

Might have had more goals

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CHESTERFIELD 1, LUTON TOWN 3

CLEARLY, the Town demonstrated at Chesterfield that they are capable of playing an ordered telling brand of football, even away from home, if they are allowed to.

They were not given the opportunity at Hartlepool, but this was a relatively clean game, with nothing of the viciousness the Town encountered in their previous match.

As a result, the 4-2-4 system worked well and Chesterfield were beaten more comprehensively than the score would suggest.

From the start, the Town settled down to press back Chesterfield into defence and they might conceivably have had sufficient goals in the first 20 minutes to put any result but handsome victory out of court.

O'ROURKE set the seal on their good start by heading a spectacular goal after 13 minutes from a pass by Read and was unlucky shortly afterwards when another header that seemed booked for the net, struck Read.

Despite a lot of switching about by Chesterfield, they did not seem dangerous and it was a surprise when they levelled matters after 32 minutes.

It came as a result of one of the few defensive mistakes made by the Town because

Moore missed his tackle on MORTON, who went on.

Ramage saved his first shot, but the ball rebounded off the goalkeeper back to Morton who was able to force it in, despite a great effort by Woods to scoop it off the line.

STRUCK TWO QUICK GOALS

Feeling at half-time was that the Town were not in such a good position as their football had warranted, but they set about putting that to rights and in five minutes after the resumption were 3-1 ahead.

First, RIDDICK accepted a simple chance after O'Rourke had helped on a centre by French and, two minutes later, JARDINE came storming through to snap up a pass from Whittaker, who had been sent away by O'Rourke, and crash the ball into the net.

Apart from two or three forays by the Chesterfield forwards which did not amount to a great deal in the end, the lead was never in danger after that.

In fact, there should have been a penalty when O'Rourke, clean through, was pulled down by Arlbaster as he prepared to apply the finishing touch. To the general amazement, the referee awarded a free kick against the centre-forward which was a baffling decision, to say the least.

RIDDICK DID WELL IN NEW JOB

This was a confident, competent Town with no real suggestion of a weak spot. Riddick made a success of his new link-man job in which he was associated with Reid, who again did a great deal of covering.

There was thrust on both wings from French and Whittaker, and O'Rourke was a constant source of anxiety to the home defence. Read worked willingly enough, without being so successful as he

Although, occasionally, a gap developed down the middle, the defence was a compact unit, with Woods marshalling it well and Moore playing deep in mostly a defensive role.

Thomson made a happy return to the side, Jardine was never in much trouble and Ramage's debut suggested that he will make a bid for a regular place.

CHESTERFIELD: Arlbaster; Holmes, Sears; Clarke, Blakey, Phelan; Adams, Hughes, Hollett, Morton, Henderson.

LUTON TOWN: Ramage; Thomson, Jardine; Reid, Woods, Moore; French, Read, O'Rourke, Riddick, Whittaker.

Referee: P. Rhodes, York. Attendance: 3,750.