

DAZZLING LUTON

EXPERIMENTAL ROVERS MEET A GREAT ATTACK

Luton Town 0 Bristol Rovers 2

Bristol Rovers tried experiments with their team, and it was unfortunate that this happened when they had to visit Luton, whose swift and penetrative attack during certain periods produced dazzling form.

Whenever the home attack struck machine-like mood the Rovers defenders hardly knew which way to move to intercept. The marksmanship was of a character all too seldom seen these days; Ellis would confirm this. The Rovers' goalkeeper gave a splendid display, and time after time saved the situation.

Twice he was injured, and often he was fortunate, but the crowd cheered his courage and his agility many times.

Luton's defence was apt to waver at times, but the halves found their colleagues in front with well-timed ground passes.

Rovers hotly protested against the first goal, but Ellis was beaten by a ground shot that struck the upright and then rolled along just inside the line. Roberts' goal just afterwards was a pretty hook shot, and then the Rovers revived a little when a 30 yards' shot by Allen found the billet. They were quickly disillusioned, for Bell twice crowned fine movements with successful shots.

Luton came again in the last 15 minutes, and Ball headed through following a bright run by Crompton. After Taylor had taken advantage of slackness in the home defence, a crushing assault by Luton in which Stephenson hit the post and Brown and Roberts each struck the crossbar, ended with Bell scoring his third goal.

Donald did fairly well for the Rovers, but the others were beaten for pace and skill. M'Nestry and Taylor were the best forwards.

Luton: Coen; Smith, Mackey; Brown, Thayne, Fraser; Crompton, Bell, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

Rovers: Ellis; McLean, Donald; Wallington, McArthur, Murray; M'Nestry, McCambridge, Taylor, Allen, Wipfler.