

ORIENT OUT

FA Cup hopes shattered

Brentford 3, Orient 1, by Bernard Callaghan

ORIENT went to pieces after taking a goal initiative in their FA Cup replay at Brentford on Tuesday. Brentford kept their heads and thoroughly deserved the triumph which is rewarded by a glamorous third round Cup tussle at Sunderland.

Orient started where they left off on Saturday with an all-out plan of attack.

Metchick began to dominate play, swinging the ball about accurately on the icy pitch and shooting at every opportunity. In the 11th minute Metchick put Orient ahead, crashing a Price centre into the net with a half-volley drive.

At this point Orient seemed to have the tie "in the bag," but inexplicably they relaxed their pressure. Cliff Holton, who had opened in a good attacking vein, dropped back, allowing the two Brentford defenders marking him to become more aggressive.

Brentford drew level in the 27th minute. Ex-Sunderland star Ian Lawther trapped a long centre from the left, pushed the ball between Jones and Went to the feet of Docherty who angled a close shot into the net.

The fickle fortunes of the FA cup went against Orient completely in the 35th minute when Holton came up with the forwards for a brief spell. His 30-yard drive was swept off the Brentford goal-line by Alan Hawley—the full-back who figured in the controversial "no penalty" decision on Saturday.

Shortly before the interval Lawther worked a Brentford goal which demoralised Orient, his cross from the right wing being headed past Willis by outside-left Docherty.

Brentford played an inspired second half, coping with all Orient had to offer and constantly causing panic with smoothly executed raids.

Even so, chances did come Orient's way. Whitehouse twice missed good scoring opportunities, with Price also shooting straight at the goalkeeper from close range.

With two minutes to go, Brentford put the issue beyond doubt when Richardson headed a goal from a South centre.

Orient: Willis, Jones, Forsyth, Bradbury, Went, Allen, Metchick, Carter, Holton, Whitehouse, Price.

That 'no penalty' dispute



A dramatic moment in Saturday's FA Cup-tie which will long be remembered is pictured by photographer Archie McNeice. ABOVE: During a heavy bombardment of the Brentford goal, keeper Gordon Phillips is drawn well out of position with this cross which advancing Brian Whitehouse (left) slams goalwards. Full-back Hawley can be seen standing on the goal-line with Terry Bradbury, the Orient half-back (seen behind the goalkeeper), moving forward.

FULL-BACK'S PUNCH-OVER



The ball has rebounded to Bradbury, whose first-time drive can clearly be seen being punched over the bar by Hawley.

No luck

Orient 0, Brentford 0

FOR 90 minutes at Brisbane-road on Saturday Brentford's goal unbelievably escaped under a gruelling pounding. Equally incredible was a strange decision by the referee in the 57th minute which stunned the crowd and virtually robbed Orient of a win (writes Bernard Callaghan).

So weak was the Brentford opposition that Orient's defenders were allowed to roam and blast goalwards at will.

Terry Bradbury sent in a sizzling shot from the edge of the penalty area with goalkeeper Gordon Phillips well out of position. Alan Hawley, the Brentford right-back, made a two-handed save to push the ball over the bar.

Referee Eric Jennings was already blowing his whistle but, instead of pointing to the penalty spot, he indicated a Brentford free-kick in front of goal.

Mr. Jennings said afterwards that, although Hawley was on the goal-line, the keeper had rushed out with the other defenders and three Orient forwards had been offside—a complicated decision at best and one that would have difficulty finding a supporter among the Brisbane-road enthusiasts.

It would be easy to lay the blame for the blank score-line on poor finishing by Orient's forwards, but it would be fairer to say that the home team was dogged by ill-luck from beginning to end. The ball was kicked and bundled off the goal-line, kneed out of danger or miraculously saved by goalkeeper Phillips.

Several times Metchick juggled his way through a tight defence to see his shots kick narrowly wide, and Brian Whitehouse twice rocked the crossbar with powerful drives.

Stars of the game were Mick Jones—a tower of strength in defence—and Cliff Holton who was often able to elude tight marking to feed his fellow forwards or crack dangerous shots goalwards.

Orient: Willis, Jones, Forsyth, Bradbury, Went, Allen, Metchick, Carter, Holton, Whitehouse, Price.

Brentford: Phillips, Hawley, Jones, Higginson, Gelson, Thomson, Docherty, Lawther, Etheridge, Richardson, Ross.

GRAHAM AXES BRADBURY



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A CURTAIN of gloom is hanging over Orient's headquarters this week.

With prospects of FA Cup glory swept away by Tuesday night's defeat at Brentford, a superhuman effort is needed to stop further dwindling of support and to lift the imminent danger of a drop into Division IV.

But the aftermath of Tuesday night's match was far from uneventful.

Manager Dick Graham immediately told Terry Bradbury, the Orient half-back, that he was being placed on the transfer list. Apparently, Graham thought Bradbury's performance at Brentford had been too rough, and the manager was particularly displeased by Bradbury's second-half tackle on a Brentford man.

Dave Metchick was still awaiting the result of negotiations between Charlton's manager, Bob Stokoe, and Graham, but it was felt that Stokoe's interest was sufficiently intense to see an early completion of the transfer deal.

In full training at Brisbane-road is newcomer from Southend, 26-year-old Malcolm Slater. An orthodox winger, he played four seasons with Southend before signing for Orient on Friday. He was valued by Southend at £2,000.

The transfer agreement includes provision for two friendly matches between the clubs—one at each other's ground—the proceeds to go to Southend.

Orient deal: Gate money for player

Dick Graham, manager of London crisis club Leyton Orient, hopes to sign Malcolm Slater, transfer-listed Southend winger, today in exchange for two friendly games against United, who would take the gate money, writes Victor Raitton.

Slater, who was put up for sale at his own request because he could not win a regular first team place, met Graham today.

Graham the leading light in Orient's revival attempts, told me: "Though we signed Brian Wood from my old club Crystal Palace last week, we still owe money to two other clubs. So I will not consider buying any more players until these debts are settled.

In the absence of Eddie Werge (broken nose) and Wood, not signed in time to be eligible, Orient have Dave Metchick and Terry Price as their wingers in a line led by Cliff Holton.



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"No penalty," referee Eric Jennings is saying as he points for a Brentford free-kick to be taken. Disappointment and disbelief is mirrored in the faces of Orient players as they argue with Mr. Jennings that they were not offside. Orient players pictured are Dave Metchick (next to the goalkeeper) and Terry Price, Terry Bradbury and Paul Went (surrounding the referee).

Leyton Orient yesterday signed winger Malcolm Slater from Southend.

Hard-up Orient pay for him by playing Southend in two friendly matches—with all the gate money going to Southend.