Slick Hill finds the gap in class

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Burnley.....0 Luton.....1 (agg: 1-2)

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LUTON found a way into the next round of the Littlewoods Cup last night through a pair of carelessly parted knees.

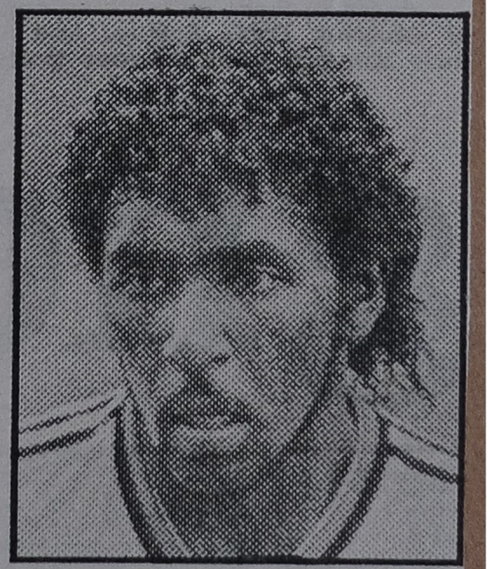
The holders were finally rescued from a state of extreme anxiety when a near-post calamity overtook Burnley.

The Fourth Division leaders should have cleared Steve Williams's 54th minute corner and the ultimate responsibility rested with full-back Peter Daniel. He was guarding the post when the alert Ricky Hill poked the ball between his legs.

It was pointless then for Burnley to complain that they had done at least 75 per cent of the attacking.

They had, it's true, charged forward at maximum revs. Yet on the few occasions they were given an unobscured glimpse of goalkeeper Les Sealey their finishing was either weak or inaccurate — or both.

That was particularly frustrating for striker George Oghani, whose running gave Steve Foster one of his more demanding nights. So demanding, in fact, that the defender — who needed six stitches in a leg wound at half-time — was the first of four bookings.



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When they broke, Luton's football was always the more creative and incisive. David Oldfield might have finished the tie early on but shot wide. Goalkeeper Chris Pearce was forced to dive at Mal Donaghy's feet in the second half and then defender Steve Gardner cleared a Mick Harford header off the line.