

AT LAST! CROWD GIVEN THE GOALS THEY CRAVE

AT LONG last the Town gave their supporters what they wanted on Tuesday night. They ripped apart a sub-standard York City defence to rattle up their best win of the season.

The crowd loved it as they saw four Town goals at Kenilworth Road for the first time since April 1973.

The big question now is whether this performance is the turning point we have all been waiting for.

York City, bottom of the league, forced the Town to struggle until Jimmy Husband celebrated his recall to the Town side by breaking the ice after 40 minutes.

Their defence was turned into a shambles in the second half by some speedy Town raiding. Bad though York were, to score four times against any sort of opposition is an achievement. Can it mark the start of a winning run?

Southampton, at The Dell on Saturday, may give us a fairer indication of the answer to that.

Things were looking ominous as the first half dragged towards its close. The Town's enthusiasm was being blunted by some defiant York defence, and they used their 4-4-2 system intelligently.

Pollard's raiding on the right wing stretched Bobby Thomson, and with Holmes prompting from midfield York might have upset the formbook a couple of times.

The smallest Town crowd of the season was getting distinctly restless as the Town failed to break through, with confidence looking as suspect as the accuracy of passing.

But Husband's goal, after a long pass by John Faulkner, a neat flick by Alan West, and a smooth dummy by Peter Anderson, changed the course of the game.

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Match Details

LUTON TOWN 4, YORK CITY 0

Half-time: 1-0

TOWN: Barber; John Ryan, Thomson, Faulkner, Paul Fletcher; Chambers, King, West; Husband, Anderson, Aston. Sub: Jim Ryan, not used.

YORK: Crawford; Oliver, Downing, Swallow, Topping; Cave, Pollard, Holmes, Wann; Seal, Jones. Sub: Woodward, not used.

THE GOALS: Jimmy Husband, 40 minutes, laid on by Faulkner and West; Alan West, 58 minutes, made by Aston and Anderson; Andy King, 90 seconds later, made by Anderson and Husband; Peter Anderson, 77 minutes, made by Husband's persistence and good pass.

ATTENDANCE: 7,982, the Town's lowest so far this season.

ENTERTAINMENT: Best win of the season, and the second-half scoring burst sent the crowd home happy. It also helped them to forget some of the rubbish played in the first half.

REFEREE: Alex Lees, Street, Somerset. Competent and efficient.

BOOKING: Bobby Thomson for handling the ball to stop winger Pollard getting free.



● AFTER playing more than six hours of soccer without scoring a goal, the Town's famine is eased by Jimmy Husband in the 40th minute of Tuesday's game. It gave Jim three goals in his three games, and made him the Town's joint leading scorer in the league: Andy King's header in the second half was his third league goal of the season as well, and Anderson's goal was his third

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