

UNLUCKY LUTON

By Bill Edwards

BRISTOL R'VERS 3, LUTON 2
LUCKY Bristol Rovers! They should be out of the Cup, instead of being in the next round:

Their face-saver came with goals from Joe Davis and Harold Jarman in a fantastic finale.

Rovers' real piece of luck was the 25-yard volley by John Williams that found the net midway through the second half. It could have gone anywhere, but it just dipped under the bar and Rovers, who had been outplayed and outpaced, were back in the game.

Until then Luton had seemed to be coasting to a comfortable win with two headed goals by Derek Kevan from brilliantly placed centres—first by Pleat, then by Rioch.

Larry Taylor, making his debut in Rovers' goal, was not given the chance to settle down.

John Moore was Luton's schemer, while Max Dougan took complete control of the defence.

There was spirited play by Graham French, and a general eagerness about the whole Luton line-up until that first Rovers goal.

BRISTOL ROVERS: Taylor 5; Hillard 7, Davis 6, Stone 6, Parsons 6; *WILLIAMS 8, Brown 6; Jarman 7, Biggs 5, Plumb 6, Mabbutt 6.

LUTON: Read 5; Thomson 5, Riddick 6, Dougan 7, Jardine 6; *MOORE 8, Pleat 6; French 7, Rioch 6, Kevan 7, Whittaker 6.

Referee: H. G. New (Portsmouth) 6.