# BRISTOL ROVERS

# " CATCH A PAYNE

JUTON TOWN brought off a remarkable victory over Bristof Rovers yesterday. Joe Payne, introduced for the first time as centre-forward had a personal triumph in scoring ten of the twelve coals, but it must be acknowledged by the coals, but it must be acknowledged by the coals, but it must be acknowledged by the coals. bayne's success was due very largely to the orilliam play of the forwards and the fiank halves. The feature of Payne's play was that he was always in the right place when passes came from his col-leagues, and he lost no time in taking

The weather still held the Arctic touch, and the ground churned up as the game wore on.

The Town made two changes from Saturday's game with Millwall, Finlayson coming in for Gooney at right-half, and

Payne displacing Boyd at centre-forward.
The Rovers made several changes, and introduced McArthur at half-back, Hartill occupied his best position as leader of the attack, Wallington was given a run at inside-right instead of half-back, with the idea of introducing some life among the forwards, and Wildsmith was fresh

The teams were:-

LUTON TOWN

Dolman

Mackey Finlayson Martin

Godfrey Roberts Stephenson

0 Hartill

Wildsmith Wallington Barley
Murray McArthur Murray Mur Pickering Young Preece

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### TOWN'S NARROW ESCAPE

for pace off the turf. From the free kick by Murray, Smith cleared. A short midfield spell followed. Then Mackey was applauded for holding up

Crisp by smart tackling.

The Town goal narrowly escaped when Nelson failed to get the ball away and Hartill broke clean through. Dolman rushed out and the ball struck his leg and rebounded almost to the centre line.

Payne made a great effort, but, ham-pered by two opponents, sent behind When the Rovers had another turn Crisp went away with a fairly clear field out centred behind.

## Joseph Payne

Second season. Bolsover born. Came on trial from Bolsover last season but one as centre forward. Developed last season as a half-back, and twice figured in first team. Shows promise in new position. Miner before professional footballer. Good all-round cricketer. all-round cricketer. 5ft. 10½in.; 12st.

(Half-back)

# GOAL SCORING RECORD

## Jubilant Scenes on Luton Town Ground

ROVERS' BACKS SAFE

The Town pressed strongly, but Preece and Pickering were very safe, the former heading well.

Mart n was applauded for tricky work, but his pass to the left was faulty. McArthur fouled Godfrey, and the freekick was headed clear.

A strong tackle by Smith held up the Rovers' right, and Roberts received to break through. His pass to Stephenson was too steamy.

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The Town right wing put in some pretty work, but Payne was pulled up for pushing Mackey rather wildly conceded a corner when both Smith and Dolman had the ball covered, and from the flag kick Crisp headed over.

Wildsmith sent Crisp away with a nice pass, but Finlayson blocked the way Preece held up Payne when the centre-forward tried to take a long pass.

From a pass by Finlayson, Roberts seized and went through to shoot hard, and the ball went from Payne's head just wide of the upright.

Referee: Mr. T. J. Botham, Waisall.
Sleet was still falling when Pickering won the toss. The Town opened with an attack on the right, Rich swinging the ball right across, but Preece put it out to the left, and it went out of play.
Nelson relieved when the Rovers' left took possession. Martin sent Rich through again, and the winger centred well for Pickering to head away.

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PAYNE THE GOAL-GETTER

The linesman flagged when the ball struck Smith's hand. Apparently, a penalty was expected by the Rovers, but the ball was placed just outside the area and Barley sent the free kick just over the bar.

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Murray turned the ball to the left
Stephenson failed to go for it.

Twenty-three minutes after the start Smith robbed the Rovers' right wing and took the ball well up. He passed straight up the middle and McArthur missed the ball, letting PAYNE race

through to beat Ellis with a fast low shot as the goalkeeper raced out of

Roberts was tripped and from the free kick the Town attacked again. God rey swung the ball across goal, and Payne just missed with his head.

