

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON v. BRISTOL ROVERS.

The Southern League fixture between Luton Town and Bristol Rovers, postponed because of the Cup-ties, was decided at Luton on Monday, when the home eleven were successful by 1—0. The teams lined up as follow:—Luton: Platt, Jackson, McCurdy, F. Hawkes, White, R. Hawkes, Warner Gittins, Brown, Fitzpatrick and Barnes. Bristol; Cartlidge, Appleby, Hales, Hutchinson, Jarvis, Smart, Clarke, Young, Owens, Walker and Gould. Referee, Mr. A. Green (West Bromwich).

Play was pretty much of that scrambling nature known by the title of "Monday football," but the Town always had the better of matters, though they played in lifeless fashion, and finally won a one-sided game by the narrow margin of one goal to nil. The only point of the match was scored 15 minutes from time in a peculiar style, Barnes running the ball through unexpectedly following upon a throw-down for an offence upon Warner. It was peculiar that the victory should be obtained by such an unsatisfactory goal when the ultimate winners had had so many chances to first movement after the kick-off spent danger to the Rovers, "Sandy" Brown heading a clever centre by Warner on to the post. The chief credit for this threatening attack was due to Gittins, who gave Warner several of the neatest passes, and though the outside-right was literally starved during the greater part of the game, this was due to no selfishness on the part of his wingmate. Several movements gave Bristol a warm time, but the defence was very sound and a less reliable custodian than Cartlidge would have been defeated by a beautiful drive straight for the corner of the goal from Fitzpatrick, which the goal-keeper just turned aside. Platt was called upon to save for the first time 25 minutes from the start and was compelled for nearly the whole of the game to be an interested spectator. The only time when the Rovers showed any likelihood of piercing the Luton defence was midway through the second half when, however, their aggression was quelled without any great difficulty. Only 1,200 people put in an appearance, which may be taken as conclusive evidence of the lack of interest locally in Monday football, whether in the Southern League or the United League.