

FOCUS on our VISITORS

WELCOME Norwich City, with the hope that, unlike on Wednesday, we can go into action this afternoon. We have met here for points only once before—in the Second Division in season 1962-63, when we won 2-0 at home but lost 1-4 at Carrow Road.

Besides advancing to the League Cup semi-final, Norwich have begun life in the First Division most impressively following promotion as Second Division winners.

Three weeks ago they stood as high as sixth in the League Championship, and they distinguished themselves further in the next match by defeating Arsenal 3-0 at Highbury in the League Cup quarter-final. But that night they also suffered a blow—Duncan Forbes, captain and centre-half, damaged a lung and several ribs and may be unable to play again before the New Year.

It is never easy to assess the precise affect the absence of any individual can have on a team, but obviously a player of Forbes's calibre is missed and City have lost the two League games they have played in his absence—at Birmingham two weeks ago and, last Saturday, when Manchester United became the first visiting team in 32 since April 1970 to win a League match at Norwich.

Club address:
Carrow Road,
Norwich.



OFFICIALS

Chairman: MR. GEOFFREY WATLING.
Secretary: MR. BERT WESTWOOD, J.P.
Manager: MR. RON SAUNDERS.
Trainer-Coach: MR. GEORGE LEE.
Captain: DUNCAN FORBES.

HONOURS

Football League Cup Winners 1962.
Second Division Champions 1972.
Third Division (South) Champions 1934.

NORWICH CITY PLAYERS

KEVIN KEELAN: Is in his tenth season with Norwich, having been signed from Wrexham in July 1963. Originally with Aston Villa, he has made over 300 League appearances in goal for Norwich and was ever-present last season. Born Calcutta, India. 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st.

GEOFF BUTLER: A former Chelsea full-back who joined Norwich from Sunderland for £30,000 in October 1968. Originally with Middlesbrough, he came to Chelsea in September 1967 and four months later joined Sunderland. Born Sunderland. 5 ft. 7 in., 11 st.

ALAN BLACK: A broken leg sustained by Clive Payne at Southampton a month ago gave him a first-team opportunity. Originally with Dumbarton, he joined Norwich from Sunderland in September 1966 and has made over 150 senior appearances. Born Glasgow. 6 ft., 12 st.

DAVID STRINGER: This consistent wing-half has taken over the Norwich captaincy from Duncan Forbes, who damaged a lung in the last round at Arsenal. A former England Youth International, approaching 350 senior appearances. Born Gt. Yarmouth. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 6 lb.

STEVE GOVIER: 19-year-old centre-half who has replaced injured captain Duncan Forbes. Joined Norwich as a professional in July 1969 and made League debut at Swindon in January 1971. Born Watford. 6 ft., 12 st.

MAX BRIGGS: Local-born midfield player who began with Norwich as an amateur. Turned professional in season 1967-68 and established a place last season. Born Bramerton. 5 ft. 8½ in., 10 st. 8 lb.

DOUG LIVERMORE: Bargain £22,000 signing from Liverpool in November 1970. Bought as a forward, he has developed into one of the club's principal midfield players. Missed only one League match last season. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 8½ in., 10 st. 5 lb.

JIM BONE: Up-and-coming Scotland striker who scored on his full International debut against Denmark in October. £30,000 buy from Partick Thistle last February, and clearly a Norwich danger man. Born Bridge of Allan. 5 ft. 9½ in., 11 st. 8 lb.

DAVID CROSS: Bold determined centre-forward signed from Rochdale for a club record fee of £40,000 in October 1971. Originally with Bury, he has been a useful goalscorer in Division One this season. Born Bury. 6 ft., 12 st.

GRAHAM PADDON: A hat-trick against Arsenal in the last round and two goals previously against Hull City make him City's top scorer in the League Cup. Midfield player who must be watched from free-kicks. Cost £25,000 from Coventry in October 1969. Born Coventry. 5 ft. 7 in., 10 st. 8 lb.

TERRY ANDERSON: Former Arsenal winger who has made over 150 appearances since joining Norwich for £15,000 in February 1965. Now plays in midfield. Born Woking. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 4 lb.

PAUL CHEESLEY: 19-year-old reserve who made surprise League debut when displacing Jim Bone against Man. Utd. last Saturday. First senior game was as substitute against Chelsea in last year's League Cup quarter-final. Born Bristol. 5 ft. 11½ in., 11 st. 4 lb.