

Luton Town Falter In Last Minute

Another Valuable Point Dropped

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LUTON TOWN 1

Ferguson

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1

Mitcheson

LUTON.—Coen; Carte, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes, Ferguson, Connelly, Vinall, Roberts, Stephenson.

PLYMOUTH.—Cann; Kirkwood, Rae; Gorman, McNeil, Ryan; Dougan, Mitcheson, Fletcher, Brown, Lane.

Referee: G. Dutton, Warwick.

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LUTON TOWN again faltered in their struggle to escape relegation when they failed to beat **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** at Luton on Saturday. The result was more disappointing than the game, and the loss of a point was due almost entirely to the deficiency of shooting quality in the Town attack.

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HAVING THE BETTER OF THE EXCHANGES, taking the game throughout, the Town forwards fiddled away when they should have tried shots, and the Argyle defence was strong enough to withstand tricky methods that were not accompanied by dash and enterprise. All the forwards were at fault in this matter, and the rest of the team deserved better results.

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FIRM GROUND in spite of plenty of watering affected control, and early on there were many failures to get the ball into effective use because of inability to keep it on the ground. Early attacks by the Town nearly succeeded, but passes went astray at the last moment.

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FERGUSON FAILED badly when he received an overhead pass by Vinall, and had only Cann to beat, and for some moments the Town pressed hotly, but they failed to get either the right direction or much power behind the ball when they shot. Stephenson did so, only to find Cann in position, but no other forward would shoot promptly.

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VINALL once shot strongly, but was just wide of the mark, and when the Argyle attacked, Carte and Nelson cleared with strong kicks, and Coen was not troubled for a long time. Lane once went through and centred well, but Dougan headed over, and in subsequent attacks the Town goal was lucky to escape. Coen saved finely from Ryan, and Brown had a shot sneak by the post with Coen all at sea.

STEPHENSON twice put in rasping shots, and Cann saved well, while Kirkwood and Rae kicked well, and although giving away corners several times, the Argyle defence withstood the pressure. Nelson once went right up into the Argyle goalmouth when a corner was forced, but headed over, and in the main the Town did the more attacking until the interval.

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PRESSURE was even stronger than ever after the resumption, and Cann was kept busy, though the shots were of the tame kind, and did not cause him a lot of worry. Twice he saved cleverly from Ferguson and Connelly, and then Coen did the same when he ran out and managed to prevent Lane shooting from point blank range.

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ROBERTS AND CONNELLY in turn overdid the dribbling when a shot was wanted, and Vinall also failed to control when the ball came to him inside the penalty area. Stephenson paved the way for the first goal when he dribbled through and centred, **FERGUSON** heading in, and although the ball was scooped out, the referee was right on the spot and awarded the goal without hesitation.

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ARGYLE'S GOAL had many escapes after this, and their defence was very hard worked, but stood up to the gruelling with great courage. Cann's job was less anxious because the Town forwards would not take a chance with a shot, but wanted to dribble through, and when the ball came his way he was usually well positioned, and had nothing hard to parry.

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WITH LESS THAN A MINUTE for play, the Argyle halves worked an attack, and with the Town defence wavering for a moment, the ball went to **MITCHESON** close in, and he beat Coen easily with his fast drive, and that ended the game.

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CARTE AND NELSON played finely in the Town defence. Coen made two or three fine saves, but did not appear too sure of what his colleagues would do. Smith was below par, but Finlayson and Fellowes got over a poor first half, and did very well in the second period. The forwards were off colour, and Stephenson was the best of a very poor line which lacked fighting quality at close quarters.

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ARGYLE had a sound defence, Rae and McNeil showing up prominently throughout, while the flank halves were very clever. Of the forwards, Mitcheson was most dangerous, and initiated many attacks.