

LUTON OWE IT TO RIOCH

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Luton are a highly confident side now, with support of the calibre they have not enjoyed for years.

On a wet night nearly 16,000 saw this entertaining game in which Barnsley played better than the scoreline suggests. For 20 minutes they threatened to give Luton a hard time and Evans and Earnshaw might have snatched early goals.

A magnificent goal by Rioch, Luton's much-wanted youngster, who ran three-quarters of the length of the field with the ball, swung the game.

After that Luton never looked back and Branston and Lewis increased their lead by half-time.

Barnsley never gave up the fight, and were rewarded by a goal by Earnshaw.

That did not dent Luton's confidence for long because they came again with renewed force to score through Lewis and Allen. It was a triumphant night for them.

Luton Town.—Read: Gougan, Jardine, Allen, Branston, Slough, French, Lewis, Sheffield, Rioch, Harrison.

Barnsley.—Arblaster: Murphy, Booth, Bettany, Howard, Brookes, Earnshaw, Evans, Robson, Bradbury, Hamstead.