
SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

AN INGLORIOUS FINALE.

BEATEN BY THE WOODEN SPOONISTS.

Luton wound up their Southern League programme by their worst performance so far, for they allowed Ton Pentre, who had previously won only one game, to carry off the spoils by 2-1. The game was played in Wales, and Luton journeyed there on Saturday morning, so perhaps this, combined with the poor quality of the ground, and the fact that Luton were poorly represented and had no hope of promotion explained the result. The most notable absentee was Fred Hawkes, for whom Wilson was introduced. Henderson reappeared at back, and Murphy figured as partner to Worth. As a result of the game, Luton will probably have to be content with fourth or even fifth place, for both Croydon and Swansea will not doubt excel their record of 30 points. Luton's figures show that the weakness during the year has been the defence. Whereas the forwards have scored the second best number of goals, 52, the defence has been pierced 39 times, only three teams having a worse record in this respect. The goal scorers have been:—Stephenson 10, Wileman 8, Smith 7, R. Hawkes 7, Thompson 4, Worth 3, Streeton 3, Chipperfield 3, F. Hawkes 3, Murphy 2, Holland 1, Wilson 1.

As for the game, it is perhaps sufficient to say that the Rhondda men played with great dash, hustled the ex-First Leaguers off their stylish game, and forced them to adopt other tactics. The Strawplaiters, however, were clever in the opening stages, and successfully repelled many dangerous rushes by the home forwards, whilst Stephenson nearly came to giving them the lead in the opening few minutes. Ton cleared, however, but only momentarily, for the Strawplaiters, resisting the unorthodox methods of Ton, forced a corner, from which Smith put through. This reverse nettled Ton, who played with even more forceful tactics. R. Jones brought the scores level before the interval, and keeping up their remarkable dashing play, J. Williams netted the second goal soon after the resumption. Result:—

Ton Pentre 2, Luton 1.