

Quick-fire Steve snookers Rovers

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ROVERS were caught napping by two early goals which put paid to their excellent sequence of six League matches unbeaten.

Yet they could have been a goal up through Jamie Cureton before Luton struck.

And Jason Roberts, a constant danger with his pace, power and control, should also have replied just after Luton's second.

By then, though, the damage had been done.

Under-pressure Stephane Leoni failed to clear a seventh-minute cross and Luton defender Steve Davis pounced.

Two minutes later, full-back Graham Alexander went on a run towards the penalty area, traded passes with Phil Gray and skipped past Andy Tillson to crash home a fine second.

Rovers' midfield failed to get to grips with Luton's youthful quartet and were grateful to goalkeeper Andy Collett for a stunning close-range save off one Stuart Douglas drive.

Tillson also threw himself into the path of a Sean Evers piledriver to spare Rovers further embarrassment.

The home side could never settle at the back completely because of the trickery of Roberts and Barry Hayles.

Hayles almost profited when Kelvin Davis dropped a cross, then Luton screamed in frustration as Roberts was deemed to have beaten their offside trap. But keeper Davis came to the rescue.

As Rovers tried desperately to reduce the deficit, Cureton stretched to reach Michael Meaker's free-kick but sent his header over.

Rovers' last and best chance fell to Robert Trees with a blistering free-kick that the keeper held on to at the second attempt.

LUTON: K Davis, Alexander, S Davis, White, McGowan, Spring, Evers, McKinnon (Thomas 89) McIndoe, Gray, Douglas (Fotidis 62). **Goals:** S Davis 7, Alexander 9.

BRISTOL ROVERS: Collett, Leoni, Tillson, Foster, Basford, Meaker, Trees, Holloway (Shore 83) Cureton, Roberts, Hayles.

Referee: B Coddington (Sheffield).



HAPPY HATTER: Steve Davis celebrates his opener

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