

Went turns pressure on Luton

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BRAVE Paul Went shackled master-striker Malcolm Macdonald . . . and Luton, who will vote this season a miss if they don't make Division One, were held by Charlton, the men most likely to drop into Division Three.

Went, in tremendous form, kept a tighter rein on Macdonald than any centre-half this term.

Macdonald, watched again by Newcastle United, could not end his recent lean spell as Went, along with the heroic Charlie Wright, renewed Charlton's hopes.

Manager Theo Foley said afterwards: "I do not see this performance as the one that saves us, but the lads battled hard for their point."

Wright, who was booked for showing dissent, made a series of brilliant saves, particularly in the closing stages.

Luton's attack brightened when Viv Busby came on for Roger Hoy, who had played for over an hour with a badly damaged nose.

Immediately Busby was pushed up as striker, and within five minutes he snatched the equaliser.

Charlton had gone ahead in the 68th minute when Went scored from the penalty spot after John Ryan's late tackle pulled down Keith Peacock.

That was against the run of the play because Charlton, despite some hard running, had seldom looked like piercing Luton's strong back four, in which Chris Nicholl and John Moore were outstanding.

For a time Busby looked as if he might win the game on his own. He had a goal disallowed in a rousing finish.

It was a game Hoy will not remember with much pleasure. He had two stitches in a badly cut nose, and before his departure he was booked for a foul on Bond.

A game that was by no means rough produced another name in referee Clive Thomas's book.

Third man was Deitmer Bruck, who asked for trouble by booting the ball away after being penalised for a foul.