

PLEAT SAVES LUTON

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Port Vale almost took a leaf out of Luton's recent book of away form by snatching a goal and then relying on deep defence.

This is the sort of thing Luton have done themselves in recent away games, and for a long time after Poole had deceived Baynham with a high shot in the 18th minute last night it looked as if Vale might hang on.

Without O'Rourke Luton lacked drive inside the penalty area, although twice they hit the woodwork, and in the end it was the newest signing, Pleat, who saved Luton's faces with a glorious 20 yard drive which even the agile Hancock could not reach.

LUTON :—Baynham; McBain, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, Lownds; Pleat, McKechnie, Riddick, Reid, Whittaker.

PORT VALE :—Hancock; Alcock, Sproson; Steele, Nicholson, Miles; Rowland, Poole, Andrews, Porter, Smith.