

Sub robs fighting

By Eric Nicholls

LUTON 1, CHARLTON 1

BRAVE Charlton are battling on. Theo Foley's boys won't throw in the Second Division relegation towel until they are safe—or down.

That was the clear message from this match that left Luton a home point adrift in their bid for the First Division.

Until the last 15 minutes Charlton looked most likely to win. And then only the superb skills of substitute Busby, who had come on

Charlton

for the injured Hoy, gave Luton any punch.

Busby got Luton's equaliser with a delicate touch of his head to round off a great Jimmy Ryan—Keen move.

Charlton's goal, a penalty slotted home immaculately by skipper Went after Peacock had been tripped by John Ryan, was no more than they deserved for their courage and willingness to attack.

It might have been enough but for that late Luton revival when cheerful Charlie Wright brought off a series of incredible saves.

Booked

Wright was booked for the first time in his professional career for disputing a free kick for taking too many steps. He joined colleague Bruck and Luton's Hoy in the parade of cautions.

Bruck was booked for kicking the ball away and Hoy for a bad tackle on Bond.

MacDonald was well held by Went, and Luton never looked like a side who would score goals in the First Division.

Charlton to stay up or Luton to go up? After this I'd say Charlton were the better bet.

LUTON: Read 7; Ryan (John) 7; Moore 7; Nicholl 6; Slough 6; Keen 5; Hoy (Inj.) 6; Anderson 7; Ryan (Jimmy) 7; Givens 5; Macdonald 5. Sub.: *BUSBY 8.

CHARLTON: Wright 8; Gurtis 7; Shipperley 6; *WENT 9; Bruck 6; Bond 5; Reeves 7; Treacy 5; Peacock 6; Pizunb 5; Enderan 5. Ref.: C. Thomas (Tregorchy) 4.