



DEBUT DELIGHT: New signing Ashley Chambers (second right) celebrates scoring Cambridge United's second goal in the 2-2 draw with Luton in the FA Trophy on Saturday
Picture: Keith Heppell

Money concerned over United fixture pile-up

RICHARD Money is fearing a fixture backlog after Cambridge United held Luton to a 2-2 draw at home in Saturday's FA Trophy, third round tie.

United face a trip to Kenilworth Road in their bid to reach the quarter-finals after Tom Elliott and debutant Ashley Chambers scored twice in as many second-half minutes to get their side back into the game.

But head coach Money was dismayed the Hatters had snubbed an option to play extra time after Saturday's clash to potentially avoid a replay and expressed his concern that it may not take much rain to see tomorrow's encounter called off and have to be rearranged.

The replay also means tomorrow's

■ AARON MASON

Skrill Premier showdown at Brain-tree will have to be put on ice until a later date.

Money said: "The biggest concern for us all is having seen their pitch on New Year's Day, will it be fit for play tomorrow?"

"We wanted extra time – you'll have to ask them why they turned it down – and I guess the biggest concern is if we get a bit of rain, we don't play tomorrow and then you go from week to week again losing matches which is something that we can ill afford.

"I've taken a lot of criticism for talking out about the problems this tournament can cause.

"I understand people are entitled to their opinions, as am I, but we now see what the problems are that can be created and my comments are well documented.

"The FA Youth Cup, for example, each round is played by a certain date and I don't understand why this tournament couldn't be the same.

"We could have played this game last Tuesday and then played Alfreton in the league on Saturday and they'd have had a game as well.

"It's better for everybody, so I just

can't understand it and now we have a serious issue to think about, but we just have to get on with it and play football because we love it and take that approach and see what happens."

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But Money said the tie was overshadowed by Tom Bonner suffering a suspected broken leg in a challenge with Alex Wall in the first half.

He said: "The worst thing that's happened is the injury to Bonner, who's been an absolutely outstanding professional from day one and has waited for his chance.

"At a time when we wanted to rotate the three of them through this period it looks as though he has gone and got a significant injury, so I guess that's the only thing we should be concerned about because everything else pales into insignificance."

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