

NO NEW RECORD

Rovers Remembered Payne

Luton 2 Bristol Rovers ... 0

LUTON never had much to spare against Bristol Rovers, and if **Payne** had not got his usual goal it is quite possible that the Rovers would have kept their charge intact.

Payne, who made his scoring record of ten goals against the Rovers last Easter, made tremendous efforts to score in the first half. He succeeded with a marvellous drive two minutes before the interval.

In the second half the Rovers kept "policemen" on top of him. They prevented him netting again, but he continued to be the one marksman to trouble their defence.

The second goal was credited to **Ball**, but Stephenson and Roberts had outwitted the Rovers' defence by brilliant passing.

For Luton Smith was a grand full-back, Fellowes was once more the outstanding half-back, and Payne the most prominent forward, as usual, although Ball showed distinct improvement in the centre.

LUTON 2, BRISTOL R. 0

Luton were the more accomplished side and were pressing for three-quarters of the game. Now and then the Rovers gave trouble, mainly through the energies of their latest capture, Butterworth, just signed from Preston.

Very speedy and tricky, he had to be well watched by Smith, and it was mainly his work that caused Dolman to exert himself.

Luton were weak in finishing, otherwise there was little of which one could complain.

Payne, who was very well watched, managed to score his usual goal just before the interval whistle, and a very brilliant effort it was.

Luton hammered away incessantly in the second half, and the Rovers' defence was always at full stretch, Ellis making brilliant saves before he was beaten by Ball after thrilling work by Roberts and Stephenson.

In the closing stages the Rovers made desperate efforts and nearly scored on two occasions.

ELUSIVE PAYNE

LAYS FOUNDATION OF LUTON'S SUCCESS

Luton Town 2, Bristol Rovers 0.

IT was against the Rovers that Payne made his famous ten-goal record, and it was obvious that the Bristol men meant to see that he did not repeat it.

Seldom were there less than two men in attendance on Luton's crack shot. He scored a fine goal, however. He and Butterworth were the best forwards on the field.

The Rovers' outside right, signed from Preston on Friday, played a great game, giving Smith a lot of trouble.

A fine effort by Stephenson enabled Ball to put Luton two up. With the exception of Payne, the home forwards were unimpressive.

Until Luton scored their second goal there was always a chance that the visitors would snatch a point. Mackey showed his best form. Some of his colleagues showed signs of shakiness.

Raven was the star of the Rovers' defence, and Stephenson was not very busy in consequence.

Bristol deserved better.