

SOUTHERN ALLIANCE.

A tired and jaded Luton team wound up the holiday programme on Tuesday by defeating Cardiff City in the Southern Alliance by the only goal of the match. This puts Luton at the top of the table, and the players are now assured of either championship or runners-up medals. Brighton have two more games to play, and if they get three points they will beat Luton on goal average. Both matches are with Southend, and the chances are that Luton will have to be content with second place. It was a rather unfamiliar team, including only five of the recognised first team men, that took the field against Cardiff, who had practically their full side out. The visitors, however, took things easily, and were more or less on the defensive for the whole of the game. Victory for Luton, however, seemed very improbable when after playing with a strong wind in the first half they failed to score, especially as an injury to Dodd had rendered him little more than a passenger. He could only limp about the field, but he did manage to get in one centre, from which Wileman won the game by heading the ball into the net. The clubs now stand as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
LUTON	16	11	4	1	36	27	23
Croydon	16	10	4	2	26	16	22
Brighton	14	9	3	2	32	12	20
Cardiff City	16	5	7	4	26	25	14
Newport	16	6	8	2	20	22	14
Portsmouth	16	6	10	0	22	28	12
Southampton	16	5	9	2	26	32	12
Brentford	16	4	8	4	18	33	12
Southend	14	4	7	3	12	28	11