

Cup Final film does the trick for Fulham

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MANAGER Alec Stock, worried that a recent slump could wreck Fulham's promotion hopes, organised a special Friday night showing of the Cup Final film "to let them see how good they are." It worked. They scored two goals for the first time since September and set alive again those First Division dreams.

And the man who made it all happen was Jimmy Conway who scored both goals — and what great goals they were.

In the 21st minute Jimmy cleverly flicked the ball over his head to Les Barrett. The winger, beating two men, swung a low crossfield ball to Viv Busby who lobbed it back into the centre and there was Conway waiting to bring the ball down and hammer it into the net.

Then, nine minutes from the end, with Luton throwing everything forward in a desperate attempt to equalise Conway struck again. A Bobby Moore free kick was nodded on by Busby and Conway, quick to

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see the chance, nipped in to volley the ball past goalkeeper Barber.

A happy Conway told me: "We were determined to do well after that shock defeat at York. Let's hope our bad run of luck in front of goal is now over."

They were certainly in a lively mood and Conway was the liveliest of them all. He was unlucky not to get a penalty when he was brought down going through.

FELL AWAY

Fulham fell away a little after their lively start, and Luton, well served by Paul Fitcher in defence and by Andy King in midfield, looked likely to equalise.

Goalkeeper Peter Mellor has to be at his best to finger away a shot by Alan West. A Moore slip also let John Aston through and from there pass Peter Spiring had a good chance until John Dowie made a well-timed tackle.

But Fulham came back to clinch a well-deserved victory.

FULHAM.—Mellor; Fraser, St. Mullery, Howe, Moore, Dowie, Conway, Busby, Slough, Barrett. Sub: Llorca.
LUTON.—Barber; Ryan, Thomas, Chambers, Faulkner, Fitcher, Hussey, King, Spiring, West, Aston, Ryan.