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IF THERE was one thing the faithful few who came along to watch Orient's first game minus Dennis Rofe could have cheered, it was the performance of young Bobby Arber.

Arber, who had resigned himself to reserve team football this season, had a faultless game and proved to his boss that it was not such a bad decision to let Rofe go.

But apart from Goddard and Arber this Orient side had an uninspiring match.

With the same old story of missed chances Luton were never really troubled by any Orient attack.

The O's defence was terribly shaky and most guilty was centre-half Paul Harris, who will want to forget this game.

Even the usually dependable Peter Allen was off form and it was his indecision which cost Orient the game.

Shortly after half-time, after some good work by Arber, who robbed former Manchester United star John Aston near the corner flag, Allen attempted to put the ball back to 'keeper Ray Goddard.

But the pass was disastrous and it fell straight to the astounded VIV BUSBY, who gleefully rounded the stranded Goddard and slammed Luton's winner.