



John, the Swansea goalkeeper leaps to take the ball off the head of Buxton, the Luton inside-forward at Kenilworth Road last night.

WHISTLE EXPECTED Present for Buxton

Two minutes later Whittaker presented Buxton with the second after Swansea players had stopped in their tracks, expecting the whistle for a foul on one of their defenders.

Before they could recover, Rioch hit the third after Luton had been awarded a free-kick that seemed to me as if it might well have gone the other way. Finally, with Swansea reeling, Buxton scored his second.

It was the most remarkable turn of fate. From the beginning Swansea had moved with purpose, and could well have been two or three up at half-time. Luton's defence continually finding itself beaten for speed.

With 21 minutes gone, Branston chested down a shot by Todd, and Screen, the man who has taken over from Ivor Allchurch, pounced on the loose ball, only to see his hooked shot skid across the face of the goal with Read beaten.

And before half-time Roy Evans and Screen, and afterwards Todd, all went close, and with 25 minutes to go Williams lobbed inches wide of an empty goal with Read hopelessly out of position. Little did Swansea imagine what was in store for them.

Luton.—Read; Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker.

Swansea.—John; Evans; R., Gomersall, Jones, Purcell, Davis, Humphries, Williams, Todd, Screen, Evans, B.

LUTON SHATTER SWANSEA IN FOUR-GOAL SPELL

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LUTON celebrated the first anniversary of Allan Brown's management in style, with four goals in six minutes a quarter of an hour from the end against luckless Swansea at Kenilworth Road last night.

Watched by their largest crowd for over two years (14,973), Luton thus narrowed the gap behind the leaders at the top of the Fourth Division. Exactly a year ago they were faced with a fight against re-election.

Swansea, by far the quicker, more co-ordinated and imaginative side until that point, left the pitch bitterly disappointed and still protesting, with some justification I thought, to the referee.

Luton's first goal, scored by French with 14 minutes to go, looked suspiciously offside as Slough put the ball through. Ironically, French had done nothing before this, being completely outshone by Humphries and Brian Evans.