

Fuccillo fairytale

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York 2 Luton 3

PASQUALE FUCCILLO sounds like the name of a Spanish dancer. But cash-crisis club Luton are glad he's a footballer and an opportunist.

Fuccillo had a dream debut, smartly cashing in on a York defensive error to start his League career with a goal.

His glory moment came in the 53rd minute. Ian Holmes lost the ball ten yards inside his own half and away galloped Fuccillo on a 45-yard run for what proved to be the winner.

The Fuccillo fairytale got off the ground half an hour earlier when he flashed over an inch-perfect low centre for Ron Futchner to crack Luton's second.

Luton, who revealed yesterday that their one-season stand in the First Division cost them a £58,610 loss, quickly showed that boardroom worries had not spread to the playing staff.

Gap

They were ahead in the fifth minute. York goalkeeper Graeme Crawford left a gap on his near post into which Brian Chambers—later cautioned for dissent—gratefully squeezed a low shot.

York manager Wilf McGuinness put aside the threat of almost certain

relegation and ordered all-out attack by his players.

The gamble failed—but it produced the most entertaining game seen on the York ground all season.

York got into the scoring act when Luton were already two goals ahead. John Ryan handled a goal-bound Chris Topping shot and Holmes smacked home the penalty.

Brian Pollard narrowed the gap with a second 15 minutes from the end and then nearly snatched a last-gasp equaliser.

YORK CITY.—Crawford 6, Stone 6, Woodward 6, James 7, Swallow 6, Topping 6, POLLARD 8, Holmes 6, Seal 6, Cave 6, McMordie 6. Sub: Hosker 6.

LUTON TOWN.—Barber 6, Ryan (John) 7, Buckley 6, Chambers 6, Price 6, Futchner (P.) 6, FUCCILLO 8, King 6, Futchner (R.) 6, West 7, Ryan (Jim) 7.



Ron Futchner — goal