



● It's there: Andrew Fotiadis gets above Jon Sheffield to score.

Sub sinks Plymouth

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**Plymouth Argyle 0
Luton Town 2**

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ANDREW Fotiadis was crowned the new golden boy of Luton – just seven minutes after coming on as a substitute.

In a traumatic week, which has seen the departure of top-scorer Tony Thorpe to Fulham, and coach Trevor Peake to Coventry, Luton bounced back with a crucial win against fellow strugglers Plymouth.

After soaking up more than an hour of pressure, Hatters grabbed the points, courtesy of a dreadful defensive blunder and a late breakaway goal.

With just 12 minutes left, Jason Rowbotham left his back-header woefully short of his keeper, and

Fotiadis bravely threw himself forward to nod past a stranded Jon Sheffield. It was only Luton's second effort on target.

Martin Barlow should have been awarded a penalty three minutes from time, but for once Lady Luck was smiling on Hatters and referee Andrew D'Urso incensed Home Park by waving play on.

As so often happens on such occasions, the other side broke out and scored a killer second.

Paul McLaren sent Phil Gray clear down the right wing, and he had time to pick out Sean Evers' late run, roll the ball into the box, and watch as the young midfielder swept the ball into the roof of the net for his maiden goal of the season.

But the real hero for Luton was keeper Kelvin Davis, who made a tremendous double save to deny Carlo

Corazzin in the first half, then pulled off a world-class stop to tip Martin Barlow's 30-yard volley over the bar in spectacular fashion midway through the second.

But credit must also go to a reshuffled defence which featured Darren Patterson in the centre in place of the injured Alan White, and Graham Alexander as emergency right-back in place of the usual Patterson.

On this performance – even though Hatters stole all three points – it looks like it is going to be down to the defence to keep alive Luton's Second Division chances.

Team: K Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Waddock, S Davis, Patterson, Evers, McLaren, Oldfield, Gray, Marshall (Fotiadis 71, Docherty 89). Sub not used: Davies.

Attendance: 4,846. Man of the match: K Davis.