

Treacy stops Luton fun

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Charlton 1, Luton 1

CONCEIT could cost Luton a place in the First Division, hard work may save Charlton theirs in the Second.

Arrogant Luton, with 13 points out of the previous 14 and a 17-1 goal tally, must have thought they were slumming at the sparsely populated Valley. But they came in for a shock five minutes from the end when Slough failed to learn from a first half telling-off and made a calamitous pass back.

"Hit it," Luton's captain Keen had earlier chided Slough, pointing upfield, as the defender got into a tangle. Plumb pounced on Slough's second mistake, had his shot blocked, but the ball came to Treacy, who slammed it in.

On paper this had looked no contest between a side which earlier in the week had basked for 24 hours on top of the Second Division and the bottom club, with one win and facing a crisis.

In reality, Luton were content to swagger along after Givens had put them in front in the sixth minute with an angled shot from the edge of the area. Their tactics were simple; first time clearances

They hardly raised a sweat until the last five minutes. Then Charlton—for whom Went was booked for tripping Macdonald, and Davies and Reeves worked furiously—struck.

A lucky strike, but perhaps some of Luton's swagger will have rubbed off on them. If it does, it will do them the world of good.

Charlton: Wright; Curtis, Bruck; Moore, Went, Reeves; Ellis, Treacy, Plumb, Davies, Peacock. Sub: Kinsey.

Luton: Read; John Ryan, Slough; Hoy, Nicholl, Moore, Jimmy Ryan, Court, Macdonald, Keen, Givens. Sub: Busby.