

QPR 2, Luton 3

IT IS hard to understand why a team as positive and enterprising as Rangers persist in an offside trap they do not even exploit efficiently writes **Max Reese.** 84/85

This tactical ineptitude cost them a game they were winning comfortably, and provided Luton with their third consecutive victory on Rangers artificial pitch.

Luton were quick to see the opportunities available, and a cynical foul by Fenwick and an undignified 30 yard sortie by Hucker were needed to repair the early damage. But after 17 minutes a long centre by Grimes was headed in by Steve Elliott, once a striker with Nottingham Forest.

Moss then hit a post but Rangers gradually established some authority, thanks to their superior speed and sharpness in the tackle. Fereday was allowed plenty of space on the left and, when Dibble made only a weak punch from one of his centres, Fillery returned the ball into the empty net.

Immediately after half-time Dibble blocked a close-range shot from Micklewhite but Rangers incessant pressure was rewarded on the hour when Stainrod turned in Micklewhite's centre.

Grimes was the contriver of Luton's late rally. He timed passes shrewdly to beat the offside trap and provide goals for Paul Elliott and Stein in the last 12 minutes. Stein's goal in particular was a gem as he outpaced two challengers and flicked the ball past Hucker.