

Luton 1, Charlton 0

LUTON maintained their undefeated home record and their lofty position in the First Division with a narrow and uninspiring win over hardworking Charlton in a swirling fog at Kenilworth Road yesterday, writes **Robert Alexander**.

One flash of harmonious skill from the Stein brothers produced both a goal and the only memorable moment on an otherwise barren afternoon of honest but dislocated toil.

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The goal came in the 20th minute. Brian Stein, taking a pass from Wilson, slipped past Humphrey to release brother Mark. A burst of pace and an accurate cross-shot left Johns floundering.

Charlton, who had most of the possession, were unable to create a clear opening in reply though Aizlewood, Stuart, Shipley and Pearson kept Sealey occupied with some speculative efforts. But they kept pegging away and Luton, badly missing the guile of Hill and Preece, not to mention Harford's thrust, were often glad to clear their lines in an uncharacteristically wild manner.

Luton: Sealey, Johnson, Grimes, Nicholas, Foster, Donhagy, Wilson, B. Stein, Newell, M. Stein, McDonnough.

Charlton: Johns, Humphrey, Reid, Shipley, Thompson, Shirtliff, Lee, Stuart, Pearson, Aizlewood, Peake.

Referee: A. Robinson.