



● **CHRIS NICHOLL** . . .
robbed of a goal.

YOU LET IT GO, LUTON

By Graham Russell

BRISTOL CITY 0, LUTON 0

LUTON manager Alec Stock, who likes to do well when he returns home to the West Country, must have been reassured by his side's work-rate here.

Yet he must still ask himself: why only one point when two were there for the taking? With top scorer John Galley still out with a leg injury, City's attack was ponderous.

You would think it was the Civil Service. Every move had to be made in triplicate.

When Gow, the only Bristol player who had been matching Luton's mobility, went off midway through the first half with a leg injury, City had further problems and few answers.

Givens and Hindson had chances to push a slack defence. As the pressure built up, Gibson kept Luton out with a spectacular save.

Ten goals have whistled past him in his four games since winning back his place. This time his agility stopped Keen and Luton's top player Nicholl from scoring.

Luton were in a different class, but Gibson beat them back.

This was Luton's sixth away draw, but they should have won comfortably. For on this form there can be few easier pushovers in the Second Division than City.

They managed only one shot—Tainton sliced it wide—and did not force a corner until the last quarter of an hour.

BRISTOL CITY: *GIBSON 8—Wimshurst 5, Rooks 7, Merrick 6, Drysdale 6—Wilson 6, Gow (inj.) 7, Sweeney 6—Tainton 5, Spiring 5, Broomfield 4. Sub.: Bruton 7.

LUTON: Read 7—Ryan 7, Moore 7, *NICHOLL 9, Slough 6—Givens 7, Court 6, Keen 7—Anderson 6, Halem 6, Hindson 8.

Ref.: I. Robinson (Manchester) 5.