Big match facts ● LUTON TOWN: Sommer; James (Adcock 67 mins), Peake, Johnson, Thomas; Telfer, Waddock, Allen, Oakes: Hartson, Marshall. CHARLTON: Salmon; Bennett, Chapple, McCleary, Mortimer, Robinson, Pardew, Brown,

Robson (Nelson 77 mins); Leaburn, Whyte. THE GOAL: David Whyte, far post header after 19 minutes, from a cross by John OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town three saved and

six wide; Charlton four saved, three wide and a shot by Carl Leaburn hit the outside of a post when he should have scored. Corners: 8-7 to the REFEREE: Paul Alcock, Redhill. Kept the

 BOOKED: Julian James for a foul on Leaburn; Phil Chapple of Chariton for a foul on

 ATTENDANCE: 7,642 - very good on the coldest night of the season so far. • ENTERTAINMENT: Better than we might have expected on a bone-hard frosty pitch, with Chariton looking the better side on it.

Town's home jinx strikes yet again!

Reserves aim to rock Brighton WEATHER permitting, the Town reserves

The youth team will be at home

South East Counties League at Luton RFC

Monday as the Town went into the New Year with the old year's peak-lems returning to embarrass them in front of their own fans. A hard-working Chariton side, battling to claw its way out of relegation danger, because

in such circumstances is that the team had

minutes of hurry and scurry, with little sign that anyone could fashion anything so deci-Charlton are a team without stars, but

David Precce, who was ruled out by an

LUTON TOWN 0

CHARLTON 1

(Half-time: 0-1)

plastic pitch days - stand-up football, with

And he went one better 13 minutes later

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Charles co-marager Alan Curbishley

UTON TOWN: Sommer; James, Peake,

THE GOAL: Paul Telfer's third of the season, HIR ATTEMPTS: Town three saved and six

county three saved and seven wide. Corners: Bis Be Town.

RIPEREE: Rob Harris, Oxford: Very good, but isotene sometimes struggled on offsides.

SOCKED. County's Chris Maredon and GarySenger, for fouls on David Preced and Trevor
https://doi.org/10.1006/j.com/preced and Trevor
ATTENDANCE: 6249, County's second Joyeest
Startan words his and would have be a consistent. Not as good as an expension of the consistent of the consistency of the

NOTTS COUNTY 0 rang out the old year at Meadow Lane, **LUTON TOWN 1** Half-time: 0-0 of the season, and leaving Notts County had sidelined him since his transfer from

display, including a crucial save in the 22nd

Gary McSwegan was clear on goal after the

There was precious little threat to either

Hartson and Marshall both made strong

The keeper made the best save of the match

the Town defence was never again breached.

Telfer celebrates New Year with a cracker

firmly pinned to the bottom of the Endsleigh First Division. Telfer's right-foot drive from the edge of the He almost marked the occasion with a spec

NASTIT ... Luton striker Dwight Marshall, on the left and also pictured inset, lets fly with a drive which flew just too high

in Monday night's game against Charlton at Kenliworth Road. Town lost the game 1-0.

A CRACKING goal by Paul Telfer

ed the locals, who were more concerned at the

Meadow Lane has been transformed in the past two years, and is the sort of stadium and County scrapped and battled, tried to play

the result. Unfortunately the Town percentage of passes that

because we came here on a wide from close range. the crosses, which was a recurring fault.

The goal that settled it in the TIst minute hard game.
"Everyone did well, but we

didn't play well enough to work Dwight Marshall in, the far post, and with the goal behind him he did a back semersault to hook in a shot that, was inches the wrong side of the post. County made a desperate late attempt to save a point, but McSwegan shot wide when

better against the more com-mon 4-4-2." There was another benus though, Tony Adeock made his long-delayed league debut

LOCAL SOCCER REVIEW -

Barton's best for a decade

BARTON ROVERS 6 CHESHUNT 0

Barton had the points in the



GRAHAM GOLDS:

AC Cadoza stay ahead of the field

AC CADOZA stayed top of the Premier Division of the

Crawley Green scored a 5-2 win over Luten Old Boys

ried before Lee Jones completed the scoring.

RESULTS: PREMIER DIV: Fitwick 5 Luton Eagles 0 Luten OB 2 Crawley Green 5; Old Danuablians 0 AC Cadoza 3; Stuffiam 3 Stockwood Kings Arms 1. DIV ONE: Lea Sports 4 Luten OB Res 0; Thistle 2 Fitwick Town Res 1; Thomas De La Rue 0 Old Dunstablians

DIV TWO: Flitwick Town A 4 Thistle Res 6; Harlington

They are away to West Ham on Tuesday evening, with Des Linton hoping to begin his seback after injury in that match.

Charlton players were surprised. Leading shead. But he added: "I hope he does. We've come for a game." He got his wish, grabbed the winning

BEATEN TO THE PUNCH . . . Chariton goalkeeper Mike Salmon clears his lines under pressure

CUP APPEARANCES GOALS



Luton Town's season at a glance Who's who DATE ... OPPONENTS ... RESULT ... TOWN SCORERS ... ATTENDANCE ... LEAGUE POSITION APPEARANCES ... GOALS

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