

OH, WHAT A BIRTHDAY!

BOBBY BRENNAN'S NORWICH EQUALISER TAKES THE CAKE

Luton 1, Norwich 1: By JACK PEART

WHAT a wonderful Cup day for Norwich. And what a wonderful birthday it turned out to be for thirty-four-year-old Bobby Brennan, the City's Irish International.

It was his tremendous equaliser, twenty minutes after half-time, which kept Norwich in the Cup and still looking forward to being the first-ever Third Division team to get into the Final.

Nottingham Forest, by virtue of a 1-0 victory over Aston Villa, can sit back and await the winners of the Luton-Norwich replay on Birmingham's ground on Wednesday.

And another club is waiting, too—for a different purpose. My Northern colleague, Edgar Turner, tells me that Leeds United are poised to offer Norwich manager Archie Macaulay the managership of their club.

Such is the price of fame!

But back to Bobby Brennan.

Twenty minutes after half-time, with Luton looking a bit ragged and apparently determined to hang on to their lead at all costs, City launched a raid on the right.

A hard centre swung across the Luton goalmouth, flicking their left back, Ken Hawkes, on the way.

HELPLESS

The ball bounced once before reaching Brennan, who was standing unmarked to the left and on the edge of the penalty area.

"At first I intended to pull my shot towards the far post," said Bobby. "But I saw the keeper move that way, so I aimed for just inside the near post."

Brennan's thunderbolt of a right foot volley fairly screamed into the net with goalkeeper Ron Baynham flatfooted and helpless.

What a triumph for Brennan, the inside forward Norwich once discarded but whose come-back as an outside left has made him worth his weight in golden Cup-tie goals.

Ten years ago, Brennan was a Luton player.

FABULOUS

Second Norwich hero was undoubtedly reserve goalkeeper Sandy Kennon, who made one fabulous diving save from Luton outside right Billy Bingham almost on time.

That one save was good enough to earn Sandy the freedom of Norwich, but he made several more.

An earlier one from Bingham earned him a pat on the back from the referee.

Luton's goal after thirty-five minutes came from a free kick.

Allan Brown, the Scot

Opinions

SID OWEN (Luton skipper): "It's always good to have a close look at the opposition on the field. We are pleased to have a replay but after our good first half I really never thought it would come to that."

ALLAN BROWN (Luton scorer): "We knew we wanted another goal in the second half but they got it instead. However, I can still see those Wembley towers beckoning."

ARCHIE MACAULAY (Norwich manager): "We played only as well as they let us—and that wasn't very well. But we have learned a lot and I reckon they should be more worried than us."

BOBBY BRENNAN (Norwich scorer): "I thought we'd had it. We've never played so badly in a Cup match. But when McCrohan's cross came over I saw a hole and hit the ball with everything I had."

KEN NETHERCOTT (injured Norwich keeper): "What a wonderful game Sandy Kennon had! He saved the day for us."

RON ASHMAN (Norwich skipper): "We certainly know we've

been in a tough match but we won't play as badly next time."

EDGAR TURNER (Pic Reporter): "Forest will have to buck up a bit to beat either Norwich or Luton at Wembley."

"Apart from some good work by Villa's Peter McParland and a couple of great saves by Forest keeper Thomson, the Hillsborough semi-final was practically one long yawn."

"But for sheer Soccer artistry I had to admire the Nottingham wing-halves Jeff Whitefoot (what a power of good he could be doing for Manchester United right now) and Jack Burkitt."



Here's a flying shot of Sandy Kennon, Norwich 'keeper and the hero who's standing in for a hero.

Nethercott was hurt against Sheffield United and yesterday Sandy's display made him a toast of the town.

kept out of two Cup Finals by the injury jinx, rose high above the City defenders to head a neat goal.

"I really thought I was on my way to Wembley after that," said Allan. "But a one-goal lead is never enough in a Cup-tie."

Norwich lacked nothing in spirit, but, to be fair, what little craft there was in this tense, sometimes testy tie came from Luton in the first half.

Much as I would love to see Norwich, the Pictorial Giant-killer trophy winners, make history at Wembley, I must take Luton to win Wednesday's replay.