

Back came Turner to save Luton's promotion chance

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LUTON 4, PORT VALE 2

GORDON TURNER, promotion-chasing Luton's inside-right, I give chief credit for this hard-won victory over a stubborn Port Vale.

Turner put Luton ahead (ten minutes) with a well-taken shot from a centre by outside-right Roy Davies.

Nine minutes from the end, after plucky Port Vale had rubbed out a two-goal deficit, Turner worked his way past one Port Vale defender after another.

His run ended in an easy goal for centre-forward Peter MacEwan. The ball was helped in by left-back Reg. Potts.

Two minutes later Turner leaped high to head home a cross by left-half Wally Shanks, and made certain of both vital points.

Yet Vale fought so hard on the resumption, when they were two goals down, that they nearly pulled off a surprise. In the 55th minute centre-forward Cyril Done went down the middle and slammed the ball home to make it 2—1.

Then, after Done had wasted an easier chance of scoring again, he put inside-left Ken Griffiths through to bring Port Vale level.

At this stage Luton—for whom Davies had scored the second goal—lost all their earlier dominance, and they looked like dropping a point until Turner guided them back.

VERDICT: Little First Division look about Luton.

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