

ORIENT AGONY

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LUTON MANAGER Harry Haslam was quite frank: "We played rubbish."

Certainly, his side looked a long way short of First Division class.

Orient had enough chances to wrap up this game before half-time but all they had was a spectacular goal by Tom Walley. Yet they were trailing until Gerry Queen scored three minutes from time to snatch his side's only Texaco Cup point.

Luton were vulnerable to the high cross but it was a terrific left-foot shot by Walley which gave Orient the lead in the 22nd minute. Walley cleverly beat Peter Anderson, took aim and fired the ball into the top corner from 30 yards.

In the 56th minute, came the first of two errors which let Luton into the lead. Ricky

Heppolette slipped a short back-pass to their 'keeper and Jim Husband moved in to take his chance.

Two minutes later, a long cross by Don Shanks was headed in by Barry Butlin with 'keeper Ray Goddard, second-half substitute for injured John Jackson, off his line.

It was not Orient's day. Jackson's withdrawal was due to a knock on the thigh but manager George Petchey reckons he will be fit for Saturday's opening League game.

ORIENT. — Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Hoadley, Harris, Walley, Fairbrother, Heppolette, Bullock, Queen, Possee. Subs: Cunningham, Goddard.

LUTON. — Horn; Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Litt, Garner, Ryan, Husband, Butlin, West, Hindson. Subs: Aston, Barber.