OLD, OLD ARGYLE STORY

OF EVERYTHING BUT SCORE

HUGHES BAULKS DESPERATE ATTACK

Ply. Argyle ---- 0 Luton Town -By PILGRIM 50 51 8 4 50

THE tragedy of Plymouth Argyle continues. Another point was dropped at home to travel-weary Luton this afternoon. Argyle did everything but score, and a significantly smaller crowd of 17,000 was left waiting for an Argyle home goal. There has not been one by Argyle in the last 320 minutes of Home Park football—a tragedy indeed.

Meanwhile Coventry won and Bradford captured a point and three points separate Argyle from the next club— that's an awful gap at this stage.

Changes in Argyle's attack resulted in a reversion to their F.A.
Cup-tie forward line. Dews was declared fit, and resumed at insideleft. Luton made one change from the side which defeated
Barnsley yesterday. Waugh
coming in for Gardiner on the

The ground was bone dry, and a nit of Plymouth City Fire rigade spent three hours at the ound this morning "softening-Brigade spent nd this morning the turf. Teams:

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE — Shortt; Ratcliffe, Jones: Dougail, Chisholm, Porteous: Strauss, Squires, Tadman, Dews, Williams. LUTON TOWN.—Hughes; Cooke Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kiernan, Stobbart, Taylor, Waugh.

Referee: Mr. B. M. Griffiths (New-port).

A strong gusty wind was blow-ing across the ground. Chisholm won the toss and de-cided to play with the wind ad-vantage and Argyle started off in militant mood and in the opening seconds Squires hit the ball first-time just over the Luton bar.

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IN NET ANYHOW:

Plymouth soon forced a corner and as Williams crossed the ball Chisholm came through with a bounding leap to fist the ball into the net. The referee quite rightly gave Luton a free kick.

The wind tended to keep play on the rightlyming and when

on the right-wing and when Kiernan and Glover made ground quickly in that direction, Chisquickly in that holm swept the l ball from Glover's

feet into touch.

Argyle were doing most of the attacking as Dews slipped the ball into the middle, but Tadman

attacking as Dews any and a superior of the half into the middle, but Tadman was beaten by the bounce and the ball ran out of play.

A Squires-Dews move gave Tadman another chance, but the centre-forward sliced his kick and the ball again rolled out of play. Not to be outdone, Squires flicked the ball over his head into the goalmouth. Strauss challenging closely,

challenging close Strauss challenging close Hughes managed to punch clear to Williams, whose fir timer grazed the Luton bar-great effort.

Argyle continued to call the tune, but finishing. about Neither side was able to harness he freakish wind, which defied

Memor sine was able to harness the freakish wind, which defied efforts to produce cohesive football. Dougall twice sent wide with long-range efforts, and then Porteous was on the mark with a 30 yards drive, Hughes hurling himself in the air in vain, as the ball passed over his outstretched hands and just over the bar.

SO NEAR AND YET-

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Argyle's attack were putting in plenty of shots as Tadman from the left wing landed one on the top of the netting and then Williams again grazed the crossbar with another effort from close in.

Then twice in as many minutes Dews was on the mark. His first

was a snap effort which Hughes collected at the second attempt, and then followed a glorious left-footed shot which Hughes had to go full length to save. full length to save.

Playing against the wind Luton's

Playing against the wind Luton's attack was not much in evidence, although once Stobbart raced through the middle and slipped the ball across to Waugh. Ratcliffe raced back to rob the left-winger and save the situation.

Argyle were making desperate efforts to notch that all-important first goal, but a Luton head or leg usually prevented the Luton charge from falling.

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Dews was again on the target, this time with another full-blooded drive which passed over the Luton goal with Hughes turning a somer-

goal with Hughes to... sault in the process. Shortt in the Plymouth goal had seriously tested and play

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Once Squires, taking a shot quickly on the turn, brought the best out of Hughes with a good drive—a good shot and an equally good save. and Dews Squires

Squires and Dews were giving Tadman plenty of openings, but the centre-forward was not displaying sufficient determination to make the most of them.

Close on half-time Argyle were awarded a free kick just outside the box, but Chisholm sent the ball well over the top. Half-time:

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE LUTON TOWN

Playing with the wind Argyle had missed the boat in the first half. They dominated play, yet they had nothing to show for it.

With more defamination at the vital moment they might have been three goals to the good at the interval.

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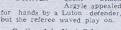
PENALTY APPEAL.

The wind appeared to have died down somewhat when Argyle set about their business

on the resump-tion in a deter-mined monner. Squires and drove Porteous wide and Shortt Shortt was brought into action for the first time when

time when Taylor tested 'keeper with ground drive.

In a subsequent attack





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ne out to collect a n Ratcliffe and in uton pressure Shortt close-range header but managed to get y safely.

Chisholm headed only inches wide from a well-placed corner-kick from Williams.

Porteous was struck on the face by the ball, but resumed without the control of the control of the control of the control of the tune and Shortt collected peader.

had already signalled offside.

Luton came again and when

Stobbart squared the ball Porteous
all but put it through his own goal.

Then it was Argyle's turn and
with goalkeeper Hughes away
from his charge Strauss sent the
ball well over the top from 18

That was the order of things this afternoon as time and time again the light ball was sent merrily on its way over the bar.

Argyle fought desperately for a goal in the closing minutes. Williams had a chance as he bustled hrough the middle, but his pass ntended for Tadman, went astray Williams onlickly redeemed him.

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