



Luton goalkeeper Baynham, supported by right-back McNally, prepares to take a shot headed towards goal by the Charlton outside-left Kinsey.

UNHAPPY LUTON JUST SCRAMBLE HOME

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Charlton 0, Luton 1

DEFEAT for Charlton Athletic in a poor game plunged them to the bottom of the Second Division, and there they are likely to stay until their players regain their lost confidence in their own ability.

Every player of the struggling Kent club is out of form, over anxious, and trying to attempt far too much in a hurry.

They badly need a steadying influence for there is football ability in the side; especially at centre-forward where Edwards could become a very powerful leader with better support.

Charlton, who had most of the game, could not score from the many half-chances that mean all the difference between winning and losing.

The home side were very unfortunate to have Leary hurt in the eighth minute with a badly gashed left knee. He returned 26 minutes later as a virtual passenger on the right-wing.

Defensively Luton were rugged and lacked ideas and the big kick upfield was their only way of driving Charlton back. They were equally without an efficient forward.

The Luton attack had just about four clear cut shots at the Charlton goal whereas the Londoners brought out the best of Baynham who was in excellent form.

Rugged Defence

But he was unable to stop a 30-yard surprise drive from Charlton's right-half, Hewie, which flew inches past the post. Luton won the drab game in the 61st minute.

Left-winger Fleming crossed a low fast ball which Turner pulled under control and hit for goal. Duff the Charlton 'keeper half-stopped the shot, but Turner following up stabbed it against the post.

The ball apparently trickled over the line before Charlton's right-back Sewell kicked it out. Unhesitatingly the linesman and the ref awarded the goal to Luton.