

UNITED'S CUP YEAR AGAIN?

"Wrap up the cup and give it to Manchester United." That's the critics' judgment after the mid-week cup replay, when the glamour boys from Manchester took the pomp right out of Pompey. 50,000 Portsmouth fans see their dark-shirted favourites go down to a brilliant Soccer machine - United, speedy and clever. Tommy Bogan, No. 8, is the first Manchester man to catch the spotlight.

Football, football, all the time, that's the Manchester watchword - and how these boys put it into action! From Delaney to Downie - across to Mitten - and it's in the net.

Peter Harris brings Pompey back into the pictures - but, though Parker gets in a fine shot, goalie Feehan is ready. The Irishman's long clearance puts Manchester away again and, when they are on the ball, they mean business. Johnny Downie makes it two-nil.

Winger Harris gives Pompey fans new hope, as from an acute angle, he reduces the margin with a brilliant shot.

Their team depleted by injuries, Pompey fail only narrowly in their come-back. Ask Jimmy Scouler - it isn't for lack of trying!

After the ball has been dug out the Manchester machine goes back into top gear with hardly a pause. Mitten sends Jack Rowley away and the England man is out on his own. His well-placed centre puts Pompey in a tangle - and Delaney leisurely lobs it in.

Great sportsmen - that's the verdict on two great teams.