

FAULKNER'S HEADER LIFTS LUTON

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Bristol City 0, Luton ... 1

LUTON moved up to fourth place in Division II by virtue of a gift goal, a faultless goalkeeping display and much attractive counter-attacking football against Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

City maintained their odd record of being the only team in the League yet to win at home—they have won four times away—because they could not cover the absence of three first-choice men.

Luton brought in Faulkner as an extra defender, and besides performing his centre-back job thoroughly he headed the goal after 12 minutes when Galley left his man unmarked for Jim Ryan's inswinging corner.

Midfield failure

Bristol gave perhaps their worst performance of the season in the first half, particularly in midfield, the conclusion being that Gow and Emanuel badly need Sweeney's mobility and control. Sweeney was deputising adequately as left-back for the absent Drysdale.

Emanuel was replaced by Fear with 25 minutes left, and Bristol rallied strongly, but Barber made thrilling saves from Bartley and Galley, just as he had from Gow in the first half.

Bristol City. — Cashley; Wilson, Sweeney, Emanuel (sub., Fear, 65 min), Bruton, Merrick, Ritchie, Spiring, Galley, Gow, Bartley.

Luton. — Barber; John Ryan, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jim Ryan, Slough, Halom, Hindson, Aston.