

Luton's face saved by sub Busby

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Luton 1, Charlton 1

BOTTOM of the table, Charlton, ahead through a penalty after 69 minutes, roused ambitious Luton to positive action to keep their promotion hopes alive.

And it was substitute Busby who replaced Hoy seconds before Charlton's skipper. Went scored from the spot, who restored some of Luton's self respect with an equaliser six minutes later and ensured they remained unbeaten in home league games since October.

The Busby goal spurred Luton to an exciting attacking climax, but a combination of brilliant goal-keeping by Wright and sheer bad luck allowed them only one point.

They are, however, certainly not Division One material on this showing, while Charlton still have a hard fight on their hands to avoid a drop to Division Three.

Scythed down

Some wierd refereeing upset the crowd, but it was a correct decision which brought the Charlton goal. Plumb had collected a headed forward clearance from Bond, and as Peacock raced to meet his centre, just inside the box, Slough scythed him down.

Went calmly put the ball high and safe in the net to the left of Read.

Busby missed an open goal from an Anderson centre before making amends in the 75th minute. Jim Ryan crossed from the left and Keen headed forward for Busby to lob the ball home just inside the post.

There were three second-half bookings—Hoy for a foul on Bond, Bruck for kicking the ball away, and Wright for remarks to the referee after an indirect free kick had been awarded against him for exceeding the regulation four paces with the ball.

Luton: Read: John Ryan, Slough, Hoy, Nicholl, Moore, Jim Ryan, Givens, Macdonald, Keen, Anderson. Sub.: Busby.

Charlton: Wright; Curtis, Bruck, Reeves, Went, Shipperley, Bond, Treacy, Plumb, Endean, Peacock. Sub.: Warman.

Referee: C. Thomas (Treorchy).