

I WILL GO IF IT HELPS

Belgians watch Andy in Town super show

PETER ANDERSON beat a knee injury last night to return to the Luton shop window, score two brilliant goals in the club's biggest away win for five years, and sent Antwerp directors back to Belgium on the night flight from Heathrow gurgling in happy anticipation.

For Andy is one of the Luton players who can help the club out of their desperate financial straits. He is one who will have to be sold if the club is to exist.

After the game he said: "I know they were watching me. I'm glad I did well. If the club have to sell me I understand the position, and I will be happy to go if it helps them.

"I haven't spoken to anyone about it yet. In fact, the only bloke I saw here

tonight was a little chap in a beret carrying a string of onions," he joked.

Manager Harry Haslam said: "Antwerp were there, but they left before the end as they did not want to be quizzed by the Press about their interest in Anderson.

"They will be getting in touch with me. They certainly must have been impressed with the lad."

Luton would expect to receive the best part of £100,000 for Anderson.

On their way back from London Luton stopped at a fish and chip shop

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for their supper, but their display against Charlton had totally belied their current days of poverty.

After being a goal down they fought back with a performance of great character. It was a match that made one despair to think of the earlier down-and-out days this season.

There may be no money in the bank,

but last night there were certainly riches on the field. For half an hour it looked as if they were to take another battering, but they slugged their way out of the corner, turned Charlton on the ropes, and thrashed them all round the huge South London arena.

It was a splendid match from start to finish. Every goal was a golden hand-out for the 8,000 crowd, who were lost in one of the biggest stadia in the country.

Several Luton players vied for the man-of-the-match award. Skipper Alan West played a major part in all five goals, goalkeeper Keith Barber made three outstanding saves early in the second half to make Luton's victory possible, and Jimmy Husband, like Anderson, collected two superb goals.

He is now Luton's leading scorer with seven goals. And last night he played some lovely stuff.

But the two great facets of this Luton victory was their ability to blink off early punishment, and to come back to score five breathtaking goals.

They could have been staggering at half-time. Charlton went ahead when centre-forward Flanagan headed in a Peacock free-kick in the eighth minute.

Futcher cleared another free-kick off the line, and Derek Hales looked to have scored when he shot at an empty net. However, John Ryan, scampering back in desperation, scooped the ball against a post and saw it bounce back along the goal-line.

Then Hales slipped Futcher, but Hunt missed an open goal. Luton were back on their heels. But as well as an awful lot of skill, there's a band of steel running through this Luton side.

West, roaring, fighting, cajoling, bellowing, urged his team back into the game. He was warned for overdoing it in tackles. He was told to calm down by the referee.

So West did it the other way — by example. In the 38th minute he fed the ball to Brian Chambers, who sliced open the Athletic defence with a marvellous pass, and Anderson raced through to hit a beautifully-controlled shot past Tutt to equalise.

Jitters

At half-time it was all square, with both sides being rattled under pressure and anxious not to make a mistake.

Charlton's Giles was booked for a foul on Anderson, and John Ryan was booked for something he said to the referee.



The prophetic notice sums it all up. As Luton's Peter Anderson signs autographs at Charlton last night, he knows he could be the first Luton player on the move after being watched by Belgian First Division side Antwerp. The notice, of course, refers to stand tickets

Luton's defence had further jitters, and Futcher, who also played some marvellous stuff, caused the Town as many frights as a fairground ghost train with some of his casual skills in the box.

Then Barber did his thing, and Luton wrapped up their fine win in three incredible minutes, one of which was stationary while Anderson was having treatment.

West sent King away and he hit the bar from a near impossible position on the right by-line. Jimmy Husband dived forward to head Luton into the lead.

There was a minute's stoppage while Anderson was revived following a collision with Young before West sent Aston away on the left. His cross was brilliantly headed in by Husband.

And seconds later West won the ball in midfield, sent it to Buckley, who provided Chambers with a chance which he took with obvious enjoyment.

So after an hour it was all over. Twelve minutes later Anderson scored his second, and again it was from a West pass. Yes, I reckon the Luton skipper must emerge as man-

of-the-match.

Faulkner was outstanding in defence, and John Ryan was in one of his aggressive moods. Steve Buckley played some great stuff going forward, but was exposed for speed a couple of times by the lightning fast Paddy Powell.

This was certainly a game to remember. Let us hope the memory lasts Luton ten days when they play their next match against West Brom.

It is worth recording that this was Charlton's first League defeat under floodlights since April, 1972. That's a hell of a long time in



Luton lifted the gloom at the Valley last night with a five-star display which saw Charlton slump to their worst home defeat for five seasons

Above, Luton's second goal . . . Andy King (No 7) fires against the bar from an "impossible" angle and Jimmy Husband is about to drive forward to head in.

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley; Chambers, Faulkner, Paul Futcher; King, Anderson, Husband, West, Aston, Sub: Jim Ryan.
Charlton: Tutt; Penfold, Warrman; Bowman, Giles, Young; Powell, Hales, Flanagan, Hunt, Peacock, Sub: Curtis.
Referee: Mr. D. W. Lloyd (Worce).
Goals: Flanagan (8min) Charlton; Anderson (38min) Luton; Husband (57min) Luton; Husband (59min) Luton; Chambers (60min) Luton; Anderson (72min) Luton.