

Luton hit four in seven minutes

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A MERE 14 minutes from time there was no score. Luton's largest crowd of the season, 14,973, were beginning to lament the passing of the 100 p.c. home record.

Suddenly and dramatically Luton scored four goals in seven minutes.

The first, in 76 minutes, was from French, who looked suspiciously offside.

Swansea, who had defended well and resolutely, and had given as much as they had got, protested unavailingly.

They were still nursing their grievance when Buxton, who has given Luton much more craft in attack, went through on his own and scored two minutes later.

Collapse

Inside a minute the now-collapsed Swansea conceded two more. Rioch fiercely drove home a free-kick after Whittaker had cleverly sent the defence the wrong way and Buxton drove in a fourth.

Subtract this spell and there was so little between the sides that Swansea could not have been begrudged a draw.

Buxton, perhaps, gave Luton extra strength up front, but until the end the much-sought Rioch was snuffed out.

The goals were an astonishing climax to an otherwise even contest.

BRIGHT PLAY: 82%, 72%.

Luton.—Read; Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker. Sub.: McDermott.
Swansea.—John; Evans (R), Gomersall, Jones, Purcell, Davis, Humphries, Williams, Todd, Screen, Evans B. Sub.: Grey.