

Givens— Mister Courage

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Luton 3 Portsmouth 2

LUTON'S stirring comeback was summed up by the courage of striker Don Givens.

The former Busby Babe had two spells off the field for treatment to damaged knee ligaments as Luton hauled themselves back after trailing 2—0 at half-time.

But, as substitute Vic Halom had already been called into action, Givens was pressed into service.

He hobbled gallantly on the wing and, appropriately, played a big part in the winning goal three minutes from time.

Pounced

Peter Anderson pounced to force the ball home after Givens had startled the Pompey defence with a thumping shot against the far post.

Luton's first two goals came shortly after the interval, when Givens was still having treatment on the touchline.

Skipper Mike Keen began the comeback in the 52nd minute, forcing home



GIVENS — laid on
Luton's winner

a corner as Luton at last applied some pressure.

Six minutes later Gordon Hindson opened his account for the club with a crackling drive from 30 yards.

But in the first half they were completely outplayed by a confident, fast-moving Portsmouth attack.

Richard Reynolds got both goals—the first after only two minutes and the second six minutes before the break.

But it was a very different story in the second half when Luton showed some of the old fire which has been missing this season.

LUTON. — Read, Ryan (J), Slough, Keen, Nicholl, Moore, Anderson, Court, Busby, Givens, Hindson. Sub: Halom.

PORTSMOUTH. — Standen, Smith, Ley, Hand, Youlden, Munks, Piper, Reynolds, Trebilcock, McCann, Jennings. Sub: Hiron.