

Nottingham F 2, Luton 0

NOTTINGHAM Forest's first win in six league outings was a classic example of collectivism triumphing over individualism, writes **Henry Morton**. 85/86

Collectively Forest, though dramatically reshuffled because of injuries and suspensions, held together cohesively to deny Luton, and compensated for their sparse skills with a display full of endeavour if little enterprise.

Forest were soon suffering from the smooth skills of their opponents, and as early as the second minute could have found themselves behind when King should have crowned a delightful three-man move but instead blasted over from six yards.

Chance after chance went begging, with Harford and Stein the main culprits, and their extravagance was justly punished in the 30th minute by the only Forest player who looked to be on footballing par with his opponents.

Young Nigel Clough it was who put Forest ahead with a smart low curling free kick from all of 20 yards after Foster had up-ended Bowyer just outside the box. It was a delicious piece of skill and no mean feat of accuracy.

Stand-in frontman Neil Webb wrapped up the points for Forest midway through the second half, but by then Luton were looking like a side who were never going to score no matter how easy the chance.

Nottm Forest: Sutton; McNally, Pearce, Walker, Butterworth, Bowyer, Carr, Metgod, Clough, Webb, Robertson.
Sub: Metgod/Walsh 79.

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Parker, Stein, Harford, King, Preece.

Sub: King/North 69.

Referee: J. Bray (Hinkley, Leicester).