The Rovers had to defend stubbornly, the ball being swu g in from the left wing three or four times in quick succession. It was a few moments before the Rovers got away, and then Crisp was off-Rovers got away, and then Crisp was off-

## ROBERTS FOLLOWS HIS EXAMPLE

Hartill sent wide after a rather tame

attack by the vis.tors.
Finlayson and Martin initiated a bright movement on the Town right. Rich centred and Stephenson put in a great shot that struck Ellis and rebounded

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ROBERTS took possession and, with a quick, low shot, gave Ellis no chance

Undaunted by this second reverse, the Rovers attacked Godfrey, putting back



to Dolman, compelled the goalkeeper to

## A SECOND FOR PAYNE

Payne compelled Murray to concede a corner, and Ellis brought off a great save when Finlayson shot well from twenty yards

able and unafraid of Pickering. He robbed the full back with a robust charge and went on to feed his left wing.

Stephenson galloped through and shot splendidly for Ellis to save in great style at full length. He could not get the ball away, however, and PAYNE had a simple task to tap the ball into the net.

A free kick was given against Nelson when he brought down Wildsmith, but the visitors were pulled up for offside the visitors when the kick was taken.

Gallantly though the Rovers defended they had to capitulate two minutes before the interval, when PAYNE com-pleted his hat trick.

The move originated on the left wing and when Roberts shot in Payne collared the ball and gave Ellis no chance from close range.

Half-time came :

LUTON TOWN ..... BRISTOL ROVERS ..... 0

The Town went through on the right on the restart, and a centre from Martin was headed just wide by Stephenson. The Rovers' goal was hard pressed and Martin, Roberts and Payne each tried to put in a shot from close range with-

## AND STILL HE CONTINUES

Ellis saved a hard one from Roberts and Payne headed over.

Four minutes after the restart Roberts and Stephenson cleverly beat the opposition, and Stephenson's centre was met on the run by PAYNE, who crashed the ball into the net.

Payne and Elis collided, and both were well shaken, and had to receive attention from their respective trainers. It was nice to see Ellis go to the centre-forward and pat him on the back before play resumed. The Rovers forced a corner on the left but Mackey cleared, and in a return visit by the Fown Stephenson, from long range put, over:

THEN IT WAS SEVEN

The Town continued to press. Picker-ing, Preece and McArthur each blocked



shots, and Godfrey put in two terrific low drives, each of which was saved by

Finlayson beat Wildsmith in midfield and gave Roberts a pass for the latter to send Rich away.

From the centre PAYNE headed the ball down to his feet and then beat Ellis with a quick shot to make his tally five and the Town's six.

The Town right wing and Godfrey kept putting the ball across, and following a centre by Rich, Payne headed clevers

The Rovers were forced to defend again, and Ellis saved well from Martin at point

Following a free kick, Ellis saved three shots in quick succession, after which Crisp got away to force a corner, Mackey clearing

Dolman had to save a long shot from the right. Crisp got over a good centre but there was no one up to tackle Smith.

Hoberts made a sharp run through the middle and drove is a hard shot that fulls brilliantly turned round the upright. From the flag kick Payne headed over

### PAYNE'S HALF DOZEN

Barley got through to centre but Mackey

Godfrey paved the way for the next goal with a clever pass to Stephenson, who raced straight through and then gave PAYNE a perfect pass. The goal-keeper again had no chance with the

kick to the Rovers brought header from Hartill but Dolman was at home for it, and in another visit by the Rovers Crisp was offside

A long pass up the left wing sent Stephenson clean through.

He centred grandly for PAYNE to head another fine goal, Ellis being hopelessly

Roberts had another chance to reach

double figures following clever work by Martin, but he managed to lift the ball over from a very difficult angle.

A nice pass by Payne to Stephenson gave the outside left a chance, and his shot broke the side net

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## DOUBLE FIGURES REACHED

Luton were now toying with the opposition.

Stephenson forced a corner and placed the flag kick well, and PAYNE headed another fine goal.

PAYNE scored his ninth goal after a

struggle in the mud when a shot taken while he lay on the ground moved just too wide for Ellis to reach.

Godfrey conceded a corner, and there followed the Rovers' best attack so far this half.

Two or three shots were fired in. Dolman saving one and Godfrey heading away splendidly.

One minute from time Stephenson centred and MARTIN fired in a terrific

This was Luton's record score, at any rate since the war.

Result:

LUTON TOWN ..... 12 BRISTOL ROVERS ..... 0

