

# Halom saves Orient from extra-time danger

By PETER CORRIGAN: Orient...2 Boston...1

ORIENT staggered nearer to security last night when they kept themselves in the FA Cup with a late goal in a replay that seemed slipping from them.

Boston, a team of seasoned ex-League men—six from Grimsby, three from Derby—were playing the better football as extra time drew near.

Orient, who offered little but energy and determination, scored the winner spectacularly five minutes from time.

Right-winger Slater moved to the left to send the ball high and hopeful to the far post.

Vic Halom, the attacker turned into defender by manager Dick Graham recently, leapt above two Boston defenders to head the ball in.

## Flagging

The drama of the goal seemed to fog out the nervousness and tension that had gone before it as small boys invaded the pitch and the crowd, a season's best 11,495, greeted the goal as if it had been scored against Spurs.

It was as important, for Boston took a great deal of beating. Player-manager Don Donovan said afterwards: "They are supposed to be the fit side, but it was they who were flagging near the end."

Not surprisingly, because Orient had run twice as far and twice as furiously in search of the logical end to the replay.

But as much wit as wind was needed to pierce Boston's defence and Orient had only one of these qualities.

Their first goal came only a second near the end of a first half made stale by Boston's defensive grip.

As Slater placed the ball for a free-kick out on the right touchline, Boston marked up man for every man bar centre-half Mancini. It was their only real mistake.

Mancini was alone when

Slater's kick fell into the six-yard box and he had only to bend at the waist to head a goal.

But as the second-half opened up so did Boston. They moved the ball better than Orient and schemer Parry sent Thomson clear with a pass that completely exposed Orient's defence.

Thomson shot past the advancing Goddard. Mancini nearly got to the ball, but succeeded only in driving it harder into the net.

## Chance

The game's importance to both sides was a reason if not an excuse for the bout of fierce and foul tackling that followed.

Boston's Barrowcliffe was booked, as was Halom when he showed dissent at an offside decision by kicking the ball away.

Then Halom's superhuman effort just afterwards gave Orient the goal they needed to pass through to a home third round tie against Bury, and the money-making chance that goes with it.

But it was so close Orient could not have been trusted with extra time.

Orient—Goddard, Jones, Howe, Allen, Mancini, Wood, Slater, Harper, Massey, Halom, Simpson.  
Boston—Oakley, Lakin, Barrowcliffe, Clifton, Donovan, Howell, Robinson, Rayner, Thomson, Parry, Fitt.



Halom climbs above two Boston defenders at Brisbane Road on Monday night to head Orient's winning goal.

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Boston can't believe their folly; and the unmarked Mancini (left) celebrates scoring Orient's first goal