

DASHING O'ROURKE IS LUTON HERO

Luton 4, Bristol Rovers 2 ^{63/64} By PAT COLLINS

DASHING John O'Rourke, a free transfer signing from Chelsea last autumn, got a hat-trick yesterday which may help keep Luton in the Third Division. Two of the goals came in the first four minutes, the first from a header, the other from 30 yards which Hall ought to have saved.

But Luton then lived through some dangerous times, and had the Rovers' wingers been more decisive, it would have gone harder for them.

Biggs hit a cracking 35-yards shot to knock down the arrears, and it looked as if Luton might crumble.

Then Hall made another glaring slip. From Turner's indirect free kick he played at the shot and helped it in. And that was the decisive point of the match.

Penalty

Biggs pulled back a further goal with a penalty after Bramwell had floored Hamilton, but Rovers were never able to get on top afterwards.

O'Rourke was on the spot again near the end when he scored after chasing a through ball from Whittaker.

Bob Morton played well in a hard-working Luton half-back line. But the whole side was heartened by that great start from O'Rourke.

LUTON. — Baynham 6; McBain 6, Bramwell 7; Morton 7, Pacey 7, Lownds 6; Walden 6, Turner 5, ★O'ROURKE 8, Reid 6, Whittaker 6.

BRISTOL ROVERS. — Hall 5; ★HILLARD 8, Jones (G) 6; Stone 7, Davis 5, Mabbutt 6; Jarman 6, Brown 6, Biggs 6, Hamilton 6, Jones (R) 5.

Referee: G. D. Roper (Swaffham Prior) 8.