

LUTON STRUGGLE ON

Luton 1, Chesterfield 2

LUTON have had to struggle in each division in which they have played during the last six years. And life is unlikely to be easier for them unless they make better use of their scoring chances than they did on this occasion.

At least half a dozen from close range went begging and Luton lost a game they should have won comfortably.

However, praise to Chesterfield for the way in which they managed to keep the game tight. So tight, in fact, in the second-half that they gave the impression—and there was solid foundation for it—that they were quite content to play for a draw.

Their defensive covering was good with Clarke, Phelan and Hughes giving little away, if one excepts

the openings that led to the numerous blunders by Luton in front of goal.

Even when Salisbury put Chesterfield ahead after seven minutes Luton seemed to have little cause to worry especially after Stark had opened his account for his new club.

Always one could see Luton building up to a winning position which never quite materialised and it came as a major shock seven minutes from the end when Henderson, who had earlier hit a post, went through a gap in defence to get the winner.

Chesterfield were a workmanlike, but not brilliant side, and even their manager, Tony McShane, commented: "We did not really play very well."

Luton: Tinsley; Thomson, Jardine; Reid, Rivers, Moore; Riddick, Rioch, O'Rourke, Stark, Whittaker. Sub: Read.

Chesterfield: Osborne; Taylor, Sears; Clarke, Phelan, Hughes; Godfrey, Henderson, Hollett, Morton, Salisbury. Sub: Moore.

Referee: D. J. Lynden (Birmingham).