



A COUPLE of swells . . . that's the all-smiling Brian Chambers (right) and Lil Fuccillo, after the second Luton goal.

SKID ROW!

By ALASDAIR ROSS: Luton 4, Chelsea 0 76/77

CHELSEA'S runaway promotion charge slithered to a humiliating halt at snowbound Luton last night.

Goals from Lil Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, Jimmy Husband and Steve Buckley sent Eddie McCreadie's young side sliding to their heaviest League defeat of the season.

Chelsea boss McCreadie said: "This match should not have been played and the referee knew my feelings before the game.

"Six of my players have bad grazes. But, in saying that, I have no complaint about the result."

Luton manager Harry Haslam said: "Chelsea may complain about the conditions but we beat them fair and square."

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Haslam's right. It was Luton who had the pedigree look. Inspired from midfield by Chambers and the deft Alan West, they never faltered once they had roared into the lead in 71 seconds.

Chambers, a bargain £25,000 buy from Arsenal three years ago, sent full-back Paul Price clear on the right. A low cross found Husband unmarked at the far post and he skidded the ball back across goal.

As Chelsea's stranded defenders watched, Fuccillo swept home a simple goal.

Chelsea, with only Butch Wilkins able to match Luton's skilful play, slipped further behind in the 13th minute—and reserve keeper John Phillips must take the blame.

Phillips, playing his first game in two months, in place of the injured Peter Bonetti, didn't even

move as Chambers looped a left-foot volley high into the net from 18 yards.

Moments later Phillips was almost beaten again—this time as Fuccillo grazed the bar with a vicious shot. Luton were not to be denied and left Chelsea for dead with another quality strike in the 57th minute.

West, a strolling master in the arctic conditions,

found Husband with a neat through ball. Husband, transfer-listed all season, turned unchallenged to drive a right-foot shot beyond Phillips.

Chelsea's fans were drifting away as Luton rounded off a superb performance.

Phillips dropped a Ryan shot and then could only upend Price as the ball ran loose. Buckley hammered the penalty home



No hiding place

TOUGH TIME . . .

Garry Stanley comes under pressure and is cornered as Luton pair Jimmy Husband and Paul Price move in for the kill.