

Town Save Point After Early Reverse

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN 1

Daniel

CHESTERFIELD 1

Ottewell

The Town were in arrears for the greater part of their home match with Chesterfield on Saturday, but gained a deserved equaliser in the later stages.

Yet it was in the first half that they most looked like scoring, for despite the fact that Chesterfield took the lead in two minutes, the Town were the superior team in everything but the final rounding off of their attacks.

The reconstructed forward line played some sparkling football on the sanded, snow-covered pitch, and the visitors' goal had some very narrow escapes.

Duggan and Billington were the most dangerous of the marksmen and each came close to securing the equaliser on several occasions. The latter once broke through brilliantly only to shoot wide from close range and Duggan got the ball into the net, only to be penalised for offside.

The only goal of the half was a surprise affair from OTTEWELL, who tried a most speculative sort of shot from just outside the penalty area. The ball went away from Streten, who was deceived by the change in its flight.

CHESTERFIELD'S SOLID DEFENCE

After their hammering in the first half, the Chesterfield defence presented a very solid front after the interval and so effectively did they close up the avenues of approach that for a long time it seemed that the Town might lose both points.

The visitors covered well and never hesitated to use safety-first tactics. However, the Town had their reward 20 minutes from the end when Shanks made a great run and whipped in a shot which rebounded from the bar for DANIEL to score from close range.

The forward line showed much promise and Shanks pleased everybody by the progressive way in which he did his work. He looks like earning himself a regular place and,

at the same time, solving a long-standing problem.

With Duggan he formed the best wing on the field, and the inside right was most dangerous in the region of goal.

Billington was not quite at his best, but he might easily have been among the goals, and was always a force with which to be reckoned.

Daniel did much foraging and wandering with rather less success than usual, but Waugh had a good match in the position which he occupied in the early part of the season.

Streten gave a most impressive display of goalkeeping and his judgment and anticipation were seldom at fault. Without doubt, he saved the Town from defeat when he rushed out to make a point blank save from Swinscoe.

Of the others, Gardiner was outstanding and Soo and Brice completed a sound middle line. Cooke gave his usual hard-tackling, reliable showing, but Lake found things somewhat difficult after the interval, though he did well earlier on.

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

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