

DAVIES IN DEADLY FORM

Luton Town 4, Norwich City 2

Easily the best individual scoring feat for the Town this season—all four goals by Davies—removed to a marked extent the disappointment felt about the display on the previous day.

As he did at Norwich, Davies established an ascendancy over the Canaries' acting manager, Ashman, and made the fullest use of the room which he found for himself down the middle.

Right from the start, the Town set about their task with great determination and enthusiasm and they might well have scored in the first movement of the game because Jardine swept the ball across and Davies was only a fraction too late to make contact with it.

Even so, there was a sensational start because DAVIES got the ball past Kennon in the third minute after Turner had begun a movement by sending away Fairchild.

There might have been other goals before Norwich settled down to an ordered pattern of play and then Bryceland and Hill, with strong support from Burton, began to take a hand.

Allcock twice went close and it was not all that surprising, so had the game swung, when HILL equalised after 22 minutes when he followed a through pass from Allcock and drove the ball between the legs of Baynham.

For a time, the Town had to struggle, but DAVIES was a constant danger and he restored their lead four minutes from half-time with a cool header from a centre by Fairchild.

That advantage was short-lived because during the seconds added on for injury time, HILL levelled things again with a header from Mannion's cross.

DAVIES THE MAJOR

FACTOR

After some early sparkle by the Town, Norwich again began to impress by some clever approach work which had the Town defence in a certain amount of trouble. Hill missed a chance of completing a hat-trick and Daniel saved Luton by heading over a curling centre from Mannion.

However, DAVIES was still the major factor in this match and he restored the lead in the 61st minute with a well placed shot after Jardine had broken through in a determined fashion.

Again, the Town took the upper hand, but a sticky patch followed during which Burton hit a post and Hill shot against the bar. Then, Baynham suffered a head injury which left him dazed and concussed and, at that stage, it seemed a question of whether the Town could hang on.

Burton was again right out of luck with a shot that crashed against the bar, but some of the tension was eased when DAVIES snapped up another chance from Turner's pass.

It was a splendid game to watch, with Jardine showing a continuance of the improved form he showed at Scunthorpe, and McKechnie had his best match of the three.

Although between them they had a hand in three of the goals the wing pairing of Fairchild and Turner was not so successful.

There were times when the Town defence were in a great deal of trouble, but they fought hard and decisively, with Kelly preventing Allcock from scoring the goal he needed to equal the club scoring record.

Morton was much more consistent than Pacey, who is in a bad patch and Daniel, who has taken his long-awaited chance well, was the more impressive full-back, though Bramwell had the more difficult task in trying to quieten Mannion.

It was brave of Baynham to continue playing in view of the nasty knock he received on the top of the head and, in the

closing stages, the defence did well to give him so much effective cover.

LUTON TOWN.—Baynham; Daniel, Bramwell; Morton, Kelly (T), Pacey; Fairchild, Turner, Davies, McKechnie, Jardine.

NORWICH CITY.—Kennon; Kelly (P), Thurlow; Burton, Ashman, Mullett; Mannion, Bryceland, Allcock, Hill, Miller.

Referee.—R. Langdale, Darlington. Attendance: 9,619.