

JUST LIKE THAT: A beaming Danny Crow celebrates after his two goals earned Cambridge United a point at Luton on Saturday
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Oh, Danny joy!

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MARTIN Ling hailed Danny Crow after his late brace earned Cambridge United a 2-2 draw at Luton on Saturday.

Crow was dropped to the bench having previously hit only three goals this season.

But after coming on as a substitute he scored twice in the last nine minutes, his second an injury-time penalty for the equaliser, to gain a valuable point for United.

Ling said: "Danny had missed some good opportunities recently, so I pulled him on Friday and told him he was working his absolute socks off for us, but I felt it was maybe time for him to come off the bench and do something from there."

"I said he could probably well get himself a goal and that's the way it worked out."

"I'm not a magician, but just sometimes it can benefit the player."

Sub's brace is a delight for boss Ling

"I think people can understand what Danny has done for us this year and he has taken his two really well in a high-pressure situation."

"He got the first goal straight after they'd just scored to make it 2-0 and the confidence was going through his veins and then he gets brought down and tucks away a penalty."

Ling was delighted to come away with a draw, believing few teams will get much joy at Kenilworth Road.

He said: "At 2-0 you're thinking your day is done and you still think that after Chrissie (Holroyd) misses a penalty, so it was a very valuable point."

"If you're going to come to Luton you're going to have to have a bit of luck, but what I will say is we dug in and defended well and Danny (Potter) didn't have much to do."

"When the handcuffs were off at 2-0, we looked a proper side and it shows me there's a good team in there, but confidence is a strange thing and getting the goal back quickly was important for us."

"I still feel any team who finishes above Luton wins the league."

Jon Challinor scored on his debut for Mansfield in their 1-1 draw at home to Eastbourne on Saturday having joined them on loan until January with a view to a permanent move.

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