

Ron Davies fires Luton to action

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Luton 3 Plymouth 0 : by GRAHAM BUXTON

FOR 44 minutes a meagre crowd watched two moderate teams try vainly to overcome the dual handicap of a dry, dusty ground and a light ball. Plymouth pushed the ball about in fairly lively fashion, but their passes—almost invariably square—posed no problems for a sound Luton defence.

On the other hand Luton, with a forward line reconstructed yet again, showed no sign of the urgency their desperate situation should have demanded.

This criticism, however, does not apply to Ron Davies, who moved with great determination and cleverness and worried even such an experienced centre half as Johnny Newman.

As the fans were becoming increasingly restless near half-time, Dave Pacey stormed through from left half to crash a terrific shot into a corner of the net.

After that, Luton never looked back and 20-year-old Matt Brennan, with all the assurance of an old hand, changed feet to score with a rocket-like shot three minutes after the interval.

Davies was responsible for the opening and he crowned a great display, after 61 minutes, with a good goal.

Not so happy were Luton on the wings because Danny Clapton, although he did not waste much effort, showed every sign of his seven weeks lay-off.

Emergency inside-left Alwyn McGuffie used the through ball effectively and his football brain could be a factor in Luton's fight against a drop to the Third Division.

Plymouth, with five teenagers in their team, lacked thrust, and what threat there was to Luton in the second half came from Peter McParland's infiltrations into the middle.

Yet even the fiery Irish international looked subdued and that really was the pattern of the whole Plymouth display.