

TWO MINUTES LEFT-DOWN GO ALDERSHOT

Aldershot 0, Barrow 1

ALDERSHOT, sadly missing the drive and skill of skipper Tom McAnearney, wasted chances galore — and were beaten by a goal two minutes from time.

Right back Jim Mallon took Aldershot's defence by surprise with a cross that Tony Fields thumped in.

Worst miss of the match came when Ken Maloy blazed the ball wide of the Barrow goal with only keeper Fred Eise to beat.

But Aldershot were unlucky when a cracking drive by Dave Dodson was deflected by a defender who had his back to the ball.



Reading goalkeeper Mike Dixon disgustedly hides his head as Orient winger Terry Price (centre) retrieves the ball after Cliff Holton (not in picture) had scored the winner.

Holton's night as Orient snatch win

Leyton Orient 3,

Reading 2

ORIENT last night showed a fighting spirit that can still pull them clear of the Third Division danger-zone.

They twice fought back to level the scores in the second half. Then, with Reading reeling under persistent pressure, big Cliff Holton got the winner in the 80th minute.

It was Orient's third victory of the season — and how they earned it! Inspired by Holton, they

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never stopped running, or looking for goals. For Holton, it was a personal triumph. He scored two goals and "made" the other, and his lonely patrols up the middle were always a menace to Reading.

Chipped

Reading, fashioning chances with speed and skill, took the lead in the 35th minute with a chipped goal from Pat Terry.

But after the interval,

Orient gave Paul Went the job of keeping Terry in check and at last began to come into the game.

It was only justice when they equalised in the 55th minute. Reading left back Colin Meldrum twice fouled George O'Brien — and the second time paid the price for it.

From Holton's free kick, Terry Price made it 1-1 with a fine header.

Soared

Rodney Thornhill put Reading ahead again, but Holton soared to head in a Dave Metchick corner.

And five minutes later he cracked in a 25-yard free kick that Mike Dixon could only push up to the top of his net.

Results, scorers

THIRD DIVISION

Leyton Orient .. 3 Reading 2
Price Terry
Holton 2 Thornhill 4,025
H-T: 0-1

FOURTH DIVISION

Tranmere 1 Chesterfield ... 0
Westlake H-T: 1-0
Aldershot 0 Barrow 1
Fields 4,860
H-T: 0-0

EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP

(Brussels) — Belgium 2, France 1

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY

Third round: Bromsgrove 6, Brierley Hill and Dudley 2

RUGBY UNION

Aberavon 16pts., Penarth 11;
Cross Keys 0, Maesteg 11.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow 10pts., Dewsbury 4;
Widnes 11, Rochdale H & St.
Helens 13, Castleford 2

TEAM FOR SALE!

Southern League Hastings United, £2,000 in debt and losing £200 a week, last night put all their players — including former England centre forward Bobby Smith — on the transfer list.

ORIENT SHAKE DONCASTER

Doncaster Rovers 2, Leyton Orient 2

LEYTON ORIENT, still searching for their first away win of the season, came oh-so-close to it against Doncaster Rovers at Belle Vue on Friday night.

Yet, with less than half

Cup collapse

Fulham 5,

Leyton Orient 1

ORIENT opened the scoring in this London Challenge Cup semi-final replay on Monday night but Fulham's greater drive and punch shattered them with four goals in 10 minutes.

Inside-right Billy Carter put the O's ahead in the 31st minute and, although Terry Dyson equalised two minutes later, they kept the goal-hungry Fulham forwards at bay for an hour.

After the interval Fulham, fielding five players with First Division experience, took control.

Orient's collapse came with a Dunkley goal in the 58th minute and further goals by Steve Earle, Dyson and Earle who netted from 30 yards out.

an hour to go, it looked all over for the London team, trailing by two goals after spending nearly the whole of the game on the defensive.

Then it happened. A brilliant midfield pass by Cliff Holton caught the Doncaster defence off balance and gave Mick Jones a glimpse of the goal. From a range of 35 yards, he let go and Rovers goalkeeper Bob Dawson was helpless as the ball flashed past him.

That really was the turning point. With the positions now reversed, Orient flung everyone — including full-back Peter Allen — into attack and must be counted a shade unlucky not to have snatched more than the one point George O'Brien's goal, 14 minutes from the end, gave them.

Willis shone in the one-way first half and one of his saves — a point-blank stop from wing-

half Graham Ricketts — had even the partisan Doncaster fans applauding.

Willis was not beaten until three minutes from half-time when Keith Webber scored his first League goal for his club.

Seven minutes after the interval, transfer-listed Trevor Ogden made it 2-0 to Doncaster after Willis had parried his first shot.

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