



LEAGUE TWO

LUTON TOWN 1

McGeehan 62 (pen)

YORK CITY 1

Lowe 37

Att: 8,612 Rating: ★★ Ref: Darren Handley 4/10



SPOT ON: Russ Penn, left, fouls Luton's Dan Potts for the Hatters' disputed penalty

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RUSS RILED BY REFEREE SHOW

By Mike Simmonds

YORK City boss Russ Wilcox blasted referee Darren Handley after his side were denied what he felt was a clear-cut penalty during their draw at Luton Town.

With the Minstermen already leading 1-0, Vadaine Oliver went down in the box under a challenge from Scott Cuthbert, but nothing was given.

Hosts Luton then won a spot-kick just after the hour mark for a foul on Dan Potts by Russell Penn, with Cameron McGeehan levelling.

Wilcox said: "I'm totally frustrated and angry. I've got to be careful with what I say, but to be annoyed to come away from Luton with a point shows you how well we've played.

"It's a game we should have won, a tale of two penalties. A blatant penalty for me on Vadaine Oliver not given which would have made it 2-0, and then a soft penalty, he couldn't wait to give it.

"Some of the decisions these

referees make are putting pressure on people's jobs, but they'll be okay, they'll sleep tonight. Again it's a game we should have won, but there are so many positives to take."

Hatters boss John Still saw the incident surrounding Potts differently though and was bemused that Penn wasn't shown a card of any colour for his indiscretion.

He said: "I was shocked because he was running through on goal and he gave a penalty for what looked to me like a clumsy challenge.

"If that had happened anywhere else on the pitch that's a yellow card, but I'm not a referee

"Our performance was scrappy. We gave away a really poor

goal and should have come in for me, worst ways, at 0-0 without playing particularly well.

"I said at half-time they will play on the counter attack, so we have to be patient. We got the goal, but it ended 1-1 and I can't really complain about that."

In a poor match, the hosts came close early on as McGeehan shot straight at Ross Flinders, while Craig Mackail-Smith struck wide from 15 yards.

Flinders managed to turn Luke Guttridge's close-range attempt past the post, while York took 20 minutes to register an effort of note, Penn firing over the bar.

Michael Coulson was also off target later in the half, but City



SWING LOWE: Keith Lowe puts York in front

were ahead on 37 minutes when a deep free-kick into the box was knocked down and Keith Lowe diverted his shot into the roof of the net.

Mackail-Smith made way at the break for Jack Marriott as Town started brightly, Josh McQuoid sending a rising volley over the bar.

The Hatters were back in the game on 62 minutes when Potts was felled in the area by Penn and McGeehan slammed home the spot-kick.

Flinders then made a superb tip over from Luke Wilkinson's point-blank header.

While in the closing stages, it was York who came closest to a winner, Penn sending two presentable chances wide of the mark as Luton saw their four-game winning run in the league come to an end.

LUTON: (4-2-3-1): Tyler 6, Guthbert 6, McNulty 7, Wilkinson 7, Potts 6, Lee 7, Smith 7 (Lawless 57 5), Guttridge 6 (Doyle 81 5), McQuoid 5, McGeehan 6, Mackail-Smith 5 (Marriott 46 6)
Subs not used: Justham, Hall, Mpanzu, Greene
YORK CITY: (3-5-2): Flinders 7, Ilesanmi 6, Lowe 7, McCombe 7, McCoy 6, Barrett 6, Penn 6, Collins 6, Straker 5, Oliver 7, Coulson 6 (Turner 82 5)
Subs not used: Carson, Winfield, Thompson, Ingham, Godfrey, Sinclair

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Luton Town