

RYAN SWITCH PEPS LUTON

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Portsmouth 0 Luton 3

PORTSMOUTH'S worst performance of the season against a reshuffled Luton side keeps them down in the Second Division danger zone with only three matches still to play.

Dick Reynolds, who has been their key man in attack for much of this season, had an off day. . . he even missed an open goal.

The ball came across from George Ley and Reynolds sliced it well wide.

But Luton made no mistake in the 15th minute when they were awarded a penalty after Colin Blant clumsily handled a centre from Don Shanks.

Don Givens, who played with plenty of power in the Luton front line, slammed spot-kick confidently past Milkins.

Error

In the 32nd minute a defensive error by Portsmouth brought the second Luton goal. Givens squeezed across a centre from near the corner flag and with Milkins seemingly rooted to his line Ryan nipped in to head into the net.

Six minutes after the interval Luton had a goal disallowed. After a quick move between Halom and Ryan, Givens beautifully flighted the ball into the net only to have it disallowed for offside.

But in the 67th minute John Collins, who had shown plenty of spirit in Portsmouth's back formation, sliced a clearance straight to Ryan. He hit it first time below the diving Milkins into the far corner.

PORTSMOUTH. — Milkins; Smith, Collins, Blant, Youlden, Munks, Piper, Reynolds, Hiron, Wilson, Ley. Sub: Pointer.

LUTON.—Barber; Slough, Shanks, Keen, Garner, Moore, Wainwright, Halom, Givens, Ryan, Hindson. Sub: Court.