

Ipswich out in penalty row

IPSWICH, beaten for the first time this season at home, were left to bemoan a controversial decision by referee Trelford Mills.

It came in the 27th minute when striker David Lowe was pulled down by Luton's 19-year-old Richard Harvey a good six yards inside the area.

But Mills thought differently, turning away appeals for a penalty instead awarding an indirect free kick a yard outside the box.

'Some referees would have given a penalty,' Luton manager Ray Harford was forced to concede later.

Ipswich 0 Luton 1: By BRIAN SCOVELL

Ipswich needed a break but it never came. Luton's superior ability, particularly up front where the Stein brothers had a sure touch, was just enough to earn them a place in the fifth round of the Littlewoods Cup. Mark Stein supplied brother Brian with the fourth minute pass which led to the match-winning goal.

Ipswich manager John Duncan said: 'There was talk afterwards it might have been offside but I've no complaints.'

For all their huffing and puff-

ing in the second half Duncan's young team were unable to find a way back. The last hour was one-sided, with all the traffic running into the Luton area where a contraflow system named Steve Foster fouled everything up.

It was just his kind of battle. Time and time again he rose above everyone to head clear as Ipswich fired in a stream of crosses.

Harford said: 'We had to fight for it and the back four all played well.'

Goalkeeper Les Sealey was troubled on only three occasions — a long-range shot from Mark Brennan and headers in the second half from John Deehan, substituting for Mich D'Avray, and Jason Dozzell.

Referee Mills cautioned Danny Wilson, who later limped off with a hamstring strain, Neil Rimmer and Darron McDonough, who was lucky to stay on the field after a reckless tackle.

Despite having seven of their first-team squad out through injury, Luton's players knew just a little too much on the night.