

Team	Home			Away			Goals	Pts
	P	W	D	L	P	W		
Wolves	7	2	0	13	2	4	46	10
Everton	7	2	1	0	9	2	22	7
Aston V	8	3	1	0	9	2	22	7
Nottm F	8	3	1	0	9	2	22	7
Tottenham	8	3	1	0	9	2	22	7
W. Brom	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Leicester	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Sheff Wed	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Burnley	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Ipswich	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
L. Orient	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Man Utd	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Blackpool	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Sheff Utd	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Blackbrn	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Bolton	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Arsenal	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
W. Ham	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Fulham	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Sheff Sat	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10
Man City	7	2	3	1	10	4	4	10

What makes a Soccer club sick?

AN EXPRESS INQUIRY
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Let's take,
for example,

THE
FACTS
TOMORROW:
THE
REASONS

CONSIDER the case of Orient, previously Leyton Orient, before that Clapton Orient.

There they were in 1962, jousting with Manchester United, Arsenal, Everton, and Spurs in the First Division of the Football League.

Here they are in 1967, helping to prop up Division III, fighting for financial life, wondering whether a move to the new town of Basildon might be a cure for their ills.

Soccer sickness has overtaken the club. It has happened elsewhere... to Northampton, who soared from Division III to Division I, and back again just as quickly.

To Notts County, oldest professional club in the world, who paraded the great Tommy Lawton and 40,000 crowds in the 1950's—and last Saturday were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by non-League Runcorn.

Just why does a Soccer club go sick? The Daily Express has put its finger on Orient's pulse to find the answer.

Today, a close study of the club's decline since the cheers of 1962.

Tomorrow, an analysis of the reasons for the fall.



1967 at Orient: Action on the field... wide gaps in the stand

1962 Leyton Orient, among First Division glamour

Team	Home			Away			Goals	Pts				
	P	W	D	L	P	W			D	L		
Walsall	21	8	2	0	29	7	4	2	5	15	21	28
Torquay	21	7	2	0	16	6	4	2	5	13	21	27
Oxford	21	9	1	1	18	7	4	2	5	16	24	24
Pirbright	21	7	2	2	23	11	3	3	5	13	20	24
Olinthm	21	6	3	1	16	9	3	3	5	13	19	23
Sickprt	21	8	2	1	21	10	2	2	6	9	20	24
Beldon	21	7	2	2	18	8	2	3	5	13	21	22
Reading	21	6	3	1	21	11	4	0	7	11	23	23
Bery	20	7	2	1	13	14	2	2	6	14	19	22
Walford	21	6	2	1	14	8	1	2	6	11	17	22
Barrow	21	5	4	2	19	7	4	0	6	10	16	22
Shrewsb	21	7	2	2	15	8	1	4	6	8	23	22
Clestr	21	4	5	1	15	12	3	3	5	13	24	22
Brightn	20	6	2	2	15	7	2	3	5	10	16	21
Southst	21	6	2	3	16	11	2	3	5	17	23	20
Brightn	20	6	2	2	15	7	2	3	5	10	16	21
Southst	21	6	2	3	16	11	2	3	5	17	23	20
Tramst	21	7	2	2	16	11	2	3	5	17	23	20
Bris R	20	5	3	2	17	12	3	4	4	14	21	20
Neitpnt	21	5	3	2	17	12	3	4	4	14	21	20
Beneha	21	6	3	1	16	7	0	4	7	7	22	20
Clidham	21	5	3	3	16	11	2	3	5	17	23	20
Orient	20	5	1	4	12	11	0	5	5	7	19	16
Grimsby	21	3	3	2	17	9	0	7	10	6	20	14
Sheffs	21	1	3	3	14	8	3	3	4	10	23	13
Manst	21	3	1	5	17	20	0	3	7	6	16	12

1967 The Orient, struggling along in Division III

the sad case of Orient

GLAMOUR DAYS

Orient's only season as a First Division club was 1962-3. They finished bottom with the following record:—
Home: W 4 D 5 L 15 P 31
Away: W 2 D 4 L 15 P 14
The first 10 results in the First Division were:—
Aston (h) L 1-2
W.B.A. (a) L 1-2

Birmingham (a) ... D 2-2
W.B.A. (h) L 2-3
West Ham (h) W 2-0
Everton (a) L 0-3
Man Utd. (h) W 1-0
Everton (h) W 3-0
Burnley (h) L 0-2
Sheff Wed. (h) L 2-4
Average home League attendance that season was 16,418.
Orient's most regular team in the First Division: M. J. Pinner, Charlton, Lewis, Lucas, Bishop, Lea, Deely, Bolland, Dunmore, Graham, McDonald.
Of those players, fees totalling £62,000 were received.

