

NEWCASTLE BEAT BRISTOL ROVERS IN REPLAY

As the Rovers take the field at Eastville Stadium, all Bristol and most of sporting Britain, wish them luck. After their fine no-score draw at Newcastle, anything can happen, and right from the kick-off Bristol are on the attack. It's heavy going, but, Lambden beats Warren and swings the ball out to Bush on the right wing, but Fairbrother dives to intercept.

Now Bradford's coming down the middle. He's challenged but passes to Lambden. Lambden to Pitt. Pitt passes and Bush is away again. He centres. Lambden heads but Fairbrother punches clear. Bradford gets the ball and shoots. And it's a goal!

Rightaway Newcastle fight back. They're shaping better in the heavygoing. Harvey dribbles through and passes. Taylor shoots and it's one all. There's only half a cheer - the Bristol crowd's stunned for the moment.

Newcastle again. Right-winger Walker picks up a pass. Fox tries to rob him but he's away. A back-pass to Crows who shoots. Hoyle's unsighted and it's a goal. Newcastle two, Bristol Rovers one. The Newcastle machine's in top-gear now. Here comes another attack. Milburn shoots and it's Newcastle three, Rovers one - three goals in 13 minutes!

Starting the second half two down, Bristol set out to do something about it. They're doing everything but score. But there's no more scoring and Newcastle win, 3-1, on merit. For the gallant Rovers, it's the end of a glorious run that put a thrill-in-the-heart of every football lover; for Newcastle it's one step nearer the elusive Cup.