

# MOSS HITS FORM AND LUTON PASS MILESTONE

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LUTON passed a notable milestone in beating Orient 3-1 at Brisbane Road on Saturday.

It was the first time for four years that they have reached the fourth round draw of the FA Cup, and the first time manager David Pleat has seen his team win in the competition.

It was also the first time the Town had scored in the Cup since Pleat took over from Harry Haslam in 1978.

So there was every reason for celebration after Luton had brushed aside Orient's challenge with three second half goals in the space of ten minutes.

A thoroughly professional, all-round performance left Pleat delighted with the result, while Orient manager Jimmy Bloomfield was left to reflect on the memories of lethal Luton finishing.

Set to defend against the strong wind in the first period, the Town coped adequately, although there were two scares when the dangerous John Chiedoie went extremely close.

"When we went in at half time, I felt we had the game in our pockets," said Pleat. "I had a feeling that, with the wind in our favour in the second half, we had the ability to reach the fourth round."

"I was particularly pleased with the team's workrate, and I don't think there is any doubt we deserved to go through."

Noone will argue with that statement, particularly Bloomfield. "We have no complaints," he said. "Luton took their chances and the best team won on the day."

"We had a disrupted week with our training because I had players affected by flu and injuries. But I am not

## ERIC HARRIS WITH LUTON

**MATCH DETAILS**  
**ORIENT:** Dry, Hughton, Rafter, Taylor (T), Gray, Parsons, Chiedoie, Moores, Jennings, Bowles, Taylor (P), Sub: Cousins.

**LUTON:** Findlay, West, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aislewood, Moss. Sub: Antic.

**REFEREE:** L. Shapter (Torquay).  
**ATTENDANCE:** 9,891. **GOALS:** Moss (50 and 60 — one penalty), Ingram (53), Jennings (88). **BOOKINGS:** Aislewood (foul on Chiedoie), Hill (timewasting).

job on limiting his tantalising runs down the right, although the little winger did manage to wriggle his way through twice to test the Town's defence.

After Ricky Hill, another Luton player in peak form, shot narrowly wide after only three minutes, Chiedoie thrashed an effort just past before banging the ball against a post a minute before half time.

A minute before that incident, the Town were refused what seemed to be a blatant penalty when Ingram was brought down by Tommy Taylor. Referee Shapter however, waved play on, much to Luton's disgust.

But, five minutes into the second half, Nigel Gray brought down Hill and this time the referee pointed immediately to the spot. It seemed a milder tackle than the first one and both managers agreed with that.

But a penalty it was and Moss sent Mervyn Day the wrong way for his 12th goal — and fourth penalty — of the season.

Three minutes later, the Town increased their lead. Alan West capitalised on a poor clearance from Tommy Taylor and sent Ingram wide on the left. The quicksilver striker strode on a few paces before beating Day with a fine swerving shot into the bottom left hand corner.

That goal killed what little challenge Orient had left and, on the hour, Moss struck again. It was a lesson in the art of finishing, because a goal didn't look on when Moss spotted Day off his line as the winger ran through.

Moss, with beautiful control, calmly lobbed the ball over the stranded keeper's head.

"If Moss was one of my players, I would have been delighted with that effort," added Bloomfield. "It was an excellent effort."

Shortly after, Brian Stein was denied a goal when Day tipped his deceptive header over for a corner.

putting those down as reasons for defeat."

One of the main reasons for Luton's appearance in the fourth round is the form of David Moss — not normally noted for his contribution in away games. On Saturday, he continued his recent revival with two goals, one from a penalty, to emphasise how valuable he is to the unit, with the Town unbeaten in their last five matches.

"It is hard for natural wingers when they play away," added Pleat. "They often find themselves frozen out of the match, but Moss had been brilliant in the last three games."

Steve White, who watched the match from the stand after beginning his comeback in the reserves on Friday evening, must have been dismayed by the continued good form shown by Godfrey Ingram, playing his fifth successive match.

Ingram, still on the transfer list at his own request, scored a brilliant goal and now looks set for an extended run in the side.

Even the absence of Kirk Stephens failed to ruffle Luton, with Mal Donaghy dropping to right back to cover for him and Mike Saxby returning to the centre of the defence.

Mark Aislewood, perhaps unlucky to be booked for a foul on Chiedoie, did a good



It's on its way . . . David Moss gives Luton the lead from a penalty



Orient's defence is under pressure as the Town mount another attack



Brian Stein and Godfrey Ingram in the thick of the action again as they look for further goals