## **Luton Town** Plymouth Argyle

### ROGER DUCKWORTH REPORTS

LUTON put on a fine display for their new boss Alec Stock when they beat Plymouth 2-0 at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Both goals were scored before the interval, the first by Brian Lewis and the second by Keith Allen seven minutes later.

Alec Stock, Luton's new manager, saw his team for the first time this afternoon. But before the start he stamped his personality on the side by announcing: "Bruce Rioch will play up front and look for goals."

But Mr Stock had not picked the team. That was left to his assistant Brian Whitehouse.

This morning Rioch passed a fitness test on the knee that kept him out of last week's match at Hartlepool.

Talking in the dressing room before the start, Mr Stock said: "I don't know what these players can do. It's up to them to show me.

"I want every player to be personalised by his own effort. Effort and personality are the things I shall be looking for."

#### Big chap

Keith Allen, centre-forward for most of last season, got another chance to lead the attack against Plymouth today. He was named this morning in place of Ian Buxton.

Mr Whitehouse explained: "We felt a big chap like Keith would do better than Ian in the heavy conditions." heavy conditions.

Laurie Sheffield was substi-

It was also a big day for left-half John Moore, who returned to the side after three months off because of an ankle injury.

Unluckiest man was Fred Jardine, who had to cry off yesterday following his recent illness.

#### **Apologise**

Plymouth beat Luton 2-0 at Plymouth in October, and for today's match manager Billy Bingham brought back David side to the attack.

Shortly before the kick-off Town secretary Bob Readhead asked the Evening Post to apologise to the supporters on his behalf for the absence of any announcement. The public address system was out of

The Oak Road Choir gave its personal welcome to Mr Stock, and for five minutes before the kick-off they chanted his name.

This was accompanied by activity from a battery of photographers and TV cameras who waited for the new manager.

There was also a big welcome for John Moore. Always a favourite with Luton, the crowd was looking forward to his

Playing against his old club, left-winger Mike Harrison began well with a quick throw on the left and followed it up with a strong centre which Graham French only just failed

#### Hard shot

Luton were soon on the offensive, and Rioch burst through at full speed before

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#### **LEAGUE TABLE**

playing junior teams from schools in the league, and it is hoped that they, too, will soon become a full member.

made a fine save to a hard shot from Tedesco.

After another breakthrough by Rioch, Plymouth again hit back and Branston was forced to concede a corner as he attempted to cut off a low centre from Davey.

Dougan tested Dunne, the former Manchester United goalkeeper, with a low shot, and then Mike Harrison brought a roar from the crowd with a fierce curving shot that beat Dunne, swung inside him, hit the angle of the posts and bounced back off the goalkeeper for a corner.

It soon became obvious what the pattern of Luton's play was to be. Although wearing the number nine, Keith Allen took

### ON TV

FODAY'S MATCH between Luton and tween Plymouth at Kenilworth Road will be broadcast on television tomorrow afternoon. It will be screened on London Weekend, channel 9, at 3 o'clock, as "The Big Match."

up a mid-field position from the start and it was Rioch, as Mr Stock had promised, who was spearheading the forwards.

### Startled

After obstructing Harrison, Davey was booked by Mr Smith for continued wasting of time and refusal to stand and be

It was from this free kick that Rioch almost startled the life out of Dunne.

Harrison side-footed the ball to Rioch and he hammered it, from well outside the penalty area, at goal. Dunne did a magnificent job in holding on

Rioch was obviously revelling in his role as striker. He formed a quick understanding with Harrison on the left, and was willing to chase everything that his colleagues banged through

There was a new smartness about the team, and all the shirts were tucked into shorts for the new manager.

#### Strong runs

Allen very nearly had a goal in the 17th minute. After a good move from the right he darted into the penalty area and tested Dunne with a tremendous rising shot which the goal-keeper did well to block.

Rioch was trying his heart out for his new boss. Time and again he embarked on strong runs, most of which came to grief in the penalty area.

There was certainly no lack of effort from the Town. Hard shots from Moore, Allen and Lewis were all blocked in hectic goalmouth scrimmages, and Plymouth met the full force of the most determined Luton attack we have seen for many

Rioch was always amongst it. In the 20th minute Dunne was forced to make a brilliant fulllength save, and then the Plymouth goalkeeper somehow got across to turn a shot from Lewis, that had goal written all over it, round the post.

In the 31st minute Harrison

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#### RESULTS

They failed to win any of

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#### Back in the side again, Bruce Rioch is challenged by Plymouth's Hore

bouncing invitingly in front of

Following a Moore free kick from midfield another burst of enthusiasm by Rioch won Luton a corner. French hit across a low one which Allen nodded on, but the ball went into the side netting.

#### HT: Luton 2, Plymouth 0.

Harrison was the first Luton forward to show after the interval. He chased hard down the left but just failed to beat Reeves to the ball.

Lewis saw a header go wide after a move between Harrison, Slough, Allen and Bannister. Luton were moving well and at this stage five minutes after the interval, and were having things pretty much their own

A free kick out on the right by Plymouth presented Bickle with half a chance, but Dougan was quick to spot the danger.

Branston, too, was in fine defensive fettle, and Harrison was obviously itching for a goal.

He tried a fierce drive from about 40 yards and won a corner. From the flag kick Rioch had another powerful drive stopped by Dunne.

A long cross from the right in the 58th minute almost brought Luton's third goal.

With Dunne out of place the ball struck a defender and Rioch got it back to French. The winger hit it, but the incredible Plymouth goalkeeper had somehow regained his composure and was diving in front of French's shot almost before

Three minutes later Dunne continued his amazing display of goalkeeping when he hurled himself to his right to stop a fierce drive from Rioch which the inside forward had hit on the volley. Rioch seemed fated not to be able to beat this man.

Tedesco left the field in the 63rd minute and Reynolds came on as substitute.

Piper again worked hard but his cross was met too late by Reynolds, who flicked the ball well wide from a good position.

#### Revival

During a brief revival by Plymouth Alan Slough put in a

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money collected was what they would like to

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over an attempted trip and fired yet another shot just

Beating his man in grand style following a pass from Allen, Rioch broke away and once again saw Dunne gather his hard shot.

With two minutes to go and the defence easing up Davie was called upon to make a good diving save to a hard shot from Bickle, which he did with apparent ease.

At the end the Luton crowd stood and applauded Dunne, the Plymouth goalkeeper, off the field for his fine perfor-