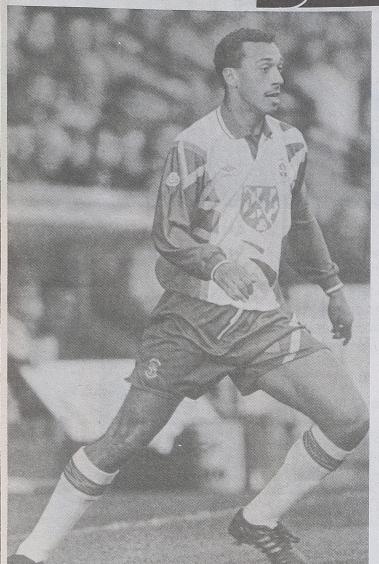
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• DEBUT BOY: Defender Des Linton making his first appearance in Division One, as a second-half sub.

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saved Luton Town from another away drubbing at Carrow Road, and then the Town could have Scott Oakes, 19, went disclosed that his personal 'video nasties', the rown coals had in for his First Division Hughes had helped him improve his game.

previous away games, and Norwich would have been made changes to switch the third team to score five — or more — but for a to an orthodox 4-3-3, it marvellous display of goalkeeping.

"He was absolutely incredible," said Norwich boss their fans who were glad Dave Stringer. "He kept us on tenterhooks right to to hear the final whistle.

David Pleat agreed on everyone's nomination for side deserves every man of the match, but spoke of other factors which credit for the way it enabled the Town to go close to nicking an unlikely fought against the odds.

Robbed of six experienced men — Mick Harford, they came to getting Philip Gray, David Preece, Brian Stein, Darron some reward, it would McDonough and Sean Farrell were all injured — the not have been deserved Town used a formation designed to draw Norwich's on the run of play. sting and reduce them to frustration. And it very nearly worked, thanks to youngsters in the side,

Chamberlain's astonishing shot-stopping display. that was not surprising Skipper Trevor Peake had his best game yet as one but as the manager said f three centre-backs, with Paul Telfer and Mark his problem is that to Pembridge the wide mobile men on the flanks. Kurt Nogan was the only out and out striker.

Carrow Road.

GOALKEEPER ALEC Chamberlain By Brian Swain. Pictures: Josh La

Twice in the first half First Division disaster. then in the last 20 debut and showed a nice Twenty-three goals had whistled past him in six minutes, when the Town awareness of when to set was the home team and

The Town's young

Des Linton, the other man from Filbert Street, appre made his debut as sub But, close though and is ready to make a top quality stops challenge for a right late back place that needs to Robert Fleck that be filled with a bit of belief. quality after the loss of The goalkeen

is another David Moss in line of d

well, but oh for another well for the n

Moss who has already forcing Norwi

the making. Oakes did

Power

As the Town boss especially after safeguard what might well be very bright said, one problem with a the fans' player It was a system which tomorrows we need young side is the lack of year last season. worked brilliantly for something better today, body strength that He has spen Mr. Pleat when he used Seven of the men who enables the opposition coaching with it with Clive Allen at played at Norwich are 21 to power its way through Bonetti, and

hours at home str

goals against fig

away games, hel

was not a bad k



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

THE TOWN'S record in league and cup competitions to date: Barclays League Div One Number of players used: 25, four more

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APPEARANCES, including as sub in brackets: 14 each by Chamberlain, Dreyer and Pembridge; Preece 12; Rodger 11(1), Peake 10, Stein 9(2); McDonough 9; Gray 8(2), Harvey 6(1), Telfer 5(3), Harford 5, Nogan 4(6), Farrell 3(1), Hughes 2(2), James 2, Rees 1, Oakes 1, Linton (1), Jackson, 7(2), Beaumont 6(3), Thompson 5, Black 4,

The Rumbelows Cup Round 2(1): September

25 Birmingham (h) 2-2 (Gray, Nogan) Round 2 (2): October 9 Birmingham (a) 2-3 (Gray 2) ...

APPEARANCES, including as sub in brackets.
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Preece, Telfer and Gray 2. Stein 1(1). One 201. Harvey, Dreyer, Rodger and Harford, Nogan (2), GOALS: Gray 3, Nogan 1.

Zenith Data Syste

Rd 2: Oct 22 Ipswich (a) 1-1 Telfer (lost on pens) APPEARANCES, including as sub in brac Chamberlain, Telfer, Rodger, Salton, Nogan, James, Hughes, Williams and Harfork Research Rees and Campbell.

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ACE KEEPER PUTS ON A TO HOLD ONE GOAL



■ TANGLE: Mark Pembridge and Jason Rees get stuck in.

Frustrated

leck got round the back weak. n Norwich's right and ulled back a low cross.

Ruel Fox missed it,

Mr. Pleat wondered by Oakes. afterwards if the result Ian Butterworth

have beaten him, and heading wide when he He and his manager at distance, which was learning the lessons was unmarked seven were both pleased at a accomplished, and then Sheff Wed... yards from goal to meet lot of what a patched-up get them more and more A. Villa a perfect right wing cross side accomplished.

