

Hilaire magic sets poser

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DAVID PLEAT has the dilemma of deciding which of his in-form wingers to plunge into action against table-topping Tottenham on Saturday.

Vince Hilaire made his Luton debut in the Milk Cup second round, first leg tie at Orient on Tuesday and produced a sparkling performance that inspired Hatters to a comfortable victory.

But David Moss, who missed Tuesday's game through injury, will be fit for White Hart Lane, where he hopes to continue what has been an impressive string of performances.

Pleat has to decide whether to plump for proven First Division ability or go for the pace and directness of Hilaire.

Hilaire has been playing on the right

wing in reserve games and an exciting if unlikely prospect would be to play him in the same side as left-winger Moss.

Pleat said after Tuesday's match that Moss had declared himself fit at the last minute but that he had already decided to give Hilaire a game.

Hilaire set Luton on the way to victory against their Third Division opponents when, in the 19th minute, he floated in a free kick that was volleyed home by Donaghy.

Orient, who have had an unhappy start to their league season, brought some good saves from Dibble, but after the break Luton cashed in on their superior skills.

Hilaire outpaced two defenders and his cross after 47 minutes enabled Brian Stein to end his goal famine.

Teenage sub Gary Parker, on for Nwajiobi, hit the third with a scorching drive two minutes after taking the field.

With a minute to go Stein made it four when he tucked away a shot from Parker that was half saved by Wilmot. Orient's consolation came in the dying moments when sub Cornwell put in a speculative shot that dipped in past Dibble, who by this stage was suffering from a hip injury which limited his movement.

ORIENT: Wilmot, Hales, Stride, Corbett, Foster, Banfield, Silkman, Brooks, Sussex, Godfrey, Cadette. Sub: Cornwell. LUTON: Dibble, Thomas, Elliott, Donaghy, Grimes, Hill, Turner, Bunn, Stein, Nwajiobi, Hilaire. Sub: Parker.



● Brian Stein scores Luton's second goal at Orient.