

**VERDICT** 

THIS was at least an improvement on Wednesday's sorry show, yet it still amounted to a sub-standard performance from the Canaries. They stirred themselves after, a desperately poor first half and in the end had enough chances to win, though that would have been rough justice on Luton.

The Hatters totally dominated the first 45 minutes and but for some fine saves by Woods and excellent defensive work from Watson, Nowich could well have been sunk.

But it was a different story after the break, as Channon and the hard-working Mendham began bullding well on the right, although a general lack of confidence from those around them prevented the breaks being made to count.

MALCOLM ROBERTSON.

**NORWICH CITY** and **Luton Town battled** out an entertaining, tough, goalless draw at Carrow Road this after-

noon.

Aage Hareide came closest to breaking the deadlock ten minutes from time but his

Meader from Peter Mendham's corner was cleared off the line by Mitchell Thomas with Les Sealey well beaten.

Luton overcame a shaky start to look the more accomplished side in the first half, but Sealey had to make good saves from Mendham, Dave Bennett and John Deehan after the interval as Norwich tried desperately to make amends for Wednesday's wicked display against Notts. County.

City's Mike Channon and Luton's Paul Elliott were booked for second half fouls.

Norwich, again without striker Keith Bertschin, suffered a further setback just before the match when John Deevine failed a fitness test on his foot injury.

Jon Rigby, however, came through his late check and City kept the side who lost so depressingly to Notts County in midweek.

Mark Farrington was named as substitute for his first taste of First Division action.

Luton, with skipper Brian Horion suspended and Ricky Hill about to enter hospital for an operation on his hamstring injury, kept the side who beat Ipswich 2-I on Tuesday.

Before the match John Deehan was presented with his award for being the Colmans of Norwich Player-of-the-Month for February.

The start was held up for a few minutes when it was discovered that both Antic and Donaghy were wearing No. 7 for Luton. Antic was the man who changed into his rightful No. 4.

The Hatters were in trouble almost immediately as Deehan pulled back a low cross from the right which sped across the goalmouth towards Rigby before Stephens managed to clear.

Luton recovered to win a corner, but Norwich quickly returned to the attack and following a good move down the left, Haylock saw a well-controlled 20-yard drive flash inches by the analyte and though Mendham did well to get in a cross to the near post, Rigby's effort was deflected wide.

But Luton went close two minutes later after a rapid, skilful break. Aylott raced free down the right and although Mendham did well to get in a cross to the near post, Rigby's effort was deflected wide.

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Man. Utd 32	18	10	4	63	31	64	
Liverpool 32	18	9	5	51	24	63	
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Southampton 30	16	7	7	39	25		
West Ham 32	16	6	10	51	36	54	
O.P.R 32	15	5	12	47	29	50	
Luton 31	13	6	12	44		45	
Aston Villa 32	12	9	11	47	49	45	
Watford 31	13	5	13	58	58	44	
Spurs 32	12	8	12	48	49	44	
Norwich 32	11	10	11	35	35	43	
Arsenal 32	12	6	14	50	47	42	
Everton 30	10	10	10	27	33	40	
Birmingham . 31	11	6	14	32	36	39	
Coventry 31	10	10	12	43	45	40	
Leicester 31	10	8	13	52	53	38	
Sunderland 31	9	11	11	31	41	38	
W.B.A 31	10	6	15	34	49	36	
Stoke 32	9	8	15	30	51	35	
Ipswich 32	9	5	18	38	50	32	
Notts, Co 30	7	7	17	40	60	28	
Wolves 31	5	9	17	24	59	24	

CITY 0

LUTON 0

by BILL WALKER

After 14 minutes Luton went close again when Antic's corner deflected off Channon's head, causing Woods to fumble. The City Record was grateful when

Bunn only sent a half-hit shot straight into his arms. Woods showed the form which has taken him to the fringe of full

# TODAY'S LINE-UP

NORWICH CITY — Woods, Haylock, Downs, Mendham, Hareide, Watson, Bennett, Channon, Deehan, Rigby, Van Wyk. Sub., Farrington.

