

ALLEN SAVES LUTON'S FACE

York 1, Luton 1

IF Luton gain promotion on the strength of one point they must surely look back on this match as the one which earned them it, for any team which is blessed with as much good fortune as they were at York deserves to succeed.

Before the game there were 17 other teams separating these two in the Division yet previous form proved to be worthless as struggling York outplayed Luton for three-quarters of the match.

While never particularly impressive, York were at least always workmanlike and their wingers, Horrey and Proban, looked capable of grabbing the match winner against defenders who made numerous mistakes and towards the end were even reduced to arguing among themselves.

But Luton did manage to draw despite everything, thanks to inside-right Allen. He rounded-off a three-man move in the 75th minute, began by Slough and helped by Green, before driving the ball past Walker.

It cancelled out York's 51st-minute goal from Ross, who scored from Spencer's well-judged cross. Even after their shock equaliser Luton failed to look anything like a side chasing promotion and it was York who stole most of the limelight.

York C.: Walker : Baker, Turner : Collinson, Jackson, Burrows : Horrey, Ross, Spencer, Hodgson, Proban.

Luton: Read : Dougan, Jardine : Slough, Branston, Moore : Denton, Allen, Green, Rioch, Whittaker.

Referee: J. A. Warburton (Atherton, Lancs.).