

Hero Carter keeps

Millwall in race

THE FIRST Division championship race has been blown wide open—and no one is more pleased than Millwall boss John Docherty.

He heard with relish the news of Arsenal's defeat by Forest after seeing Jimmy Carter put three more points under Millwall's belt with two brilliantly-taken first-half goals at Luton.

Carter, a £15,000 bargain from Queens Park Rangers, struck in the first 30 minutes as Millwall controlled the match.

But they had to work hard in the second-half as Luton bolstered by a 53rd-minute penalty and the introduction of former Hendon striker Iain Dowle as substitute, found something like their real form.

Docherty said of Arsenal's setback: "That really keeps the pot boiling. We don't want anyone to run away with the championship. Everyone wants it to go to the last kick of the game—and no one more than us."

Luton, missing the inspirational presence of skipper Steve Foster, who was beginning a two-match ban, were constantly second best in the aerial battles.

Up front Millwall's Carter,

Luton 1 Millwall 2
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Teddy Sheringham and Tony Cascarino received superb service from the back that Mick Harford and Ricky Hill so clearly lacked.

Millwall went ahead after 24 minutes. Cascarino and Sheringham began the move and Carter took Sheringham's pass to rifle home a great drive past Les Sealey.

With Millwall cruising through a hesitant Luton defence the second goal—after

30 minutes—came as no surprise. Cascarino cashed in on a Luton defence that waited in vain for an offside decision and his cross was met sweetly by Carter who drove it home.

Luton's best effort in the first half was a snap drive by Tarford in the 18th minute that flashed over the bar.

They came alive in the second half following the boost of a 53rd-minute penalty. Terry Hurlock held back David Preece and Danny Wilson blasted the kick past goalkeeper Brian Horne.

Pressure

The substitution of Dowle for Preece in the 70th minute produced Luton's best spell of the match. Dowle might have equalised with his first touch—a drive that had Horne scrambling full length to save.

Luton manager Ray Harford said: "Millwall were better than us in the first half, but I thought we might have got a draw on the strength of our performance in the second."

The match was screened on closed circuit television at Millwall's ground because of Luton's ban on visiting fans.

Millwall boss Docherty said: "Many of our fans want to see every match we play in the First Division and we can't deny them that."