



CHAMBERS MADE FOR THIS MOMENT

By Matt Badcock

ASHLEY CHAMBERS says the measure of York City's team spirit is shown by the squad still not being sick of the sight of each other.

The Minstermen's reward for ending the club's eight-year Football League exile was some sun, sand and sangria in Benidorm.

After seeing off Luton 2-1 last Sunday they paraded the Blue Square Bet Premier promotion trophy on an open top bus before packing their bags for a few days away.

And Chambers, who scored

York's equaliser, said: "It's been such a whirlwind. We won promotion on the Sunday, had the bus parade on Monday and the next day jumped on a plane.

"The gaffer (Gary Mills) promised us the beer would taste that much better if we were winners and it's quite true. He's told us to embrace the occasion and really enjoy it.

"It's been said all along that we've got a brilliant team spirit here – you can tell how good it is because we've just been on holiday and still enjoyed it after spending 11 months together.

"Although having said that I am going to enjoy not

seeing or speaking to any of them for a while!"

Chambers played an integral part to the first part of York's Wembley double when he provided assists for both the goals in their 2-0 FA Trophy triumph over Newport County.

Just over a week later he went even better with his outstanding performance capped by a blockbuster goal.

With his side trailing 1-0 shortly before half-time the former Leicester City youngster crashed home a sweet strike.

Chambers, 22, said: "It was an amazing feeling when that ball

hit the back of the net – I couldn't believe it. I've been waiting for my tenth goal of the season and it came at the best place.

"When their goal went in it looked like we could be in for a long day. But we've been talking about it this week and no one got flustered by it. We just carried on doing what we are best at.

"The whole environment and the pitch suited us. We knew there was nothing to fear and nothing to shy away from. We've been a goal down to Luton before but once they scored we settled down and played better football.

"Luton fans outnumbered our fans so it was like an away game for us. But our away record is much better than our home so we enjoyed it."

As did Chambers' one-year-old son Cole.

Chambers added: "He came to the Trophy final but he didn't make it last Sunday. My girlfriend Jade was at the game so she sent a text to her mum, who was looking after him, so he knew Daddy had scored.

"He had a jaffa cake in his mouth but he still managed to shout, 'Goal!' and run around. It will be something I can tell him all about when he's a bit older."

WINNING SMILES: Ashley Chambers celebrates his Wembley goal with team mate Many Blair Inset: Chambers nets the first, right, and Blair scores the winner, left

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Walker's love for Luton is not lost

By Stuart Hammonds

JASON WALKER says he'd love to see Luton rejoin York in the Football League – despite being criticised this week for holding a City fan's placard that read 'RIP Luton'.

Walker, 28, left the Hatters last summer after missing a crucial penalty in their play-off final defeat to AFC Wimbledon.

Twelve months on, he helped heap misery on the Town fans by playing his part in York's 2-1 Wembley win last Sunday.

On an open-top celebratory bus tour the following night, Walker was pictured putting his hand on the piece of cardboard held by a team-mate.

The striker – who received abusive twitter messages leading up to the final, such as one from @FerretLITC that read 'Really hope to see someone break @jason9walker's leg next week' – immediately used the social network to apologise.

And he told *The NLP*: "I've got a lot of friends there, and they've been fantastic for my career have Luton.

"They are fantastic fans. They just want to be in the Football League like they deserve to be.

"I'd like to see them go up. Everyone wants to see the best teams in the Football League."

Walker says he did not know what to say to close

friends like Hatters strikers Danny Crow and Amari Morgan-Smith after the game, other than to hug them.

He even had an embrace for Mark Tyler, who made a fine save to keep out his first-half header.

"I thought it was in," said Walker, "and I did give Tyles a high-five for saving it, if you watch the replay on the telly.

"He's one of the nicest guys I've ever met. Before the game he asked how my family was and after he came over and said, 'Show them what you can do in League Two'. For someone who's just lost a final to say that was brilliant."