

COYNE IS TOAST OF NEWELL'S ROVERS RETURN

TRANMERE ROVERS (1) 1

Taylor 32

LUTON TOWN (0) 1

Coyne 76

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Leaders fight back after bizarre goal

MIKE NEWELL OFTEN spends his spare time watching Tranmere Rovers. A former reserve-team manager at the club, he still lives close to Prenton Park and visits when he can. All the spying paid off on Saturday when his Luton Town team, now seven points clear at the top of Coca-Cola League One, came from behind to sneak a draw and

maintain their remarkable unbeaten start to the season.

Tranmere, who have title aspirations of their own, might have shaded an absorbing contest but for their profligacy, yet it was Luton who were left feeling hard done by. It's not often that goalkeepers get to save the same penalty twice and still pick the ball out of the net, but that was the misfortune that befell Dino Seremet in probably one of the most bizarre incidents all season.

Having been brought down by Curtis Davies in the penalty box in the first half, Ryan Taylor prepared to take the spot-

kick but was ordered off the pitch by Tony Bates, the referee, after receiving treatment for an injury instead.

In his absence, Iain Hume stepped up only to see his penalty saved by Seremet. However Bates ruled that Seremet had moved off his line and ordered a retake. Taylor took the second penalty. That, too, was saved by Seremet, but the ball fell back kindly to Taylor, who poked home the rebound.

Only a late headed equaliser by Chris Coyne eased Newell's frustrations.

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