

Luton held by Roberts

Chesterfield 0, Luton 0

NEITHER side have cause to complain about the result. A draw was the only fair conclusion to a keenly fought game which despite the lack of goals was never short on thrills.

Top of the table Luton were quickly under pressure in the early game but their rugged defence stood firm. Centre-half Branston was in great form and gave the eager Chesterfield forwards plenty of trouble. Both goalkeepers, Read for Luton and Roberts for Chesterfield, gave fine displays.

Chesterfield, desperately 'needing points to keep in the promotion race, moved fluently and intelligently in attack, but too often fell down because of a general inability to round off their attacks with accurate finishing.

They had new signing John Lumsden, signed from Workington on Thursday, making his debut at left back and he gave an encouraging performance, frequently getting the better of French.

Equal menace

Luton survived some anxious early moments and settled down to attack with equal menace. The fact that no one scored is a tribute to two fine defences and to the performances of Read and Roberts in particular. It was exciting soccer almost the whole of the time.

In the final stages both came close to breaking the deadlock. Allen struck the crossbar and Buxton had a good effort tipped over the top by Roberts before Read was called into action to thwart an effort by dangerman Hollett.

The only sour note of an entertaining match was the booking of full back McDerment in the first half for an over-zealous tackle on Moore.

Chesterfield: Roberts; Holmes, Lumsden; Pugh, Neale, Phelan; Moore, Randall, Hollett, Kettleborough, Wilson.

Luton: Read; Dougan, McDerment; Slough, Branston, Moore; French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker.

Referee: N. C. H. Burtenshaw (Great Yarmouth).