

Great, Jacko!

Luton 2 Orient 1 : by PETER WOOD

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A BRILLIANT goal by Ricky Hill two minutes from time robbed Orient of a point which veteran 'keeper John Jackson almost earned on his own.

Jackson was superb as Luton tore into the Londoners in a storming second half. "We would have won 6-1 except for him," said Luton manager David Pleat.

But Orient boss Jimmy Bloomfield was just as choked. "We could have been 4-1 ahead at half-time and then we give away a vital goal two minutes from time. But all credit to Hill—he took the goal brilliantly."

PENALTY MISS

Orient's biggest miss came when Ian Moores failed with a penalty. But Luton argued furiously when Kirk Stephens was pulled up for the tackle on Ralph Coates, and Pleat claimed: "That never should have been a penalty."

But after Stephens had been booked for dissent, the penalty by Moores produced a flying save from Jake Findlay and that was the end of Orient's victory hopes.

They had been given a marvellous start when Findlay dropped a Bill Roffey cross to give Moores a soft second minute goal.

Then came Jackson's one-man show of defiance as Luton fought back, and the only blemish on his performance came when a Chris Turner header squeezed under his body for the 27th-minute equaliser.

And it looked as though Jackson's class would give Orient a point until Hill showed astonishing ball control to take a pass from Stephens and blast in a drive off the inside of the far post.