

## LUTON v. PORTSMOUTH.

This match in the Southern Alliance Competition was played on the Luton Town Ground on Tuesday. Result:—

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| Luton .....     | 2 goals. |
| Portsmouth..... | 1 goal.  |
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The teams were as follow:—

Luton—Abbott; Jarvie and A. Webdale; F. Hawkes, Wilson, and Thompson; Stephenson, Wilman, M. Price, Holland, and Worth.

Portsmouth—Sanderson; Ibbotson and Dexter; Menzies, Walls, and Martin; Wright, Boff, Dowling, Rollinson, and Young.

Referee, Mr. F. W. Barton (Ealing).

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The first thrill was produced by Portsmouth, when a rising shot from their left wing sailed just over Luton's crossbar. Price worked hard at centre-forward for the home team, and the Portsmouth defence were kept very busy in trying to check his unwearrying endeavours.



The Luton right wing showed some glimpse of its previous day's form when Fred Hawkes gave the ball to Wileman, who passed it forward nicely for Stephenson to put in a good run. The Portsmouth defence were able to check the winger before he got in too close. Good work by Price and Holland nearly brought about the downfall of Pompey's goal, but Sanderson went to his knees and cleverly stopped the final shot. Then Stephenson dropped the ball in from near the right corner, and it alighted on the net just behind the bar. Dowling did some very smart work, being quick in turning and shooting without wasting a moment. Luton's left wing had a turn, Holland slipping the ball out towards Worth, who went away at a fine pace and drove it right across the goal-mouth. It was one of the sort that he practised with so much success earlier in the season. The home goal had a narrow escape from a shot by Young which passed square across the goal-mouth; the slightest touch would have deflected it into the net. Sanderson saved from Wileman and Hawkes, after which Young and Rollinson got away to good effect, and Abbott had to get down to clear. At the end of forty minutes play Wileman tricked the Portsmouth defence by turning the ball in unexpectedly to Price, who, with the goalkeeper coming out to him, sent the ball between Sanderson's legs into the net. Portsmouth continued to bustle, and their backs and halves certainly passed to better effect to their forwards than did the Luton players.

After the interval, Price ran through on his own. He steadied himself for the final effort, but his shot was a weak one. He directed it well to his right to beat Sanderson, but it was just a little too much in that direction and went outside. A little later, Price swung the ball out to Worth, but the outside-left failed to trap it, and Ibbotson cleared. Worth made amends later with a terrific shot which Sanderson saved very cleverly. He was, however, penalised for carrying, and it took the referee quite a while to get the Portsmouth players to line up at the proper distance. The visitors cleared the ball after a great scramble between the two sides. Price and Wileman followed up one dash by a second. In this case the ball went up in the air off one of the Portsmouth men, but Wileman got to it first and cleverly curved it round the back into the goal. There was almost a third from an attempt by Stephenson, but the ball, when almost over the mark, was kicked out by one of the visitors, who, fortunately for them, ran back when he saw Sanderson out of his goal. A run down on Pompey's right got Luton into difficulties, and Rollinson received the ball in a very favourable position. At close quarters he had only Abbott to beat and did it, thus bringing the score to 2—1, at which it stood when the final whistle went.