GLOOMY DAYS

Orient this season have played 20 Third Division games, won five, and drawn six. They have been knocked out of the League Cup but have reached the second round of the F.A. Cup.
HOME Attendance
Gillingham (Lge. Cup) L 1-3 4,830
Torquay L 0-2 4,411
Swindon D 0-0 4,722
Brighton L 1-2 4,846
Walsall W 2-0 3,481
Southport W 3-0 3,524
Northampton L 1-3 4,708
Oldham L 0-2 3,186
Barrow W 4-2 3,419

Reading W 1-0 4,678
Bury W 1-0 3,485
Average home League gate: 4,425.
AWAY
Grimsby D 0-0
Reading L 2-4
Walsall L 0-5
Shrewsbury D 2-2
Stockport L 0-2
Northampton L 1-2
Walford D 1-1
Southport D 1-1
Oxford L 0-2
Bournemouth D 0-0
Weymouth (F.A. Cup) W 2-0
Current League position in Third Division: 21st with the following record:—
P W D L F A Pts.
20 5 6 9 20 30 16

HISTORY

Orient were founded in 1881 as Clapton Orient and turned professional in 1901. The club was elected to the Football League (Second Division) in 1905. Changed name to Leyton Orient in 1946 and became plain Orient in November last year. Their first home was at Millfields Road, Homerton. When they lost that ground in 1930 (to the present Clapton Greyhound Racing Co.), they played two home games at Wembley Stadium—winning both—and moved to Leyton (Lea Bridge) for a time before settling pre-war at Brisbane Road.

DIRECTORS

Orient's board of directors when they were a First Division club (season 1962-3) was:—
Harry Zussman (chairman), Frank Harris, Charles Bent-Marshall, H. Lea, Arthur Page, Leslie Grade, and Bernard Delfont.
Their present board: Arthur Page (chairman), Frank Harris, Neville Ovenden, Reg Briggs, and Harry Zussman.

MANAGERS

Orient's managers from their First Division season to date:—
August 1962: Johnny Carey, who had been sacked by Everton. He left in August 1963 to manage Nottingham Forest.
August 1963: Les Gore acting-manager until...
November 1963: Benny Fenton appointed manager (from Colchester).
December 1964: Fenton sacked (Gore caretaker).
January 1965: Dave Sexton appointed manager (from coaching Chelsea).
December 1965: Sexton resigned (Gore caretaker).
June 1966: Dick Graham (ex-Crystal Palace) appointed manager, made general manager in January 1967 and awarded a five-year contract in June.
October 1966: Gore sacked.

TOP PAY-OUT: £15,000

THESE are the major Orient transfers since they became a First Division club:—

Date	Player	From	Fee
1962	Player	From	Fee
July	WAITES, George	Norwich	5,000
Dec.	MUSGROVE, Malcolm	West Ham	11,000
1963	MASON, Bobby	Chelmsford	15,000
July	WARD, Gerry	Arsenal	4,500
1964	PHILLIPS, Ted	Ipswich	8,000
Sept.	SORRELL, Dennis	Chelsea	3,000
Sept.	NELSON, Andy	Ipswich	5,000
Dec.	METCHICK, David	Fulham	5,000
1965	SHAW, Colin	Norwich	2,500
May	FLATT, Colin	Wisbech	1,000
Oct.	SMITH, John	Coventry	5,000
1966	LE FLEM, Dick	Middlesbrough	5,000
June	WHITEHOUSE, Brian	Charlton	8,000
Dec.	WOOD, Brian	Crystal Palace	6,000
1967	HOWE, Bert	Crystal Palace	4,000
Aug.	THOMAS, Eddie	Derby	4,000
Oct.	HALOM, Vic	Charlton	8,000
	HARPER, Dave	Swindon	(combined)
			Total 100,000

● In July 1966, Orient signed centre forward Cliff Holton and wing half John Snaedden from Charlton in a "two-for-one" exchange for centre forward Harry Gregory.

Date	Player	To	Fee
1962	Player <td>To</td> <td>Fee</td>	To	Fee
Oct.	NEWMAN, Ron	Crystal Palace	4,000
Dec.	FOSTER, Ron	Grimsby	10,000
1964	BOLLAND, Gordon	Norwich	30,000
Sept.	LUCAS, Malcolm	Norwich	20,000
Nov.	LEA, Cyril	Ipswich	12,000
1965	PHILLIPS, Ted	Luton	4,000
Oct.	NELSON, Andy	Plymouth	4,000
1966	WEBB, David	Southampton	23,000 (plus George O'Brien)
Oct.	SMITH, John	Torquay	4,000
Dec.	O'BRIEN, George	Aldershot	2,000
1967	METCHICK, David	Peterborough	7,000
June	WENT, Paul	Charlton	27,000
Sept.	PRICE, Terry	Colchester	4,000
Oct.	WILLIS, Ron	Charlton	3,000
			Total 154,000

Players—how they came and left



MUSGROVE



MASON



BOLLAND



WENT

GROUND

Orient's ground at Brisbane Road is leased from Waltham Forest Council. A council spokesman said: "I can't disclose what the rent is—but we have tried all we can to help Orient. "We have had to turn down applications for a loan because, although they do provide sport and entertainment within the borough they are also a limited company. "If we gave cash to them we could have every other company in trouble coming to us for aid."