

NORWICH WERE LET OFF THE HOOK

But Town's Point Was A Satisfactory Effort

By CHILTERN

NORWICH CITY 3, LUTON TOWN 3

THERE were two distinct ways of viewing this result at Carrow-road on Saturday.

One was with a certain amount of disappointment and chagrin that the Town should have let the Canaries off a particularly uncomfortable hook of being two goals behind, just as the game entered its final phase.

Other was a feeling of satisfaction that the team confounded most of the experts by returning with a point from this difficult encounter.

Whichever way the outcome is viewed, I feel that the Town provided concrete proof that they may be over the worst of their troubles and that they can now start a far more successful run.

Shortcomings still exist, particularly at inside-forward, but the point is that the team is in more confident frame of mind and goals are coming more readily than at any previous stage this season.

For the increased scoring power, much of the credit must go to Davies, who has found his shooting boots since his move to centre-forward to which he is much better suited than inside-right.

Not only is he snapping up the opportunities, but he is distributing the ball accurately and he would be even more of a danger if there were a little better support from the inside men.

McKechnie is trying and working hard, without contributing a great deal, and McGuffie's main value is that quite a fair proportion of his passes are going exactly where they are intended, but he could do with extra mobility.

BURTON SHOULD HAVE BEEN CURBED

With the Town lead standing at 3-1 and only a quarter of an hour left, I feel that McGuffie should have done more to curb the attacking flair of Burton than he did.

As it turned out, BURTON was

the man who cost the Town a point because he provided the centre from which ALLCOCK headed the second Norwich goal after 75 minutes and, a minute later, came racing through to beat Baynham with a terrific low drive from outside the penalty area.

DAVIES gave the Town a good start by opening their account after 20 minutes from McGuffie's shrewd through pass, and, a minute from half-time, JARDINE increased their lead with a shot that Kennon allowed to slip through his hands.

Burton flicked on a centre from Oliver, from which ALLCOCK headed the first Norwich goal after 49 minutes, but DAVIES struck again eight minutes later at the end of a solo run.

Then on to the dramatic Norwich revival which built up for a tense last few minutes which brought only anti-climax, though.

WALDEN HARASSED WORRELL

Next in line to Davies in attack came Walden, who gave Worrell a thoroughly uncomfortable time. Unfortunately, the end product was not always what it might have been because the winger's finishing was not up to the same standard and his often impeccable approach work.

Although he was kept rather short of workable material, Jardine had a useful game, and again he showed a liking for directness.

Outstanding defenders were Morton and Pacey, with the latter dominating in the middle despite Allcock's two goals, but Groves had rather a harassing time because Burton was allowed to cut loose so often.

McNally was the sounder full-back and Baynham had a brilliant match, except that he made an error of judgment in coming out when the second, and perhaps vital, goal came.

NORWICH CITY: Kennon; Kelly, Worrell; Burton, Ashman, Mullett; Oliver, Bryceland, Allcock, Hill, Punton.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Pacey, Groves; Walden, McKechnie, Davies, McGuffie, Jardine.

Referee: G. McCabe, Sheffield.
Attendance: 16,776.