

How they lined up



LUTON TOWN SUBS: Kim Grant for Douglas, 72 minutes; Bontcho Guentchev for Showler, 74 minutes. Unused: Paul McLaren.

PLYMOUTH: Rowbotham for Billy, 80 mins; Phillips for Illman, 89 mins; Leadbitter for Mauge, 91 mins.



Saturday's Match Details

GOALS: 0-1 9 mins: Tony Thorpe low drive from Graham Alexander's corner pulled back to the edge of the penalty area; 1-1 32 mins: Ronnie Mauge, far post header from left wing cross by Michael Evans; 1-2 64 mins: Thorpe, despite being grounded, from diagonal ball in by Ceri Hughes; 2-2 71 mins: Michael Evans penalty, after Mitchell Thomas handled on the line; 3-2 74 mins: Evans cross-shot from the edge of the area; 3-3 86 mins: Thorpe's hat trick, crisp shot from a low cross by Kim Grant.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town two saved, six wide and an Alexander free kick deflected on to a post and away; Plymouth two saved and three wide.

CORNERS: 13-8 to the Town.

FREE KICKS CONCEDED: Town 13 Argyle 11.

OFFSIDE: Each side five times.

BOOKED: Julian James for a foul and Ian Feuer and Graham Alexander for dissent; Plymouth's Chris Billy, Jason Rowbotham and Ronnie Mauge, all for fouls.

SENT OFF: Mitchell Thomas for handling on the line to keep out Mauge's header.

REFEREE: Alan Wiley, Staffs - struggled at times, and nearly lost it when passions boiled in the closing minutes as both sides battled for a winner.

ATTENDANCE: 7,134, including 340 from Luton, on a dreadful rainswept day.

ENTERTAINMENT: A gripping confrontation, with each side having its moments, and a full-blooded hectic finale.

THE TOWN'S LEAGUE FACTFILE

APPEARANCES (Sub in brackets): Feuer, James, Thomas and Waddock all 16, Alexander 15(1), Davis 14(1), Hughes and Johnson 14, Oldfield 12(1), Thorpe 11(2), Guentchev 7(7), Grant 7(3), Showler 8(2), Fotiadis 5(4), Patterson 3, Skelton 1, Douglas 1(6), McLaren (4), Linton and Upson (1). **GOALS:** Thorpe 8 (2 pens); Showler 5, Two each for Oldfield, Thomas, Grant, and Davis, one each for Hughes, Guentchev and Fotiadis. **ASSISTS:** Alexander 6, Thorpe 3 and Hughes 3; Davis 2; one each by Oldfield, Waddock, Fotiadis, Thomas, James, Grant and Douglas.