

Town Took Their Chances Brilliantly At Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 2

Dews, Thomas

LUTON TOWN 4

Brennan 2, Billington 2

The Town laid the Plymouth bogey well and truly at Home Park on Saturday and, strangely enough, their win was by the same margin as their only previous success there in 1938.

Another curious factor was that the match ran in very much the same way for them as it had done against them at Newcastle the previous week.

They had the tonic effect of an early goal, suffered a somewhat unexpected reverse, and then really clinched matters with goals in the last minutes of the first half and the first minute of the second half.

Here the similarity ceased, for the Argyle managed to put themselves back in the game when they made the score 3—2. That state of affairs lasted only two minutes, for Billington, who made a successful re-appearance after absence through injury scored a fourth goal, and that was the end of Argyle's Cup career.

BRENNAN put the Town well on the way to qualifying for the fourth round when he found a gap in the home defence when the game was only four minutes old, and crashed the ball past Shortt from 18 yards.

Always quicker on the ball and showing the more constructive ideas, the Town were continually dangerous despite the fact that Plymouth managed to have quite a share of the play.

A goal from **DEWS** following a corner put them on level terms after 31 minutes, but with only two minutes of the half left, **BILLINGTON** made the most of a well-placed free-kick by Soo, and gave Shortt no chance.

ANOTHER EARLY SHOCK FOR ARGYLE

When that goal came, O'Brien was off the field having attention to a gash under his eye, but he resumed with the others, and less than a minute after play had begun, BRENNAN weaved his way through the defence in brilliant style to score another magnificent goal.

The Argyle showed pluck in fighting back, but were fortunate in the way in which they reduced their arrears. The Town claimed that a header from THOMAS had not crossed the line before Hughes kicked away. The referee thought otherwise and awarded a goal.

Then came the final thunderbolt for Plymouth when BILLINGTON rounded off good work by Brennan and Ottewell with another well-taken goal.

There was no question of the Town's superiority, and they took their chances with great accuracy.

Strongest part of the team was the half-back line in which Soo, leading the side, played brilliantly. Gardiner was little, if anything, behind, while Hall made a great debut and always proved a stumbling block to the home forwards. He was full of confidence, and played with the assurance of an experienced player.

Hughes was the better back, and Streten was ~~seen~~ in everything he did.

Star of the forward line was Brennan who was a continual source of danger. The quick way in which he cut through the Argyle defence always gave promise of goals.

Billington led the line in lively style and usually carried too many guns for John Oakes. He showed that, given the right sort of support, he will get the goals.

Shanks had quite a useful match, and Ottewell did much work in a quiet sort of way. O'Brien, much shaken by his mishap, never gave up and contrived to make many sharp raids.

Plymouth Argyle: Shortt; Stuart, Jones; Boyd, Oakes, Davies; Tadman, Squires, Thomas, Dews, Strauss.

Luton Town: B. Streten; Lake, Hughes; Soo, Hall, Gardiner; Shanks, Brennan, Billington, Ottewell, O'Brien.

Attendance: 34,689.