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By HARRY HARRIS: Watford 2, Luton 2, (ofter extra time)

GRAHAM TAYLOR last night blamed young defender Lee Sinnott for wrecking Watford's chances of taking a step nearer their second successive FA Cup final appearance.

Watford seemed destined for a quarter-final home tie against Millwall on Saturday with a powerful two-goal advantage in this replay until Sinnott's error enabled Luton to stage a remarkable comeback.

Disappointed manager Taylor said: "With 13 minutes to go, we were two up when the young lad tried to play offside and let the Luton forward through.

"There was no need to take such a risk. That goal may have looked miles offside—but it wasn't. Sinnott will have to learn from his mistake ... you don't even attempt to play offside like that."

Ekeka Nwajiobi stole through in acres of space to lob coolly over 6ft 4in keeper Steve Sherwood.

That 77th minute goal was followed four minutes later by a fortunate Luton equaliser when a Ricky Hills shot from just outside the penalty box took a wicked double deflection.

Luton's spirited revival was rewarded when they won the toss to stage the third encounter of this FA Cup fifth round marathon on Saturday.

Watford stormed into a two-goal lead, even though they lived a charmed life with a cross-bar saving them on two occasion.

Les Taylor scored on the stroke of half-time and Steve Terry in the 52nd minute added a second to give Watford a commanding position. Then came Sinnott's blunder.



SINNOTT: Slammed