

LUTON LET RYAN LOOSE

Portsmouth 0, Luton 3

THE experiment of pushing defender John Ryan upfield paid a double dividend for Luton who achieved their best away performance of the season yesterday.

Playing his first full game in midfield, Ryan netted twice as his side thoroughly thrashed disorganised Portsmouth who continue a run of poor displays.

His first was a header from a superb cross by Keen with the defence wide open. His second was a gift from Pompey centre Collins who "cleared" straight to Ryan's feet. Centre forward Givens had opened the scoring with a penalty after Blant handled.

Portsmouth had nothing to offer in reply and goal efforts by strikers Reynolds and Hiron bore the mark of desperation.