

CHANCES ALLOWED TO SLIP BY

**YORK CITY 5
LUTON TOWN 1**

NOT for the first time this season, the Town on their first-ever visit to York, on Saturday, lost heavily a game which they could have had safely sewn up, if only they had shown the ability to make the most of their early chances.

That the final margin in York's favour was highly flattering to them, was of small consolation to the Town who were always in this game with a better than even chance until York suddenly had a purple spell during which they scored in the 66th and 67th minutes.

At that stage, the Town, finding themselves somewhat unlucky in arrears by 2-1, had gone on to the attack in search of the equaliser which should have come when French drove the ball hard at the falling Fallon.

LEFT TOO MANY GAPS

Maybe, the Town left too many gaps because York suddenly began to exploit the down-the-middle route and SPENCER and GOODCHILD found the net within a minute to put the Town in a position from which there was no hitting back.

Once again, the wind was a factor, though not so marked as the previous day. With Jardine lucky in the toss once more, the Town had it behind

them in the first half which was when they could have blasted York's confidence completely.

However, they allowed themselves to go into arrears in the 13th minute with a goal to which I attributed the blame to the fondness the Town have developed for playing the offside game.

At all events, Goodchild got through, forced Swan to a diving save without being able to keep possession of the ball and PROVAN made no mistake from the rebound.

FRENCH AGAIN EQUALISED

When FRENCH equalised through driving the ball through a crowd of players eleven minutes later, the Town began to play with composure.

King had missed a good chance earlier and a similar one was allowed to slip by by Conboy before, in concerted pressure just before half time, Dougan hit a post.

When York took the lead again eight minutes after half time, there were strong appeals that COLLINSON, who headed through a corner by Horrey had pushed his way into a scoring position.

The Town also appealed about Goodchild's goal which was the fourth and few apart from the referee and linesman thought PROVAN onside when he put on the fifth three minutes from the end. By that time, though, it did not matter because those two goals in a minute had knocked the stuffing out of the Town.

THIS FATAL COMBINATION

So a not new combination of the forwards not being able to take their chances, and a defence very much falling apart when the test came, could be blamed for this defeat by the bottom of the table team.

It was York's best win of the season and was watched by their lowest crowd of 1,828, partly due to the fact that Rugby League leaders, Leeds, were playing in the city.

YORK CITY: Fallon; Baker, Turner; Collinson, Jackson, Walker; Horrey, Hawksby, Spencer, Goodchild, Provan. Substitute: Caulfield.

LUTON TOWN: Swan; Thomson, Jardine; Dougan, Rivers, Moore; French, Allen, Conboy, King, Whittaker. Substitute: Read.

Referee: K. Dagnall, Bolton.