

# GRANT HEADS OFF THE JEEERS

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FOR THE second time this week the Hatters made heavy weather of beating lower league opposition in Tuesday's cup-tie at Kenilworth Road.

But the 85th-minute winner was a tasty

treat for Kim Grant, who had taken a lot of the flak from fans for his part in a stuttering Town performance.

He headed in a cross by Paul Showler to complete a revival that gave a little cheer to the 1,594 customers who watched the Town's first-ever match in the Auto Windscreens Shield.

### Uninspiring

Third Division Orient defended well and grabbed a 27th-minute lead through veteran midfielder Martin Ling.

Grant had hit the bar with a dipping 20-yarder a few minutes earlier, but as Lennie Lawrence agreed the Town's first-half was uninspiring.

They looked more lively after the break, and a succession of corners brought an equaliser which was always on the cards.

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Steve Davis went upfield and headed in at the far post from a deep corner by Ceri Hughes.

B o n t c h o Guentchev missed an excellent chance to get a winner, and Grant was robbed by a last-ditch tackle when he should have scored.

But the fans who gave him the bird for being tackled out of it after passing the goalkeeper enjoyed his last word.

### Wembley

So will Luton Town: away to Northampton in the next round they then need to win only three more to get to Wembley in the final, which should earn £500,000 at least.

But manager Lawrence is still concerned more about promotion, and looking for another home win against Crewe on Saturday.