

GIVENS AGAIN AS TOWN ARE HELD

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Charlton 1 Luton 1

AN EQUALISER four minutes from time gave Charlton a deserved draw at the Valley this afternoon, after Don Givens had shot Luton ahead.

Play was often dull, but Charlton never gave up their attacking policy and some stout Luton defence prevented a home win.

Luton showed aggression right from the start when Macdonald chased a through ball from Keen, but he was adjudged to have fouled Bruck in winning possession and Charlton were awarded a free kick.

Athletic hit back with a smart move down the middle between Treacy and Davies, and after a foul tackle by Hoy they too won a free kick, but Bruck thumped it high and wide.

A clever run by Jimmy Ryan resulted in him being fouled by Graham Moore on the edge of the box, but Keen's free kick was deflected for a goal kick as it flapped against the shins of Jimmy Ryan.

It did not take the Hatters very long to rub in their superiority. Keen pushed a nice through ball into the middle of the Charlton

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defence and GIVENS took it in his stride and thumped a low shot past Wright from the edge of the 18-yard box.

This was due to some shocking covering by the Charlton defence and Givens, who snatches chances up so readily, made it look easy as he banged ambitious Luton into the lead.

Luton, however, were not having it all their own way and a good cross from Treacy produced a header from Plumb which was deflected round the foot of a post, but the corner was wasted.

In the 16th minute Givens might well have had another goal for Luton had it not been for his thoughtfulness for human life. He cut in on a bad back pass from Curtis but jumped over goalkeeper Wright as he dived bravely at his feet in a fifty-fifty situation.

Charlton were presented with a great chance to even the score in the 20th minute when Slough mistimed a cross from the left. But Plumb, with the goal at his mercy, miskicked and his feeble effort went wide.

Expectant

A good build-up between Givens, Court and Keen was wasted when Hoy blasted a 30-yard effort high over the crossbar.

And then with the strikers waiting expectantly, Hoy put a centre behind from a good position after some good work by John Ryan.

Luton put on some further goalmouth pressure, but after an intended centre by Court had been deflected high into the air in the danger area, Macdonald fouled Wright as he went in for a header and Curtis had a few harsh words to say to the Luton centre-forward.

Luton might have had a penalty in the 34th minute when Went hooked Macdonald's legs away, but the referee awarded an indirect free kick inside the box. The result was a skied shot from Slough into the roof of the stands.

In reply, Charlton came straight back and with the Luton defence at sixes and



Don Givens (No. 11) on the ground, hits Luton's goal against Charlton at The Valley this afternoon.

sevens, Davies had a good shot deflected over the crossbar before Luton eventually cleared what could well have turned into an embarrassing situation.

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Charlton restarted strongly and won a corner off Nicholl right from the kick-off. It was taken on the left by Davies but came to nothing.

Disappointed at some of the aimless play in the first half, the crowd chanted for something better in the second. But for a time after the interval both sides found it hard to settle and the ball hard to control.

After a good run, Graham Moore shot wide and this signalled the end for a time of some good play by Charlton.

A Keen-prompted attack for Luton brought an element of panic in the Charlton defence, and Reeves was forced to hammer the ball away for a corner from under the nose of goalkeeper Wright as Givens chased in like a terrier.

In the 64th minute, Macdonald nearly made it 2-0 for Luton after a ridiculous back pass from Graham Moore found him alone in front of Wright. But the surprised goalkeeper plunged in bravely and all Macdonald got was a corner.

Hectic

And as the pressure built up a high ball into the Luton goalmouth was misjudged by Read who had to run out. And with the goal empty, a shot from Reeves was well blocked by Moore.

In the 70th minute, after some hectic midfield play, Paul Went was booked for a foul on Macdonald.

There was still plenty of fight in this Charlton side and a good push forward by Davies was snapped up by Treacy who hammered a powerful shot just wide of the left hand post.

For the second time in the match Luton were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty. Went clearly handled inside the area but referee Jolly gave Luton the kick a foot outside.

Soon after Charlton sent on Kinsey for Ellis. They won a corner and four Athletic players tried to get in a shot as Luton cleared desperately. The situation was relieved when Slough was fouled.

Givens was replaced by Busby but after a brief Luton attack there came this ghastly mix-up which brought Charlton an equaliser.

For some reason best known to himself Slough tried to find Read with a 40-yard back pass — and it went wrong.

MATCH FACTS AT A GLANCE

TEAMS

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: Wright; Curtis, Bruck; Moore (Graham), Went, Reeves; Ellis, Treacy, Plumb, Davies, Peacock. Sub: Kinsey.

LUTON TOWN: Read; Ryan (John), Slough; Hoy, Nicholl, Moore (John); Ryan (Jimmy), Court, Macdonald, Keen, Givens. Sub: Busby.

Referee: Mr E. Jolly (Lancashire).

GOALS

GIVENS (Luton) 6 mins

TREACY (Charlton) 86min

Attendance: 12,928.

Jimmy back on the touchline

LUTON were "doing it for Jimmy" at The Valley this afternoon. For coach Jimmy Andrews made a miraculous return to football today after having a major operation only 12 days ago.

Mr Andrews got special permission from his doctors to accompany Luton to South London in their quest to win back the leadership of Division Two.

And to do it Luton were unchanged from the side which has powered itself to the top of the table during the last month.

Charlton, too, were hoping to be unchanged, but there was a last-minute alteration

when Alan Ellis came in on the right wing for Mike Kenning who was injured in training yesterday.

The Londoners had the experienced Brian Kinsey as substitute, and at left-back was German-born Dietmar Bruck, who signed from Coventry a week ago.

It was an ideal day for football with the sun doing its best to peep into the cavernous Charlton ground, one of the biggest in the country, as the teams ran out and there was a good crowd.

Once again Viv Busby was named as the Luton substitute in a side that has been unchanged for five matches.