

# HOI-SHOT HALES HITS LUTON

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**Luton 1 Charlton 1**

**DEREK HALES**, leading scorer in the Second Division, notched his 25th League goal of the campaign and damaged the outside hopes of promotion of his former Luton colleagues.

His goal in the 78th minute earned Charlton a point in a scrappy end-of-the-season game and marked his return to the ground where he learned his trade in suitable fashion.

Hales was transferred to Charlton from Luton three years ago for £10,000.

But afterwards Luton boss Harry Haslam had no regrets. "He went there and has done a good job for them, but he didn't do anything for us," he said.

Although Luton were disappointing they moved up two places in the table and Haslam said: "We should have won and I had a good talk with the lads afterwards.

"But when you play badly and move up two places you can't complain."

Facing Hales was another Luton home-grown prospect, reserve centre-half Paul Price. He policed Charlton's danger-men to perfection until the fatal 78th minute when Mike Flanagan broke down the left and put over a centre that caught Luton 'keeper Keith Barber out of position.

Hales gave Price the slip for once and was on the spot to equalise Luton's first-half goal scored by John Ryan in the 39th minute.

It was a result of Jeff Wood, Charlton's teenage 'keeper being penalised for taking more than the permitted four steps. The kick was taken by Luton skipper Alan West and John Ryan hammered the ball firmly into the net.

Before the goal Charlton's Tony Young had his name taken by referee Ralph Lee, of Cheadle, for encroaching.