LUTON — Sealey, Stephens, Thomas, Antic, Elliott, Goodyear, Donaghy, Stein, Walsh, Aylott, Bunn. Sub., Moss. Referee — Mr. Mark Scott (Nottingham).

England honours to keep Norwich on level terms after 19 minutes. Dechan was robbed by Donaghy, whose long clearance fell kindly for Aylott and the big striker strode forward and unleashed a ferocious drive which Woods did well to hold at the second attempt under severe pressure from Walsh. The game remained open and entertaining, but Luton were beginning to win the edge with some determined ball-winning in midfield and some super skills from Walsh in dangerous positions on the edge of the box.

Woods had to race from his area as Stein threatned, and tennthump away another corner from Antic. But after 32 minutes he was left helpless as Goodyear joined the attack and sent in a crashing volley which flashed inches past his lefthand post.

A minute later, however, it was Luton's turn to look uneasy. Watson's long throw-in caused the problem, but bounced between Channon and Rigby with Sealey just able to scramble the ball away at the near post.

Back came Luton and Bunn saw a long-range drive saved by Woods. At the other end Rigby and Channon were both prevented from getting in shots as City responded.

Still the Hatters looked the more likely scorers and the Canaries twice lived dangerously in the 39th minute. First Donaghy sent in a volley which flashed just wide. Then Walsh capitalised on an error from Downs to race towards goal before screwing his shot fractionally wide. Half-time:

Norwich City O, Luton Town O.

Goodyear did remarkably well to get back and put in a telling challenge as Channon prepared to set Channon, Mendham raced into the box before sending in a powerful drive which Sealey did well to beat away.

Channon was causing all kinds of problems now and there were loud appeals when he was sent tumbling on the edge of the box after 49 minutes, but the referee was unmoved.

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Then, two minutes later, he combined again with Mendham.

who did well to cross to the near post where Rigby's touch looked to have beaten Sealey who some-how recovered to smother the ball on the line.

After that bright flurry, owever, the match was beginning to take on a scrappy appearance

On the hour Bennett was sent crashing to the ground by Elliott just as he seemed certain to burst clear in the box and the Luton defender was promptly booked.

Bennett continued without treatment, but City were unable to take advantage of the free-kick, their routine ending with Channon shooting over. After 63 minutes Channon crashed to the ground once more after a challenge from Antic but referee Mark Scott again waved play on.

Norwich at last were beginning to get their act together. More good approach work after 66 minutes ended with Downs rifling in a volley a yard over the top.

Then only the outstretched leg of Sealey kept the rocking Hatters on level terms as Deehan's swerv-ing shot looked sure to deceive him

Bennett showed some of his old skills on the left before sending in a low cross which eluded both Deehan and Thomas.

But Luton hit back and when Antic's shot took a deflection, he took the corner himself to provide Elliott with a free header. The defender, however, steered his effort over the bar.

Bennett suddenly had the crowd on their feet with a blistering

right-foot drive which almost knocked Sealey into the back of the net after 76 minutes. The Luton 'keeper did exceptionally well to hold the bell and just

nanaged to keep his feet who build easily have stumbled s own line.

Two minutes later Channon became the second booking of the afternoon, following a ruthless challenge on Thomas.

With 10 minutes to go City won a corner. Hareide's header from Mendham's flag kick seemed destined for the net until Thomas rose to head clear from under his own bar with Seeley stranded.

Luton won a free-kick on the edge of the City area as the game entered its closing stages, but the hardworking Mendham — one of City's successes — came away with the ball to retrieve the situation. Result—

Norwich City 0, Luton Town 0.

## Garwood is carried off

NORFOLK'S Richard Garwood NORFOLK'S Richard Garwood was stretchered off two minutes from the end of England's Schoolboys' 1-0 win over Scotland at Wembley this afternoon. The England captain, who had earlier made Mark Burke's 25th minute winner, appeared to have suffered an ankle injury.

## Off mark

NEIL Aspin scored his first goal for Leeds, to give them a 26th-minute lead against Grimsby.



· LUTON'S Kirk Stevens evades a determined