FIGHTING FINISH BY THE

GOAL GAVE THE TEAM CONFIDENCE

But The Forward Line Lacked Final Thrust

To take much notice of first impressions is always dangerous, which is why undue importance should not be attached to the fact that the Town met with defeat against newly-promoted Plymouth Argyle, who were obviously all out to prove that they can hold their own on their return to Division II

So very easily could this match have ended in a draw and had it lasted ten minutes longer there is not much doubt that this would have been the least reward the Town would have taken.

Main trouble from the Luton pass across the jaws of the goal, standpoint was that it was not but Sexton had already made his until they scored eight minutes run and the ball passed behind from the end that they really him. Argyle defence.

When Moore obtained a clever goal from McJarrow's pass when the ball was almost behind him, there were distinct signs of panic on the part of Plymouth and with reasonable luck in front of goal, the Town could have saved this game from the burning. As it was, they lost their first match which means little or nothing, but at the same time, there are problems which the management must tackle shortly.

Not Much Shooting By The Forwards

in the attack which broke down all too often when the fringe of the penalty area was reached.

Also when one thinks back on the game, there was not a lot of shooting of any merit and in this department the efforts of Pye were probably the most meritorious.

He, at least, brought Shortt into action although several of his efforts were made from slightly optimistic range and presented the Welsh International goalkeeper with little or no difficulty.

McJarrow Unlucky Once Or Twice

A I the same time, he showed a willingness to have a crack at goal which was as refreshing on this near tropical afternoon as a strong, cool breeze would have

There were also worthy of mention a couple of headers by Mc-Jarrow which deserved a better fate and a shot from him from the edge of the penalty area which of the net, but the whistle was Luton viewpoint. already shrilling for a handling offence

half for the Town to take the lead, but, in the penalty area, finishing power was sadly lacking.

When Pye Made The Perfect Pass

ON the other hand there were occasions when luck was THAT blow so close to the definitely on Plymouth's side such

exposed the limitations of the Had he been able to run on to it, a goal would have been a certainty and this would have given the Town the lead and would have had a settling effect on a team that looked as if it needed something of the sort to give it confidence.

> Other scoring opportunities were presented from centres by Mitchell. Some of them were a little high and strong, but, in normal circumstances, all of them would not have gone unrewarded

All Important Goal Made By Full-Back

FOUGHT out on something resembling Cup-tie lines with THERE were distinct deficiences the crowd on tenterhooks, the first goal was an all-important factor and it fell to the Argyle after 22 minutes.

As many goals do. it began from nearly nothing, for when Ratcliffe brought the ball through seemed no particular danger.

However his final pass to Tadman was accurate and the centre-forward escaped the attentions of Owen and Aherne and swinging round quickly, hit the ball well out of Streten's reach.

McCrory Left With A Gift Goal

OF course, this gave Plymouth he edge on the game, and they did their best to exploit their advantage.

That they were able to increase their lead was fortunate because Streten, usually so certain when he comes out to collect a ball, failed to do so

Whether he got an awkward bounce or whether he took his eye momentarily off the ball. I do not know but the result was both planted the ball firmly in the back decisive and tragic from the showed the ability to round

McCrory, making his debut in the Plymouh team, was left with Chances there were in the first the sort of opportunity which he might have dreamed about, but car, seldom have experienced for all he had to do was to tap the ball into the empty net.

Goal Gave The Town More Assurance

interval—there were only as when Pye crossed a perfect three minutes left of the first

With intelligent folk —

it's save and smoke





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FOR THE RECORDS

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE .. 2 Tadman, McCrory LUTON TOWN I

Moore

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE .-Shortt: Ratcliffe. Jones: Dougalt, Chisholm, Porteous: Astall, McCrory, Tadman, Smith, Govan.

LUTON TOWN .- Streten: Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Sexton, Mc-

Jarrow, Moore. Pye, Mitchell. Referee-N. C. Taylor.

Westbury. Attendance. - 29,021.

half-shook the Town and gave the Argyle all the confidence in the world.

The Town fought back, and there was no lack of fighting spirit, otherwise they could not have staged the late rally that made all the local fans sigh with relief when the final whistle went.

The goal seemed to bring out the football that had been latent for most of the afternoon.

had been largely recast with McJarrow in the middle, Sexton at inside-right and Moore at outside-right, move with altogether more assurance and accuracy.

Will McJarrow Be Moved To Middle?

THEY found each other, began to move into the open spaces and altogether, gave some idea of what the line might do in time.

Yet, on the whole, there was a lack of cohesion in attack and there will probably be deep thought about whether McJarrow. who was signed as a centreforward, will fit in at inside-right.

Definitely he is a valuable man to have around in front of goal, in true wing-half style, there but, eventually, the conclusion may be reached that centreforward is not only his true, but his best, position.

McJarrow is essentially an attacking player, and with Pyc of the same bent, there is apt to be a gap between the forward line and the middle line which was apparent in this match.

Constructive Ideas Of Pye

DYE I made the best forward because he showed constructive ideas an tried to work out openings.

For a first appearance his was a satisfactory showing and. obviously he will need time to settle down. There was much danger from

Mitchell in the first half when he Ratcliffe, and he got the ball across consistently.

To a large extent, Moore was blotted out by Chisholm who refused to follow him on his excursions to the wings and was content to wait for his return. In the air. Moore was much at a disadvantage,

Sexton Unhappy At Outside-Right

TO some extent, Moore could point to lack of support and the line as a whole did not get the best of service.

