

O'Rourke gives hope

Luton 4, Bristol Rovers 2

HOPES that Luton will avoid the drop to Division Four received a great boost when young centre forward John O'Rourke scored three goals in a great 4—2 victory.

O'Rourke, out to prove that Chelsea made a mistake in giving him a free transfer, scored twice in the first four minutes.

Bristol Rovers rallied their defence after this, but Luton, with Dave Pacey playing at emergency centre half, stood firm.

A terrible mistake by goalkeeper Bernard Hall gave Luton a 3—1 interval lead. An indirect free kick on the edge of the area was taken by Gordon Turner, and the inside right blazed the ball at goal.

Had it entered the net directly it would have been a goal kick for Rovers, but Hall got his hand to it and referee Roper allowed a goal.

Alfie Biggs, whom Luton narrowly missed signing, scored both Rovers' goals—a 30-yard surprise and a penalty.