

BOB GETS LUTON WEAVING

Portsmouth 2, Luton 2. ^{58/59}

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URLY Bob Morton, the dynamic Luton play-anywhere man and best uncapped wing-half in Britain, inspired terrific fight back after a first half, in which Luton played all the football without ever looking dangerous.

He alone in the first 45 minutes tempered the firebrand Portsmouth forwards who, while lacking football finesse, made amends with bags of enthusiasm and plenty of stinging drives which needed a Baynham at his best.

Morton alone endeavoured to get his desperately off-key attack in motion—without much success. But really this Luton lapse stemmed from a fantastic mis- by sadly out-of-touch Gordon Turner. He blazed yards over from the six-yard line.

After this they had hardly worthwhile shot at goal until the second half and only inside-left George Cummins, with neat trickery, and Jimmy Adams looked happy.

Then what a change. Irish international winger, Billy Bingham, Gordon Turner and Allan Brown found their touch. Instead of battling on their own, they moved together to out-manoeuvre the suspect Portsmouth defence.

Agile 'keeper

They hammered away at agile Irish 'keeper Norman Uprichard until they simply had to score. In the 65th minute full-back Ken Hawkes slashed a 40-yard drive home and in the 79th minute Allan Brown nodded the equaliser.

Portsmouth were left flattened apart from one or two races after long balls down the middle. Only old England player Jimmy Dickinson kept calm.

And during this surge of Luton power, poor Cyril Rutter, Portsmouth's transfer-listed centre-half, playing at right-back, did nothing to step up his transfer value.

Portsmouth swept ahead in the first-half. Both goals were great efforts of opportunism, especially the first, which leader Ron Saunders cracked in on the turn.

PORTSMOUTH.—Uprichard 8; Rutter 5, Wilson 6; Phillips 7. ★**DICKINSON** 9, Casey 7; Cutler 6, Newman 7, Saunders 7, Harris (H.) 7, Barnard 6.

LUTON.—Baynham 8; Dunne 7, Hawkes 7; ★**MORTON** 9, Owen 8, Pacey 7; Bingham 7, Turner 7, Brown 7, Cummins 8, Adam 7.

Referee: B. Griffiths (Newport) 9.