

DRASTIC CHANGE CAME OVER GAME

TOWN SHOULD HAVE BEEN WELL AHEAD Then Portsmouth Made A Remarkable Recovery

By Chiltern

What went on in the Portsmouth dressing room at half-time on Saturday remains a dark secret, but, judging by events that followed, the need to go in to meet the ball figured largely in the homily by Manager Eddie Lever.

The change in tactics turned Pompey from a side that had been pretty well outplayed and nearly always struggling to keep out the fast flowing tide that was the streamlined Town forward line, into a team that might very well have snatched a sensational victory.

And sensational it would have been after the one-way traffic of the first half, when the Town could so easily have built up a lead of three or four goals.

That they should have reached this comfortable position, there is no doubt, and it was quite remarkable that all the pressure and immaculate approach work did not bring a single goal.

So fast and accurate was the work of the forwards, backed up by the wing halves, that there were times when the Portsmouth defence seemed to be standing on its head.

For their movements, the Town seemed to have all the room in the world, and it was only some desperate last-ditch defensive work, particularly by Mansell, that kept Portsmouth with any sort of interest in the match.

"I Should Have Scored," Says Turner

WHEREAS against Sunderland, the ball was flying into the net from all angles and everything went right with the Town's rushing, just everything went wrong with it at Fratton Park.

The lead ought to have been gained after two minutes, when Uprichard could only push out a shot by Morton.

It fell loose somewhere around the region of the penalty spot, and Turner, racing up, kicked the ball hard enough, wide of the prostrate Uprichard, but it flew straight at Mansell, who was standing in the goal-line and rebounded to safety.

Afterwards, Turner admitted he ought to have scored, but hit it too straight, and I could have pulled it," he told me.

Seemed Merely A Question Of Time

HOWEVER, so well were the Town playing that that miss did not seem to matter, and it

Fans Thought Back To Villa Park

SO it went on, with Portsmouth at action stations all the time and as the minutes slipped by and still no goal to show for all this superiority, the thoughts of many of the Town fans must have begun to dwell on what happened at Villa Park a fortnight earlier.

While there is no doubt that some of the chances should have been snapped up, I do not think that the ball is running too kindly for the Town in front of goal in away matches, and they could justly claim a measure of bad luck on occasion.

But the solid fact remains that in away games they are just not getting the goals that their brilliant constructive work entitles them to expect.

Town Were Bustled Out Of Their Stride

SO harassed were they that Portsmouth must have heard the half-time whistle with relief and the Town left the field to the accompaniment of an appreciative roar for the quality of their football.

Few people could have expected the drastic change the game took in the second half, when Ports-

FOR THE RECORDS

PORTSMOUTH 0
LUTON TOWN 0

PORTSMOUTH Up-
 richard; McGhee, Mansell;
 Gunter, Reid, Dickinson;
 Harris, Pickett, Rees, Robert-
 son, Henderson.

LUTON TOWN: Bay-
 nam; Dunne, Aherne; Pem-
 berton, Owen, Shanks;
 Cullen, Turner, Morton,
 Cummins, Adam.

Referee: C. W. Kingston,
 Newport.

Attendance: 27,758.

mouth obviously decided that they had been given the run around long enough and, by speeding up their play and going in to meet the ball, the Town were bustled out of their immaculate first-half stride.

The marking was closer, the tackling was quicker and harder, and the gaps that had been ex-
 posed before the interval failed to re-appear.

Accent Changed From Attack To Defence

SO, for the Town, the accent changed from one of all-out attack to defence in the main, and while Uprichard, who had been kept very busy earlier, had scarcely anything to do, Baynam was kept in action.

Several of his saves emphasised the fact that he is the best goal-keeper in England, a fact that the selectors have acknowledged by choosing him for their team against Spain to-morrow.

One magnificent full-length save from Rees brough down the house and certainly helped the Town to hang on to the point that they would have been most unlikely to lose.

