

Match Details

BRISTOL ROVERS 3, LUTON TOWN 2

Half-time: 0-0

TOWN: Findlay; Stephens, Turner, Saxby, Price; Hill, Donaghy, Grealish; Stein (Birchenall, 66 mins), Hatton, Moss.

BRISTOL ROVERS: Thomas; Pulis, Bater, Aitken Harding; Emmanuel, Williams, Clarke; Barrowclough, White, Dennehy. Sub: Taylor, not needed.

THE GOALS: Miah Denney for Rovers, 57 minutes, pass supplied by Jake Findlay; Steve White for Rovers, 64 minutes, volley after Mike Saxby fell over in clearance attempt; White again, 68 minutes, far post header from Barrowclough's centre; David Moss for the Town, 84 minutes, free-kick curled over wall from edge of penalty area; Moss again, 88 minutes, penalty after Williams fouled Grealish.

OTHER GOAL ATTEMPTS: Town four off target and one saved; Rovers eight off target and three saved.

ENTERTAINMENT: Flashes of pretty football from the Town, but no shooting power to finish it off.

REFEREE: Lester Shapter, Newton Abbot—firmly in control.

BOOKING: Wayne Turner for a body-check on Stewart Barraclough in the second minute.

ATTENDANCE: 5,614, with the Town regulars still turning up in hope.

Dennehy opens the Luton floodgates

By ROGER MALONE

Bristol Rovers ... 3, Luton ... 2

MIDFIELD player Miah Dennehy scored his first League goal for Bristol Rovers to put them on the road to victory against Luton.

Rovers with Dennehy their inspiration built numerous raids with sharp coordination, and this enabled Barrowclough, the new £100,000 winger from Birmingham, to see plenty of the ball.

He launched a number of skilful raids down the right flank and also moved inside to organise a chance which Emmanuel drove wide.

But Barrowclough should have done better when he headed

not come, White's shot lacking power and Williams hooking over.

But the floodgates eventually opened. Rovers took the lead after 57 minutes and went on to score two more within 11 minutes.

Dennehy ended a personal famine—he hadn't scored a League goal since arriving at the start of last season—when he fastened on to Findlay's ghastly mis-kick and drove the ball under the goalkeeper's despairing dive.

White then scored twice, shaking off Saxby before unleashing a storming shot from the angle of the penalty area and then heading home at the fast post after Barrowclough had centred perfectly.

Rovers had a scare in the last five minutes when Luton's Moss scored twice, first by curving a clever 20 yard freekick over the wall and the keeper, and then ramming home a penalty after Williams had fouled Grealish.

Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Pulis, Bater, Aitken, Harding, Emmanuel, Barrowclough, Williams, White, Dennehy, Clarke.

Luton: Findlay, Stevens, Turner, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Donaghy, Stein, Hatton, Moss.



Stewart Barrowclough ... saw plenty of the ball.

wide from a chance made by Williams.

Luton had to work hard to survive. But Saxby, their £200,000 centre-half from Mansfield, tended to dominate young White, the home centre forward, in their duels down the middle.

White began to wander, to some effect, linking with Clarke and Williams in some good build-ups, but still a goal would