

SLOUGH MAGIC IS TOO MUCH FOR CAUTIOUS ORIENT

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Luton 2 Orient 0

ALAN SLOUGH produced a moment of magic to break the deadlock.

Defender Slough struck after 62 minutes to ease Luton's frustration.

He popped up in a striking position to flash a spectacular header into the net from John Moore's cross.

Until then Luton had been kept out by Orient's defensive iron curtain.

In fact, Orient excelled at the back where Dennis Rofe, Peter Bennett and Phil Hoadley formed by far the more solid unit.

He received his third caution of the season for showing dissent.

He was joined by Phil Hoadley (handling) and Paul Harris (foul) in the referee's book.

While there was nothing particularly vicious about

the match, 40 free kicks were awarded for fouls, 23 against Orient.

Their trouble was that they were unable to build on this competence.

In the first half, Ian Bowyer and Mike Bullock frequently pulled Chris Nicholl out of position. But this Luton fault was remedied after the interval.

It was strange Orient did not commit themselves to all-out attack once Luton had taken the lead.

Luton put the match beyond doubt after substituting Jimmy Ryan for Peter Anderson nine minutes from time.

Ryan made an immediate impact, with a slide-rule pass which Don Givens headed past Orient goalkeeper Ray Goddard.

Givens was one of three players booked by referee Ron Crabb of Exeter.