

HEREFORD FALL IN INJURY TIME

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Hereford ... 0, Luton ... 1

Luton went home savouring a delicious late goal which lifts them into the promotion bracket, and leaves Hereford angrily claiming they were robbed of a crucial victory in their relegation battle.

Luton, unable to translate first-half control into clear-cut openings, were pushed back by Hereford's second-half improvement, in which young Briley's midfield industry was the key factor.

And, with 20 minutes to go, Davey netted after McNeil's fierce 20-yard drive came back off the goalkeeper.

Dennis Turner, the referee, appeared to signal a goal, but then changed his mind after going across to confer with a linesman, whose flag was eventually seen to be raised. Mr Turner later confirmed that Davey was offside.

Hereford continued to pound forward, and McNeil again almost scored, but in injury time Luton created their only real chance of the match, and made it count.

Perfect centre

Jones's crossfield ball found Ashton with space on the left wing, and he measured a perfect centre, curling it into the path of Ron Futch, who headed gloriously home.

Hereford's normally undemonstrative manager, John Sillett, claimed vehemently: "Davey was never offside—and we'd have closed up the game on a one-nil lead for two vital points."

His chairman, Frank Miles, was furious: "We were robbed. It could eventually cost us relegation—and thousands of pounds!"

Hereford.—Hughes; Emery, Ritchie, Marshall, Jefferson, Lindsay, Carter, Briley; (Paine, 65 min), Davey, McNeil, Briley.

Luton. — Aleksic; Price, Buckley, Chambers (Jones, 75 min), Faulkner, Futch P., Husband, West, Futch R., Fuccillo, Aston.