

PORTSMOUTH LET LUTON RECOVER

LATE EQUALISER

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At the expense of a point Portsmouth learned that it is unwise to relax after gaining the upper hand with first-half goals by Saunders and Brown (penalty). 62/63

There was, perhaps, some excuse because the Luton attack was such a hit-and-miss affair.

Portsmouth played most of the ordered football, finding gaps in the Luton defence which was uncertain under pressure, and had they kept it up there is no doubt Luton would have gone down to resounding defeat.

Forward line fades

Portsmouth for the second half adopted such a defensive approach that their forward line faded. For the first time Luton began to look capable of better things. In the 70th minute a rather fortunate penalty was converted by Walden.

Two minutes later an error by Standen allowed Saunders to readjust the balance for Portsmouth. Luton, however, increased the pressure, and 13 minutes from time Shearing dropped a centre by Fleming, and Lornie walked the ball in.

In the last minute Shearing made another mistake, and McKechnie was standing almost under the bar to head in for Luton to save a point.