HUSBAND STRIKES AGAIN

JIMMY HUSBAND, who could not get into the team at the start of the season, underlined Luton's brave promotion challenge with two goals to bring his tally to four in the last six games.

And afterwards the ex-Everton man said: "This crowd takes a lot of pleasing, but perhaps now they will believe that I can play."

Husband, whose fortunes have fluctuated since joining

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Luton two seasons ago, was neat and decisive. His heading was devastating, bringing goals in the 12th and 83rd minutes.

Apart from Husband's performance, the most pleasing aspect for manager Harry Haslam was the work of his midfield men, Paul Futcher, Lil Fucillo and Alan West.

"Paul was particularly brilliant," said Haslam. "Don Revie seems to be struggling for players, so he should come along and have a look at Paul. He'd do England proud."

In contrast to brother Paul's polished show, Ron Futcher earned the crowd's displeasure by missing several easy chances. But he laid on the first goal for Husband by chasing to the line and heading back a John Aston cross.

John Ryan, often caught off-balance by the trickery of Carlisle's Denis Martin, was also constantly barracked.

But his persistence led to Luton's second goal in the 59th minute. He charged down the right, shrugging off several tackles before crossing for Andy King to shoot in.