

Classy Chamberlain keeps luckless Liverpool at bay

LUTON keeper Alec Chamberlain may not be as clever with words as his namesake Neville, but he found the right ones after defying the championship favourites.

'They had a lot of shots and headers which went an inch or two the wrong side of a post which on another day could have gone in,' he said.

It was a realistic assessment of a mediocre match which coincided with the terse verdict of Kenny Dalglish. 'We didn't get the breaks and every team needs a break. We are not disappointed. One point is better than none which we got here last season.'

Chamberlain, who was once let go by England manager Bobby Robson when he was at Ipswich, has finally emerged as a First Division-class goalkeeper after an

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arduous apprenticeship at Colchester and Everton before Luton paid £150,000 for him a year ago.

Against Sheffield Wednesday in mid-week Chamberlain was often indecisive, but when the pressure was on against Liverpool he made all the right decisions.

Struggle

If the England manager had been present, instead of watching Terry Butcher in Glasgow, he would have been none too pleased about the performance of Peter Beardsley, who was replaced by John Aldridge in the 74th minute. There was so little space that Beardsley, who will partner the goalless Gary Lineker in Stock-

holm next week, struggled to find a role. And though England partner John Barnes put over the game's most telling crosses, he was too much on the periphery.

Robson names his squad tomorrow for the World Cup qualifying game in Sweden and his problem is that none of his forwards are in prime form. The outstanding international on show was, Robson will be chastened to learn, Swedish captain Glenn Hysen.

Ian Rush had little luck, as did Aldridge, whose 88th minute volley finally beat Chamberlain only to bounce back off the angle of post and crossbar.

Liverpool have always had a phobia about Luton's pitch, now relaid and sandier than ever, so they were not viewing it as too much of a failure.