

7 Jimmy shows he's the boss

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LUTON'S best win for 22 years!
And Charlton's worst defeat for
18!

Charlton were destroyed by fast
running, quick thinking, the inept-
ness of their all-round play—and
four cracking goals by Jimmy
Husband.

Unbelievably, it was Charlton's
first defeat in 12 League matches.
The rot began after 19 minutes
when Husband, standing on the
edge of the area, latched on to a
scooped free-kick from skipper Alan
West and slammed the ball into the
net.

Luton went two-up on the half-
hour when full-back Steve Buckley
picked up a loose ball on the left of
the area and rammed it into the net.
That followed good approach work
by West, Ron Futchner and Husband!

That's how it remained at the
interval and the only problems
Luton 'keeper Milija Aleksic had to
deal with were dives to the feet of

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Luton 7 Charlton 1

Hugh McAuley and Colin Powell.

Charlton held out until the 59th
minute—then came the flood of goals.
First, Ricky Hill saw his 20-yard
shot dip under the bar when
Charlton 'keeper Jeff Wood was
convinced the ball was going over.

The fourth came after 65 minutes.
Husband, collecting a pass from
Hill, left defender Les Berry flat-
footed and blasted the ball just wide
of Wood's grasping left hand.

No 5 was a treat for debut-boy
Gary Heale, just 18. In the 72nd
minute, he nodded the ball in from
a right-wing cross by John
Faulkner.

The sixth came three minutes
later—when a needless hand-ball by
defender David Campbell gave

Luton a penalty they barely needed.
Husband sent Wood the wrong way
from a kick for his hat-trick.

After 78 minutes, Husband ran
clear to tap the ball past Wood for
his fourth and Luton's seventh.

The visitors' consolation came
when Powell was brought down in
the area and Mike Flanagan slotted
home his fourth goal in eight days
from the spot.

Charlton boss Andy Nelson had
two words to describe his feelings.
The second was ashamed. Luton
manager Harry Haslam, noted for
his grin, has never worn a wider
one.

One final touch of irony. Charl-
ton's all-time record away victory
was a 6-1 win at, yes you've
guessed it, Luton.

LUTON.—Aleksic 7, Price 7, Buckley 7,
Puccillo 7, Faulkner 8, Futchner (P) 7,
HUSBAND 9, Hill 8, Futchner (R) 7, West
7, Heale 7, Sub: Carr.

CHARLTON.—WOOD 6, Curtis 4, Warman
5, Campbell 4, Berry 4, Tydeman 5, Powell
5, Burman 4, Flanagan 5, Peacock 5,
McAuley 5, Sub: Gritt.