

Spillane save Hatters from heartache

Bradford 1 Luton 1

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LUTON salvaged a point at Valley Parade thanks to a Michael Spillane late header in a 1-1 draw with 10-man Bradford.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye swung the ball into the Bradford goalmouth for the unmarked defender to level the scores.

It was Spillane's mistake that led to the home side going in front through Barry Conlon.

Spillane's attempted clearance flew into the path of the Bradford substitute and Conlon scored less than two minutes after replacing Michael Boulding.

Bradford were reduced to 10 men when left-back Paul Heckingbottom was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Bradford manager Stuart McCall described the actions of some City supporters as "scandalous" when Conlon was booed.

"To boo him before he has

got onto the pitch, that hurt me more than anything," said McCall.

"I was disappointed at the crowd's reaction because he has got a Bradford City shirt on and he's my player.

"The first half was poor fare — the quality of passing was poor and even the touch on the ball was poor, but the second half was much better. We threatened their goal much more and we were more positive."

Luton manager Mick Harford felt his side deserved more from the game.

"I was disappointed to give a goal away, but to come to Bradford and play like we did augurs well for the rest of the season," he said.

"We took a lot of positives out of the game and hopefully we can go on an unbeaten run now.

"I thought we created enough chances to win six games."