

LUTON PLIGHT EASED

Luton 1 Chester 0: by PETER GILL

Luton's main satisfaction from a scrappy match was that the two points eased their worries about the possibility of applying for re-election. Manager Allan Brown summed it up: "We won and that's all you can say."

Chester's chief Peter Hauser, a former Blackpool team-mate of Brown, nodded agreement. Both agreed that the conditions, a light ball and blustery wind, made good football highly improbable.

That Luton deserved to win there was no doubt because their forward line, even though it was sparking on too few cylinders, was always more dangerous.

Yet they never looked like getting many goals despite the fact that the ball frequently crossed the Chester goalmouth.

While not conforming to the modern concept of throwing down a defensive barrier and hoping to keep a point, Chester were still efficient in packing their penalty area.

Tall Tom Singleton was supreme in heading away a stream of centres from Graham French and Ray Whittaker, and almost an equal number were cut out by the alert Terry Carling.

Even against the wind in the

first half Luton were the more dangerous despite the fact that they were for a spell without Gerry King, who went off to have a head wound stitched.

Forty-five minutes of rather aimless football produced no goals. The winner came two minutes after half-time.

Then the industrious Keith Allen headed in a centre from French.