

The victory secured by Luton in mid-week was the first the Blues have ever managed at Fratton Park, and it was the more gratifying seeing that Portsmouth had out almost a full Southern League team, differing in only one instance from the side which met Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday. In the absence of Bob Hawkes, the Blues were led by Fred Hawkes, Wilson playing left half, and there were three other changes, Robinson giving Elvey a rest, while Brewis played centre, and S. Hoar, the Clarence outside left, had another game against Portsmouth. The homesters early went ahead through James, the centre forward, who got clear through, and before the interval Wileman equalised. In the second half Luton claimed a goal when Hoar struck the inside of the upright with a high drive from the wing, but it was not allowed, and the score stood level until the last five minutes, when, from a centre by Stevens, Rollinson had the satisfaction of scoring the winning goal against his old team. The game was rather marred in the second half by unpleasant incidents arising out of a melee in the Luton goal mouth. Players on both sides got excited in the struggle, and there was a suspicion of blows, and after the referee had put an end to the trouble Mitchell was struck on the ear with a stone thrown from the back of the goal, with the result that he refused to kick off until the referee had admonished the crowd.

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