A good performance this, although no Town fan could help being a trifle disappointed that both points were not safely in the bag, especially after the memory of that great first-half display.

Distribution Became Inaccurate

TO a large extent, the Town played as well as they were allowed to after the interval, but both Turner and Cummins fell away.

Their distribution became inaccurate, and we saw little of the smooth attacking machine that had caused such damage earlier.

Both the inside-forwards had filled their respective roles to a nicety until Portsmouth began their improvement and there was perfect understanding among the front line.

The ball was moved about in bewildering fashion, with Morton holding the attack together finely and good response from the wingers.

Morton always looked menac-
 ing until the support for him grew meagre.

Great Support From The Wing Halves

CULLEN was a very lively num-
 ber, popping up in all sorts of



RON BAYNHAM will be keeping goal for England against Spain at Wembley to-morrow.

positions, and there was a deal of intelligent inter-switching.

From Adam, McGhee had a bit of a chasing, though the winger sometimes spoils his cleverness in approach by not parting with the ball at the right time.

But when they were on top, the forward-line as a whole, could scarcely have been bettered, except in that all-important matter of goals.

During the period of supremacy, Pemberton and Shanks had a field day, for they were able to give full rein to their powers of attack, and Shanks was outstanding by the way in which he linked up with the wing in front of him.

Middle Line Is A Solid Foundation

IN fact, in both attack and defence, Shanks had a great game, and both he and Pemberton came through successfully when the strain began to be put on the defence.

So, too, did Owen, always cool under pressure and always in the thick of it when Portsmouth were threatening to snatch the lead.

Once again we saw just what a solid foundation this half-back line is forming, and the home inside forwards had rather a thin time.

Main danger threatened from the wings, particularly from Henderson, who was well held by Dunne in the first-half, but the full-back had something of a struggle when Henderson really got into the game, though he struggled manfully.

Baynam Full Of Confidence

AHERNE, too, had a rare tussle with Harris, who tried to use his speed to throw the Town defence out of gear, but Aherne kept close to him, and was always a stout defender.

Everything that Baynam had to do was accomplished with complete confidence and, once again, he dealt with high crosses with the maximum of competence.

In the end, a draw was by no means a bad result to a very good game, despite the absence of goals, but Portsmouth must have counted themselves fortunate to have survived their first-half outtering.

Another Goal Riot At Kenilworth Road

GOAL riots are getting to be quite a habit at Kenilworth-road, and the Reserves certainly went to town when they enter-

