

Pearce has last say for Coventry

By Dave Horridge

Coventry 2
Luton Town 1

ANDY PEARCE, a £15,000 signing from non-league Halesowen playing only his second game for Coventry, clinched three crucial points last night with his first goal when he headed in Woods' free-kick five minutes from time.

Luton, revealing the confidence gained from Saturday's win at Aston Villa, were rewarded with an impressive opening goal after only 11 minutes.

Preece's corner kick was moved on to Dreyer who swept the ball low into the penalty area for Rodger, a former Coventry player, to turn into the net from close range.

Luton then felt they were robbed of the chance to score a second goal when Black went down from a challenge by Pearce but the referee ignored claims for a free-kick.

Coventry, who went into the game with only 16 points from Terry Butcher's 15-match reign, peppered Luton's penalty area with high balls after the interval and the tactic eventually paid off in the 60th minute.

Gallacher chased Borrows' clearance with Rodger and when he was brought down by Chamberlain's dive the referee pointed to the penalty spot.

Chamberlain was booked for protesting but after turning Borrows' kick against the post could only watch as the ball spin into the net.

Coventry City: Ogrizovic, Borrows, McGrath, Emerson, Pearce, Peake, Woods, Gynn, Regis, Gallacher, Smith.

Luton Town: Chamberlain, Johnson, McDonough, Beaumont (Farrell 88), Rodger, Dreyer, Elstrup, Preece, Dowie, Pembridge, Black.

Referee: P Jones (Loughborough).