

WILF'S WEMBLEY KO

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WATFORD captain Wilf Rostron is threatened with suspension that will keep him out of the F.A. Cup Final in three weeks. He was sent off with Luton's Paul Elliott for fighting in the 40th minute in a bad-tempered, often controversial but thrilling derby match.

Rostron and Elliott squared up to each other after clashing near the corner flag and Bristol referee Roger Milford, who had already booked Elliott, made both men take the walk to the tunnel.

Rostron, who was on 18 points before the game, faces a two-match ban which will come into effect on a Saturday before the Cup Final. The only reprieve could be a switch of Watford's remaining midweek fixture at Nottingham Forest to a few days before the Final.

Watford secretary Eddy Plumley admitted: "It looks at the moment as if Wilf will miss Wembley."

And despite victory in this niggling affair where referee Milford incurred the wrath of both teams, there was another blow for Wembley-bound Watford—England winger John Barnes limped off after 15 minutes clutching the hamstring in his right leg.

It must put in jeopardy his place in England's squad for this week's match with Wales

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Luton 1 Watford 2

and is an additional worry for Wembley-bound Watford.

As the tackling became more fierce and tempers frayed, there were problems too for Luton. David Moss was helped away with his arm in a sling after crushing heavily on to the shale track.

Watford did enough to end a sequence of disappointing results. They went ahead in the 19th minute when Niall Callaghan was able to deflect a header past Sealey.

Mr Johnston showed his true finishing class with a simply executed second for Watford on the stroke of half time.

Luton pulled one back with a brilliantly taken goal by Walsh from Stein's pass five minutes from time.

At the final whistle police had to ensure safe passage for the referee as he left the field to a barrage of boos.

Southend fall

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SHEFFIELD United goal hero Kevin Arnott virtually put his side into Division II with a stunning goal two minutes from time at Southend.

But it also looks likely to condemn the Seaside to relegation.

Southend looked to have earned a priceless point until Arnott accelerated past three defenders before calmly driving low past the helpless Phil Pritchard.



FINAL BLOW. Wilf Rostron is sent off against Luton.