Late penalties bring fourth round cup tie to life

SPOT-ON HARFORD

MICK HARFORD took centre stage to force the FA Cup late show to a second episode.

Harford cracked in an 88th-minute penalty as Saturday's fourth round burst to life in the dying stages.

And afterwards Luton manager John Moore paid tribute to his battle-weary troops for the way they dragged the game out of the fire to earn a replay.

"They kept calm and showed their patience by passing to get where they wanted to go.

"We showed our true character and came back to earn a deserved draw."

Town looked ragged through fatigue while QPR gained in confidence as the game went on.

Skipper Steve Foster should have been punished twice for mistakes.

He hesitated giving Clive Walker a golden shooting opportunity that he put wide.

Then a weak Foster header fell to the same player but he could only find Les Sealey from six yards.

Mike Newell tripped over his feet when put LUTON T. (0) 1 Harford 88 Q.P.R. (0) 1 Fenwick 83 Crowd: 12,707

through by Stein and Seaman tipped over Mal Donaghy's shot from an Ashley Grimes corner.

QPR put together an incisive move that ended with Sealey pushing away Fereday's blaster for a corner in the first action of the second half.

Rob Johnson first got in a tangle with Donaghy, then brought down John Byrne and England man Terry Fenwick converted the spot kick — Luton's first goal conceded in seven matches.

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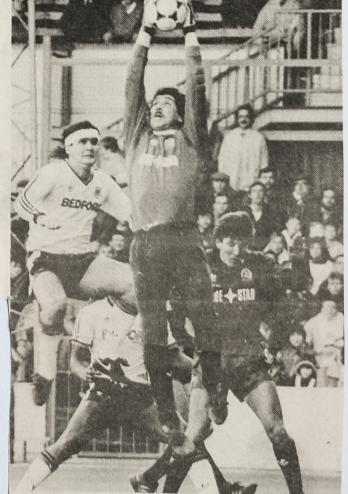
It's replay time again!

That was the spur Luton needed to forget it was their fourth game in eight days.

Bannister ended a Newell incursion by upending the home striker and Harford gleefully converted his second penalty in four days.

Rangers manager Jim Smith said: "We threw it away. They were there for the taking. We should have come away with a victory."

The eventual winners travel to Leeds.



 Hands above the rest — QPR goalkeeper David Seaman gets there before Steve Foster.