

Moore's Goal Brought A Late Bid By Town

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Before this match most of the experts were forecasting a draw and, on paper, it looked as good a proposition to end that way as any on the programme. And the experts were very nearly right, for Plymouth had to hang on like grim death in the closing minutes to keep on the right side.

It was eight minutes from the end when the game blazed into exciting activity when the Town succeeded in accomplishing what had seemed for some considerable time to be a forlorn hope and scored.

MOORE and McJarrow collaborated on the right wing and the finishing touch was applied by the former, cleverly, for he had to hook the ball which was going a little behind him.

That made the score 2-1 and gave the Town a fighting chance of saving a game that had seemed irretrievably lost following two first-half goals by Plymouth.

Honour of obtaining the first in Argyle's new spell in Division II was TADMAN'S, who gained possession of a pass made by Ratcliffe and, pivoting quickly, smacked the ball past Streten.

Tadman crowned a fine bit of work by Ratcliffe, who succeeded in the somewhat unorthodox move for a full-back of bringing the ball well into the Town's half of the field before laying on the pass.

Time of that goal was 22 minutes and the Town were having sufficient of the play not to worry unduly about being so narrowly in arrears.

When, however, there came a second goal with only three minutes to go before the interval, the game took on a different complexion after all.

SIMPLE GOAL FOR ARGYLE

What made the blow even greater was that it was a simple affair that should have been prevented, but a mistake by Streten who failed to collect the ball when he advanced left McCrory with the easy task of tapping the ball into the empty net.

Not until Moore's goal came was there much confidence that the Town could justify the hopes of their supporters, but they very nearly did so in those last minutes, particularly when Pye centred the ball across the goal, but no one could reach it.

On the whole, the Town did not reach the standard expected. There was some good football from them, mostly in midfield, for they were not impressive at close quarters and too many attacks broke down when the penalty area was reached.

The attack gave the impression of lacking cohesion and the right wing was rather out of joint, for Sexton scarcely looked the part at outside-right, though he would have had more chance had better support been forthcoming.

McJarrow was clever without being forceful enough and took rather too long to make his moves, and the left wing was the more formidable partnership with Pye often showing real cleverness in distribution and worrying the Argyle defence with his sharp bursts.

CENTRES WERE TOO STRONG

Another thorn in Argyle's side was Mitchell, especially in the first half, but he might have laid on more success had a number of his centres been less strong and lower.

For Moore, without the best of support, it was largely an unproductive afternoon against the burly Chisholm and, after a spell at inside-right, he switched to the right wing during the second half.

It was here that he was most successful and, in view of the present difficulty about that position, he gave food for thought.

Without giving the impression of being absolutely sound, the defence did well enough against the lively Argyle forwards.

Man who broke up more raids than anyone else was Owen and although he himself had a handful in Tadman, he managed to do a good deal of covering up elsewhere.

Neither Morton nor Watkins used the ball as well as they can and the former was more successful in defence than Watkins, whose task was made harder by

number of occasions that Dougall came through with the ball.

This reflected to a certain extent on Aherne, whose positional sense saved him a lot of trouble and although Govan did not accomplish a lot, Dunne was no more than just adequate.

Apart from the unfortunate mistake that caused the second goal, Streten did splendidly and made several brilliant saves.

Although there were shortcomings, we must expect a settling down process and a pleasing feature was that the Town were able to hit back and fight so hard after being two goals down.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE. — Shortt; Ratcliffe, Jones; Dougall, Chisholm, Porteous; Astall, McCrory, Tadman, Smith, Govan.

LUTON TOWN. — Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Sexton, McJarrow, Moore, Pye, Mitchell.

Referee: C. N. Taylor, Westbury.