

WAITES AND HILL TOO SMART FOR LUTON

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Luton Town 1, Norwich City 2

WITH almost the last kick of only a modestly entertaining game Ashworth shot wide of an open goal. Had he scored Norwich should immediately have called in the C.I.D., for their superiority was such that anything but both points would have been outright robbery.

Only a minute earlier McKechnie had reduced a two-goal margin in a late Luton rally, and an Orpington-sized shock looked possible.

But justice was properly done in the end, although an unpleasant injury to centre-forward Turner in the 35th minute, following a collision with Burton, resulted in his having two stitches in a nose injury.

Best Moment

Nor did Luton have anyone as dominating as centre-half and captain Butler who not only closed up the path to goal—ably assisted by Burton and Mullett—but also kept up virtually 90 minutes of exhortation to the rest of his side. When Butler's yeoman service ends he must surely be a first rate candidate for the job of Norwich town-crier.

Waites put Norwich ahead in the 24th minute from an astute Burton pass, and on three occasions blasted chances straight at Bayham.

The pièce-de-resistance came in the 53rd minute from a Lythgoe-Savino-Burton move which ended in Allcock sinking gently to his knees to flick home Burton's cross with a dying swan poise that would not have disgraced Dame Margot Fonteyn.

Luton: Baynham McNally, Branwell; Morton, Cope, Pacey; Walden, Ashworth, Turner, McKechnie, Jardine.

Norwich: Kennon; Thurlow, Ashman; Burton, Butler, Mullett; Savino, Waites, Allcock, Hill, Lythgoe.

Referee: L. Callaghan (Merthyr Tydfil).