

Eight clubs in the 'box' to see a kid called Went . . .

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 L Orient 3, Colchester 3
REPRESENTATIVES of eight clubs crammed into the directors' box last night to see whether Paul Went matches the £20,000 price-tag put on him by hard-up Orient.

West Ham boss Ron Greenwood — watching the 17-year-old centre half for the second time in three days — took along trainers Albert Walker and Ernie Gregory.

Spurs' manager Bill Nicholson was there with assistant Eddie Baily. So were Arsenal chief Bertie Mee, Bob Stokoe (Charlton), Alec Stock (Queen's Park Rangers) and representatives of Leicester Northampton, and Watford.

Exchange

Earlier in the day, Charlton made Orient a player-exchange offer for Went — but the Third Division club would clearly prefer cash.

Last night Went was at times indecisive.

But the promise he has been showing since his days as England Schools skipper stood out as Orient battled back after being two goals down in seventeen minutes.

The first came in five minutes from centre forward Ken Hodgson, the second from inside left Reg Stratton.

Orient, for all their shortcomings, cannot be faulted for lack of fight.

After thirty minutes Terry Price put over a corner kick for inside-right George O'Brien to head home.

Again

Five minutes into the second half O'Brien did it again — forcing the ball home after a terrific scramble had followed another Price corner.

Six minutes later the all-action Price turned to lash a terrific right-foot shot past goalkeeper Alan Buck.

But Colchester, with their neat, methodical football, took only forty-five seconds to snatch a point.

Stratton was the scorer with a clever header from John Martin's cross.



Among the watchers at Orient (right to left); Eddie Baily and Bill Nicholson (Spurs), Bertie Mee (Arsenal), Ernie Gregory and Ron Greenwood (West Ham). In the back row, behind Baily, sits Alec Stock (QPR).

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. . . But, after a quick squeeze of the sponge, hard-up Orient's big asset was ready to show his worth again.



Anxious moment for Orient as £20,000 Paul Went struggles to his feet, with the trainer's help, after a second-half collision