When he was switched to insideright in the second half he did not pull up many trees, but he looked more than promising on the wing when he and Sexton changed places.

likely to solve that particul problem than did Sexton, w was much out of his element a strange position.

In any case, he looked mo-

The attack lacked smoothnbut that might well come, for many ways, this was an ext mental line-up.

Defence Worried At Times

EACED with the more d methods of Plymouth. got on with the job withou lot of unnecessary frills, the defence did not have an entirely I conaic satisfactory afternoon.

One thing with which they had to cope, especially in the first halt was the break through by Dougail, an accomplished righthalf, and this posed problems for the left flank.

Watkins struggled hard to stem the tide, but was sometimes caught out of position and Aherne had to bear a fair brunt of the

Owen One Of The Successes

HE found the speed and nippi-ness of Astall troublesome and was not the assured con-We saw the forward line, which fident player of most games of last season.

> But his task was not easy, nor cohesion, was that of Owen, who found Tadman a doughty opponent but at the same time, came through a difficult test with much credit.

There was much covering up for the centre-half to do, and several times he found himself as the last line of defence apart from Streten

Several times Owen effected clearances when all seemed lost and he was one of the real successes of the Town team.

Distribution Not So Good As Usual

HAD Morton used the ball with his customary accuracy there would have been full marks for him, for he did well in defence and tackled hard

For some reason he did not reach his normal standard of distribution, but he was one of the few willing to have a crack at goal, and was probably unlucky early in the second half when his shot laid out Jack Chisholm

Behind him, Dunne had an average sort of game and did nothing scriously wrong without being really convincing.

The only mistake that Streten made, unfortunately for him, turned out to be serious, and was probably the turning point of the game, but against that can be set a number of splendid saves which he brought off.

Plymouth Keyed Up For The Occasion

THIS was not the easiest of games with which to open the season, for Plymouth were obviously keyed up for what was to them a great occasion,

They never really allowed the Town to settle down to play constructive football.

Their tactics were forthright they were strong and rugged in the tackle, and they kept the ball on the move.

As things turned out, they had the right idea, but they were tading fast at the end, by which time the Town had taken command. and looked more like the combination that we had expected to

Town Reserves Won 5 - 1

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LUTON TOWN F.C.

LEAGUE, DIVISION II TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) LUTON TOWN

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Kick-off 6 30 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 76: Wing Stands 5'-: Inclosure N. W. Now. Runt 1 Terrace-Indicovered 1.9, Bossie, Santa Santa Service

... soon on top again.

Baynham Was Very Confident

THEY kept plugging away, and but for some courageous saves by Rayford, Bristol's young goalkeeper, they would have scored more frequently. As it was further goals were added by Gordon Turner (2) and Pemberton. who converted a penalty for hands

The Rovers were a well and truly beaten team at the end

Despite their easy win, however, the team as a whole did not impress. The half back line was neve tremendously confident and the forwards did not show much

Baynham did not have a lot to do but what he did was always supremely confident.

Nine Wickets For Terry Matthews UTON TOWN C.C. were in-

volved in a low-scoring match

when they travelled to Cheshunt on Saturday. Batting first they made only 79, and the only batsmen to reach double figures were Glyn Owen and Vernon Colling. Cheshung bowler who did all the mischief was S. Tarlton, who took five for 27. However. Cheshunt's batting failed completely, and their last

wicket fell for only 41 runs. J. de Hann, their opening bat made 10, but five players were out for "ducks" and Extras was top equal scorer with 10. Terry Matthews had a field day with the ball, taking nine for 15

in 13 overs. Glynn Owen took

FOOTBALL FORECASTS

DIVISION 1 Arsenal v Sunderland Blackpool v Bolton Cardiff v Sheffield Wednesday Charlton v Wolves Derby v Aston Villa

Liverpool v Stoke City Man City v Man Utd Middlesbrough v Preston Newcastle v Tottenham West Brom v Burnley

DIVISION II

Barnsley v Swansea Birmingham v Fulham Blackburn v Everton Bury v West Ham Hull v Brentford Leeds v Plymouth Lincoln v Doncaster Luton Town v Rotherham Notes County v Nottm Forest Sheffield Utd v Huddersfield Southampton v Leicester

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v Colchester Bristol City v Brighton Crystal Palace v Newport Gillingham v Millwall Ipswich v Reading Leyton Orient v Bournemouth Northampton v Southend O.P.R. v Coventry Shrewsbury v Exeter Swindon v Norwich Torquay v Watford Walsall v Bristol Rovers

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington v Workington Bradford v Grimsby Carliste v Hattlepools Chester v Bradford City Crewe v Darlington Halifax v Chesterfield Mansfield v Tranmere Oldham v York Port Vale v Rochdale Scunthorpe v Stockport Southport v Gateshead Wrexham v Barrow

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

DIVISION "A"

Aberdeen v Rangers Clyde v Dundee Falkirk v Queen of the South Hibernian v Celtic Motherwell v Hearts Partick Thistle v St Mirren Ranh Rovers v Airdrie Ihad Lanatk v Fast Fife

DIVISION "B" Albion Rovers v Stenhousemuit

Dumbarton v Stirling Dundee Utd v Avr Utd Dunfermline v Alloa Forfar v Hamilton Kilmarnock v Arbroath Morton v Cowdenbeath St. Johnstone v Oucen's Park

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