

Luton in the lurch

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Norwich 1, Luton 0 **Michael Staniforth**

LUTON'S season slipped deeper into crisis as their young and inexperienced side were totally overwhelmed at Carrow Road.

That the two teams were only separated by a Rob Newman goal was testimony to Norwich's own faltering form of late and a magnificent performance by Chamberlain in the Luton goal.

Luton are already looking beleaguered. A catalogue of injuries forced manager David Pleat to field seven players aged 21 or under, and defeat means they have secured just one point out of 24 on their travels.

As a result, they have become something of a liability to attendance figures. Only 10,514 watched this

game, the lowest ever gate for a Division One fixture at Carrow Road.

Norwich got their winner just before half-time after continued pressure. Phillips sent Fleck clear, Fox looked to be bundled off the ball, but it ran on for Newman to hit his fourth goal of the season.

Norwich found Chamberlain in outstanding form in the second half. He made a series of fine saves, twice denying Fleck and turning Goss' shot over the bar.

Despite being weakened by injuries, Luton could still have salvaged a point. Nogan headed wide of an open goal and later had a penalty claim turned down, while Oakes' free-kick on his debut was tipped over by Gunn.