

# Luton stage shock rally

Luton 3, Orient 2

**F**AIRLY safely it can be said that there will not be a more thrilling finish at Luton this season than in the last 16 minutes of this game as Luton turned what seemed a hopeless position into an exciting victory.

Until then, Orient, with the accent chiefly on deep defence, but showing the ability to break quickly into attack and take the odd chance that came their way, had seemed certain to smash Luton's unbeaten home record that had spanned 25 League games. Jones (14 mins) put them ahead from a free kick and all Luton's effort could not enable them to score before Bullock increased Orient's lead on the hour.

In desperation, Luton threw in Lewis as substitute for Sheffield, whose day this obviously was not, and immediately things began to happen. With 16 minutes left Collins gave Luton the first ray of hope and French equalised six minutes later.

Even then a Luton victory seemed too much to expect, but it came with a bare three minutes left when MacDonald headed through a free kick needlessly conceded by Mancini.

If Orient were kicking themselves afterwards for letting Luton off the hook it was not surprising because they looked to be in complete command with their blanket defence until Luton began their scoring spree.

**Luton:** Read; Ryan, Bannister; Keen, Branston, Slough; Collins, MacDonald, Sheffield, Allen, French. Sub: Lewis.

**Orient:** Goddard; Jones, Fofe; Taylor, Mancini, Harker; Slater, Bullock, Allen, Dyson, Brabrook. Sub: Blume.