

Luton—just Plumb out of luck

A DISASTROUS back pass four minutes from the end cost Luton a valuable point.

Luton were leading 1—0 when left-back Alan Slough incredibly attempted to send the pass back 40 yards and goalkeeper Tony Read saw it go to Charlton centre-forward Dick Plumb who joyfully snapped it up.

Plumb got the ball back into the middle and at the second attempt Ray Treacy forced it over the line.

A well-deserved point for Charlton, but what a tragedy for Luton.

Strong men of the Luton defence were centre-back Chris Nicholl and John Moore, who always had the beating of the midget home attack in the air.

Charlton just don't have enough skills in midfield or up-front. Graham Moore showed skills, energy and generalship, but his front runners always wanted to make three passes do the work of one well-placed ball.

Solid

In defence Bob Curtis was solid. Dietmar Bruck is settling down well and Paul Went is showing signs at last of reaching his early potential.

Luton's goal, after six minutes, came when Don Givens ran on to a Mike Keen pass and with two defenders leaving the tackle to each other Givens beat Charlie Wright with a fast ground shot.

With Mike Keen coolly plotting openings for his

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front runner, Luton looked likely to get a few goals. They should certainly have had a penalty when Malcolm MacDonald was brought down, but the referee gave an indirect free kick.

In the second half when Went handled the ball well inside the Charlton area it was another free kick from outside the area that was awarded.

So Charlton took a rare point, but the gap at the bottom is growing and Charlton are showing few signs of being able to close it.

Manager Theo Foley still has to make at least two new signings and they must make an immediate and dramatic impact if Charlton's long-held Second Division status is to be preserved.

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

LUTON. — Read, Ryan (John), Slough, Hoy, Nicholl, Moore, Ryan (Jim), Court, Macdonald, Keen, Givens, Sub: Busby.