

Schwer's a cut above

STILL THE BEST: Billy Schwer wears the Commonwealth light-weight championship belt after defending his title at the Royal Albert Hall with another knock-out success. Full story and more pictures: page 48

Norwegian could be new shooting star



RIISING STAR: Norwegian Vidar Riseth on his first appearance outjumps the opposition for the knock-down which led to David Oldfield's volley and save of the match by Mike Salmon.

BRIAN SWAIN AT KENILWORTH ROAD

NORWEGIAN striker Vidar Riseth looks set to for his full debut for Luton Town at Stoke on Saturday as manager Terry Westley tries to sharpen up the most shot-shy attack in the First Division.

The 23-year-old had his first taste of English football as a second-half sub for Ceri Hughes against Charlton, and did enough to please himself and his boss.

For the first time since John Taylor had to drop out through injury, the Town had a six-footer capable of winning the ball in the air.

And this week in training the accent is on creating chances, and taking them. Only ten scored in 14 league games tells its own story. The attack has fired blanks in five of its last eight outings.

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Charlton boss backs Westley

LUTON TOWN 0 CHARLTON ATHLETIC 1 VICTORIOUS visiting manager Alan Curbishley had sympathy for beleaguered Terry Westley and advice for the Luton Town boss' critics after the unhappy Hatters went down to their fifth home league defeat of the season.

Charlton's win left the Town back in the First Division's bottom three, and once more some of the customers greeted the latest reverse with demands for Westley to be sacked.

As he said a week ago, when his team battled to win at Ipswich, it's all about results, and supporters are losing patience with a team that has scraped together just four home points out of the 21 on offer so far.

It was left to the Charlton boss to give a dispassionate view. "We have played a lot better than that in away games and ended up with nothing," he said. "Today the result was more important than the performance."

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