

Orient double - at last

ORIENT 4, READING 2
BARRY DYSON scored his first goal for the club and Mike Bullock claimed his first at home. Orient hit four for the first time in 15 months of competitive football and completed their first 'double' for more years than most people care to remember.

All this sent everyone home from Brisbane Road on Saturday in a happy frame of mind. Everyone, that is, except the Reading team and their few faithful fans.

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Orient finally produced the goals they have promised in so many previous matches this season. Yet it took a rejected penalty appeal to produce the spark that finally destroyed Reading.

In the 55th minute with the score level at 2-2, John Chapman used his hand to stop a goalbound header on the line. At least it looked to most of the 4,440 crowd and the Orient players that he had used his hand.

However, Plymouth referee Charles Nicholls begged to differ and waved aside O's heated appeals for a penalty.

Orient bitterly angry at the injustice of it all promptly intensified their attacks and

battered away at the Reading defence. But they had to wait another 20 minutes before breaking the Berkshire men's resistance, Dyson notching his second goal of the match.

Then, four minutes from time, Mick Jones bombed home a shot from the edge of the area to tie the whole thing up and leave Orient's happy fans chanting "easy, easy".

Orient made their intentions plain from the start. They played aggressive open football and Reading showed a willingness to meet them halfway.

The determination of DYSON gave O's the lead after nine minutes. Taking a glorious chip from Bullock he hustled past two defenders and forced the ball past Roy Brown.

Reading were stretching Orient out with quick counter attacks and they grabbed a great equaliser eight minutes late. A through ball from midfield master mind Dennis Allen threaded through O's defence and John COLLINS ran well to score under the diving Goddard.

A beautifully executed move regained the lead for the home squad in the 24th minute. Mal Slater, who gave Chapman a terrible roasting, broke away from the defender and crossed high to the far post for BULLOCK to climb high and apply the finishing touch.

CHAPMAN'S misery lifted temporarily in the 53rd minute, when he deceived Goddard with a shot from the edge of the area to get Reading on terms again.

Then DYSON pounced to sweep the ball low inside the far post after Slater's cross struck Thornhill, and JONES took a short free-kick from Bloomfield to complete the scoring with a crisp 20 yarder.

Orient: Goddard 6, Jones 7, Rofe 7, Harper 8, Mancini 8, Taylor 8, Slater 8, Bullock 7, Allen 7, Dyson 8, Bloomfield 7. Sub: Massey for Harper 75 minutes.

Dyson double for Orient

BLONG striker Barry Dyson helped Orient to a comfortable 4-2 win over Reading and their first double in seven years.

Dyson hit two cracking opportunist goals—his first since his £9,000 signing from Watford before Christmas.

The first came in the 9th minute when a cute chip by Mickey Bullock caught the Reading defence on the hop. Dyson beat off the challenges of two defenders and goalkeeper Roy Brown to net.

His second came in the 75th minute with the teams deadlocked 2-2. This time he slapped in a cross from clever Mal Slater. Eleven minutes later, Mick Jones made it safe for Orient with a thunderous 18-yard drive.

Scorers. — Orient: Dyson (2), Bullock, Jones. Reading: Collins, Chapman.

Dyson proves 'I'm worth it'

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ORIENT told their fans yesterday that Barry Dyson, their recruit from Watford, cost almost twice the reported £5,000 fee. Dyson proceeded to show he is worth it by scoring two goals in Orient's biggest win this season.

Dyson's thrust and persistency showed the new spirit at Orient. Bullock added beef up front, scored his first home goal, and Orient ground casual Reading into the gluey pitch.

On this form Orient can expect to finish well away from the relegation zone.

Reading can thank Brown for keeping the score down. He made a string of fine saves in the second half when Orient came forward like waves over the mud.

Collins equalised Dyson's first goal, scored when the Orient striker shook off niggling defenders to knee the ball past the on-rushing Brown.

Then Slater put over a high cross and Bullock roared in to put Orient ahead again.

Pegged back

Orient were pegged back again with a Chapman goal, but Dyson foxed a bunch of defenders for their third.

Then Jones was allowed to blast home a flick from a Bloomfield free-kick after Dyson had been fouled when looking set for a hat-trick.

ORIENT: Goddard 6; Jones 6, Taylor 6, Mancini 6, Rofe 7; Harper (in.) 5, Allen 6; *SLATER 8, Bullock 7, Dyson 7, Bloomfield 6. Subst.: Massey 5.

READING: Brown 7; Bacuzzi 6, Thornhill 6, Dea 5, Chapman 6; Yard 6, *ALLEN 8; Collins 7, Meldrum 5, Sylvester 6, Harris 5.

Referee: G. Nicholls (Plymouth) 5.

HAROLD HASTINGS

How They Finished

**TOTAL NUMBER OF GOALS SCORED
IN CUP AND LEAGUE 137**

GAMES YESTERDAY

HIGHEST SCORE

Kilmarnock 6.

HIGHEST AGGREGATES

Orient 4, Reading 2.

Kilmarnock 6, Glasgow University 0.

Partick Thistle 3, Celtic 3.

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