

FOOTBALL NOTES.

With thirteen games to play Luton Town have yet a good chance of reaching a much better position in the League table. If they maintain the form of the last two weeks they should go up something like half a dozen places. Without minimising the very good work of Brandham and Grimes at Portsmouth, one may express sympathy that Hoar and Rutherford should be unable to turn out through injury. It is not certain at the moment of writing that Rutherford will be able to play this week, although we hope so, and it may sound unfair to Grimes, but Hoar must always be first choice for the wing when he is fit. On Saturday Grimes and Brandham were entitled to equal shares in the success, for they both played well under trying conditions.

It was a really good performance to bring a point away from Portsmouth, especially as the Town had already taken the points in the meeting at Luton, and Pompey were evidently anxious to even up. Thanks chiefly to Luton's brilliant defence, they did not do so. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of this defensive work, apart from Elvey's excellence, was the goal-keeping by Percy Summers, who appears to have given of his very best. He has been rather under a cloud for some time, but on Saturday he was in great form, and moved the Portsmouth crowd to cheers on many occasions. He was well covered, and backs and halves played exceptionally well, while Jim Brandham took Rutherford's place with more success than he showed at Southend. The forwards have played better, but it must not be forgotten that the conditions were very difficult, the ground being bad, and the heavy rain making matters much worse.

All things considered, the performance was the best in the Southern League competition, and if the same spirit can be maintained in the remaining games, the Town will certainly go well up the table. The result on Saturday gives Cardiff City a better chance of the championship, and Portsmouth will have to fight hard if they mean to retain their position at the head of affairs.