

AT NORWICH.

THERE was much similarity in the two games with Norwich, the main difference being that the Town played far better, considering they were away from home, on Monday than in the first encounter. Perhaps they were fortunate to gain a point, because the balance of play was with the City, but the defence is a part of the team, and the more important part in away games, and they withstood the hard hammering of the powerful City side in a manner that entitled them to principal mention.

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The only goal of the first half fell to the Town, when BEDFORD netted with a low shot following a flag-kick by Daly, and they held this lead against the fierce rushes of the City until the very last kick of the struggle. Then ANDERSON beat Harford with a fine shot, the ball travelling right away from the goalkeeper. It was probably the best shot of the game, but it was not the best goal, dramatic though the achievement. There were two other occasions when the Town netted in the second half, and though I would not quibble about the position of Daly, I am certain Rennie was not offside when he scored.

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Daly had made ground, and when Graham came forward he lifted the ball over him for Rennie to dash through, take the ball on his chest, and as Jarvie came rushing out the Town centre-forward cleverly lofted the ball over his head, ran on to regain possession and shoot into the vacant goal. It was a prettily won point, and a pity that the referee did not note the fact that Rennie was onside when the ball was played by Daly. It was one of very few errors, but it cost the Town a point.

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When Anderson's equaliser came it was never expected. Local Pressmen had left their places, for the referee had been closely watching the time for quite two minutes, yet he did not blow before time was due. Bedford might have averted the equaliser had he gone ahead with the ball with the simple intention of keeping it out of the danger zone, but he tried to give it to Rennie, the pass was intercepted, and Hannah, who got it, lost no time in getting it to his forwards: then the damage was done.

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Still, the City were worth a point, for they played well, and the former Luton players were keen on winning. They pressed heavily in the early stages, and Harford gave a fine display of goalkeeping, while Kingham and Richards were well-nigh invincible. The former is undoubtedly one of the finest and most consistent backs in the South of England to-day, but Richards was probably more valuable in this particular game. He gave a magnificent exhibition, and time after time his strenuous tackling, his height, and his enormous strength extricated the Town defence from difficulties.

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He was able to challenge and hold his own with Jim Thompson, which is saying a good deal, for none was more anxious to put a further scotch on the Town than the Londoner, who played well, but was well marked by Richards. Fulton also came into his own with credit, especially in defence, while both Black and Fraser thoroughly justified their inclusion. They did not look so big as the City middle line, but they played quite as well.

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Rennie was probably the best of the forwards, for though he did not get many chances of shooting, he passed nicely to his wings, and led the line well. Woods was a schemer as usual, and initiated many openings, and Yardley worked with unbounded energy. Both wingers were apt to centre too far forward, with the result that Jarvie received much of their work, but they were speedy, and, like the rest of the attack, showed far better form than in the previous games.

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The City played much as in the previous meeting. Like Luton, they were eager to record their first win, and worked tremendously hard fore and aft, but they met a sterling defence, and in the end were lucky to share so unexpectedly with the last kick. Jarvie and his backs were sound, and the halves, O'Brien in particular, put up a sturdy show, while all the forwards did good work, though the 10,000 spectators were rather vexed that there were not more goals.