

Luton Too Fussy

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Bristol Rvrs 1, Luton T 0

A GOAL by Hamilton in the 52nd minute gained Rovers the luckiest couple of points they are likely to collect this season. A draw would have been a just result.

Most of the excitement in a generally dreary game was crowded into the last ten minutes. First Ashworth netted for Luton but the goal was disallowed. Then Walden beat Radford with a sizzling cross drive but the ball hit the foot of the far upright.

Play was held up for a minute as Luton players swarmed around the referee protesting when he struck off Ashworth's goal. But Mr. D. H. Howell (Birmingham) had no doubts. Neither had a linesman, whose flag was up before Ashworth shot past Radford.

The reason for striking Luton's goal off was an infringement on Pyle and nothing to do with the greatly surprised Ashworth.

One Highlight

Hamilton's goal was well taken and was about the only even in the Rovers' play to raise a cheer. It followed a Hooper-Watkins move on the left. Hamilton was a step ahead of the Luton defenders as he snapped up Watkins's cross, side-stepped Standen as he dived for the ball and netted.

With Walden heading the ball against the Rovers crossbar in the third minute and Luton attacking continuously in the first ten minutes, it seems that Rovers were in for a defeat.

Luton were tighter in defence and stronger in attack, but they failed in front of goal through over-working the ball. Extra and unnecessary moves frequently caught them in possession.

Bristol Rovers: Radford; Davis, Frowen; Bumpstead, Pyle, Slocombe; Jarman, Hamilton, Bradford, Watkins, Hooper.

Luton Town: Standen; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Pacey; Walden, Groves, Ashworth, McKechnie, Fleming.

Referee: B. H. Howell (Birmingham).