

Had Chances At Chesterfield

CHESTERFIELD 2

Capel, Hall (A.)

LUTON TOWN 0

The Town had sufficient chances in the first half to have made certain of a comfortable lead at Saltergate, but after finding loopholes in the home defence, they simply could not get the ball into the net.

For 20 minutes they had a somewhat startled Chesterfield team running around in circles, and Middleton had been kept on tenterhooks long before Streten had to handle the ball.

Then, a quick home breakaway brought a corner from which CAPEL headed the ball goalwards, and Streten, making his effort late, could not reach the ball with his outstretched hands.

Although Chesterfield did better after this, opportunities continued to come the way of the Town, and every member of the front line should have scored on some occasion during the match.

Best chance of all fell to Soo a few minutes after the start of the second half, when from about 10 yards he drove the ball first-time over the bar, and after doing so, could not hide his chagrin.

Three minutes later, instead of being on level terms, the Town found themselves further in arrears when Capel beat Streten for possession and lobbed the ball into the middle for HALL (A.) to head through.

After that, there was not much hope for the Town, despite the fact that they continued to have much of the play.

The introduction of Soo and Ottewell to the inside forward positions did not have the desired effect, but Shanks brought improvement at outside-right and shared the forward honours with Duggan.

Owen struck his best form immediately on his return to the team, and Gardiner and Hall both put up fine performances, too.

Behind them, Wilson and Lake were steady enough, and did well against a couple of lively wingers.

CHESTERFIELD: Middleton; Milburn (S), Kirkman; Goodfellow, Booker, Robinson; Hall (A), Machent, Hudson, Capel Roberts.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Wilson, Lake; Gardiner, Hall, Owen; Shanks, Soo, Duggan, Ottewell.