

# 14,000 SEE ORIENT HOLD RANGERS

Orient 0, QPR 0

By Vince Wright

**A REVITALISED** Orient gave Third Division leaders and League Cup winners Queen's Park Rangers the fright of their lives in this vital London derby at Brisbane-road on Saturday.

On paper the O's didn't stand a chance, playing a side which had lost only two games all season as well as scoring well over 100 goals, but they came through this crucial test with flying colours.

Before the biggest crowd of the season, 14,607, Orient soon showed they were not worried by QPR's reputation, and they succeeded in subduing the most feared forward line in the country.

## Eclipsed

Goal king Rodney Marsh was completely eclipsed by the tough-tackling Peter Allen; Lazarus and Morgan were never allowed any scope by Howe and Jones, and Allen and Sanderson found Went and Snedden virtually impassable.

Brian Whitehouse played his heart out in an attempt to snatch that all-important goal which would have given Orient a sensational victory, but luck wasn't on his side. He forced Springett to a brilliant save early on, and just before half-time had a fine header cleared off the line by Jim Langley. In between these two fine efforts Ackerman and Wood narrowly missed with fierce drives.

Terry Price fully justified his inclusion in the team with some determined left-wing runs which deserved better reward, and he was Orient's best forward. The only scoring chance that fell to QPR during the first half was a hook shot by Roger Morgan which Jones just managed to keep out.

## QPR escape

Aided by the strong wind, QPR subjected the Orient defence to considerable pressure in the second half without once looking like scoring. The O's nobly weathered the storm and then produced a sharp counter-attack which so nearly brought them a well-deserved goal. Slater's header from Price's corner crashed against the bar with Springett hopelessly beaten.

This was another instance of luck deserting a struggling side, but Orient can take pride in their performance. If the confidence shown by O's is maintained, then the remainder of the season should augur well for Brisbane-road fans.

Orient: Willis, Jones, Howe, Allen, Snedden, Went, Slater, Wood, Whitehouse, Ackerman, Price. Sub.: Werge.



(320) QPR captain Mike Keen (No. 4) and inside-left Rodney Marsh try to force the ball home during a tussle in the Orient's goalmouth. Paul Went (left) and John Snedden (right) look on anxiously in the second half scramble.

## The face in the crowd



\* (51) Cameras were at Orient's ground on Saturday to shoot location sequences for the Stanley Baker film, "The Great Train Robbery."

Our picture shows producer Mr. Stanley Baker (inset) among the crowd, coming under the eye of the camera during the Orient-Swindon Third Division match. The game ended in a goalless draw.

## ORIENT'S YOUNG PROSPECTS

ORIENT have signed 16-year-old Barry Fairbrother as an apprentice professional. Barry (pictured here) hails from Harlow. He had his first game in Orient's colours two weeks ago, when he played in their reserve side against Watford.

He attends Burnt Mill comprehensive school and will finish his further education before starting full time with Orient. Barry is determined to make his career in professional football, and it seems as though Orient have picked another "winner."

Chosen at centre-half for the England Schools team to play two matches in West Germany later this month, 15-year-old Tommy Taylor is another Orient hope for the future.

Manager Dick Graham enthuses over this powerfully built and highly promising youngster. "He is a fine prospect," he said. Taylor will probably be included in the England Schools side for the game against Scotland on April 29th.

Orient may soon have another England schoolboy international on their staff—Graham Archell, a 17-year-old forward from Hackney Downs School. Archell, who has been on schoolboy forms with Orient since September, is likely to play for the England Schools Under-18 XI against Wales at Coventry on April 22nd, and Scotland in Glasgow on May 13th.

Forwards Billy Carter and Tommy Jenkins have been advised to find new clubs next season. Carter (22) joined the club three years ago, but has never held a regular first-team place. Jenkins (20) signed professional in



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1964, but has been unfortunate with injuries.

The Orient juniors returned from their Easter tour of Belgium not having won a game, but with their heads held high. Their performances were so impressive that they won the award for being the best team in the competition. In addition, 18-year-old Terry Street was given a prize for being the best footballer in the tournament.