

Bruce and Grimes in the wars ^{86/87}

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STEVE BRUCE, Norwich's stalwart captain, and Luton's Irish international, Ashley Grimes, have important meetings this morning.

Bruce, injured in a first-half clash with Grimes, goes to hospital for X-rays on his right leg. He played on despite being warned a fracture was a possibility, until carried off on a stretcher seconds from time.

Grimes has an appointment with John Moore, Luton's manager, to discuss his sending-off three minutes before Bruce's departure, for violent conduct towards team-mate Rob Johnson.

The Irishman was forcibly telling Johnson what to do in defence and looked as if he was going to butt the young full-back.

Grimes would not comment after a tedious game, but Mr. Moore said: "I cannot condone what Ashley did, because it could have cost us the game."

Until those late incidents the game was eminently forgettable with goal chances extremely rare. Ken Brown, the City manager, said: "I hope the strikers spare a thought for the long-suffering fans."

Norwich City: Gunn; Brown. Spearing, Bruce, (Biggins, 89), Philan, Butterworth; Crook, Drinkell, Rosario, Putney, Gordon.

Luton Town: Sealey; Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, North, Donaghy, Hall, B. Stein, Newell, Harford, Grimes.