Table Tennis LUTON LEAGUE: LATEST RESULTS

DIVISION I	
Crusaders 1, Vauxhall 9	
Luton Club 2, Boys' Club 8	
Luton Old Boys' 1, Saints 9	
Vauxhall 'A' 6, Rootes 4	
St. Mary's 'A' 5, St. Mary's 3	
Boys' Club 2, Vauxhall 8	
Rootes 3, Luton Old Boys 7	
Saints 8, St. Mary's 2	
St. Mary's 'A' 4, Liberal Club 6	
Vauxhall 'A' 5, Crusaders 5	
DIVISION II	
Kent's 9, Crusaders 'A' 1	
Pulloxhill 4, Napier 'E' 6	
Rootes 'A' 6, Luton Old Boys 'A' 4	
SKF 8, Nalco 2	
Crusaders 'A' 5, Vauxhall 'B' 5	
Luton Old Boys 'A' 6, Napier 'E' 4	
Nalco 4, Kent's 6	
SKF 8, Pulloxhill 2	
Spandits 7, Rootes 'A' 3	
DIVISION V	
High Town Y.C. 9, Davis 1	
Pulloxhill 'A' 6, St. Matthew's 10	
Telecoms 7, Nalco 'A' 3	
Leagrove 10, Pulloxhill 'E' 7	
Nalco 'A' 3, Vauxhall 'E' 7	
St. Matthew's Y.C. 9, Telecoms 1	
DIVISION VI	
Adamant 'A' 8, Luton Gas 'A' 2	
Boys' Club 'B' 9, Boys' Club 'C' 1	
Cocoon Works 7, Taddington M & S 'A' 3	
Boys' Club 'C' 3, Cocoon Works 7	
Luton Gas 'A' 3, Boys' Club 'B' 7	
Rootes 'C' 2, Adamant 'A' 8	
Vauxhall 'F' 4, Co-op Employees 6	
DIVISION VII	
Rootes 'D' 3, Davis 'A' 7	
Barton Y.C. 'A' 6, St. George's 4	
Ace of Clubs 'A' 5, Adamant 'B' 5	
St. Mary's 'C' 6, Luton C.D. 4	
Barton Y.C. 'A' 10, Ace of Clubs 'A' 0	
Davis 'A' 7, Adamant 'B' 3	
Luton C.D. 2, Rootes 'D' 8	
Napier App 2, St. Mary's 'C' 8	
DIVISION VIII	
Adamant 'C' 1, Luton Boys' Club 'D' 9	
Luton C.D. 'A' 6, St. Mary's 'D' 10	
Luton Postals 'A' 7, Luton Gas 'B' 3	
English Electric App 1, Vauxhall 'G' 3	
Boys' Club 'D' 8, English Electric App 2	
Luton Gas 'B' 5, St. George's 'A' 5	
St. Mary's 'D' 6, Luton Postals 'A' 4	
Vauxhall 'G' 8, Luton C.D. 'A' 2	

WHERE ARE YOU?
 Dudley-street, near the Old Bedford-road T.A. Centre.

OLD LUTON: They were Girl Guides, photographed in 1917.

WHAT IS IT?: An oil pourer.

FILM FLASHBACK: Cary Grant in "Bachelor Knight".

tained Coventry City Reserves on Saturday.

They won 7-0, but they could quite easily have taken their score into double figures, for they had good scoring opportunities which they failed to accept.

Worst miss of all was from the penalty spot when Allen shot weakly, straight at the Coventry goalkeeper, but after winning so comfortably, Luton should be praised, not criticised, and they did play well.

MacEwan Starred With Four Goals

PETER MacEWAN scored four of the goals and led the line with spirit and dash. He was always ready to shoot for goal, and gave Simpson, the Coventry centre-half, a harassing 90 minutes.

Groves scored twice and Allen once. MacEwan was the pick of the attack, but had a good service,

especially from the middle line where Pearce, Kelly and Smith are settling down into an effective unit.

Behind them, Jones and Thompson were confident. So was Stretton who, despite the one-sided nature of the game, made several excellent saves.

Legate Scored On His Debut

MAINTAINING the improvement that began at Brighton the previous week, the Town "A" picked up more points in a 4-1 win at Windsor.

Ken Hawkes celebrated his first appearance at inside-left with a goal, but missed a penalty kick.

The scoring was opened by Dallas, with a terrific 30-yards drive, and McLeod and Legate, the former Arlesley youth, making his first appearance in this class of football, obtained the others.

Greyhound Racing



JOHN AND THUNDER WERE SURPRISE WINNERS

Favourites won only two of the races at Luton on Saturday—the third and the sixth.

John, at 6-1, was the highest-priced outsider to succeed, but Thunder also caused a mild surprise by winning the fourth race at 5-1.