A Town victory would tribute to the work of worked if the Town But even a brilliant have been robbery, but the men in front of him, could have stayed level goalkeeper could not after the two subs went and Mr. Pleat said: "We until half-time. 'We save the Town at on the contest became Carrow Road. They much more equal. But back. frustrated the Canaries without Harford and or 41 minutes before Gray, the finishing was

'Penalty'

Rob Newman, The only real Town team, was to hold them become very nervous." ollowing up, accepted threat was when Nogan the simple chance from raced down the middle to collect an astute pass

would have been the tackled him on the edge same if the Town had of the area, Nogan fell, been able to keep a and claims for a penalty, clean sheet until half- or at least a free kick, were turned down by Oddly, for all their referee Keith Hackett. possession, Norwich It was an optimistic

could have conceded the shout, but the worst scoring record in the Jakes hit a cracking Football League needs a yard free kick which lucky break or two.

Bryan Gunn saved And Chamberlain did

The goalkeeper paid are getting tighter at the were beaten by four

minutes," he said. Norwich had, he "And if Nogan had agreed, monopolised a scored with his first-half lot of the play, but said header, or if we had that had not worried been given a penalty in him. His game plan, the second half, I think against a good pasing Norwich might have

frustrated.

ON THE BALL: Ceri Hughes The First Division continuing his comeback, breaks clear as another Norwich attack is halted in midfield. PWDLFA WDLFA Man Utd... ...13 4 3 0 13 2 MATCH DETAILS ..14 4 0 3 11 10 Man City ...

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Bowen; Gordon, Goss, Newman, Ullathorne (Beckford 54 mins); Fox, Fleck. Other sub: Polston. THE GOAL: Rob Newman, 41 mins, after Robert Fleck pulled back a low cross after a run down the right. OTHER GOAL ATTEMPTS: Town four saved and three wide: Norwich 11 saved and seven wide. Corners: 8-2 to

REFEREE: Keith Hackett, Sheffield. Strolled through it, because both sides wanted to play it right.

Half-time: 1-0

ATTENDANCE: 10,514, Norwich's lowest-ever in the First Division, on a day when England's rugby World Cup semi-final was televised live. Kenilworth Road's turn to suffer th is week when they are in the final?

ENTERTAINMENT: Too one-sided for Town fans to enjoy as they watched the ninth consecutive game act as sweeper to force a striker to shoot hurriedly and without a win. Alec Chamberlain's heroics gave the

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FOOTBALL PLAYED in the Luton style LUTON T 5 E. THURROCK 0 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 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 and not deserve to be a loser Paul Hancock did the business for the Town, making a smart early save and then racing out of his area to

prolong the sequence into

IPSWICH LUTON 1 After extra time: Penalties: 2-1

TOWN had tried their new pattern at Portman in the Zenith Cup, and desperately unlucky to lose. conceded an injury-time liser and Alec Chamberlain d two of the five penalties in oot-out that followed extra

Two debuts

Town, and the same fate winner. Telfer. David Linighan Winner.

Julian James shot againt a post
Julian James shot againt a post

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.

Sight debut performances by

and extra time was state.

In the shoot-out Steve Whitton Salton and Martin and Mark Pembridge netted the hs were consolations on a first two penalties. Alec when a patched-up Town Short a patched-up Town Short S of six injured first saves. Romeo Zonervan beat men, descripted better than him with Ipswich's third penalty, and that turned out to be the

t a post when he should when he might have made it 2-1, It with Ipswich's fifth leaving Rees needing to score to

sudden death. But the keeper guessed correctly and dived to is left to save.

Match details

TOWN: Chamberlain; Telfer, Salton, Rodger, Allpress, Pembridge; Williams (Rees 78 mins), James, Hughes; Harford (Campbell, 83 mins), Nogan. IPSWICH: Forrest; Yallop (Edmunds, 83

mins), Wark, Linighan, Thompson; Whitton, Dozzell, Zondervan, Milton; Stockwell, Lowe. Othersub: Palmer.

THE GOALS: Paul Telfer for the Town, 79 mins; David Lowe for Ipswich, in injury time. Penalty shoot-out goals: Steve Whitton and David Linighan for Ipswich, Mark Pembridge for the Town.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town five saved

and four wide, plus two penalties saved and 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

REFEREE: Brian Hill, Kettering. ATTENDANCE: 5,750.
ENTERTAINMENT: Fair value for

wide after the defence had been caught square by a most pleasure. long ball. David Green and his colleagues tightened up after

The visitors were let off the hook to some degree: that, and in attack Paul Murray threatened to win the

He had the beating of his fullback for pace and control, and should have scored one of the goals of the

season when the Town started to get on top. Memories of a Graham French solo agains Mansfield came to mind when Murray collected the hall near the halfway line and set off on a dribble that took him down the flank, then inside. He waltzed has every defender who tried to stop him, and was left with only the keeper to beat. But the shot was delayed and the keeper did well to close him down and

With Andy Elliott quick and direct on the other wing, goals had to come, and after Green had headed the first from a free kick, two beauties effectively ended the contest.

smother the danger.

Murray put Matthew Holtham clear down the right, and the overlapping defender crossed perfectly for Paul Newman to score in the 27th minute.

Carbon copy second Six minutes later a similar move from the other

flank, after Lee Rogers had sent Elliott away, put Newman in for his second. Against a team that was trying gamely but playing with little conviction, the Town left it until the last 20 minutes to make the result match the good things in

their performance. Elliott curled a careful shot into the far corner after cutting in from the left, and beat the offside trap for his second, against a substitute goalie after the

regular man had been injured. ● JAMIE CAMPBELL, who made his senior debut as a sub at Ipswich, scored the only goal at Leighton Town on Thursday to give a young Town side victory

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