

LUTON extended their incredible run of victories to eight in a row and increased Portsmouth's relegation worries.

In the first half Portsmouth seemed over-impressed by Luton's run of success and concentrated on stopping them from scoring rather than attempting to make progress on their own account.

They failed miserably. Uncertain under heavy Luton pressure, they allowed Faulkner a free header to score his first goal of the season in the 8th minute from an in-swinging corner by skipper West.

Luton mounted constant pressure throughout the first half and King increased their lead with a superb goal in the 37th minute. West, Aston and Husband all had a hand in the move before King volleyed the ball past a surprised Lloyd.

At half-time Portsmouth manager Ian St. John pulled off full-back Lawler who was feeling

So simple for Luton

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unwell with a stomach upset and brought on Wilson. Pompey certainly improved and put pressure on a complacent Luton defence for the first time.

But Portsmouth conceded a third goal in the 58th minute when Lloyd did well to block a shot by Husband and Ron Futchler scored an easy goal from the rebound.

Pompey were in with a chance of rescuing a point when McGuinness was quick to intercept a short goal kick by Barber and crossed for Piper to tap the ball home.

Barber made amends with two fine saves from Piper and one

from Mellows as Pompey finally went down fighting.

Luton: Barber, J. Ryan, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, P. Futchler, Husband, King, R. Futchler, West, Aston. Sub.: J. Ryan.

Portsmouth: Lloyd, Lawler, Mellows, Roberts, Went, Cahill, McGuinness, Piper, Grahame, Reynolds, Eames. Sub.: Wilson.