

Sad Sealey

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Luton 0 Coventry 1

POOR Les Sealey gave his old Coventry mates the points with the strangest of blunders.

David Bowman's 35th-minute s h o t was covered by the Luton keeper. "Then he lost it," said boss David Pleat. "It went through him and he can offer no excuses."

Ironically, Coventry's star turn was goal-keeper Steve Ogrizovic, who made three classy saves before a coin hit him on the head.

"It was thrown from the Luton terraces," said Coventry manager Don Mackay. "It left a lump on Steve's head but we will take the matter no further."

Mackay defended his players' tactic of 40-yard back passes: "We were playing on a strange surface and it took us time to settle down."

Pleat retorted: "It's fear that makes players back pass from those distances and it will kill the game a little bit. Crowds will not tolerate it."

Luton looked sharp on their artificial pitch

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and should have won by at least three clear goals. But Ogrizovic was brilliant and one of his saves to keep out a Brian Stein shot was world-class.

Six were booked in an edgy scrap, most of the cautions caused by tension in the Coventry side as they sensed they might sneak an away win.

Ogrizovic, Gareth Evans, Brian Borrows, Bowman, Graham Rodger and Luton's Mick Harford went into John Moules' notebook.

LUTON.— Sealey, Breaker, Tomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Gill, Stein, Harford, Nwajiobi, Preece.

COVENTRY.— Ogrizovic, Borrows, Gynn, Bowman, Rodger, Peake, Adams, McGrath, Evans, Gibson, Bennett.

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Ogrizovic.