



● Luton's Chris Nichols (white) gets up to head away from Joe Baker (9).

Nightmare for Stock as Luton crash

UNLUCKY LUTON. The First Division-dreaming Bedfordshire men were left with a nightmare as Sunderland hurried off to celebrate their first away win of the season and the 21st birthday of their substitute Brian Chambers who answered a second-half S.O.S. for duty. Sunderland, on the defensive, for most of this match broke away to land a 2-1 knockout.

"We should never have lost," was the late-night lament of Luton's manager Alec Stock as he recounted the first-half chances that had got away. "If we had won today we would have gone back to the top of the Second Division."

Sunderland right back Cecil Irwin cleared a Dan Glens hook off the line when the ball looked as if it was already over.

Colin Todd, Sunderland's

Luton 1 Sunderland 2: by DAVID WILSON

Young England midfield star, repeated the how-to-save-a-goal trick at the expense of Luton dynamo Roger Hoy.

But the loudest first-half howl came when Chester referee Dennis Pugh turned down the penalty appeal after Malcolm Macdonald had been heavily bowled over by Mike McGiven.

Even defence-minded Sunderland reckoned luck was on their side and when they struck out

in the 41st minute they took the lead!

Busy Billy Hughes started the move from the centre circle. Bobby Kerr continued the danger by veering to the right and taking Luton's defence with him before slipping the ball through for Joe Baker.

The ex-Arsenal Baker boy heightened the danger by snapping up the pass and then slipping the ball under the diving body of Luton keeper Tony Read.

Tempers rose as Luton stepped up their frantic efforts for the elusive equaliser. Referee Pugh was busy lecturing Hoy and McGiven after a bout of fistcuffs on the hour mark.

A couple of minutes later Hoy tackled McGiven and the Sunderland left-back fell awkwardly. McGiven stayed on the ground and had to be carried off.

Substitute Chambers was sent on to get a first taste of League football on his 21st birthday.

The celebration looked a bit sick in the 80th minute when battering-ram Luton finally got through with Macdonald volleying home a Jimmy Ryan centre.

But skilful Sunderland came again to jolt Luton.

Baker curled a free kick around Luton's wall of defenders and little Bobby Kerr scarcely had to move off his spot to nod home the winner.

LUTON: Read, Ryan (John), Slough, Hoy, Nichols, Moore, Ryan (Jimmy), Gault, Macdonald, Keen, Glens. Sub: Busby.

SUNDERLAND: Montgomery, Irwin, Harvey, Todd, Pitt, McGiven, Park, Porterfield, Baker, Kerr, Hughes. Sub: Chambers.