

F.A. CUP THIRD ROUNDPertsmouth v. Lincoln

At Fratton Park, Portsmouth (First Division leaders) meet Lincoln City, Third Northern leaders. Lincoln last met Pompey in the same round in the last season before the war. Portsmouth, who won then, kick off today, playing in their familiar royal blue. Pompey are always tough Cup opponents - and this looks dangerous - but Jones dives to rob Reid and save a certain goal. Prolific scorers in their own Division, Lincoln find the defence too good to break through here. And now here comes Portsmouth again. Centre-forward Clarke lobs over Jones and it's a goal for Portsmouth.

Now it's Mundy with the ball. The Portsmouth inside-left centres but the Lincoln goalie beats Clarke for the ball. Jones is playing a good game but Portsmouth are too good for Lincoln. It's skill against courage and the Pompey machine is right in its stride now. Now Belgian-born left-winger Gaillard gets the ball; he beats a Lincoln defender and shoots - and it's a goal.

At half-time it's Portsmouth two, Lincoln nil. Resuming, Pompey keep up the pressure. Maybe it is one-sided but it's good to see a crack team playing good football. They're keeping Jones pretty busy.

No need for the Chines today! They're playing like the book! It's Gaillard again. He's sandwiched - but it's a goal! Lincoln defenders look glum, but the fleet's lit up all right! And this looks like Portsmouth's fourth goal coming up. Jones comes out but misses. Mundy takes his chance and slams it in, for Portsmouth to pass into the Fourth Round with a four-nil victory over Lincoln who went down fighting to the end.

Newcastle v. Aston Villa

Now over to St. James's Park, where Villa kick-off against cupholders Newcastle in stripes in what turned out to be the thriller of the Third Round. The Magpies soon get a taste of what's coming. Veteran cup-fighters, Aston Villa are out to score before Newcastle can settle down. Here's another attack starting. A Gibson pass finds Dickson. The inside-left shoots - and Villa have scored in eight minutes!