

Gerry peps gay Orient

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Orient 2 Luton 0: by HAROLD PALMER

ORIENT LOOKED promotion material in a bright game watched by their biggest crowd of the season: 11,135. It was entertaining Soccer so much in demand at the moment and too often lacking.

Manager George Petchey had to wait just over 67 minutes before his side's controlled football was rewarded by a goal.

But tongue in cheek Petchey said: "I was never worried."

He did admit it was his side's best home performance of the season. "They are under great pressure out there," he said. "They have been playing better away."

Luton manager Harry Haslam was philosophical. He said: "It's all right as long as we live and learn."

The Luton players felt they should have had a penalty just before half-time when they claimed Phil Hoadley punched the ball.

Luton's new £100,000 catch from Burnley, Alan West, showed his quality in many shrewd passes.

Orient's latest—and ninth — capture from Crystal Palace goalkeeper John Jackson seemed rather tense.

The goal Orient richly deserved came after 22 minutes of the second half as a result of some determined football by Terry Brisley. He gave to Gerry Queen, who hit a first-time drive from the edge of the penalty area.

The second goal 16 minutes later was a masterly affair. Queen hit the ball from right to left. Tom Walley picked it up and centred promptly for the industrious Falbrother to meet the ball with his head and steer it home.