

Sports News

ACE KEEPER PUTS ON A SUPER-SHOW CANARIES TO



● **DEBUT BOY:** Defender Des Linton making his first appearance in Division One, as a second-half sub.

GOALKEEPER ALEC Chamberlain saved Luton Town from another away drubbing at Carrow Road, and then disclosed that his personal 'video nasties' had helped him improve his game.

Twenty-three goals had whistled past him in six previous away games, and Norwich would have been the third team to score five — or more — but for a marvellous display of goalkeeping.

"He was absolutely incredible," said Norwich boss Dave Stringer. "He kept us on tenterhooks right to the end."

David Pleat agreed on everyone's nomination for man of the match, but spoke of other factors which enabled the Town to go close to kicking an unlikely point.

Robbed of six experienced men — Mick Harford, Philip Gray, David Preece, Brian Stein, Darron McDonough and Sean Farrell were all injured — the Town used a formation designed to draw Norwich's sting and reduce them to frustration.

And it very nearly worked, thanks to Chamberlain's astonishing shot-stopping display. Skipper Trevor Peake had his best game yet as one of three centre-backs, with Paul Telfer and Mark Pembroke the wide mobile men on the flanks.

Kurt Nogan was the only out and out striker. It was a system which worked brilliantly for Mr. Pleat when he used it with Clive Allen at Spurs, and came very close to success at Carrow Road.

By Brian Swain. Pictures: Josh Lew

Twice in the first half the Town could have nicked the lead, and then in the last 20 minutes, when the Town made changes to switch to an orthodox 4-3-3, it was the home team and their fans who were glad to hear the final whistle.

The Town's young side deserves every credit for the way it fought against the odds. But, close though they came to getting some reward, it would not have been deserved on the run of play.

With so many youngsters in the side, that was not surprising, but as the manager said his problem is that to safeguard what might well be very bright tomorrows we need something better today.

Seven of the men who played at Norwich are 21 or younger, and too many boys against men is a recipe doomed to

First Division disaster.

Scott Oakes, 19, went in for his First Division debut and showed a nice awareness of when to set up others.

Mr. Pleat reckons he is another David Moss in the making. Oakes did well, but oh for another Moss who has already made it!

Des Linton, the other man from Filbert Street, made his debut as sub, and is ready to make a challenge for a right back place that needs to be filled with a bit of quality after the loss of Matthew Jackson.

Power

As the Town boss said, one problem with a young side is the lack of body strength that enables the opposition to power its way through boys teams.

Norwich midfielder Jeremy Goss had it in

greater abundance than Julian James and Graham Hughes, and was a major influence on what should be the line of defence.

But the back line did well for the most part, forcing Norwich to stay away at Chamberlain from long range, and appreciated that.

He made half a dozen top quality stops and late super-saves from Robert Fleck that did not belie.

The goalkeeper said that despite the away goals against figures he was not a bad keeper, especially after being the fans' player of the year last season.

He has specialised coaching with Peter Bonetti, and spent hours at home watching video recordings of his shots and headers.



● **TANGLE:** Mark Pembroke and Jason Rees get stuck in.

have beaten him, and learning the lessons from them.

Frustrated

But even a brilliant goalkeeper could not save the Town at Carrow Road. They frustrated the Canaries for 41 minutes before Fleck got round the back on Norwich's right and pulled back a low cross.

Ruel Fox missed it, but Rob Newman, following up, accepted the simple chance from about ten yards.

Mr. Pleat wondered afterwards if the result would have been the same if the Town had been able to keep a clean sheet until half-time.

Oddly, for all their possession, Norwich could have conceded the first goal.

Oakes hit a cracking 20-yard free kick which Bryan Gunn saved acrobatically, and Nogan missed a sitter,

heading wide when he was unmarked seven yards from goal to meet a perfect right wing cross by Telfer.

A Town victory would have been robbery, but after the two subs went on the contest became much more equal. But without Harford and Gray, the finishing was weak.

'Penalty' The only real Town threat was when Nogan raced down the middle to collect an astute pass by Oakes.

Ian Butterworth tackled him on the edge of the area, Nogan fell, and claims for a penalty, or at least a free kick, were turned down by referee Keith Hackett.

It was an optimistic shout, but the worst scoring record in the Football League needs a lucky break or two.

And Chamberlain did not deserve to be a loser again.

