

WESTERN LEAGUE.

BRISTOL ROVERS v. LUTON.

SURPRISE FOR THE ROVERS.

To say that Bristol Rovers were surprised on Wednesday, when Luton visited them and beat them by 2—1, would be to express their feelings mildly, but the victors quite deserved their narrow margin win. The game was one of contrasts, very good at one time, and equally bad another. It opened sensationally and in the first minute the visitors were presented with a goal. A penalty-kick against Handly was converted by Jones. After this the game was well contested, though the 2,000 Rovers' supporters were not at all satisfied with the display of their favourites. McCurdy and Dimmock defended very sturdily and Jarvis played a brilliant game in goal for Luton. It was due to no fault of his when Murphy equalised from a pass by Savage, so that the teams were on equal terms at the interval.

In the second half Bristol showed an anxiety to gain the lead, but were weak in front of goal and gradually wore themselves down. Luton lasted well and in the concluding stages attacked in dashing fashion that ended in Moody placing the ball past Cartlidge just before the final whistle sounded.