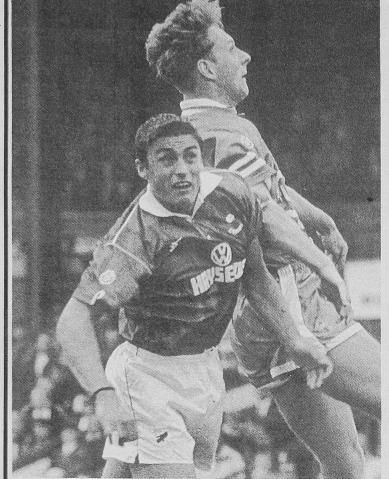


Barnsley.....3 Luton Town....0 (Half-time...3-0)

Brian Swain reports.

Action pictures: Josh Lev



A revival sparked by the arrival of manager David Pleat: skipper Trevor

pulled the deficit back to a single goal, hamstring injury, and that was a

But too much damage had already And he later limped out of the game

ben done at the other end, with two with a muscle strain, which ruled him

goals conceded in the first leg at Luton out of Saturday's fixture at Oakwell,

and three more at Home Park in the where he was sorely missed.

The Town had been punished for to set up a grandstand finish.

shing men upfield and being caught Ironically, Plymouth created the very well.

Coca-Cola Cup, beaten by a team from

and had Plymouth fans pleading for

the final whistle long before the end.

Damage done

At three down, it was the old story:

the Town, the better footballing side.

had no punch to complete the good

Plymouth made fewer chances but

They snatched a third-minute lead

hrough Kevin Nugent, went two up

nutes after the break through

were more potent where it mattered.

Gary Poole, and seemed to be home

and dry when David Regis got the third

regained a lot of pride in a tremendous attacks.

ALTHOUGH they are out of the Coca-Cola Cup: Plymouth 3 Luton Town 2 (Agg 5-4)

a division below them, the Town for pace at the back on the counter- clearer chances after that, with sub

Two gambles were made by

qualified success. He brought the

a hash of a clearance to make the third

Variety and pace

More dramatic was the result of the

second gamble, when Oakes went on

to add variety and speed to the attack

With his first significant touch

And Plymouth were rocked when

deflected past Shilton by David Preece

in place of midfielder Julian James.

Shilton could not hold and Steve

Claridge pounced on the rebound.

leadership the team needed, but made

goal a gift for Regis.

# ALL OVER BY THEINTERVAI

over almost before it began as Luton Town were swept aside at Oakwell.

Three down in 32 minutes, they escaped a real hiding at the hands of the club that kicked off the day as bottom of the First Division.

### **Skipper out**

The absence of skipper Trevor Peak through injury left the defence fragile, and sometimes static as Barnsley's simple mix of passing and long high ball did the business. With painful irony

Wayne Biggins, a striker David Pleat had admired but could not afford, scored twice on his home debut after his latest transfer, from Two-goal recovery is in vain

Paul Adcock spurning one and Poole

The Town manager praised his men

being three down. Before that, he said,

they had dominated without being

He admired "flashes of imaginative

football" which suggested a young

team is on the right lines, and added:

Plymouth. But better doesn't mean the

Manager's error

Plymouth boss Shilton admitted he

'But I was delighted with our team

had boobed for the goal by Claridge.

"I made a horlicks of it and gave them

performance. We knew we would have

them down, pressurise them and make

life difficult for them, and we did that

hitting the bar from another.

