

Lucky Luton

Sink Rovers

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Luton 2, Bristol Rovers 0.

BRISTOL Rovers bowed out of the Second Division with this defeat by a moderate but lucky Luton team in a dismal game. 61/62

Rovers were too tense and too often their forwards were wide of the target.

The crowning blow for them came in the dying moments when right-half Bumpstead, from only five yards out and with plenty of time, shot yards over the bar. It was the end of a dreadful afternoon for Bumpstead, who earlier had deflected a Luton shot past his own goalkeeper.

Radford Mistake

Rovers were a goal down after three minutes when goalkeeper Radford topped a goal-kick.

Radford's kick sent the ball less than 20 yards to the feet of centre-forward Turner, who made tracks for goal with Rover's defence spread-eagled.

Radford came out in a bid to retrieve his error but Turner dribbled the ball away from him and tapped it into the empty net.

Luton struck again in the 17th minute when an Ashworth drive from a right-wing cross struck Bumpstead's ankle and went into the Bristol net.

Bristol fought back courageously. A Jones shot hit a post and that was enough to dishearten any team with so much at stake.

Rovers had a Sykes goal disallowed for offside and towards the end, with Luton's smallest crowd of the season showing boredom on a very cold afternoon, Turner had a hard shot magnificently saved by Radford.

Luton: Standen; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Kelly, Groves; Clarke, Ashworth, Turner, Pacey, Fleming.

Bristol Rovers: Radford; Hillard, Frowen; Bumpstead, Davis, Mabbutt; Jarman, Sykes, Bradford, Jones, Hooper.