



● LUTON 'keeper Les Sealey punches clear under pressure from the Canaries at Carrow Road this afternoon.

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 Matters totally dominated the first 45 minutes and but for some fine saves by Woods and excellent defensive work from Watson, Norwich could well have been sunk. But it was a different story after the break, as Channon and the hard-working Mendham began building well on the right, although a general lack of confidence from those around them prevented the breaks being made to count.

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BETTER—BUT STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

NORWICH CITY and Luton Town battled out an entertaining, tough, goalless draw at Carrow Road this afternoon.

Aage Hareide came closest to breaking the deadlock ten minutes from time but his header 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 Devine 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 Horton suspended and Ricky Hill about to enter hospital for an operation on his hamstring injury, kept the side who beat Ipswich 2-1 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 angle.

After seven minutes determined City went close again. This time they caused trouble down the right and although 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 set up Walsh with what seemed an excellent opportunity deep inside the City box. But Watson got back well to clear the danger.

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 keeper 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

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

After that bright flurry, however, 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 swerving 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 ball and just managed to keep his feet when he could easily have stumbled over his 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 Sealey 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. Attendance 14,181

Garwood is carried off

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

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man. Utd.	32	18	10	4	63	31	64
Liverpool	32	18	9	5	51	24	63
Nottm. F.	32	17	5	10	55	35	56
Southampton	30	16	7	7	39	25	55
West Ham	32	16	6	10	31	36	54
Q.P.R.	32	15	5	12	47	29	50
Luton	31	13	6	12	44	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	12	10	43	45	40
Leicester	31	10	8	13	52	51	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