FINNEY FOLLS THE PUMPEY BATTLERS

BY REG BETTS

LUTON 3, POMPEY 3

Pompey still seek their first League win — after sharing six goals at Luton in a hectic struggle, which had sufficient goalmouth 64min. drama to pack half a dozen matches — and two bookings.

For Ron Davies and Brian Lewis today's match marked a return to one of the stopping off places in their careers. Davies was top scorer for Luton during his brief stay at Kenilworth Road.

Excuse me while I draw breath after a wild and woolly match which could have finished with a Rugby score. Luton's all-attacking policy could have brought three goals in the first five minutes and Pompey struggled until Kellard scored with a perfectly placed shot.

After that Pompey gained control for a while, but soon the match developed into a nightmare for the two defences. Two goals in two minutes sent the match swaying Luton's way, but Pompey came back strongly after the break and it was their turn to sweep ahead.

There was a strange incident when kellard showed his annoyance as Lewis took a penalty kick, but there was joy all round when Davies rose magnificently to head home

Piper's cross. Luton came back fighting, and a draw was the right result for a match which was at times over - competitive and needed firmer control by the referee.

Graham Horn, Luton's young goalkeeper, played for Pompey in the corresponding match last season.

LUTON TOWN		PORTSMOUTH
Horn	1	Tilsed
Shanks		Roberts
Thomson	3 4	Wilson
Anderson		Piper
Faulkner	5	Stephenson
Garner	6 7	Hand
Ryan (Jim)		Marinello
Ryan (John)	8	Kellard
Butlin	9	Davies
Finney	10	Lewis
Aston	11	Hiron
Cruse	12	Reynolds
Referee Mr	WIH	all (Preston)

Pompey had an escape in the first minute. Shanks raced up on the overlap and hoisted a dangerous cross, which inched above Butlins's head.

Pompey conceded a free-kick on the edge of the penalty area and Butlin came within inches of scoring. Luton had a third chance, this time when Butlin intercepted a poor clearance by Tilsed, only to roll his shot wide with the goal yawning in front of

Having survived three flag and desperate moments, Pompey follower made a little impact, Kellard mouth. seeking Davies's head with a penetrating cross from the left.

The defence was again in pey defence rooted the turf. trouble when a Kellard back It was the Luton striker's fifth who struck his shot into the side netting.

Confident

A long, strong drive from
Hiron's right foot was held confidently by Horn down by a
post, but Pompey were rarely
PORTSMOUTH

3 move.

Hand and Tilsed collided and luckily scrambled away the centre from Aston.

Intercepting quickly near the corner flag, Hiron slipped the pass inside to Davies, but the Welsh international screwed his shot well wide.

Pompey were beginning to find some co-ordination, and Piper, striding forward quickly, passed through to Davies, who lobbed his shot over Horn and inches over the crossbar

A fine cross from Marinello was turned away for a corner — and Pompey took the lead from

First Division match again club that had transferred cularly sweet triumph of h City to Plymouth Argyle comparatively few players Outside-left Harry Burro months ago.

of Notts County. The E254 the late Leon Leuty in their biggest in history £30,000 for midfield pe for over 20 years nowada It's rare indeed for a ! row 14 years ago next moi drew a blank? Current Ch Division match in which in the goal rush! That was and the centre-forward, o niw magine it - a team win and former Swindon outs mark. Southampton and Paine began the season were regarded as winger There are only two in the enough in the game to hi Will any extreme wing and inhospitality? Well, C notified all others to tha the practice of issuing to

pecoming the first Footba

In the 64th minute Pompey at long last found the wits needed to outflank the Luton defence. Piper darted away down the right and pulled back a perfect cross for DAVIES'S head to do the rest. The Welsh striker rose with all his old authority to pull the ball past Horn and put Pompey ahead.

There was a minute stoppage while goalkeeper Tilsed had treatment and Ryberts, went across to the trainer's bench complaining about an apparent arm injury.

The name of Thomson went into Mr. Hall's book for holding back Marinello when the winger flew past him on a dangerous

Marinello won a corner, Davies made contact again with his lethal head, and Shanks headed off the line to prevent another

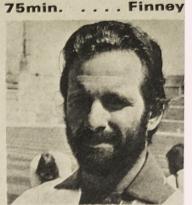
Luton appealed for a penalty when Garner went down but Mr. Hall pointed to the corner flag and another hectic scramble followed in the Pompey goal

In the 75th minute, Luton were level again. Garner's long Luton switched the attack to throw was touched down by the left and Stephenson sliced Butlin to FINNEY, who swept the ball away from the goal line. in the equalizer with the Pom-

pass was picked up by Butlin, goal in four matches. Mr. Hall gave Anderson a long lecture for a late tackle on Lewis, but this time he kept his note book in his pocket.

THE GOALS

. . Thomson 33min. 35min. Garner 56min. LEWIS (pen.) ... DAVIES



Bobby Kellard - shot Pompey ahead.