

DEFENDERS RULED THE ROOST 46/47

Luton Town... 1 Chesterfield... 1

THANKS to the efforts of officials and players, Luton's ground, decorated in national colours—red sand, white snow and blue markings—was really "playable." Chesterfield and Luton gave a great display of fast, progressive football in difficult but not unfair conditions.

Both sides took risks and without injury to any player. Indeed, only once was the trainer on the field and then to attend to an ankle injury to Frank Soo when he kicked the ball the same time as Ottewell.

A draw was a fair result for, though Luton commanded a large share of the play, they could rarely outwit Chesterfield's compact defence in which the 39-year-old Kidd was conspicuous.

Positioning and covering were features of the Chesterfield defence which deserved some reward for its gallant efforts. Luton's forwards were rarely allowed to develop an opening.

Streten's great saves

Luton's defence, marshalled by Soo, was little, if any, inferior. I liked the cool play of Brice, a tall young centre-half, who used the ball discreetly, and the goalkeeping of amateur Bernard Streten. Despite losing a goal in the first two minutes—he failed to get his body behind a swerving 20 yards' shot from Ottewell—he displayed fine judgment and a safe pair of hands in making several great saves.

With the ball running away quickly and at awkward angles it was not a forwards' day. Wingers had the best chances and Waugh and Shanks were outstanding. The outside-right, who had a long trial with Chelsea, made the equaliser with a fine run and shot. The ball rebounded from the crossbar to Daniel, whose task was easy.

It seemed to me that Billington would have preferred mud to the hard going. He missed one easy chance, as did Swinscoe, who, with Roberts, was the pick of Chesterfield's lively attack.

LUTON: B Streten; Cooke, Lake; Soo, Brice, Gardiner; Shanks, Duggan. Billington, Daniel, Waugh.

CHESTERFIELD: Middleton; Watson; Kidd; Goodfellow. Cushlow, Booker; Hudson, Oliver. Swinscoe, Ottewell, Roberts.