed Luton manager Harry Haslam, who said after the match: "Bowles should have been sent off. He was inciting the crowd to riot and if that had happened we, as a club, would have been in serious trouble."

Incident

The penalty came in the 36th minute when Dave Thomas was brought down by John Faulkner.

Bowles planted the penalty in the left side of the net as another ball, thrown by the crowd behind the goal, bounced into his path.

Referee Les Hayes ordered the kick to be retaken and Bowles flung his hands down in despair. But he controlled his anger long enough to place the second kick in the right-hand corner—and then, confronting the crowd, he pointed to both sides of the goal.

Bowles said later: "I was asking them if they wanted me to put it in the centre next time as well. I was amazed when I had to retake the kick. I never saw the other ball on the pitch."

The penalty ended a period of intense Luton pressure, sparked by their goal from John Ryan in the eighth minute.

Bowles collected his booking

when he and Alston had a running duel as the ball broke from Rangers area and the free-kick was given to Luton.

Alston, without looking, tossed the ball behind him and it rebounded against Bowles, who reacted angrily and was cautioned even while he was hurling V-signs in Alston's direction.

Bowles had some measure of revenge in the second half when Faulkner was booked for a tackle from behind.

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

Q.P.R.—Parkes; Busby, Gillard, Venables, Mancini, Webb, Thomas, Francis, Beck, Bowles, Givens. Sub: Leach.