

YOUNG TOWN GAINED POINT

Chances missed by both teams

By Chiltern

CHESTER 0, LUTON TOWN 0

TOWN manager, George Martin, has his problems, but after Saturday's match at Sealand Road, he freely admitted that he prefers the type facing him to those with which Chester surely must have a confrontation shortly.

At least, the great majority of his players have the best of their careers in front of them whereas, on the evidence of this match, rather too many members of the home team, reached the peak of their careers in the past.

There was a slowness in defence that could have been exploited had the Town carried more experience and, perhaps, more confidence in attack, but with five teenagers included in a team whose average age was just under 21, to draw here was no mean performance.

Indeed, it was a landmark, because this counted as the first away point of the season and was probably the most satisfying away display, despite the fact that goals should have come but, somehow or another, did not.

There were times when they were very close, as when Rioch clipped the top of the

bar with a rousing drive at the end of a brilliant solo run in the second half and twice in the first half when only Reeves's intelligent anticipation deprived him of his just reward.

In fact, both teams squandered their opportunities, as a glance at the score-line would serve to indicate, and Chester certainly had their chances, particularly early in the game before the Town defence had settled down, and Talbot was their chief culprit.

Once they had obtained the measure of things, the Town's defence did a splendid job, with Riddick settling down after a shaky sort of start, but the star was Slough, who not only curbed the activities of Metcalf, who can be a dangerous marksman, but had time to spare for some valuable covering, too.

CONBOY MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE

Conboy was much more effective than on his previous appearance and, judging by this display, there need be no worry about regarding him as a member of the first-team squad.

Behind him, Thomson was in dominant, hard-tackling mood, which led to a highly satisfying display from him, and Jardine was indefatigable in his approach.

Those untoward happenings against Notts County certainly have not upset the confidence of Read, who made some brilliant saves, and, on all the evidence, there is now a better understanding in defence.

Forward, Rioch took the honours by quite a wide margin, but Pleat worked hard, and Johnson made a tremendous start, without being able to keep it up.

Whittaker had an unproductive sort of match as, really, did Thear, who missed a couple of good opportunities and did not make the impression on Butler that he might.

CHESTER: Reeves; Singleton, Starkey; Hauser, Butler, Durie; Ryden, Metcalf, Talbot, Harley, Humes. Substitute: Hignett.

LUTON TN.: Read; Thomson, Jardine; Conboy, Riddick, Slough; Johnson, Pleat, Thear, Rioch, Whittaker. Substitute: King.

Referee: D. A. Corbett, Wolverhampton.

Attendance: 5,751.