Scott Oakes as sub as an extra attacker

Peake was brought back early after his for the quality of their fightback after

PLYMOUTH: Shilton; Edworthy, Mor-

Oakes fired in a 25-yarder which Peter a goal to let them back into it," he said.

another Oakes piledriver was neatly to work very hard off the ball to close

# Goalkeeper prevents a humiliation

short of their potential. ch by a comfortable played with immense game's first attack They didn't begin to margin. play until it was too late, He was heroic in the his eight league games after a poor clea and the second-half second half when the sofar. revival that brought them back into the game foundered for lack of back. finishing and a little

we kid outselves it could

saves, and saw a close- few weeks. Woodwork range drive by Neil Penalty? Redfearn crash on to the Three efforts hit the crossbar. woodwork, but before

it has to be reported that

**Match details** 

LUTON TOWN: Petterson; Linton,

Salton, Peake (Dreyer 86 mins), Johnson; Rees, Kamara, James (Oakes 60 mins),

rison, Hill, Spearing; Skinner, Joyce,

Other sub: Barlow

'Overall we were better than Peter Shilton found a drive by Scott Oakes

Garner, Poole; Nugent (Adcock 69), Regis.

GOALS: Kevin Nugent, 3 mins, Gary

Poole 50 and Dave Regis, 54, for Plymouth;

Steve Claridge for the Town, 61 mins, after

too hot to hold; David Preece for the Town,

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town nine saved and

six wide; Plymouth five saved, five wide and

REFEREE: Martin Bodenham, Looe

Did well but the Town thought his linesman

let him down by not giving offside in the

ATTENDANCE: 8,946, Plymouth's best

the season so far, with nearly 200 from

ENTERTAINMENT: Awful for the first

hour as Plymouth went into a 3-0 lead, but

tremendous as Scott Oakes inspired a Town-

fightback which so nearly saved the day.

Luton doing their best to compete in the

build-up to Plymouth's second goal.

BOOKED: No-one

68 mins, deflection from a drive by Oakes.

one hit the bar. Corners: 6-2 to the Town.

luck and run of the had a dramatic eff both ends of the pitch The Town were well Town's man of the mat- The 20-year-old has Biggins had ender composure and spirit in hooking a shot wir

There, the Town

nowhere near from the

header by Des Linton Town had to open it up At almost any other The Town repli and take risks at the club he would now be from a free kick on the taken out of the firing left, near the half-way In one spell he made line, and then brought line. two incredible double back refreshed after a

John Dreyer and salton's flick-on set u At Oakwell, I Phil Gray on a run the Even Darren Salton wondered if he, and the was halted by Ga therefore have been 3-3, found it difficult to cope rest of the Town side Fleming's 'tackle' that with Barnsley's fierce was suffering the after- looked like a penalty to

### MATCH DETAILS TOWN: Petterson; Linton (Oakes 37 mins). Salton, Dreyer, Johnson; Rees (Matthew 76 mins)

James, Kamara, Preece; Claridge, Gray. BARNSLEY: Butler; Mark Robinson, Bishop Fleming, Jamie Robinson; Rammell (O'Connell % mins), Bullimore, Archdeacon, Redfearn (Godfrey

82 mins); Pearson, Biggins GOALS: Wayne Biggins two on his home debut, left foot drive at the end of a solo run in the third minute and back-heel at the near post from a hardlow cross by Andy Rammell; John Parson header, 16 minutes, after Owen Archdeacon's corner was punched out to the edge of the box and returned smartly

by Wayne Bullimore OTHER STRIKES: Town four saved, nine wide, one netted and ruled out for offside, and Steve Claridge, Jason Rees and David Preece all hit the woodwork in the second half; Barnsley 11 saved, six wide and Neil Redfearn shot against the bar. Corners 11-9 to Barnsley.

REFEREE: Ken Lupton, Stockton. Very good but may have been wrong in turning down Town penalty appeals in the second minute.

BOOKED: Jason Rees for a silly foul on Mark Robinson; Daren Salton for a late tackle on Wayne Biggins; and Barnsley's Wayne Bullimore (foul on Julian James), Gary Fleming (dissent) and Mark son (foul on Scott Oakes).

ATTENDANCE: 5,261, Barnsley's second lowed league gate of the season, but boosted by about 30

ENTERTAINMENT: Poor fare for visiting fans with the Town swept aside like chaff in the wind in the first half, and not sharp enough to score in the second when they had much more of the play.

