

POINTS SHARED AT BRISTOL.

KERR'S GOAL.

Anderson Again Excels.

(By BRISTOLIAN).

At Bristol yesterday:—

BRISTOL ROVERS ... 1 goal

LUTON TOWN 1 goal

BRISTOL. — Whatley; Price, Sambridge; Walton, Wagge, Smith; Phillips, Woodhall, Morgan, Lofthouse.

LUTON. — Orr; Anderson, Graham; Walker, Jennings, Millar; Hoar, Butcher, Kerr, Reid, Hoten.

Referee: Mr. R. R. Crump, London.

Summer weather was mainly responsible for the smallest gate of the season seeing about the poorest display of football of the season, at Stapleton-road, when Bristol Rovers and Luton Town shared two goals. It was safe to state that no one of the 6,000 spectators—certainly none of the players—was sorry to hear Referee Crump signal the end of the game. Three matches in four days at the lag end of a season, in a broiling sun, were also contributable causes to the indifferent class of football dished up.

The Town, who left Luton at 7 a.m. on Monday, had played Orr in goal instead of Gibbon, who damaged his foot at Norwich through kicking the ground. The Rovers made two changes from the side which lost by four goals clear at Watford on Saturday, Armitage being injured, and Price came into the side to partner Sambridge.

The game opened at a good pace. Seemingly both sides had an early goal in mind, but soon the combination became disjointed, the ball was ballooned altogether too much, while the number of times it was kicked out of play made the game boresome to watch. Luton always impressed one as being the more likely to open the scoring, and this, in fact, they did after 15 minutes' play, when Hoar started a movement. At the right moment he gave the ball to Butcher, who, after running round Sambridge, sent across to KERR. The latter rushed through, and although Whatley came from his goal and touched the ball, he could not arrest the progress, and it found its billet in the back of the net.

Ten minutes before the interval the Rovers suffered a misfortune, for Lofthouse, their left winger, was injured, and had to leave the field for treatment by the ambulance men. He was subsequently conveyed to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, where he was found to be suffering from a wrist dislocation. It was brought about through a collision with one of the Town defenders. Lofthouse fell heavily on the hard ground, and in the mix-up one of the Luton players appeared to tread on him quite accidentally.

With depleted forces, the Rovers put up a plucky game, but Orr was well protected and had only a few difficult shots to clear. The equaliser came about seven minutes from the call of time, when WOODHALL netted.

The sharing of the points was about as much as the game was worth, for it grew duller and duller as time went on.

The outstanding player on the field was Anderson. At no period of the game did he seem at a loss what to do, and try as they would, the bigger opponents could not beat him. Only once did he mis-kick in a game where the other players seemed unable to time the ball with accuracy. Orr showed up well, but was inclined to risk. Graham was a solid defender, and in the middle line Jennings had Woodhall well collared. Walker was useful, but had a comfortable time after Lofthouse was injured, and Millar had all his work cut out to hold ~~Obtuse~~ ~~Obtuse~~ Of the forwards, Hoar and Butcher combined well, and the left wing showed resolution and resource. Kerr was a dashing leader, but did not get enough attention.

For the Rovers Price did pretty well. Wragge was the best half and Phillips was the pick of the attack.