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SORRY SHOW BY BRISTOL ROVERS

By "Vigilant."

The visit of Bristol Rovers to Luton yesterday not only strengthened the position of the Blues at the head of the Southern League table, but it also provided Bert Moody with the opportunity of getting to the top of the list of Southern League goal scorers. In the first few minutes he made up his total of League goals to half-a-dozen, but before the game ended his partner on the left wing was only one behind, for Harold Stansfield did the hat trick with a trio of goals. This was the extent of the scoring, but it need not have been had the homesters been out for goals, as the Rovers provided a very sorry opposition. Their forwards have not scored a goal this season, and their only hope of breaking that unfortunate record yesterday was on the occasions that the Luton backs muddled matters in the goal mouth and enabled the forwards to fire in from scrambles. On these occasions Naisby distinguished himself by really brilliant saves.

Luton had out the side which has represented them since Bushell broke his finger, and the Rovers' team may well be summed up as consisting of Roney, the goalkeeper, Harvie and Westwood, the two backs, and eight others. Up to half-time Luton were quite content with their one goal lead, but afterwards Stansfield put on three. The first was a scoop into the goal, from which the goalkeeper was unsighted by Smith, and directly afterwards Stansfield darted into the centre to the assistance of Smith, who was engaged with the two backs, and, taking the ball to inside right, scored a lovely goal. These points came in the first quarter of an hour of the second half, and the last one about a quarter of an hour from time. Moody headed a centre from Brown towards the goal, and Roney and Stansfield went for it simultaneously. Harold got the better of the duel and simply walked the ball into the net. Luton thus won by 4—0—a score which gives no idea of their true measure of superiority.

The attendance was about 3,000, and was very encouraging, especially as Saturday's gate realised £160. The same eleven will go to New Brompton, but Bushell will most likely appear in the Southern Charity Cup-tie with Coventry City on Monday.