

Big match facts

TUESDAY'S DETAILS

**LUTON TOWN 3 BRISTOL
ROVERS 0**

Half-time 1-0

TOWN: Feuer; James (Guentchev 85 mins), Davis, Johnson (Patterson 79 mins), Thomas; Alexander, Waddock, Thorpe (Showler 76 mins), Hughes; Grant, Oldfield.

BRISTOL ROVERS: Collett; Martin, Clark, Tillson, Lockwood; Gurney (Low 64 mins), Browning, Holloway, Archer; Miller (Parmenter 74 mins), Beadle.

GOALS: Tony Thorpe penalty, 57 seconds into added time at the end of the first half, after Kim Grant was brought down by Billy Clark; Grant, 55 mins, after Clark and goalkeeper Andy Collett collided, and both missed the ball, leaving an empty net; David Oldfield, 56 minutes, spectacular diving header from right wing cross by Thorpe.

OTHER STRIKES: Town six saved, five wide, and a header by Steve Davis hit a post; Rovers eight saved, seven wide, and drive by Ian Holloway was tipped onto the bar by Ian Feuer.

REFEREE: Paul Taylor, Cheshunt. Will presumably claim he did it by the book with his yellow and red cards. But how come Clark got only a yellow when he brought down Kim Grant from behind to stop him scoring?

BOOKED: Visitors Tillson, dissent, and Lockwood, Clark and Parmenter for fouls; Gary Waddock twice, encroachment 82nd minute and a foul on Lee Martin 86th minute, with the second offence getting him sent off.

ATTENDANCE: 2,643, lowest post-war gate for a domestic league or cup game, 85 fewer than the previous worst, for the visit of Bournemouth in the same tournament 12 months ago, also a few days after the opening game of the season had been a home defeat.

ENTERTAINMENT: Town fans were not complaining, as at last they saw goals scored, and enjoyed a touch of good fortune to even up Saturday's bad luck against Burnley.