

GIVENS SETTLES IT FOR LUTON

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The Australian tourists, who play Luton tonight, watched this dour struggle and must have been given food for thought by the strength of the tackling and the speed of the whole proceedings.

The result was not very decorative, but there was plenty of earnest endeavour and, at the finish, Portsmouth considered themselves unlucky not to have drawn.

Both teams had their share of mishaps. Portsmouth lost Ley with a gash above the eye after 36 minutes, and Luton had Bannister substituting for the second period for Moore, who was troubled by an old injury.

A glittering start, with a goal to each team inside eight minutes, through John Ryan (Luton) and McCann promised better fare than was actually provided, and it took a lucky goal by Givens from a deflected shot to give Luton the winner soon after half-time.

Luton: Read; John Ryan, Slough, Hoy, Nicholl. Moore (Bannister, 45min.), Jimmy Ryan, Givens, MacDonald, Keen, Busby.

Portsmouth: Milkins; Hand, Ley, (Travers, 36min.), Piper, Blant, Munks, McCann, Trebilcock, Hiron, Bromley, Jennings.