# • HEADS UP: Phil Gray gets airborne for a header at goal

as the Town get into their stride in the second half.

down the middle, with

patchy service no help to

him, and Grav again had

Petterson had to be

quick and decisive as

sweeper outside his area

clearance that caught

and the keeper was

unlucky when he was

no luck at all in the box

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strain suffered in the

first few minutes, was

later, with Scott Oakes

being invited to repeat

his huge contribution to

the cup-tie at Plymouth

Surprised

Fans who had been at

Home Park were very

surprised that Oakes

was on the bench instead

of in the starting line-up

But he was not able to

repeat his Plymouth

form against a team that

looked much better than

The Town got their

in the second half, and

some of their football

Archdeacon, Rammell

On the hour the Town

enjoyed a promising

volleyed wide under

pressure from a headed

Rees was taken off

with 14 minutes to go to

Matthew, who joined

which ended with

two more saves against

Biggins as Oakwell fans

celebrated their first

home win of the season.

Johnson in a sweet move

and Redfearn.

pass by Claridge.

Rees's effort.

relegation fodder

scarcely died down as arnsley booted clear, and Biggins was in ossession near the halfway line, with Town men still upfield for their

Biggins raced through on his own, and with when Biggins almost only three minutes capitalised on another railing as his left-foot the Town ball-watching, hot zipped into the net. The Town almost got back into it nine minutes beaten for the second later, with a neat corner time in the 26th minute

actic they rehearse in Jason Rees and Chris Kamara made a late run to head forward. The ball reached Steve Claridge who turned it goal area. into the net, but from an

Bombarded Barnsley looked nungry for the ball, and re confident as they barded the Town good service to gins and former target man John

pair had too cleverness and er for Dreyer and , and while Julian strove hard to the defence the if the midfield was ouch. Kamara David Preece both

### He was put under tremendous pressure as Owen Archdeacon swung a corner into the

Pressure

was good to watch. The best that could be But the defence had a done was a punch, but brittle look about it, save for the fight Wayne Bullimore on the displayed by James after edge of the box and he moving into the right clipped it back in for back slot. A recovery might jus Pearson to rise above

have been possible if everyone and direct his Claridge had been header into the corner of luckier in the first Six minutes later minute of the second humiliation was on the cards. Andy Rammell burst clear down the

Town's right past Dramatic Preece and Marvin Johnson and the hard But his header from a cross by Rees hit the bar, low cross to the near post was deflected into and most of the dramatic the net by a close-range action after that was at back-heel by Biggins the other end. Linton, who had tried Petterson denied

the net.

## The First Division

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## Managers' viewpoints

DAVID PLEAT suggested the Town had got what they deserved in terms of defending at Oakwell. "We didn't deal with the high ball adequately,

said the Luton manager. "If you defend too deep and the other side has players like John Pearson and that canny, wily Wayne Biggins, they will score score goals. If we were shell-shocked it was because of the aerial stuff." He drew no consolation in hitting the woodwork

three times in the second half. "They're incidentals." he said.

He agreed that the absence of Trevor Peake might have been important, particularly as boys need the help of men. But he hoped every Town player would analise his performance and asked himself: "Am I doing as well as I can?"

The inference was that on Saturday some would have to answer in the negative.

Mel Machin, the Barnsley manager, had a tone of "I told you so" after seeing his team move off the bottom of the table. "We played some excellent football, great stuff,"

he said. "Someone was due to be beaten because in other games we have played well and not got the results we deserved. I always thought things would change, and today they did."

### The season so far

• RESULTS showing Town score first, Town qualscorers, attendances and league position:

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIV I 15 Leicester (a) 1-2 (Campbell) .17.428 .7.926 22 22 Bristol City (h) 0-3... .6,302 21

29 Charlton (a) 0-0.. . 27,054 21 2 Newcastle (a) 0-2... 5 Tranmere (h) 3-3 (Claridge, Linton, Oakes) 6,801 23 13 Brentford (a) 2-1 (James, Gray)... .7.310 19 Birmingham (h) 1-1 (Claridge pen) ..5,992 21 26 Notts Co (a) 0-0 ... Biggins a hat-trick at least, and also produced 3 Portsmouth (h) 1-4(Dreyer)... splendid saves from 10 Barnsley (a) 0-3...

APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets): Ever-presents. ten each: Petterson, Linton, James, Gray and Preece; Claridge 9(1), Dreyer 8, Salton 8, Rees 8, Kamara 7, spell, but Rees curied all angled shot against the angled shot against the far post, and Gray 2(5), Matthew 1(2).

Number of players used: 16 (32 last season).

GOALS: Claridge 2 (1 pen) and one each by Campbell Linton, Oakes, James, Gray and Dreyer. ASSISTS: Gray 2, Claridge 1, Kamara 1, Linton 1 make way for Damien Hughes 1.

## THE COCA-COLA CUP

which had kept out

Sep 23 Plymouth (h) 2-2 (Claridge 2) ... Round 2, first leg: And the final word Oct 6 Plymouth (a) 2-3 (Claridge, Preece)....

And the final almost went to Barnsley.

APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, with Petterson making Salton, Peake, Johnson, James, Kamara, Preece, Gray and Claridge. Oakes 1(1), Rees 1(1). One each as sub by Campbell and Dreyer. GOALS: Claridge 3, Preece 1.

## 2 FOOTBALL Local league tables

## A & B Sports NHC Sunday League

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	5	2	1	2	14			Markyate	3	2	0	1	9			
	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	Black Swan	3	2	0	1	7	11		
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	3	1	0	2	9	13	2	Lewsey Res	2	0	1	1	4	11		
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### **DIVISION FIVE**

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4	3	HR Chequers	4	1	1	2	6	12
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1	2	Red Star Res	2	1	0	1	5	4
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### **DIVISION ONE**

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**DIVISION TWO** 

**DIVISION THREE** 

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Crawley Sports Res

Vauxhall Hightown

**Valley Sports** 

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Kent Ath	4	2	0	2	12	9
Stockwood Athletic	4	2	0	2	7	15
Christians	3	1	1	1	8	4
Ebony	4	1	1	2	8	12
Singh Sabha	4	0	2	2	3	6
Eaton Bray	3	1	0	2	3	11
Cricketers	5	1	0	4	5	24
Four Horseshoes	4	0	1	3	4	9
Thistle	2	0	0	2	1	6

### **DIVISION ONE**

Crawley Green	3	2	1	0	12	
Dagnall	3	1	2	0	13	
Celtic	3	1	2	0	11	
Markyate	3	1	2	0	4	
Monarch	3	2	0	1	7	
Luton Eagles	5	1	2	2	13	
Luton OB A	3	1	1	1	7	
Flitwick Town	3	1	1	1	6	
Lewsey Park Res	3	1	1	1	8	
High Town OB	4	1	1	2	11	
Manshead ODs	1	1	0	0	2	
Rotheram OB A	2	0	1	1	3	
61FC Luton	0	0	0	0	0	
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**DIVISION TWO** 

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### Luton Sunday League DIVISION ONE

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High Town	4	4	0	0	17	8	
Stopsley Ath	4	3	0	1	18	8	
Lea United	3	2	0	1	6	7	
Black Swan Res	5	2	0	3	16	18	
AFC Barn Owl A	3	1	1	1	7	7	
First & Last	3	1	0	2	6	7	
Meds	3	0	1	2	7	16	
Salisbury Arms	2	0	0	2	5	12	
Lea Sports A	5	0	0	5	10	20	
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Lea Sports B	4	1	2	1	9	8	
Icknield Rangers	2	1	1	0	4	3	

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Monarch	3	2	0	1	7	
Luton Eagles	5	1	2	2	13	
Luton OB A	3	1	1	1	7	
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Lewsey Park Res	3	1	1	1	8	
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