

LUTON FALTER IN DEFENCE

FORWARDS STUCK

60/61 IN MUD

Bristol R. 4 Luton 1

LUTON, shaping like a side who want firm pitches, spent most of the time penned in their own half while Rovers eased their relegation worries with a win both clear cut and deserved on the Eastville mud-patch.

Rovers scored all five goals for it was their left-half, Mabbutt, who inadvertently netted for Luton as he ran back to cover his goal-keeper.

By half time Rovers had a two goals lead which Luton never threatened. In the 16th minute Bradford, the Rovers centre-forward, scored from close range after Baynham had carried the ball to him. Sadly this must rate as a black mark against Baynham who, back in the game after a serious head injury, never looked in form.

Nine minutes afterwards right-winger Petherbridge converted a cross from Watkins who was making a promising debut on Rovers left-wing after his mid-week transfer from Cardiff. Ten minutes after the interval a Petherbridge corner was volleyed in by inside-left Hooper and then came Mabbutt's effort at the other end.

LEAD INCREASED

Bradford Looked Offside

Four minutes from time Rovers' margin was increased as Bradford was allowed to move on and score from an offside position.

Rovers, with Watkins and inside-right Jones showing enthusiasm, look as if they might have the spirit to fight their way out of trouble.

Luton, however, will continue to live dangerously while their defence falters and their forwards persist in keeping the ball close on the heavy grounds.

Bristol Rovers.—Radford; Hillard, Frowen; Sykes, Davis, Mabbutt; Petherbridge, Jones, Bradford, Hooper, Watkins.

Luton.—Baynham; Dunne, Bramwell; Morton, Kelly, Groves; Walden, Ashworth, Turner, Cummins, Fleming.