

TOUGH AT THE TOP

THE LEADERS

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Everton	33	20	6	7	66
Liverpool	34	19	9	6	66
Man. Utd.	33	19	6	8	63
Chelsea	31	18	8	5	62
Arsenal	31	17	7	7	58
Sheff. Wed.	33	16	7	10	55
W. Ham	29	16	6	7	54
Luton	34	15	9	10	54

Grounded

EVERTON'S Kevin Sheedy was feeling low when he suffered a pulled hamstring in the surprise defeat against Luton. The injury will keep him out for three weeks in which time he hopes Everton will be back in their championship stride.

BY JACK STEGGLES: Luton 2, Everton 1

EVERTON'S grip on the championship was loosened by Mike Newell—a life long Liverpool supporter.

Newell got the winner to blast the title race wide open and said: "The fact that it came against Everton has made it all the sweeter."

"I first stood on the Kop cheering for Liverpool as a six-year-old so this game was special to me. To play against Everton when they are reigning champions and on top of the League is unbelievable."

It was Everton's first defeat in 19 matches and leaves them facing a tough fight to hang onto their crown.

But Steve Foster, who did more than anyone to turn the game in Luton's favour, believes Everton will still finish top.

Foster scored with a powerful header from Ricky Hill's free kick nine minutes from time, and another Foster header, this time from a David Preece corner, seemed to be on the way in when Newell popped up to make sure.

Everton manager Howard Kendall, said: "We were guilty of bad defending, for both goals came from set pieces." Kevin Richardson scored for Everton.

