

Fiery Fuccillo

PASQUALE FUCCILLO, a youngster playing his first full game for Luton, put the finishing touch to a golden game which warmed a damp and depressing afternoon.

It came in the 54th minute, when yet another misdirected pass set Luton off on an assault on the home goal.

York's Ian Holmes (who was taken off soon after) presented the ball to Fuccillo, who ran 40 yards, shrugged off two defenders and placed the ball past 'keeper Graeme Cranford.

Fuccillo also had a hand in his side's second goal as Luton took full advantage of the defence with the worst record in the Second Division.

To cap it all he also did useful work in defence in a late York rally.

Luton's victory was fully deserved. In the words of manager Harry Haslam they are quietly picking off opponents to keep in touch with the promotion race.

City's problems at the back

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were apparent as early as the fifth minute, when they were totally unprepared for a swift counter-attack.

Andy King and Brian Chambers worked a neat one-two down the right and Chambers rounded it off with a well-placed shot.

Luton broke through again with the simplest of goals in the 26th minute.

A hefty clearance by Paul Fitcher went to Fuccillo, who beat Barry Swallow with ease and crossed for the other Fitcher twin, Ron, to shoot home.

Downfall

York so often plotted their own downfall. Some of their build-ups were to be admired and Brian Pollard always looked useful on the right wing. But time and again a lazy, careless pass made things so much easier for Luton.

Town's most worrying period came after a Chris Topping shot had been handled on the line by John Ryan and Holmes converted the penalty.

To York's credit they kept plugging away even after Fuccillo's gem, and after two full-blooded shots by Jimmy Seal had floored both the Fitchers in turn Brian Pollard fired home York's second in 75th minute.

At the other end Luton 'keeper Keith Barber denied York a point with two late saves from Pollard—significantly the only work Barber had throughout the match.

Topping and Chambers were booked for dissent.