

Kinnear blasts blunder

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Chesterfield 2 Luton 1

LUTON were punished for defensive errors as Chesterfield came from behind for the second time in five days to win 2-1.

Ahmet Brkovic gave Luton a seventh minute lead direct from a corner and the visitors could have had more goals in the first half, with Tony Thorpe twice going close.

But it was a different story after the break, with Glynn Hurst equalising in the 55th minute after Emmerson Boyce needlessly gave the ball away.

More poor defending allowed David Reeves to head a second four minutes later when he got in front of keeper Carl Emberson and defender Ian Hillier.

Luton never recovered and although they forced a string of corners late on, Hurst almost added a third in the final minute of added time.

Luton manger Joe Kinnear blamed goalkeeper Emberson for the goal that gave Chesterfield the victory at Saltergate.

The home side's 59th minute winner was eventually credited to Reeves, but Kinnear was adamant Emberson had punched the ball into his own net.

He said: "We have to score two goals every time we play because the keeper is always going to throw one in.

"He threw one in last week at Wycombe and he punched the ball into the net for their second today.

"They have given it to Reeves but

when you look at the video it's an own goal.

"It was another goalkeeper error, I could write a book on them and goals like that drive you insane."

Kinnear also admitted his team should have had the game sewn up before half time.

"In the first half we were in total control and it was a matter of how many we were going to score.

"We should have been four in front at half time.

"Although individual errors have cost us two goals we should have done better up front."

Chesterfield manager Dave Rushbury was delighted with the way his players recovered for the second time in two home games after they had previously come from two goals down to draw with Cheltenham.

He said: "After the game I went into the dressing room and said to the players that they are now a complete team because they have done everything this season.

"In the second half we kept pushing on and Hurst's pace was frightening, which made them drop back."

Although keeper Ben Williams marred his debut on loan from Manchester United by letting in an inswinging corner, Rushbury was pleased with his overall performance.

He added: "He was shaky early on but when it mattered he saved a one-on-one and we went straight down the pitch and scored the equaliser.

"He got stronger as the game went on."