

LUTON NEARLY ROB NORWICH

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Ashworth misses late chance

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Luton 1 Norwich 2

McKECHNIE'S goal for Luton two minutes from time could give the misleading impression to those not present that Norwich were scarcely superior. If Ashworth had scored with 30 seconds to go instead of shooting wide it would have been sheer injustice.

Wherever one looked in this Luton team and at its performance one saw mediocrity once their centre-forward, Turner, had been carried off with a facial wound, after an accident in the 35th minute with the Norwich right-half, Burton.

Turner had seemed their one forward capable of achievement. He returned after half-time with two stitches in his nose and though in obvious discomfort he remained Luton's best forward.

Ironically Norwich, tighter all round in defence and brighter in attack, might not have won had they not transferred Whitehouse, picked at inside-right, to Wrexham overnight.

DEPUTY SCORES

Creative Waites

To fill the gap they played Waites, the former Leyton Orient outside-right. In an unaccustomed position, he was easily the most creative and able forward and splendidly shot Norwich ahead from the edge of the penalty area from Burton's through pass.

This was the complete footballing movement, launched from Norwich's own penalty area.

Allcock, the centre-forward, also needed careful watching. The moment Luton neglected this duty he crouched almost to ground level to head in Burton's diagonal centre for the second Norwich goal and his 21st of the season.

Luton.—Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Pacey; Walden, Ashworth, Turner, McKechnie, Jardine.

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