

LUTON JOLTED OUT OF STRIDE

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Bristol Rovers ... 3 Luton ... 0

Luton, the Third Division leaders, last night attracted Eastville's best League gate of the season, 13,297—and then were decisively beaten by an eager young Bristol Rovers whose quickness made Luton look dull.

Little went right for Luton up front, Tees missing the game's first clear chance and Macdonald another which would have made the score 1-1 in the second half. And a lot went wrong for Luton in defence.

They conceded two penalties for fouls in the box, and the greater, all-round alacrity of the Bristol team, particularly Graydon on the right flank, had Luton almost conceding several other goals.

Collins comes on

Luton will probably believe they were unlucky over two of the goals, the first and the third, but the result nevertheless went to the better team on the night. Luton replaced Allen with Collins for the second half, without improving.

After Graydon had put Rovers ahead in the 20th minute, Alec Stock, Luton's manager, moved to the touchline and exchanged words with the referee and a linesman, but there were no angry gesticulations.

Munro, who was to be sent off for kicking an opponent in the last minute, scored the first penalty (53 minutes) and Ford the next (80) after Ryan had tackled Bryn Jones.

Bristol Rovers.—Sheppard; Ford, Munro, Roberts, Taylor, Jones (B.), Graydon, Jones (W.), Jones (R.), Gilbert, Higgins.

Luton.—Davie; Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Nicholl, Slough, Moore, Macdonald, Tees, Allen, French.