

Steve Adams:  
Almost set  
up opener  
for Argyle



## Plymouth Argyle

2

Evans (82)  
Friio (90)

## Luton Town

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McSheffrey (58)

Half-time: 0-0

Attendance: 9,894

| Plymouth |                  | Luton |
|----------|------------------|-------|
| 53       | Possession %     | 47    |
| 5        | Corners          | 4     |
| 3        | Offsides         | 4     |
| 7        | Fouls            | 19    |
| 1        | Yellow           | 2     |
| 0        | Red              | 0     |
| 12       | Shots On Target  | 3     |
| 5        | Shots Off Target | 3     |
| 0        | Hit Woodwork     | 0     |

**PLYMOUTH:** McCormick 6, Worrell 7, Wotton 7, Coughlan 7, Gilbert 6 (Sturrock 69), Norris 6, Adams 6 (Bent 69), Friio 6, Hodges 6, Evans 7, Stonebridge 6 (Keith 60). **Subs not used:** Capaldi, Beresford.

**LUTON:** Beckwith 6, Boyce 7, Coyne 7, Bayliss 6 (Hillier 45), Davis 6, Foley 7, Spring 7, Hughes 6, Brkovic 6, McSheffrey 8, Showunmi 5 (Crowe 40). **Subs not used:** Brill, Mansell, Leary.

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# Friio's French lesson for Town

03/04

BY GORDON LAINE

**PLYMOUTH'S** French midfielder David Friio headed a superb injury-time winner to send Argyle fans home happy.

Friio, who scored a late leveller against Brighton in Plymouth's last league match at home, rose to glance in a far-post header following skipper Paul Wotton's pacey free-kick from wide on the left.

Free kick specialist Wotton had nearly scored in the last minute of normal time as Plymouth applied late pressure.

Wotton struck a sizzling 30-yard kick which visiting keeper Rob Beckwith was forced to tip over at the last moment. From the resulting corner, Luton twice had to scramble goal mouth efforts

clear from substitutes Blair Sturrock and Marino Keith.

Plymouth were inspired by manager Paul Sturrock's decision to adopt an attacking 4-3-3 formation after Luton had taken a 1-0 lead.

In the first half, Beckwith had to save for Luton when David Norris got his head to a Steve Adams cross.

But the Hatters came to life in the 49th minute when on-loan Coventry striker Gary McSheffrey fired over from close range after cleverly turning his marker. McSheffrey made up for that miss when he glanced home a Kevin Foley cross from the right to give Luton a 1-0 lead in the 58th minute.

Plymouth countered with Friio going close from 20 yards

and substitute Keith heading just over at the near post.

That spurred Plymouth on and central defender Graham Coughlan headed just over.

With Plymouth pushing forward, top scorer Micky Evans set up Keith whose shot from 12 yards flew just wide.

In the 79th minute, Foley set midfielder Matthew Spring free down the right and his cross-cum-shot flew just over.

Once again Plymouth responded and in the 83rd minute were rewarded with a goal after one of the best moves of the game.

Friio set up David Worrell down the right and the fullback's pinpoint cross was headed home by Evans for his fourth goal of the season and his third in two matches. That

set Plymouth up for their dramatic late winner.

Plymouth boss Paul Sturrock admitted: "That was probably the poorest we have played at home for a long time. It was very scrappy. If I was their manager I would be pig sick to lose in that manner. But credit to my boys, they kept going and we will always be dangerous from free kicks. That proved the case again."

Luton boss Mike Newell said: "There was not a lot I could say to my players after the game. They did everything I could ask of them. I suppose the only thing I could say was they did not keep going until the end. They tended to sit back but that is only natural when you go 1-0 up away from home and you are trying to hang on to the lead."