

HATTERS PLIGHT JUST GETS WORSE

Luton 0 Leyton Orient 1

JABO Ibehre's first-half strike was enough to hand Leyton Orient their first win in six games and pile the pressure on dreadful Luton.

The striker pounced in the 25th minute, firing in off the crossbar from eight yards after Sol Davis had mis-kicked Paul Terry's cross into his path.

Orient dominated the first half with skipper Stephen Purches shooting wide from 20 yards in the eighth minute and Dean Brill denying Ibehre a minute later, before the striker broke the deadlock soon after.

Another neat interchange lead to ex-Hatter Adam Boyd testing Brill from 15 yards three minutes before the break.

Luton had to wait until the 56th minute for their first effort on target when Calvin Andrew shot straight at Stuart Nelson from 25 yards.

Substitute Paul Furlong saw his header from a Dean Morgan cross saved by Nelson's knee in the 78th minute, but the visitors comfortably collected the points.

Martin Ling expressed his satisfaction after a first away win in nearly three months.

He said: "I think if you said it was a dogged 1-0 win that would pretty much sum up the game.

"There weren't a lot of chances but I thought we created the better ones.

"We've had a few bad results on the road of late and we had a very young back four out there against Luton, but I was pleased with our defensive play.

"We've not been able to get our noses in front but to do that and to hold on for the win, I am very proud of the lads."

For Luton, the outcome was a sixth defeat in seven since the arrival of boss Mick Harford who said: "The efforts, the commitment and the work rate of the players was first class but just at the moment things are not going our way.

"We had a lot of possession but we didn't create much until Paul Furlong came on to be honest, and that's disappointing.

"Unfortunately the club is on a bit of a downer and you seem to get these sorts of results in those situations."

Leyton Orient's Brian Saah chests the ball away from Luton's Sam Parkin

