

Orient fume over that Luton goal

ORIENT SHOULD have beaten Luton—and with something to spare. But the command they gained of the game—particularly in the second half—did not yield the goals it should have done. Luton showed nothing like Orient's spirit. They were too often beaten to the ball, which Orient used with much more pace and precision.

Manager George Petchey was entitled to his after-match comment: "We are playing too well to go down. We missed a point here only because of a goal that should not have been allowed for Luton, and one that should not have been disallowed for us."

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The goal Luton got was hotly contested by Orient. Their defence was caught napping because what was at first signalled as their throw-in was taken by Luton's Bobby Thomson. He gave to John Aston, who made a beeline for goal, and shot.

It still would not have been a goal had not centre half Paul Harris obstructed Ray Goddard. Standing only a yard or so in front of the goalkeeper, Harris tried to kick the ball away, but miskicked, and the ball went through the goalkeeper's legs.

Orient gained a stylish equaliser in less than three minutes. A brief exchange of passes took Gerry Queen and Terry Brisley to the edge of the

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penalty area. Keith Barber was coming off his goal-line to meet the challenge, and Brisley's well-hit shot went over his head and into the net off the bar.

The goal Orient were refused came after only 30 seconds of the second half, when a Peter Allen drive found the net.

The home defence, hesitant in front of goal, let Brisley through, and he shot from close-range. Barber saved at his feet, but could not get back to cope with Allen's shot.

The goal was disallowed because Brisley was offside: but was he interfering with play? Petchey thought not.

Ten minutes from the end, Luton sent on substitute Alan Slough and pulled off Peter Anderson. This displeased the home crowd, for Anderson had been one of their brighter performers.

LUTON.—Barber; Shanks, Thomson, Ryan (John), Garner, Moore, Ryan (Jim), Anderson, Butlin, Halom, Aston. Sub: Slough.

ORIENT.—Goddard; Barber, Wall, Hoadley, Harris, Allen, Heppollette, Dwyer, Brisley, Queen, Bowyer. Sub: Dyson.