

FULHAM RECAPTURE TOUCH

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Harry Haslam, Luton's cheerful manager, admitted that the club's boardroom troubles had affected his players. "How can you expect them to go out and play their normal games when directors are resigning all over the place?" he said.

"If you have problems at the top, they are bound to filter right down throughout the club," he added.

Yet Luton played with commendable spirit and understanding at Fulham on Saturday. Their only real weakness was up front, where Fulham themselves have had so much trouble this season.

But, on Saturday, Fulham looked sharper in their opponents' penalty box than they have for some

time. As Jimmy Conway, who scored both goals said afterwards: "Let's hope our run of bad luck in front of goal is now over."

The first goal came in the 21st minute — and Conway began and ended the move. He flicked the ball neatly on for Les Barrett to cross, Viv Busby headed it back inside, and Conway followed up to volley home.

Then, seven minutes from time, Busby combined with Conway again. Busby, who had a fine game against his old club, headed Bobby Moore's free-kick down for Conway to give Fulham two League goals for the first time since September.

Fulham. — Mellor; Fraser, Strong, Mullery, Howe, Moore, Dowie, Conway, Busby, Slough, Barrett.

Luton. — Barber; Ryan, Thomson, Chambers, Faulkner, Futch (P.), Husband, King, Spiring, West, Aston.