



BRABROOK... sparkled

# Cruel luck for Orient

Orient 3 Rotherham 3

**R**OTHERHAM were so lucky to salvage a point after Orient had shot to an apparently unassailable lead.

Even manager Tommy Docherty, having his first taste of Third Division football, had to admit his boys were lucky. "We were being torn apart until Graham Leggat struck. Orient were an impressive side."

Rotherham looked well out of the hunt with nine minutes left. Orient, bright, aggressive, and using the ball well, were 3-1 up. Two points appeared a formality.

Then Rotherham came back courageously—shades of Docherty in his playing days.

Bert Howe helped by holding Leggat in the penalty area and

the former Scottish international scored easily from the spot.

Two minutes later Leggat was through again to finish off a corner move for the equaliser.

It was cruel on Orient. They had let Rotherham in for a seventh-minute goal by Downs.

They equalised through the bustling Halom in the 20th minute. Jones, a Docherty reject in his Chelsea days, shot them ahead after a free kick in the 52nd minute and Brabrook hit the third 12 minutes later.

Orient also hit the bar twice and saw two more shots brilliantly saved by goalkeeper Hill.

The former England international winger Brabrook puzzled Rotherham with his speed and control. Slater was his equal on the other flank and behind Bloomfield and Harper inspired.

**ORIENT**—Bowlwell, Jones, Howe, Harper, Mancini, Taylor, Slater, Massey, Bloomfield, Halom, Brabrook. Sub: Rofe.

**ROTHERHAM**—Hill, Swift, Harrity, Quinn, Watson, Tiler, Leggat, Downes, Gilliver, Storrle, Bentley, Sub: Todd.

## ORIENT LOSE THAT GOAL FLAIR

Gillingham 2 Orient 2

**O**RIENT skidded from attack to defence last night—and allowed Gillingham to force a League Cup replay after being two goals down. Gillingham owed the second chance to 20-year-old right half David Quirke, who scored snap goals in the 66th and 70th minutes.

Orient had been by far the better side up to the break. Vic Halom headed them into the lead after six minutes, then increased that lead with a great drive from 25 yards.



Peter Brabrook scored his first goal for Orient

# ORIENT DAZZLE

Leyton Orient 3, Rotherham 3 By PETER SMITH

**TOMMY DOCHERTY** finished his first taste of Third Division football as chirpy as a canary. But until a few minutes from time Orient had left him speechless.

Docherty could only sink lower into his seat as he watched his defence torn apart and almost humiliated by Orient's dazzle and thrust.

Then he was bubbling over again as Graham Leggat, a free transfer pick-up from Birmingham, scored twice in three minutes.

"That's my boy" said Docherty afterwards. "That's just what I signed him for."

Brabrook, new Orient pin-up boy from West Ham who was at Chelsea with Docherty, had Swift going all ways but the right one with his left wing bursts. Slater was just as effective on the opposite flank against a slow moving Harrity.

Orient were all over Rotherham once they had pulled back a well taken goal by Downs. Halom hit the equaliser, and two goals midway through the second half saw Orient oozing confidence.

## Reject

Jones, rejected by Docherty when both were at Chelsea, shocked his old boss by scoring the second after a free-kick. Then Brabrook made sure he was a firm favourite with his new club by finishing off a four-man move for Orient's third.

They should have had a couple more but Rotherham hit back through the experience of Quinn, Docherty's first buy as Rotherham manager, and Leggat.

**ORIENT**: Bowlwell 6; Jones 8, Mancini 6, Taylor 7, Howe 7; Harper 7, Bloomfield 7; Slater 7, Massey 6, Halom 7, \*BRABROOK 8.

**ROTHERHAM**: Hill 7; Swift 5, Watson 6, Tiler 6; Harrity 5; \*QUINN 8, Storrle 7, Bentley 6; Leggat 7, Gilliver 6, Downes 7.

Referee: I. Jones (Glazeburn) 7.

# Just like old times TRIUMPH for ORIENT

By STEVE CURRY: Orient 1 Fulham 0

**ROY MASSEY**, Orient's top marksman last season, saved his first goal of the current campaign to knock red-faced Fulham out of the League Cup

It was a night of nostalgia and near-hysteria for the once-famous Third Division club that seems to be picking itself up after several seasons of struggle.

Fulham, now in the Second Division after 11 seasons

with the top clubs, have fallen on thorny times.

They are without a win since the first game of the season, goalless in their last five games, and with only two goals from seven games.

These chill statistics tell the story of a side inept in attack with ageing Johnny Haynes a conductor without an orchestra.

Orient—watched by 12,901 fans, their highest gate for two seasons—now share the distinction with Arsenal of being London's only unbeaten clubs.

There is a much more noticeable aggression about their play this season—a willingness

to force the pace which could have made the scoreline much more impressive.

Fulham accepted this morale-destroying defeat with a resignation that must be causing manager Bobby Robson a good deal of soul searching.

The position has undoubtedly reached a stage of acute crisis.

The decisive goal came after 15 minutes. Vic Halom, Orient's seven-goal striker, laid off a ball to Peter Brabrook.

He dribbled through, over-ran the ball but forced it on to MASSEY, who beat Ian Seymour in the corner from 12 yards.

Orient should have made it 2-0 in the 35th minute. Halom

had two bites at a Brabrook centre, fumbled them both, then pushed the ball back to Dave Harper, whose shot was deflected over.

For a time in the second half Fulham looked like forcing their way back into the picture. But in the last 10 minutes Orient showed that this was no fluke knockout.

Mick Jones hit the angle of crossbar and upright with Seymour beaten. Halom headed a Malcolm Slater centre just over the top.

And in injury time Key produced the best shot of the game from 25 yards which Seymour saved brilliantly.

**ORIENT**—Goddard: Jones, Howe, Harper, Mancini, Taylor, Slater, Massey, Allen, Halom, Brabrook. Sub: Key.

**FULHAM**—Seymour: Ryan, Dempsey, Matthews, Callaghan, Brown, Haynes, Conway, Lars, Kerrigan, Barrett, Sub: Salvage.



**JEFF ASTLE**, West Bromwich Albion's Cup Final winner, made a joyous return to Meadow Lane last night.

The former Notts County centre forward scored two goals in Albion's 3-2 League Cup win against Nottingham Forest, who are playing their home games at County's ground because of the fire that recently devastated their own stand.

Biggest crowd of the night was at Goodison, where more than 34,000 saw Everton, 4-0 winners over Tranmere, repeat last year's F.A. Cup success.

### LEAGUE CUP

Second Round

BARNSELY (0) .....1	MILLWALL (0) .....1
Brabrook	Kitchener—9,282
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0	CHELSEA (1) .....1
31,560	Foster, c.o.
COVENTRY (0) .....2	PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Glosson, Hunt	20,840
EVERTON (2) .....4	TRANMERE (0) .....0
Royle, Whittle 2, Ball	35,477
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0	MANCHESTER C (0) 0
23,425	
IPSWICH (0) .....2	NORWICH (2) .....4
McNeil, Crawford	Curran 3, Crickmore (pen.) 23,050
NOTTM FOR (1) .....2	WEST BROM (1) .....3
Lynn, Moore	Astle 2, Rees 23,900
(Played on Notts County ground)	
ORIENT (1) .....1	FULHAM (0) .....0
Mussey	12,901
SCUNTHORPE (1) .....2	LINCOLN (1) .....1
Kerr 2	Taylor—10,350
WALSALL (1) .....1	SWANSEA (0) .....1
Biggs	Williams—7,482

By Czech born Pavel Krcan