



EMPTY now. But work will soon start at the back of the terracing.

ORIENT FAN CLUB TO CLOSE

ORIENT SUPPORTERS' CLUB ARE TO VOLUNTARILY FOLD SO THAT BARRIERS SEPARATING CLUB AND FANS CAN BE RIPPED APART. IN ITS PLACE A BRAND NEW ORIENT CLUB WILL BE CREATED.

So intent are the directors on cementing the two sections of the club together, they have ordered a £20,000 clubhouse to be built on top of the terraces.

Reginald Briggs, latest director to join the Board outlined the objects of the exercise to Independent Sport on Tuesday.

"Most clubs," he explained, "have a self separating supporters from the paying side. We intend to overcome this by creating the Orient Club where a person connected with us will feel he is part of the same organisation as everyone else."

"The new nucleus which we hope will be completed by Christmas, only awaits council approval before work can start. Providing we get the various licences it will be open every evening in the week—with different functions catering for all sections of the community."

Asked if the supporters had welcomed the new proposals, he said they had jumped at it immediately, when they saw the opportunity of bringing the two sides together.

Hand-up Orient will not have to look into their dwindling assets to finance the scheme. The directors are raising the money between them.

Orient manager Dick Graham said this week he had no intention of signing up any new players until the season gets its full swing.

"At the end of last season the lads worked really hard and to give them a chance to show their form again, I will keep them all for the time being. It is the very best I can do," he said.

ROOM FOR 500

The new pavilion will accommodate at least 500 people, with a committee representing the various sections of the club—sports, social, supporters, and so on, helping to run it with the directors.

Two ends of an Oriental ladder with at the top, the newly-installed signboard of the club who began their League life in 1905 as Clapton Orient, changed in 1946 to Leyton Orient and, in the new stadium just beyond the corner, to be known as just plain Orient. At the bottom, after halving workmen complete, the name-changing operation at Brisbane Road, two grandstand legs with an archway for their years ahead. . . . on a climb to the top of the football ladder with Orient. (Hastor.)



Paul Went and Iried Wenty

£27,000 FEE DOES NOT WORRY PAUL

HOW does it feel at the tender age of 17 to have a £27,000 price tag over your head? "The figure does not worry me in the slightest. I have not really thought about it," says young soccer star Paul Went, who recently commanded a world record fee for a 17-year-old when he was transferred from Orient to Charlton.

The size of the fee reflects the potential of Went, whose tremendous ability aroused the interest of a number of First Division Clubs last season. His name was persistently linked with neighbours West Ham.

With Orient in dire financial straits, Paul, who lives in Devon Street, Bow, was an asset they were reluctantly forced to exchange for hard cash.

Stoke's high opinion of him. Of Charlton Paul says: "I have been on holiday and have had little opportunity of meeting my new colleagues but we will be going on tour to the Benelux countries for a pre-season warm-up and I will be able to feel my way in by then."

"Charlton are a young side with a lot of potential and I am looking forward to next season."

It is hardly surprising that Went is looking forward to a successful year, not only with Charlton but also with the England Youth side, for whom he is still eligible after winning a non-league cap in the U.S. World Cup last month.

With time and skill on his side Paul seems assured of not just a successful season but a successful career.

Paul seemed certain to be heading for a First Division club, and it came at a surprise when, two weeks ago, he ended a four year association with the Brisbane Road outfit to cross the river and sign for Charlton, who founded just clear of the Second Division relegation zone last season.

But Paul has no doubts that the move is the right one. "Had I joined a First Division club I would be most unlikely to gain a first-team place, whereas at Charlton it is probable that I will be a regular member of the senior side and will not feel the pressure that I would with a First Division club."

Certainly Went's new boss, Bob Stokoe, can afford a smile after writing that large cheque. For Paul must be one of the most exciting prospects in English football, and if his ability increases at the same rate as his physique—he is six foot tall and tips the scales at just under 13 stone—he will surely justify Stokoe's belief.

Fixtures 1967-8

WEST HAM

Aug. 15	SHREFF. WED.	H
21	SURBURY	H
28	BOURN	A
29	BURNLEY	A
Sept. 1	MAN. UTD.	H
8	BRISTOL	A
15	Southampton	A
16	WOLVES	H
23	Fulham	A
30	LEEDS	H
Oct. 7	STOKE	H
14	Charlton	A
21	SOUTHAMPTON	H
28	CHESHAM	A
Nov. 4	WEST BROM.	H
11	Newcastle	H
18	MAN. CITY	A
25	Arsenal	A
Dec. 2	SHREFF. UTD.	H
9	Coventry	A
16	Sheff. Wed.	A
23	SPIRES	A
30	LEICESTER	H
Jan. 6	Leicester	A
13	SUNDERLAND	H
20	WIDEBAY	A
27	FA Cup (3)	H
Feb. 3	FA Cup (4)	A
10	Leam.	A
17	FA Cup (5)	H
24	Braze	A
Mar. 2	League Cup Final	A
9	FA Cup (5)	A
16	Sheff. Wed.	A
23	CHELSEA	A
30	Sheff. Wed.	A
Apr. 7	ARSENAL	H
14	NOTTS FOREST	A
21	Not. City	A
28	Notts Forest	A
May 5	NOTTS FOREST	A
12	Sheff. Wed.	A
19	COVENTRY	A
26	SWANSEA	A
May 31	FA Cup Final	H

ORIENT

Aug. 15	Grimsby	A
22	TOSSIA	A
29	Reading	A
Sept. 5	SWINDON	A
12	Walsall	A
19	Sheff. Wed.	A
26	BRISTOL	H
Oct. 3	WALSALL	A
10	Sheff. Wed.	A
17	Sheff. Wed.	A
24	Southampton	A
31	Walsall	A
Nov. 7	Southport	A
14	SOUTHAMPTON	H
21	OLDHAM	A
28	BRISTOL	A
Dec. 5	BARRO	A
12	READING	A
19	Barro	A
26	Sheff. Wed.	A
Jan. 2	Barnmouth	A
9	FA Cup (1)	A
16	CRIMSBY	H
23	Peterborough	A
30	PETERBOROUGH	A
Feb. 6	FA Cup (2)	H
13	Swindon	A
20	SHREWSBURY	A
27	GILLINGHAM	A
Mar. 6	BRISTOL	A
13	STOCKPORT	A
20	Tottenham	A
27	WATFORD	A
Mar. 24	Southport	A
31	Gillingham	A
Apr. 7	SCUNTHORPE	A
14	Sheff. Wed.	A
21	Sheff. Wed.	A
28	BRISTOL	A
Apr. 1	Tottenham	A
8	DEFOE	A
15	Barnfield	A
22	Bury	A
29	Sheff. Wed.	A
May 6	COLCHESTER	A
13	SOUTHAMPTON	A
20	Cambridge	A
27	TAMMER	A

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