

Pleat in row over goal ace

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LUTON boss David Pleat found himself in a post-match row over an incident involving Mick Harford at Ipswich.

Harford allegedly punched Ipswich substitute Alan Sunderland as the two waited for a cross, and the Ipswich player then responded by racing 50 yards to hack Harford down.

After the game, in which both players were booked, Ipswich boss Bobby Ferguson condemned Harford.

"We know the sort of player he is — bad-temper is in his make-up," he said. "When you are punched in the face it is very hard not to retaliate."

Praise

But Pleat reacted angrily to criticisms of Harford. "He is as fair a player as you will find anywhere in the league.

"There was only one nasty player on that field and you all saw him. What kind of player runs 50 yards to hack someone down? A nut-

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case," he said.

Pleat was full of praise for his team's performance. "We have rarely attacked in numbers as well as that, and if we keep playing this way we will win more than we lose and score more than we concede," he said.

"Brian Stein ran the game off the front two. He was superb and he has been like that all season.

"Mitchell Thomas is a remarkable young man with remarkable skill for his age," he added.

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