

SUPER FUTCHER

LUTON fans invaded the pitch at the end of the blitzing of Blackpool and chaired off two-goal Ron Futchter.

They also chanted for manager Harry Haslam and wouldn't leave until he appeared.

Said Haslam: "I said we wouldn't be far away, and despite our problems this season, we end up in the top six. I'm very optimistic for the future, especially with young talent like our 17-year-olds Graham Jones and Ricky Hill."

Blackpool boss Harry Potts was naturally more subdued. Potts said sportingly: "Good luck to Luton—they have had a tough season with their cash problems."

"We were not three goals an inferior team. It was a typical end-of-season match for us."

Fair-haired Futchter collected a friendly finger-wagging from

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F.A. Cup Final referee Clive Thomas in between scoring his goals.

The referee chided Futchter with a smile, rather than an open notebook in the 41st minute when he put the ball into the Blackpool net after he had been whistled up for off-side.

SMART

A minute later Futchter was scoring when he smartly turned in a fast cross from the right. This goal consolidated Luton's lead won in the 23rd minute when Futchter benefited from the tricky cross-wind.

Steve Buckley floated a tantalising centre which Blackpool goalkeeper George Wood seemed to have well covered.

But the ball hung back in the wind and dropped perfectly on to Futchter's head for him to nod into the net.

Blackpool laboured hard but without much luck. They had an early chance in the second half when overlapping left back Bill Bentley made space and centred hard only for Alan Ainscow to miss the cross completely.

Luton fans, delighted with the neat "veteran touches" of their teenagers Jones and Hill, sounded klaxon horns as if this were a start-of-season match rather than the formal winding-up game.

Luton's faithful 8,757 fans were rewarded further in the 65th minute when Lilly Fuccillo scored a spectacular goal. Fuccillo, from the edge of the penalty area, bent the ball onto the far post and it rebounded into the Blackpool net.

Blackpool substituted John Evanson by bringing on Stan McEwan shortly afterwards.