

O'Rourke puts Luton on right road

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Chesterfield 1 Luton 3

LUTON, skilled, methodical and determined, had little difficulty in taking both points from an unimpressive and disjointed Chesterfield side.

Playing variations on a 4-2-4 theme, with Gordon Riddick and John Reid the key men in midfield, Luton had too many attacking ideas for the comfort of the home side.

True, they had lost some of their composure for a spell in the first half, just after Chesterfield's equaliser, but they regained it in fine style afterwards and ripped the home defence to pieces.

Luton's quick and courageous forwards, backed by a resolute defence, were soon in the picture and John O'Rourke headed them into a deserved 13-minute lead.

A minute later another O'Rourke header looked goal bound, but struck Read's legs, and it was Chesterfield who scored next in the 32nd minute.

Lucky bounce

Alan Morton took the ball from John Moore on the edge of the penalty area, but seemed to have lost his chance when he was slow in shooting, allowing goalkeeper George Ramage to fling himself at his feet.

Fortunately for Morton, he got a lucky bounce and the ball went into the net despite the attempts of Matt Woods to clear.

Now came Chesterfield's pressure, but it quickly faded and Luton sealed the points with a burst of two goals in two minutes early in the second half—and O'Rourke was involved in both of them.

First he almost scored following a fine run by outside-right Graham French, but managed to push the ball across the goal to give Riddick a simple chance.

Then he linked up intelligently with Ray Whittaker who was always looking for the ball on the left wing, and up went left-back Fred Jardine to make the extra man.

With Chesterfield's defence failing to challenge, Jardine whipped in a fierce drive from just inside the penalty area.