

Harford goal aids Luton's cash flow

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LUTON may be prepared to sell Ricky Hill, their England international midfield player, rather than go through the biennial business of haggling with him over a new contract. 86/87 (enc)

Wednesday's fourth round replay at Loftus Road will be their fifth match in the competition this season and the extra revenue is helping ease the hurt of being forced to withdraw from the Littlewoods Cup, because of their ban on visiting fans.

Three Luton players have missed penalty kicks this season and Mick Harford would not have been very popular, had he messed up his 88th minute spot-kick, awarded when Gary Bannister tripped Mike Newell.

"It was the most important kick of my life," said Harford, with the ready hyperbole of a seasoned interview-subject.

Queens Park Rangers disappointment when the penalty went in was understandable as they might easily have punished Luton's odd lack of passion long before Terry Fenwick scored an 84th minute penalty at the other end, following Rob Johnson's reckless decision to clamber all over John Byrne.

Luton.—Sealey; Breacher, Johnson, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein (B), Newell, Harford, Grimes.

QPR.—Seaman; Neill, James, Walker, McDonald, Fenwick, Lee, Allen, Bannister, Byrne, Fereday.