

ROVERS' GAIN A DESERVED POINT.

Bristol Rovers met Luton Town in the Strawplaiters' stronghold, the game ending in a goalless draw. The teams were:—

Bristol Rovers—Whatley, Armitage, Sambridge; Walton, Wragge, Smith; Chance, Phillips, Woodhall, Morgan, and Lofthouse.

Luton Town—Gibbon; Anderson, Tall; Walker, Jennings, Millar; Hoar, Butcher, Kerr, Reid, and Hoten.

Referee—Mr R. Crump.

The Rovers thoroughly deserved their point, although they were a trifle fortunate, as for the greater part of the first half they were penned in their own half, but so gallantly did they defend, however, that Whatley's work was not unduly heavy, and by the interval it was evident that Luton had done their best work. Reid once netted, but was ruled offside. The Rovers in the second portion more than held their own for 30 minutes, with the result that Gibbon had more to do than Whatley.

Brilliant sunlight, a dry ground, a light ball, and a gusty wind made accurate play difficult, but the game was the most pleasantly contested between the teams since the war, and, further, the contest was brimful of interest. Luton were quicker on the ball than the Rovers, but the positioning and general judgment of the Rovers' defenders was a feature of the game. But for an injured arm in the second half, Woodhall might well have led his men to victory, but he had to go to the extreme right, and this upset the balance. He did well as a leader, and Phillips was a lively deputy afterwards. Lofthouse was well watched, but Chance was very effective, and Morgan put in useful work. Wragge was probably the smartest half on view, and his colleagues, Walton and Smith, were sound assistants, both of whom improved after a rather slow start. Sambridge played a great game in defence, his kicking and tackling alike being good, and Armitage was a cool and resolute defender. Whatley made three wonderful saves in the first half, and was always safe. Gibbon, Anderson, Jennings, Millar, Kerr, and Butcher were Luton's best. There were 8,000 spectators.