

TURNER'S TWO SINK

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Plymouth Argyle 0 Luton 3 : by DOUGLAS HIRD

ONLY 15,490 fans turned up for Argyle's first home match and if Plymouth don't improve on this moderate performance attendances are going to take an even bigger dive.

Hundreds left the ground long before the end, and the slow handclap kept time with Argyle's dismal display of football.

Luton, whose goals came from Gordon Turner (2) and Harry Walden, always played the faster and more incisive Soccer.

Plymouth will have to do something about their attack. The forwards seldom got going and Luton's defence won't have an easier match this season.

Johnny Williams, the best half-back on the field, worked hard to get the Argyle forwards moving without success.

The close marking of Luton's defence took the steam out of Plymouth's attack, and Argyle never looked like saving the game once Luton went in front in the sixth minute.

This was a fine opportunist goal from Walden. Racing on to the ball following a John Groves-Tommy McKechnie move, his shot gave David Maclaren no chance.

Argyle took a long time to break free and their forwards did little apart from one shot from Jackson which hit a post.

It was Luton who dictated the match for long spells and Maclaren brought off a string of splendid saves.

Turner made it 2-0 early in the second half and a bad slip by Plymouth centre half Gordon Fincham led to Turner scoring Luton's third goal five minutes from time.