

LEGENDS 87

Chapter 87: Estadio do Dragao Debut I

With Vincent Aboubakar bringing the score of the game to 2 : 1 with Porto having two while Portimonense had one, the balance of the game had shifted.

Portimonense no longer dared to play cautious football and sent their players out in an effort to try to bring the game back to level terms but that ended up having the opposite effect than what they had been looking for.

Just five minutes after the Porto team finally took the lead for the first time in the match, the Porto team had found another opportunity.

They had been pushing for an attack despite the Portimonense team's ferocity which was a result of going behind and they had finally managed to get the ball back into the Portimonense half, but they were finding it difficult to get into the Portimonense penalty box with the Portimonense team's aggressive defending.

In the end, Mattheus Uribe decided to take a risk and send the ball forward to Tiquiniho Soares and by luck, the ball managed to reach the striker, but as the striker tried to get past his marker, his marker grabbed onto Tiquiniho's shirt and pulled, bringing the striker to the ground.

Fweeeeee

The referee's whistle quickly blew to signify a foul as the referee ran up to the player who fouled and showed him a yellow card.

The Porto attack had been stopped but they now had a free-kick just outside the right side in front of the Portimonense penalty area.

As the team's dead ball specialist, Alex Telles stood over the free-kick, and with the referee blowing his whistle, he ran up to the ball, arched his body, and swung his left foot at the ball.

Courtesy of Alex Telles's foot hitting the ball, the ball smoothly took off the ground, whizzed just over the wall, and headed for the top left corner of the Portimonense goal.

The Portimonense goalkeeper saw it coming, ran for the ball, and made a dive but somehow still fell short of the ball that swooshed past his outstretched hand and into the back of the net.

{Goal!!!}

{3 : 1}

{The Portuguese wingback has once again showed us what he's good at, what he's known for, and how he delivers}

{Beautiful curler, absolutely inescapable, and it found the top corner} The commentator's voice served as the backdrop for the noise from the fans that filled the stadium as their team cemented their lead.

The players also took their sweet time celebrating their goal and only returned after the referee's continuous urging for the game to resume play.

The game soon resumed with the Portimonense team kicking off and unlike the complete loss of morale from going two goals behind that everyone was expecting, the Portimonense team still seemed willing to fight to gain something from the game.

They applied pressure on the Porto team and sent the ball and their players forward in a bid to get a goal that would bring them closer to an equalizer, but the Porto team wasn't planning on just letting them have their way.

Unfortunately, the Portimonense team's determination to get a goal was a bit more than the Porto players expected and they soon found the opportunity they were looking for from a thunderous shot from their striker just outside the Porto penalty area that found the top corner despite Augustin Marchesin's attempts to deter the Portimonense team.

{Goal!!!! 3 : 2 }

{Could Portimonense have something here?} The commentator asked a question that was up to the Portimonense team's players to answer.

On the sidelines, Sergio Conceicao turned to the bench and called out to Jason and Wilson Manafa to begin warming up.

Jason and Wilson didn't waste any time jumping off the bench and began doing warm-up routines to warm up their muscles for the game.

Thus while the Portimonense team was celebrating their goal, Jason and Wilson were warming up while listening to the manager's instructions for them.

Mattheus Uribe would be coming off for Wilson Manafa and Wilsoon would be swapping positions with Sergio Olivera who was previously in the right-back position.

Jason on the other hand would be coming on for Otavio.

After the substitutions, the match kicked off in the 67th minute with Porto in possession of the ball, but the Portimonense team, emboldened by their goal pressed hard, doing their utmost best to steal possession from the Porto team.

Unfortunately for Portimonense, Porto was a top-flight team that wouldn't so easily crack under the pressure and instead began displaying just as much of a better performance as the increasing pressure that they were being attacked by.

They kept possession with smooth passes and good off-the-ball movement.

The ball went from Danilo Perreira to Sergio Oliveira and then Sergio Oliveira sent the ball to Luiz Diaz who with one touch of the ball, escaped his marker before sending the ball to Vincent Aboubakar.

Not seeing any space to move through, Vincent Aboubakar sent the ball back to Sergio Oliveira in midfield and Oliveira sent the ball to the right side of the field where the ball was brought under control by Wilson Manafa with his chest before sending the ball that was still mid-air to Jason.

With a smooth flick of the ball, Jason made use of the fact that the ball was already off the ground to flick the ball over his marker that was behind him before turning around to catch the ball while his marker slipped due to a loss of footing from the sudden change in direction.

Even though there was enough space for Jason to make a run at the Portimonense, he chose to send a long cross-field pass toward the left side of the penalty area where he had seen Luiz Diaz making an inside run.

The ball flew just over everyone in its path before dipping inside the left side of the Portimonense penalty area.

The Portimonense players thought the ball would end up either in the hand of their keeper or out of play. Luiz Diaz suddenly appeared behind their defensive line and jumped to catch the ball mid-air with his foot in a display of inhuman body and ball control.

Though they were stunned at the sudden appearance of the Porto winger behind their defensive line, they were professionals for a reason and quickly gave chase, but Luiz Diaz was already too close to the goal and already had the ball under control.

The next second, he was already swinging his leg and sending the ball past the goalkeeper.