1. (410 yds)—1, SAUCY GIRL (4); 2, 1 Suppose (1); 3, Whipped Cream (6); 4, Bert Cert (5); 5, Princess (2) reserve; 6, Jany (3). Head, 3, 4, 1, 1. 25.68. Non-runner, Lynne (2). Off 6.44.
 Betting: 5-4 1 Suppose; 3-1 SAUCY GIRL; 4-1 Whipped Cream; 6-1 Bert Cert; 8-1 Jany; 10-1 Princess.
 Forecast £1 5s. 3d.
 II. (470 yds)—1, JOHN (1); 2, Beverley (5); 3, Irish Kath (3); 4, Sabrina (2); 5, Crooner (6). reserve; 6, Legion (4). Short bid, 3, 4, 6. dist. 28.42. Off 7.04.
 Betting: 5-2 Sabrina; 3-1 Irish Kath; 7-2 Beverley; 4-1 Legion; 6-1 JOHN; 10-1 Crooner.
 Forecast £3 3s.
 III. (410 yds)—1, RED CROSS (4); 2, Dale (1); 3, Rocky (3); 4, Sunny Sue (5); 5, Twaddle (2); 6, Old Nick (6). 1, 3, 1, 6. 1. 25.20. Off 7.23.
 Betting: 4-5 RED CROSS; 4-1 Old Nick; 6-1 Dale, Rocky; 10-1 Others.
 Forecast 10s.
 IV. (410 yds)—1, THUNDER (2); 2, Nagrom (3); 3, Badger (4); 4, Cabby (6); 5, Rob Roy (1); 6, East Bound (5). 2, 1, 2, 1. 24.85. Off 7.44.
 Betting: 7-4 Nagrom; 5-2 Rob Roy; 5-1 THUNDER, Cabby; 8-1 Others.
 Forecast £2 11s.
 V. (470 yds)—1, RED BILL (5); 2, Spacer (1); 3, Red Hill (3); 4, King Sol (4); 5, Patrick M. (6); 6, Eddie's Pride (2). 1, 1, 1, 3. 27.42. Off 8.03.
 Betting: 5-2 King Sol; 3-1 RED BILL, Red Hill; 7-2 Spacer; 6-1 Patrick M.; 8-1 Eddie's Pride.
 Forecast £1 8s. 3d.
 VI. (410 yds)—1, KODAK (3); 2, Parlez-Vous (5); 3, Bonny B (4); 4, Ida (2); 5, Legs Eleven (6). 4, 1, 3, 1. 24.09. Non-runners Dolores (1), Hymiss reserve, Off 8.23.
 Betting: 5-4 KODAK; 5-2 Bonny B.; 7-2 Parlez-Vous; 8-1 Others.
 Forecast 9s. 6d.
 VII. (470 yds)—1, CRIMSON (3); 2, Old Coat (5) reserve; 3, Brian's Pal (2); 4, Not Fast (1); 5, Lucky Strike (4). 5, 5, 2, 1, 27.58. Non-runners Revue (5), Jogger (6). Off 8.42.
 Betting: Evens Lucky Strike; 7-2 Not Fast; 4-1 CRIMSON, Old Coat; 8-1 Brian's Pal.
 Forecast £1 17s.
 VIII. (410 yds)—1, NIGGER (1); 2, Betty (5); 3, Jeff (6); 4, So-So (4), 2, 1, dist. 24.87. Boston Brownie (2), Stranger (3) did not finish. Off 9.03.
 Betting: 3-1 Jeff, Boston Brownie; 7-2 Betty; 4-1 NIGGER, So-So; 8-1 Stranger.
 Forecast £2 3s. 3d.
 RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TO-NIGHT
 7.30 (410 yards)—25 Bessie Bunter, 5 Biggs, 433 Billy Bean, 543 Black Lass, 6 Old Fella, 42 Wom Mead; reserve, 224 St. Patrick.
 7.48 (470 yards)—512 Hay Time, 363 Just Jake, 332 Ray's Girl, 661 Rosy, 333 Scamp, 524 Wake Up; reserve 331 S.J.P.
 8.06 (410 yards)—54 Big Baby, 25 Fable (Nov. 17, to 3, 24.44), 153 Fillet, 654 Golden Dollar, 33 Old Ford, St. Bruno (Nov. 17, to 2, 24.59, Nov. 19, to 6, 24.12); reserve, 315 The Lodger.
 8.44 (470 yards)—113 Gaf, 56 Happy Wanderer (Nov. 8, to 5, 24.48), 36 Joyful, 111 Kismet, 251 Office Boy, 13 Pan-Yan; reserve, 661 Shalloway.
 9.04 (410 yards)—12F Cover Boy, Marciano (Nov. 17, to 4, 24.05), 422 My Chance, 222 Ornam, Porthos (Nov. 17, to 4, 24.10), 5 Wm Twin; reserve, 166 Ribbon.
 9.22 (470 yards)—114 Bunter, 61 Dnie, 41 Ethel May, 34 Hypon (Oct. 29, to 4, 24.68), 534 Rodney, 142 The Porpoise; reserve, 311 Mary Ann.
 9.40 (410 yards)—336 Black Watch, 132 Drummer Boy, Dumblin (Nov. 17,

