

Luton Town



TOWN SUBSTITUTIONS: Grant for Marshall, 76 mins, Guentchev for Showler 83 mins. **Unused:** Skelton.

BRISTOL ROVERS: Harris for Cureton, 37 mins. **Unused:** Higgs and White.



Full match details

GOALS: 1-0, 29 minutes: Dwight Marshall, shot converting a clever flicked pass by Tony Thorpe; 1-1 80 minutes: Jason Harris after the Town failed to deal with a corner by Matthew Hayfield; 2-1 91 minutes: Thorpe penalty after handball by Marcus Browning. **OTHER ATTEMPTS:** Town seven saved, four wide and second-half drive by Marshall hit the outside of a post; Rovers three saved and five wide. **CORNERS:** 9-6 to Bristol Rovers.

FOULS: Town 8, Rovers 15.

OFFSIDE: Town 2 times, Rovers 10.

REFEREE: Graham Pooley, Bishop's Stortford. Made a lot of decisions that baffled each side in turn. Rovers thought the penalty was wrong, claiming Browning had been pushed into the handball offence. The Town thought Mr Pooley chickened out a few minutes earlier when goalkeeper Andy Collett charged off his line and clattered into Thorpe, leaving the Town man with a cut that had to be stitched in the dressing room.

ATTENDANCE: Only 5,315, pathetic support for a team that is looking good for promotion.

ENTERTAINMENT: Very mixed, with Town fans eventually brought to their feet by the injury-time winner. Makes a change to win in stoppage time instead of losing out!

Town's League factfile

APPEARANCES (As substitute in brackets): Feuer, James, Thomas 19; Alexander 18(1), Waddock 18, Davis 17(1), Hughes, Johnson 17, Thorpe 13(2), Oldfield 12(1), Showler 10(2), Guentchev 9(8), Grant 8(4), Fotiadis 5(4), Patterson 3, Douglas 2(7), Skelton 1(1), McLaren 1(5), Marshall 1(1); Linton, Upson (1). **GOALS:** Thorpe 10 (3 pens); Showler 5; Davis 4; Oldfield 2, Thomas 2, Grant 2, Hughes 2; Marshall 1, Guentchev 1, Fotiadis 1.

ASSISTS: Alexander 7; Thorpe and Hughes 4; Davis Thomas and Grant 2; one each by Oldfield, Waddock, Fotiadis, James and Douglas.