

TWO QUICK GOALS GIVE TOWN COMMAND

PLUCKY ARGYLE RALLY FAILS

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 2
Vidler Fletcher

LUTON TOWN 4
Roberts (2) Payne Vinall

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE—Cann; Kirkwood, Rae; Gorman, Clark, Black; Morgan, Wright, Bourton, Vidler, Fletcher.

LUTON TOWN. — Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Dawes, Payne, Vinall, Roberts, Stephenson.

Referee: G. V. Searle, Salisbury.

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TWO GOALS IN TWO MINUTES MID-WAY THROUGH THE FIRST HALF gave LUTON TOWN the upper hand at PLYMOUTH, and they ran out worthy winners, although the Argyle twice reduced the lead before the Town made the issue safe with a fourth goal twenty minutes from the end.

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THE ARGYLE WERE HANDICAPPED by an injury to Cann, their goalkeeper, who suffered a damaged leg in a collision with Stephenson in the early stages. He did not resume after the interval, but the work of the Town forwards was so good, that even after taking this misfortune into consideration, Plymouth were a well beaten team.

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THE TOWN'S FORM WAS A REVELATION after the dreary displays of the two previous Saturdays, and the new formation of the forward line proved an unqualified success. Dawes proved his versatility—he has played in every position in the forward line—by giving a great display at outside-right, and three of the goals came as a direct result of his work.

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HIS CENTRES WERE BRILLIANTLY PLACED, but he was only one of the good units in a forward line that played some class football. The line moved smoothly and well, and the ball was kept on the move in a manner that proved disconcerting to the Argyle defenders. Ably led by Vinall, they broke through time and again, and four goals did not flatter them.

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VINALL AGAIN REACHED THE LIME-LIGHT by his untiring efforts, while Roberts came back to his best, and gave a clever and hard-working display. He emulated his Southampton feat by scoring twice, and his first goal was one of the best seen this season. Stephenson was not quite so successful, but much of his work was excellent.

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PAYNE GOT HIS NAME IN THE SCORING LIST again, and proved an effective partner for Dawes, although the pace began to tell on him before the end. Finlayson and Nelson were outstanding in the middle line, with Fellowes a little behind, but not quite touching his best. Nelson resumed his tussles with Bourton, and as in the past, came out on top.

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MACKEY'S RE-APPEARANCE WAS AMPLY JUSTIFIED, and he seemed to put more backbone into the defence. His hefty kicking and hard tackling were much appreciated, and he is evidently the best man for the job. Smith took time to get the measure of Morgan, but he shut the winger out for the most part. His kicking was good. It looked as if Dolman



DAWES

might have saved the second goal, but apart from that, his keeping was faultless.

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EARLY PLAY FAVOURED THE TOWN, and for the first ten minutes or so, Plymouth were forced on the defensive. They settled down, and appeared the more dangerous side for a time. Then ROBERTS took advantage of a brilliant move by Vinall and Dawes to run on and give Cann no chance with a great rising shot.

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TWO MINUTES LATER, Cann could only fist out a centre from Dawes, and PAYNE crashed the ball into the net to put the Town two up. Nine minutes later, VINALL drew a bow at a venture from long range, and the ball went sailing into the net with Cann making no effort to save. It transpired that the goalkeeper's injury was the reason for this.

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LUTON WERE SO MUCH ON TOP that it was a surprise when VIDLER reduced the lead just before the interval. He was sent away with a delightful through pass, and gave Dolman no chance with shot into the top corner of the net.

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THE TOWN BEGAN THE SECOND HALF with a series of attacks, and then came an amazing rally by the Argyle. Although they were a forward short, they piled on the pressure, and FLETCHER reduced the lead with a hard drive from a grand pass from Wright. For a time the Town defence had to work overtime, and only a great save by Dolman prevented an equaliser when Fletcher again shot.

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GRADUALLY, HOWEVER, LUTON GAINED the upper hand again, and the forwards moved up in line for Dawes to centre neatly. Stephenson turned the ball inside to ROBERTS, who beat Kirkwood, the deputy goalkeeper, with a low drive. From this point to the end, it was all Luton, and Kirkwood had plenty of opportunity to demonstrate his goalkeeping ability. He did very well to keep out several shots.