

Winning debut for O'Neill

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plied by team-mate Neil Adams, who completed the victory with a sumptuous 25-yard half-volley.

Two interested observers were Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, and his assistant Roger Cross who were, perhaps, studying the form of Newsome in case their attempts to lure Chris Coleman across London fail this week.

Westley was less than happy with the proceedings. "We are a footballing team but we are too soft," he said. "When teams come for us we cave in. I haven't started very well but we might just have played the best team in the First Division."

Norwich went ahead after 14 minutes when, from Mark Bowen's short corner, Adams crossed and Newsome

emerged between Mitchell Thomas and David Oldfield to score.

Soon after the restart Luton responded after Danny Mills, showing youthful naivety on his Norwich debut, fouled Graham Alexander and Bontcho Guentchev sent Bryan Gunn in the opposite direction.

The visitors did not take long to re-establish their supremacy and in the 56th minute Adams' corner was thumped in off the crossbar via Newsome's head. O'Neill named three outfield substitutes and it proved to be rewarding; within two minutes of his arrival, Daryl Sutch left with a head wound which required six stitches, to be replaced by John Polston.

Luton: Davis; Thomas, Peake, M Johnson; Alexander, Waddock, Hughes, Thorpe (Taylor 57), Harvey; Guentchev, Oldfield. **Subs not used:** Davis, Sommer (g). **Booked:** Hughes, Peake, Alexander.

Norwich: Gunn; Mills, Newsome, Prior, Bowen; Adams, Milligan (Sutch 64, Polston 68), A Johnson (Ullathorne 64); Eadie; Ward, Akinbiyi. **Booked:** Johnson, Eadie, Ullathorne.

Referee: M Pierce (Portsmouth).

NORWICH discovered, at Kenilworth Road yesterday, that strength can come out of adversity. Using the same players who took the club out of the Premiership in May, new manager Martin O'Neill engineered an ultimately comfortable victory.

Luton, themselves with a new manager in Terry Westley, offered little to suggest, even with six newcomers of whom three were on the pitch, that it is going to be anything but a long season.

Westley admitted afterwards that another new signing was imminent with Darren Patterson, Crystal Palace's Northern Ireland international full-back, due to join Luton this week.

Patterson, a rugged tackler, would have fared well against a team relying on a hard-working midfield, a solid defence and a rare directness not associated with recent Norwich sides.

Jon Newsome, their captain, scored twice, head-butting two balls sup-