

GOLDEN DAVIES KEEPS HOPE ALIVE

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LUTON continue to plan boldly for a new super-stadium, with "facilities for the whole family."

But if they lose tonight's game with Sunderland and Saturday's at Stoke, they could have the best-equipped ground in the Third Division!

Yet on this evidence they do not deserve to go down. There are several worse teams in Division II, with Charlton certainly one.

Luton's Ron Davies was at least two classes better than any other forward, and their defence, reorganised through injury, was tougher than Charlton's, similarly remodelled.



Davies ("Worth his weight in gold," says manager Bill Harvey; "Certainly ready for a Welsh Under-23 cap," says his chairman, Percy Mitchell), watched by Arsenal, was almost a storybook hero.

In bed with a heavy cold at the start of the week, then troubled by an inflamed foot, he scored the vital first goal, added another and could easily have hit three more.

The harsh truth is that only a miracle can save Charlton, and that Luton or Walsall (whose manager Bill Moore watched the game) will join them in Division III.

Goals: Luton: Davies (4min., 39), Turner (54, 74). Charlton: Hewie (76).

LUTON.—Baynham; Daniel, McNally; Morton, Kelly, Bramwell; Clapton, Turner, Davies, McGuffie, Jardine.

CHARLTON.—Reed; Sewell, Hewie; Lucas, Tocknell, Kinsey; Kenning, Matthews, Ryan, Peacock, Durandt.



Charlton goalkeeper Reed makes a despairing dive to try to prevent Luton's third goal entering the net on Saturday —JK4127A.



Charlton goalkeeper Reed punches the ball clear before Luton's Gordon Turner can get his head to it at the bottom of the table clash at Kenilworth-road on Saturday. Gordon did score two —JK4121A