He and his manager were both pleased at a lot of what a patched-up side accomplished.

The goalkeeper paid tribute to the work of the men in front of him, and Mr. Pleat said: "We are getting tighter at the back."

Norwich had, he agreed, monopolised a lot of the play, but said that had not worried him. His game plan, against a good passing team, was to hold them

at distance, which was accomplished, and then get them more and more frustrated.

It might well have worked if the Town could have stayed level until half-time. "We were beaten by four minutes," he said.

"And if Nogan had scored with his first-half header, or if we had been given a penalty in the second half, I think Norwich might have become very nervous."

FA Youth Cup win

FOOTBALL PLAYED in the Luton style paid off handsomely as the Town's youngest team made their pro standards count against the Essex Senior League club in the FA Youth Cup first round.

The visitors were let off the hook to some degree: the Town might have been a little more ruthless against a side which was second best in many ways, not least in fitness and stamina.

East Thurrock blew up after a bright start in which Paul Hancock did the business for the Town, making a smart early save and then racing out of his area to

OUT ON PENALTIES

prolong the sequence into sudden death. But the keeper guessed correctly and dived to his left to save.

Match details TOWN: Chamberlain; Telfer, Salton, Rodger, Allpress, Pembroke; Williams (Rees 78 mins), James, Hughes; Harford (Campbell, 83 mins), Nogan.

IPSWICH: Forrest; Yallop (Edmunds, 83 mins), Work, Lingham, Thompson; Whitton, Dozzell, Zondervan, Milton; Stockwell, Lowe, Other sub: Palmer.

THE GOALS: Paul Telfer for the Town, two hit the post; Ipswich eight saved and six wide, plus two penalties saved and one hit a post. Corners: 13-6 to Ipswich.

BOOKED: Darren Salton for a foul on Stockwell.

REFEREE: Brian Hill, Kettering.

ATTENDANCE: 5,750.

ENTERTAINMENT: Fair value for money.

IPSWICH LUTON 1

After extra time: Penalties: 2-1

THE TOWN had tried their new defensive pattern at Portman Road in the Zenith Cup, and were desperately unlucky to lose.

They conceded an injury-time equaliser and Alec Chamberlain saved two of the five penalties in the shoot-out that followed extra time.

Two debuts Bright debut performances by Darren Salton and Martin Williams were consolations on a late, short of six injured first team men, deserved better than to the Town, and the same fate befell Telfer.

David Lingham also hit a post when he should have ended it with Ipswich's fifth

THE ZENITH CUP SECOND ROUND

At the make or break stage, seven of the ten professionals failed with penalty kicks.

Paul Telfer's first goal in senior football, a header from a left wing cross by Jason Rees, put the Town in front after 79 minutes, but Davie Lowe pinched an equaliser for the Second Division side 71 seconds into injury time, and extra time was stalemate.

In the shoot-out Steve Whitton and Mark Pembroke netted the first two penalties. Alec Chamberlain did his bit with two saves.

Romeo Zondervan beat him with Ipswich's third penalty, and that turned out to be the winner.

Julian James shot again a post when he might have made it 2-1, leaving Rees needing to score to



● **HOTSHOT:** Scott Oakes lets rip with a free kick which Bryan Gunn saved acrobatically to prevent the Town taking a first-half lead.

THE SEASON SO FAR

THE TOWN'S record in league and cup competitions to date:

Barclays League Div One Results, Town scorers, attendances and league position:

August		
17 West Ham (a) 0-0	25,079	—
21 Coventry (a) 0-5	10,084	—
24 Liverpool (h) 0-0	11,132	—
27 Arsenal (a) 0-2	25,898	—
31 Chelsea (a) 1-4 (Gray)	17,457	22
September		
4 Southampton (h) 2-1 (Gray, Harvey)	8,055	19
7 Wimbledon (a) 0-3	3,231	20
14 Oldham (h) 2-1 (Harford 2)	9,005	17
17 QPR (h) 0-1	9,185	19
21 Man Utd (a) 0-5	46,491	21
28 Middlesbrough (h) 1-1 (Gray)	7,629	20
October		
5 A. Villa (a) 0-4	18,722	21
19 Sheff Wed (h) 2-2 (Harford, Nogan)	9,401	21
26 Norwich (a) 0-1	10,514	21

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