

# Coyne's slot

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Andy MacKenzie at the Matchroom Stadium

A GOAL in the dying seconds denied Luton a clean sheet but by then they had done more than enough to progress to the next round of the Carling Cup.

Chris Coyne opening the scoring, a first Luton Town goal from Warren Feeney doubled the lead and a second half own goal was enough to see off the home side's challenge.

Hatters made six changes to the side that lost 2-1 at Stoke on Saturday with Enoch Showunmi one of those making his first start of the season, in for the suspended Steve Howard.

Keith Keane, Coyne, Sol Davis and Michael Leary all lined up for the first time this season, while Carlos Edwards made his full Town debut.

Orient had started the season with three successive wins in League Two before a 4-1 home drubbing by Rochdale on Saturday, and started brightly.

But Town soon stamped their authority on the game and after Showunmi saw a 20-yard effort deflect into the arms of goalkeeper Glyn Garner in the fourth minute, strike partner Feeney dinked a half-volley just over the bar eight minutes later.

Simpson's 25-yard piledriver was punched over by Beresford in the 17th minute and Shane Tudor blasted just over from the edge of the area a minute later.

But Luton really should have taken the lead with two one-on-one situations straight after.

Feeney could only shoot straight at Garner when sent clear by Dean Morgan and Showunmi then blazed high and wide as he raced on to Curtis Davies' through ball two minutes later.

Town were almost made to rue the misses as Orient stepped up a gear and the lively Echanomi twice had to be denied by Coyne while Gabriel Zakuani saw his header on the half-hour held by Beresford.

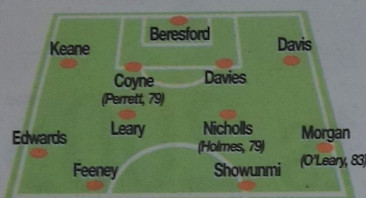
Luton finally got the ball down again in the 35th minute and a passing move led to Leary chipping cheekily to set Showunmi clear again only for the Nigerian to completely fluff his attempted right-foot shot from eight yards.

Another chance went begging for Hat-

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ters four minutes later when an Edwards cross fell into the path of Morgan just six yards out, but his right-foot shot deflected up and over off Justin Miller.

The pressure finally paid off in first-half injury time when defender Coyne showed his attackers how it should be done, playing a one-two with Kevin Nicholls wide on the right and then sending a right-foot shot with the outside of his boot curving over Garner into the top corner from the edge of the area.

Six minutes after the interval, Morgan came so close to making it two when he ran on to Nicholls' touched free-kick and fired in a 25-yard thunderbolt that cannoned back of the crossbar.

But Luton doubled their advantage with 19 minutes remaining when Showunmi intercepted a poor Garner goal kick and fed Feeney, who took great delight in blasting home his first goal in Hatters colours from six yards.

Showunmi was somehow denied again two minutes later, but it was 3-0 in the 75th minute when a Nicholls free kick deflected in off Alexander for an Orient own goal.

Orient's consolation in the dying seconds came courtesy of a 20-yard shot from Daryl McMahon as Luton took their foot off the pedal.



Picture by Gareth Owen

**CARLOS ON THE CHARGE:** Last night saw a full Luton Town debut for Carlos Edwards.