Valley of despair for Alan Slough

CHARLTON was the Valley of despair for Luton's Alan Slough on Saturday. A back pass from near the half-way line gave a grateful Charlton the chance to snap up the equaliser near the end. It was a tragic error for Alan Slough and robbed Luton of two away points. They had to be content with just the one point when they left London.

It was a messy game, watched by only 12,928 fans in the huge bowl that is the Valley. Don Givens popped up early on to give Luton the lead but Charlton fought throughout and were worth a point. Despite the point, Charlton stay bottom of the Second Division, and Luton keep in contention with leaders Hull.

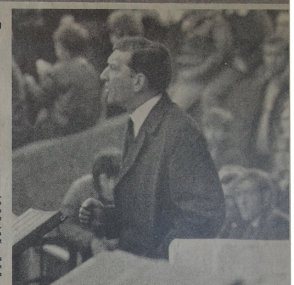
POST photographers DAVID SATCHELL and TERRY RICHARDS were there and here's the pick of the action.

Out of luck

Above right: Roger Hay and Jimmy Ryan close in on a Charlton player in possession, while Alan Slough keeps a watchful eye on the situation. Above left: John Ryan's on hand as two Charlton players look to be having trouble.

Left: Malcolm Macdonald, who was out of luck heads over the bar with keeper Charlie Wright beaten in the air. Right: Alec Stock shows the strain of being a top manager confined to the touchline when your team needs advice.

Below. Malcolm is out of luck again as Wright gets to the ball fractionally before him. But look at the space the Luton Town leader has found for himself

Below left, Don Givens, who has turned out to be an early goal specialist, gets into the action again despite the attentions of Dietmar Brozk, the Charlton full-back recently bought from First Division Coventry.

Bottom right: There's trouble in the Luton goalmouth as Tony Read lies injured.