IN a thriller, Luton notched their best win of the season in a superb display of attacking football and Ron Futcher scored two goals.

Rovers, too, were magnificent in the sort of free-scoring game that was always in the balance. Some brilliant keeping in the last five minutes by Luton's Knight, 17, making his League debut because Barber was ill. kept Rovers from snatching a

point. This would have been tough

on Luton who dictated the pattern. Ron Futcher, recently back after injury, put them ahead after nine minutes with his first

goal this season. Rovers' defence weathered sustained pressure and Ron Futcher

missed a golden opportunity from an Aston cross; Chambers brought off a brilliant save for a corner by Eadie with a 35-yard

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drive; and West forced Taylor to concede a corner.

Knight had his baptism of fire after 25 minutes when Prince hit a 30-yard drive bang on target. Soon afterwards Rovers equalised through an error by Paul Futcher, who failed to connect in attempting a back pass to Knight in the 33rd minute and Bannister easily beat Knight.

Luton took the lead again after 40 minutes. Aston hit a blockbuster of a free kick with his left foot over 30 vards after Faulkner

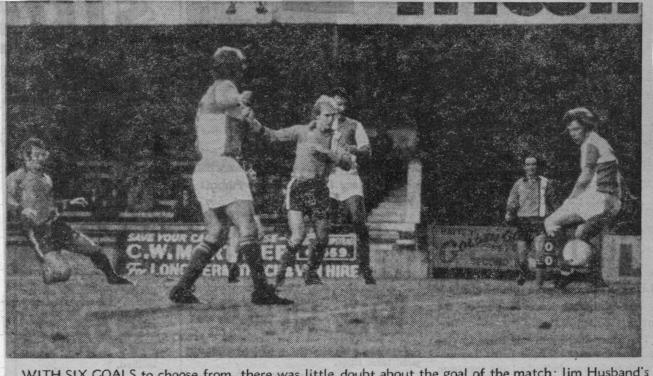
had been fouled by Fearnley. Five minutes after the break Ron Futcher from close in increased Luton's lead. Eadie failed to hold a high upfield lob by Chambers and Futcher scored easily. He should have completed his hat-trick within minutes, but blasted over.

Warboys headed Rovers' second goal after 58 minutes from a Day free kick. As Rovers mounted their attacks Knight saved brilliantly from Williams and Bannister before Husband completed the scoring in the 67th minute from a Chambers pass.

Luton: Knight: Price. Buckley: Chambers, Faulkner, Futcher (P.): Husband. West. Futcher (R.), Fuccillo, Aston, Sub.: Hill

Bristol Ryrs.: Eadie; Day, Williams; Aitken, Taylor, Prince; Stephens, Fearnlev. Warboys, Bannister, Powell, Sub.: Parenne

Referee: R. S. Lewis Gt. (Bookham).



WITH SIX GOALS to choose from, there was little doubt about the goal of the match: Jim Husband's cracker, pictured above by Ron Purves, which killed off the Rovers when they were trying to fight back from 3-2 down. Husband, on the extreme left, hammered the ball first-time after he and Brian Chambers had swapped passes to create the opening. The goal takes Husband level with Dixie Deans in the Town's scoring chart. Both have five, although one of Husband's was in the League Cup