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

- DIVISION I
 Birmingham C. v. Arsenal
 Burnley v. Manchester C.
 Charlton Ath. v. Huddersfield T.
 Everton v. Chelsea
 Luton T. v. Cardiff C.
 Manchester Utd. v. Sunderland
 Newcastle Utd. v. Bolton W.
 Preston N.E. v. Wolves
 Sneeid Utd. v. Aston Villa
 Tottenham H. v. Blackpool
 West Brom v. Portsmouth
 DIVISION II
 Barnsley v. Hull C.
 Bristol C. v. Lincoln C.
 Bury v. Nottingham Forest
 Burnam v. Sneeid Wed.
 Leeds Utd. v. Doncaster R.
 Middlesbrough v. Blackburn R.
 Notts County v. Bristol R.
 Port Vale v. Liverpool
 Rotherham Utd. v. Plymouth A.
 Swansea T. v. Stoke C.
 West Ham v. Leicester C.
 DIVISION III (SOUTH)
 Aldershot v. Gillingham
 Brighton v. Norwich C.
 Crystal Palace v. Bournemouth
 Ipswich I. v. Exeter C.
 Newport Co. v. Brentford
 Northampton T. v. Millwall
 Q.P.R. v. Reading
 Shrewsbury T. v. Leyton O.
 Southampton v. Colchester Utd.
 Swindon T. v. Watford
 Torquay Utd. v. Coventry C.
 Walsall v. Southend Utd.
 DIVISION III (NORTH)
 Bradford C. v. Rochdale
 Crewe Alex. v. Accrington S.
 Derby Co. v. Darlington
 Halifax T. v. Bradford
 Hartlepool Utd. v. Barrow
 Mansfield T. v. Carlisle Utd.
 Oldham Ath. v. Tranmere R.
 Scunthorpe v. Chesterfield
 Stockport Co. v. Chester
 Workington v. Southport
 Wrexham v. Grimsby T.
 York City v. Gateshead
 SCOTTISH LEAGUE
 DIVISION "A"
 Clyde v. Dunfermline
 Dundee v. Queen of South
 East Fife v. Airdrieonians
 Hearts v. Aberdeen
 Kilmarnock v. Falkirk
 Motherwell v. Partick T.
 Rangers v. Raith Rovers
 St. Mirren v. Hibernian
 Stirling A. v. Celtic
 DIVISION "B"
 Albion Rovers v. Dundee Utd.
 Abroath v. Ayr Utd.
 Cowdenbeath v. Brechin C.
 East Stirling v. Queen's Park
 Montrose v. Berwick R.
 Morton v. Forfar Ath.
 St. Johnstone v. Hamilton
 Stranraer v. Alloa
 Third Lanark v. Dumbarton
 SELECTIONS
 TEN HOME: Burnley, Charl-
 ton, West Brom, Bristol C.,
 Leeds, Rotherham, Ipswich,
 Northampton, Bradford C.,
 Derby.
 FOUR AWAY: Blackpool,
 Bristol R., Leyton O., Accrington.
 THREE DRAWS: Newcastle,
 Bolton, Bury v. Nottingham
 Forest; Walsall v. Southend.



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