

On Monday there was a further disappointment, for the TOWN were fortunate to escape defeat at the hands of BRISTOL ROVERS. As in the match on Saturday, the forwards were without real understanding, were slow and indecisive, and not nearly so energetic either in approach or in the completion of their attacks as the Rovers.

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The visitors began very strongly, and they never let go during the game. They scored after ten minutes through Lewis, but the Town defenders were fortunate to see two or three previous efforts go over the bar. When the goal came from a corner Harford appeared to have the ball safely in his possession, but could not hold it, and LEWIS happened to be right on the spot to crash the ball into the net. The Rovers had to defend strenuously now and then, but their attacks very much more dangerous when on the move, and the lead at the change over was thoroughly deserved.

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There was a big improvement in the Town's play after change of ends, and they hammered away for a long time. Still, the finishing was very poor, and Beby dealt with all that came his way until half the second session had passed. Then through the forceful work of Tait a penalty kick was awarded the Town. Donald slapped the ball with his hand as Tait tried to put it across the goal-mouth, and from the penalty kick HUTCHISON scored with a shot that left



Beby amazed, the goalkeeper expecting a smashing shot, instead of which Hutchison side-footed the ball gently into the net.

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Though having the territorial advantage in the second period, the Town forwards could do little effective work against a dour defence. The inclusion of Hutchison at inside-right did not make much difference, for although he was very clever his colleagues could not get together, and when Tait was injured at the time of the penalty kick, and was of little use afterwards, the failure to score could not be wholly attributed to that.

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Brown, who took Fraser's place in the middle line, did very well after change of ends, some of his supporting work being very fine, while Hodgson and Mackey also played soundly. Harford had more luck in this game than in any previous match this season, and two or three times in the late stages he was all but beaten, but his lucky star was in the ascendant.

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The Rovers proved to be a fast and capable side. They were a yard in four or five faster than the Town, and they controlled the light ball on the hard ground much the better. All the forwards did well, and the middle men were hard workers, while in the rear little fault could be found unless it were with Beby, who took big risks now and then.

There were 2,272 spectators, and the receipts were £124.

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LUTON.—Harford; Hodgson, Mackey; Kean, McGinnigle, Brown; Mills, Hutchison, Tait, Alderson, Roberts.

BRISTOL ROVERS.—Beby; Pickering, Donald; Irving, Routledge, Eyres; M'Nestry, McKay, Lewis, Stevenson, Green.

Referee.—Mr. F. W. Reeve, Devonport.