

Orient are hit by Rofe complex

ORIENT MANAGER George Petchey admits his team may have suffered some loss of confidence following the transfer of full back Dennis Rofe to Leicester. "There is a feeling of apprehension in the club," he said. "But we shall get over it."

Petchey has been looking for ways of spending the £112,000 Rofe fee, but the players he inquired about were not available.

Rofe's absence was not the determining factor as far as the club was concerned.

Twenty-one-year-old Bob Arber showed himself to be a more than adequate replacement, inspiring Petchey to the comment: "He is going to be a very good player."

Luton's back four were very

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sound while Orient's defence was shaky and teenage centre-half Paul Harris was forced into errors by lively Luton forward Viv Busby.

A lucky goal brought Luton the points. Peter Allen hit a weak back pass and before goalkeeper Ray Goddard could gain possession Busby rounded him and stroked the ball into the net.

Luton manager Harry Haslam

planned to pull Busby off and send on substitute Alan Slough.

But the goal—scored 11 minutes after the interval—made him change his mind.

"I told Busby to give it everything and move about to unsettle the Orient defence," said Haslam.

"After he got the goal I thought Orient might gain more confidence if I took him off."

Luton could boast a major share of the first half. They created three chances in a five-minute spell.

John Aston, a fine-looking capture from Manchester United, broke through the middle only to have his close-range shot blocked by an alert Peter Bennett.

Rodney Fern, Luton's costliest investment at £50,000, made a similar break but shot straight at Goddard.



Fern carved out another opening but Busby, who collected the pass in front of goal, sliced his shot.

Goddard was kept busy but his only desperate moment came just before the interval after Harris conceded a corner with a wildly inaccurate pass back.

Aston's flag flick was met by Fern, whose bullet header was turned over the bar in acrobatic style by Goddard.

ORIENT.—Goddard, Arber, Hoadley, Bennett, Harris, Allen, Downing, Brisley, Bullock, Dyson, Bowyer. **SUB:** Riddick.

LUTON.—Barber, Ryan (John), Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Ryan, (Jim), Fern, Busby, Malom, Aston. **SUB:** Slough.