

Mad Newell's hot reception

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ANGRY Luton boss Mike Newell blasted Plymouth striker Nathan Lowndes in an amazing face-to-face row in the club reception.

Newell, watched by guests and sponsors, tore into the player, accusing him of "making a meal of it" when home midfielder Kevin Nicholls was sent off.

The ex-Hartlepool boss, 39 told him: "You dropped. It's supposed to be a man's game." But Lowndes stood his ground and replied: "I'm not like that. He caught me."

Lowndes then shrugged off the row, saying: "That's life."

The match blew up in the 46th minute when Lowndes tried to take a quick free-kick.

Cheating

Ref Graham Salisbury saw Nicholls pushing a forearm in his face and sent off the Luton player.

Lowndes needed treatment but the fans accused him of cheating.

Table-toppers Plymouth needed three minutes of injury-time before midfielder Steve Adams rescued a vital point with a last-gasp header.

Play-off hopefuls Luton had taken a 42nd-minute lead when skipper Chris Coyne headed in Steve Robinson's free-kick.