

So easy for Colts

Romford 0, Orient 5

FIVE SECOND-HALF goals in twenty-five minutes sent Orient surging through to the second round proper of the F.A. Youth Cup on Monday night.

After several golden chances had gone begging in the first-half, the Orient youngsters really found their goal touch after MOSS put them ahead in the 54th minute.

Inside-forward DENT popped up for the second goal seven minutes later, with MOSS, FAIRBROTHER and SCRIMSHAW then finding the net in quick succession.

Romford had no answer to the incessant pressure of their visitors, and if it hadn't been for their generosity, the tally could have reached double figures.

Romford: Mills B.; Moody, Mills A.; Smith, Scanlon, Barham; Bliss, Lee G., Lee R., Crussell, Smith M.

Orient: Bowtell; Bailey, Holland; Coventry, Arbour, Cook; Moss, Dent, Fairbrother, Scrimshaw, Manning.

O's miss Halom —go down

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WHAT price a goalscorer? On Thursday Orient would have reckoned about £35,000, the sum they accepted from Fulham in exchange for young striker Vic Halom.

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But on Saturday they must have had serious doubts as to who got the better of the bargain. For it was only the lack of a finisher like Halom that stood between Orient and their first away win of the season.

The Londoners provided all the dash, sparkle and imagination of a game watched by only 3,601 spectators. Shrewsbury provided a fair proportion of the effort and one flash of inspired finishing.

Lucky

Yet this was enough to earn the Midlanders their third home win in a row—and I imagine their luckiest.

No one would deny that they deserved to go in front when HAWKINS headed home a Stobart cross in the 38th minute, nor that they were unlucky when Meredith's shot struck the inside of a post two minutes earlier.

But Orient fought back to dominate the second half so completely that Ray Goddard should have been charged an admission fee.

In this period, O's completely shrugged off the frustration of eight chances without a win and produced the sort of football that made them a feared side in the early part of the season.

Peter Allen recovered from his first-half doldrums to start clicking again in midfield with Harper and Bloomfield, while Cross, Bullock and Slater sud-

denly found legs and heart anew to test the Shrewsbury defence. Only one thing was missing from their fine early season form—goals—and for this, new signing Mick Bullock must shoulder a lot of the blame.

Big Mick was faultless when it came to anticipating moves and running into goalscoring positions but once there, he was unable to apply the finishing touch.

Bullock will probably have a much worse game some other day and come off the field with a hat-trick. But on Saturday nothing went right for him in front of goal.

Promise

Two of his worst misses came five minutes either side of the interval. First he dithered with only the keeper to beat after a glorious through ball by Bloomfield, then shot weakly at Phillips after Bloomfield and Cross had combined well to put him clear.

The other main striker Roger Cross, who came on at half-time for Roy Massey, had little opportunity to prove himself in front of the target. But his intelligent running and distribution showed distinct promise for the future.

Yet one of the nearest misses came from a defender, Mick Jones moved up to have a crack at goal from Bloomfield's free-kick on the edge of the box 15 minutes from time and Phillips could hardly have seen it as it skidded off his gloves and over the bar.

For Orient, it was that sort of day.

Shrewsbury: Phillips; Gregory; Fellows; Moore, Wood, Poutney; Meredith, Hawkins, Stobart; Matthias, McLaughlin.

Orient: Goddard 7, Jones 7, Rofe 7; Harper 7, Mancini 7, Taylor 7; Slater 6, Allen 6, Bullock 6; Massey 6, (Cross 6), Bloomfield 6.

TAYLOR, BOWTELL IN YOUTH PARTY

Orient have had two of their promising young players selected for the England Youth party who play a Coventry under-19 side at Highfield Road on Tuesday, November 19 (7.30).

They are wing-half Tommy Taylor and reserve goalkeeper Steve Bowtell.

Orient need more punch

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THIS was a game of missed chances and how both managers must have sighed for a sharp shooter.

McLaughlin gave Orient the run around before the interval. He had one shot blocked and then beat Goddard with a glorious header from Wood's free-kick, but Taylor fell back to hook the ball off the line.

McLaughlin was there again to burst through and beat Goddard and curl the ball towards goal. This time Mancini stabbed out a foot to save.

But McLaughlin's crafty header began the move for Shrewsbury's winner. A quick flick of the head to Stobart, who centred neatly for Hawkins to dart forward and head in.

Orient, with few openings early on, looked a much more stylish outfit after the interval when they were forced to come out of defence, but their finishing was weak.

Mancini was Orient's star. He shone in defence when Orient were under pressure and moved forward intelligently after the interval to support his front runners.

SHREWSBURY: Phillips 7; Gregory 6; WOOD 8; Poutney 7; Fellows 7; Moore 7; Matthias 7; Meredith 7; Hawkins 7; Stobart 6; McLaughlin 7.

ORIENT: Goddard 6; Jones 7; MANCINI 8; Taylor 7; Rofe 6; Allen 7; Harper 7; Bloomfield 6; Slater 7; Bullock 6; Massey (withdrawn) 6. Sub. Cross 6.
Referee: R. Darlington (Runcorn) 8.

SPEND THE HALOM CASH, ORIENT

ORIENT must realise that money in the bank means nothing in comparison to having a striker who can score goals. The lesson was clear as they slumped 1-0 at Shrewsbury.

If they had only had a goal scorer of the calibre of Vic Halom, the inside forward sold to Fulham for £35,000, they would have romped home.

New man Mike Bullock, a recent £10,000 buy from Oxford, might yet fill the bill, but he missed at least four good chances.

Orient dominated the second half, creating chances a galore, but powder-puff finishing

spilled their superior approach work.

Shrewsbury hung on to their slender goal lead from the thirty-seventh minute to notch up their seventh home game without defeat.

Barry Stobart got in a superb by-line chip despite the close attention of Orient's star man, Terry Mancini, and Denis Hawkins floated a neat header from five yards.

Orient were lucky when shots by Meredith and McLaughlin hit the post or were kicked off the line.

But they should have won in the second half had they possessed one forward who could shoot on target.

Oh dear, O's!

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WHAT a misery day for Orient's Mike Bullock! He wasted a brilliant Jimmy Bloomfield dummy in the first half and his second-half twenty-yarder was so weak it scarcely reached the goal.

How important these chances were to Orient they could hardly get out of defence to create more.

When they did, just before half-time, they hesitated for an offside whistle that never came.

What a barrage at the other end! Tommy Taylor headed off the line and tower-of-strength Terry Mancini made a last-gasp deflection from Jim McLaughlin.

It was McLaughlin who sparked Shrewsbury's thirty-eighth minute winner—a Denis Hawkins header—after goalkeeper Ray Goddard misjudged Barry Stobart's cross.

Crowd rating: 85 x x x.