

READ RESCUES SHAKY LUTON

CHESTER 0, LUTON 0

LUTON were lucky to gain their first away point because Chester should have clinched the result before their defence settled down.

Although the first shot of the match came from Luton's Thompson, Chester missed several chances in the first 15 minutes against a jittery rear-guard.

Read saved Luton during this period with some great saves and having survived they sensed their chance of at least a point and gained confidence.

Rioch—by far the best player on the field—was Luton's danger-man. He harassed the defence and was unlucky when he hit the bar with an excellent drive and when Butler headed one of his shots clear.

Both sides had their chances but punch was lacking among the forwards, who fiddled too much and allowed the defenders to cover up.

CHESTER: Reeves 7; Singleton 6, Hauser 6, Butler 7, Durie 6; Starkey 6, Ryden 6; *METCALFE 8, Talbot 6, Harley 6, Humes 6.

LUTON: Read 7; Thompson 6, Riddick 7, Slough 7, Jardine 7; Conboy 7, Pleat 6; Johnson 6, Thear 6, *RIOCH 8, Whittaker 6.

Referee: D. A. Corbett (Wolverhampton) 7.