

# Busby blasts two as Luton get back into their stride

Orient 1 Luton 2: by HENRY BLOFELD

TWO WELL-TAKEN goals by Viv Busby gave Luton a deserved victory over the Orient, but the points have come too late to bring them back into the promotion race. Manager Alec Stock must, however, have been satisfied with this performance, for it showed that Luton have survived the disappointment of just missing promotion.

Luton were the more skilled and well-knit side throughout. Roger Hoy and Mike Keen soon won control in midfield and made enough chances to have won the game by half-time.

Their strikers were handicapped, however, by the blustering wind, although Luton managed to come to terms with it more satisfactorily than Orient.

Luton had three chances in the first 10 minutes. First Don Givens burst through but drove wide.

Then David Court sent a fine half-volley against the bar after an attack unfolded down the left, and finally Busby had a shot deflected for a corner.

As the half progressed, Orient settled down and for about 10 minutes they took the initiative from Luton with Peter Allen using the ball cleverly behind his strikers.

Once Terry Brisley just failed to reach Martin Lazarus's cross with his head. And Barry Dyson sent a diving header just wide after Peter Brabrook had stabbed back Lazarus's corner.

## CAUGHT

Luton went ahead in the 33rd minute. Full back Alan Slough took a corner on the left and Malcolm Macdonald headed back to Busby who headed over goalkeeper Ray Goddard, caught just too far out of goal.

The second half did not provide such good football. But Luton were always in control as they defended their one-goal lead.

Luton went further ahead when a long ball from Keen found Busby free on the left.

He raced round full back Mick Jones and then dummied Goddard before sliding the ball into the empty net.

Orient pulled back a goal almost immediately. Brabrook's long cross from the right, helped by the wind, deceived Luton goalkeeper Keith Barber and the ball went over his head into the far corner.

With 15 minutes left Brisley was hurt in a collision with Hoy and had to be carried off.

Gordon Riddick came on as substitute for Orient and with seven minutes left Luton substituted Peter Anderson for Givens.