

NORWICH LOOK A TEAM OUT OF HEART

NEW MANAGER IS WANTED QUICKLY

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Norwich ... 0 Luton ... 4

SELDOM have I seen a side play as badly as did Norwich. It was incredible to recall that a mere two and a half years ago these famous yellow and green shirts were taking Luton, then in the First Division, to a replay in a semi-final of the FA Cup.

City cannot play as poorly as this every week, indeed they may never do so again, but they gave the appearance not so much of a team out of form as a team out of heart—which is far more serious. A manager to replace Mr. Macaulay now at West Bromwich, must be of paramount importance.

It is difficult to assess Luton's performance and I suspect they were made to look better than they are. They were three up in 35 minutes and subsequently dropped the pace to a gentle stroll. Yet they were still able to prise open the Norwich defence twice in the last five minutes and each time miss open goals.

The second of these came from McKechnie, an error that will readily be forgiven because he played a prominent part in all his side's goals. The first and third fell to Ashworth, a lively centre-forward, the second to Legate, and the fourth was typical of Norwich's misunderstanding.

IN A TANGLE

An Own Goal

A goal kick hit McKechnie on the shins and rebounded to Ashman and Scott, who got into such a tangle that Scott eventually turned round and from 20 yards sent the ball neatly over Kennon's head into his own goal.

The one exception to Norwich's poor performance was Conway, a real pocket-battleship of a centre-forward who was unlucky not to score. Otherwise the Luton defence coped easily with everything, Pacey having a particularly good game.

Somehow Luton always knew where a colleague would be and were then reasonably accurate at finding him. It was the gift that utterly deserted Norwich and must be remedied if they are to avoid a slide down the table.

Norwich.—Kennon; Thurlow, Ashman; McCrohan, Butler, Scott; Mannion, Allcock, Conway, Waites, Punton.

Luton.—Standen; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Pacey; Fleming, McKechnie, Ashworth, Groves, Legate.