

Wood's goal breaks Bury

ORIENT 1, BURY 0
Ian Kersey

A SOLITARY GOAL, scored somewhat unusually by a half-back eventually became conclusive evidence that, on the day, Orient were worth two points more than promotion-seeking Bury.

Brian Wood emerged from somewhere right out of the penalty area, thrusting in a shot which slipped through the crowded goalmouth.

This goal, scored in the 50th minute, was the only positive result of a game completely dominated by Orient. That is until they ran short of ideas in front of goal.

CHANCES

From the start twin centre-forwards Roy Massey and Terry Mancini, when not getting in each other's way, both had numerous scoring chances, but that vital edge was missing.

All the mid-field men, and Slater and Thomas on the outside had plenty of constructive ideas, like how to get near the Bury goal without losing their feet.

But most of the time reluctance to shoot ended in frustration for the still small number of fans huddled along the terraces.

UNCHANGED

The pattern of play remained unchanged until the interval when although Orient still remained dictators, Bury seemed just as likely to break away and score.

After the break Bury, with many thousands of pounds worth of talent, especially in their forward line, started to penetrate the so far sound Orient defence.

When they did in fact break through a refreshing glimpse of a much more confident Ray Goddard was seen in the Orient goal. Someone has obviously spoken to him about collecting high crosses; this time he was more than competent.

SENT OFF

Wood's unexpected goal reduced Bury to stronger tactics.

As fouls became frequent referee Reg Pritchard decided to stop the rot before it got out of hand. He struck when Alex Dawson deliberately ran into Goddard as the 'keeper came out for a ball. Arguing the point Dawson was promptly ordered off.

This firm but justified decision cooled Bury slightly as they tried to settle for a draw, but Orient managed to hold out for their fifth win of the season.

Orient: Goddard, Jones, Howe, Allen, Mancini, Wood, Slater, Harper, Massey, Thomas, Simpson, Sub. Archell. Att. 3,455.



Orient's Mick Jones (right) shoots as Reading's Ernie Yard comes in to tackle—but the ball was cleared.

PICTURE: MONTE FRESCO

ORIENT STORM TO THEIR SECOND WIN

Orient 1, Reading 0: By MIRROR SPORT REPORTER

ORIENT won their second successive League match last night—and that, in a season of failure and frustration, was something for Brisbane-road to shout about. Unfortunately, for a club allegedly losing £800 a week, a crowd of only 4,676

turned up to see this Orient triumph. This took their aggregate for this season's nine home League matches to 36,773.

The average of just over 4,000 is Orient's lowest since before the war. Orient had to survive the final ten minutes of fierce pressure in this exciting match as Reading came fighting back for a point they might have earned.

But Roger Smee miskicked in front of an open goal. George Harris had a shot kicked off the line, and twice goalkeeper Ray Goddard saved superbly.

So, in the end, Orient got both points to help ease their problems at the foot of the Third Division.

And they earned them with ninety minutes of hard work on a heavy pitch that more than made up for the lack of skill in the side.

The vital goal came just on the half hour. Peter Allen moved forward and let fly from twenty yards.

The ball dipped, struck Dennis Allen on the back and was diverted past goalkeeper Mike Dixon.

Last night's results

THIRD DIVISION

Barrow	5	Colchester	0
Storr 3,		H-T: 4-0	
Mulvaney,		5,685	
Price (o.g.)			
Orient	1	Reading	0
Allen (o.g.)		H-T: 1-0	
		4,676	
Southport	4	Gillingham	1
Redrobe		H-T: 1-0	
Harkin 2,		5,758	
Andrews			
Stockport	4	Shrewsbury	2
Kavan 2,		Clarke,	
Atkins,		Clapham	
Fryatt		H-T: 3-2	
		7,010	
Tranmere	3	Swindon	2
Yardley 3		Smart	
		Roos	
		6,590	

FOURTH DIVISION

Barnet	0	Newport	2
H-T: 0-1		Slark	
2,991			
Chesterfield	3	Pert Vale	0
Hogles 2,		H-T: 0-0	
Reid		13,183	
Southend	4	Barnsley	1
Chinnell,		Thomas	
Eaber,		H-T: 3-1	
Eentley,		10,374	
McKinnen			

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY—

Third round: Oxford 1, Reading 0

F.A. YOUTH CUP—First round—

Chelsea 1, Watford 1

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE—Hitchin 3,

Enfield 2; Leytonstone 1, Sutton 1

MITHRAS CUP—Second round,

second leg: Hertford 4, Bletchley 3

(Hertford win 5-3 on aggregate)

REPRESENTATIVE M.A.C.C.H.

(Bletchley)—Boaka and Berks, 4,

Royal Navy 3

EASTERN PROP FLOODLIGHT

COMPETITION—Bedford 4, Rom-

ford 1

TESTIMONIAL MATCH—

Brighton 5 (K. Napier 3, Temple-

man, Good), International XI 4

(Byrne 2), Cooke, Smith, Hayes,

Hollins, Att. 13,768

KENT SENIOR SHIELD—First

round—Tonbridge 3, Hastings 2

RUGBY UNION

Newport 3 pts, Newbridge 4



TERRY MANCINI
DAVID HARPER challenges the Bury 'keeper for the ball. (Photo: John Chinnery)



Bury 'keeper Neil Ramsbottom is well beaten as Brian Wood's shot rips into the net at Brisbane Road on Saturday.