

Angry Pleat urges penalty double-take

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LUTON manager David Pleat insisted that referee Jim Rushton take a video home with him — “and study it three times a day if he likes.”

Pleat, upset at a late penalty award, said: “I think referees should not hesitate to ask for a video of every game they handle. It can only help them. After all, we use videos to improve our knowledge and understanding.”

Pleat would not get involved in another controversy — did Luton striker Phil Gray spit at Steve Cherry, the County goalkeeper in a goalmouth incident?

“I didn’t see it,” he said. “I’ll have to look at the video, won’t I? If necessary, I’ll talk to him.”

County manager Neil Warnock said: “I spoke to Steve Cherry about it, but

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frankly it might have been a big raindrop.”

County were the masters for more than an hour, but lowly Luton rocked them with a headed goal by Gray, who escaped ruthless marker Charlie Palmer for once.

It looked good enough to earn three points until two minutes from time when defender Matt Jackson’s take-the-ball tackle on substitute Phil Turner was punished.

Tommy Johnson, with one of his few kicks of the match, saved County from the spot.

It was never as dirty as five yellow cards (three to County), a strict referee and the Luton crowd suggested.