

## BRISTOL ROVERS v. LUTON.

Played at Bristol on Boxing Day. Result:

Bristol Rovers ..... 2 goals.

Luton ..... 1 goal.

For this match at Bristol on Boxing Day, Luton relied on the following team:—Jarvis; Rayner and Chapman; F. Hawkes, Jones, and Johnson; Brown, Quinn, Smith, Moody, and Stansfield. Bristol were represented by the same team as that which appeared at

Luton on Christmas Day, except that Mason played at inside-left in place of Roberts.

Mason early proved his worth by opening the scoring for the Rovers. The home forwards broke away, and Corbett passed to Mason, who at once beat Jarvis and put the home side one goal to the good. The first quarter of an hour witnessed a series of corners by Luton, but none were turned to account, Roney playing a marvellous game in goal for the Rovers. There was no more scoring before half-time when the Rovers led by a goal.

As in the first half, so in the second the Rovers were rewarded by an early goal. Rogers was the man to do the trick, the ball coming from the left wing at a good speed and Rogers banging it into the net without the ball touching the ground. Though sustaining this fresh reverse of fortune, Luton never lost heart, and again made an assault on the Rovers' goal.

Smith was proving a rare thorn in the side of the home defence, and once he broke absolutely clear and was only a matter of four yards off the goal when Westwood came up and hooked him off the ball. The visitors made a strenuous appeal for a penalty, but the referee allowed play to proceed, and the ball was carried to the Luton end, where Jarvis was called upon to save.

It really looked as if Luton would have to leave the field goalless until a few minutes before the end of the game, when Brown found himself in possession of his side of the field, and bore rapidly down on Roney. Sending the ball across, Smith was too quick for Roney, and the ball struck the Luton man's head and was cleverly put through the goal. The end soon came, with the Rovers leading by 2 goals to 1.

The game was a very even one, and Luton quite deserved to divide the points. A penalty would have been a well-deserved punishment on Westwood when he brought Smith down, but unhappily the referee did not view the incident in the light in which it was regarded by the Luton men.

Jones was the man who gave the Rovers' goalkeeper the most telling shots to stop, and Abe had some hard luck on more than one occasion. Once, following a free kick, he sent the ball to Roney at a rare pace, but the shot was saved, whilst just later he placed a free kick in the bottom corner of the goal, and Roney pushed it round the post for a useless corner.