The Coca-Cola Cup

PLAYER-MANAGER Peter Shilton fancies Plymouth's chances of completing a Coca-Cola Cup humiliation of Luton Town at Home Park on Tuesday.

The injuries sustained by Trevor Peake and Marvin Johnson, which could keep them out of football for at least month, added to the Town's discomfort.

Fighters

Shilton's Second Division fighters may have been slightly less skilful than the Town, but as a team they got everything just about right.

A late header by Steve Claridge, his second goal of the game, rescued a team that played in fits and starts, never finding the fluency and consistency that had been seen in previous games.

Plymouth worked hard, and got their reward. Shilton said: "I am quite sastisfied with the result. But we could have gone home with a win, and I think we

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deserved to.

"We were awful in the first 15 minutes and in the last 15, but in between we were very good. We threw it away at the end.

"But hopefully, with our fans behind us, we can now get through to the next round."

Plymouth had two coach-loads in the second-lowest Kenilworth Road attendance since the visit by Workington in Division Three in 1965.

Match details

TOWN: Petterson; Linton, Salton, Peake (Rees 71 mins), Johnson (Campbell 60 mins); Oakes, James, Kamara, Preece; Claridge, Gray.

ARGYLE: Shilton; Poole, Hill, Morrison, Morgan; Skinner, Joyce, Edworthy, McCall; Nugent, Regis. Subs: Adcock, Barlow, not used.

GOALS: Steve Claridge twice for the Town, low drive in the tenth minute after David Preece's shot had been charged down, and 80th-minute headed equaliser from a right wing cross by Des Linton; David Regis twice for Plymouth, capitalising on his pace to reach a through-ball from Warren Joyce in the 49th minute, and putting Argyle ahead in the 75th minute from a cross by Kevin Nugent after a mistake by Julian James after he had switched to left back.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town five saved, six wide and one by defender Andy Morrison hit the top of the bar when it might have been an own goal. Plymouth five saved and four wide. Corners: 11-3 to the Town.

REFEREE: Alan Gunn, Sussex: one of the best, and looked it.

BOOKED: No-one.

ATTENDANCE: 3,702: lowest first team gate since 3,374 for the visit of Orient in the Milk Cup in September 1984, which was the smallest gate since 1965.

ENTERTAINMENT: Nowhere near recent standards, and while Town injuries may have helped them enormously Plymouth deserved their draw.