

Mancini's clincher brightens Orient

Orient ... 1 Bournemouth ... 0

TERRY MANCINI scored his sixth goal of the season to ease Orient's relegation worries and shatter Bournemouth's promotion hopes. Malcolm Slater's cross was cleared but Barry Dyson headed the ball back for centre-half Mancini to flick wide of Roger Jones.

It was only the second time this season Orient have won successive matches—but their joy tempered by the 4,090 gate—5,910 below the "break even" figure.

Orient chairman Arthur Page's threat to sell their best players brought scouts from Everton, Spurs, Charlton and Millwall to watch Tommy Taylor and Dennis Rofe.

SHOT-SHY

Livelier Orient deserved their win against shot-shy Bournemouth whose tackling upset the crowd.

Orient should have had a second goal after 80 minutes when Dyson beat the offside trap and rounded Jones but Tommy Naylor stopped his casual shot on the line.

WASTEFUL, ORIENT

LUTON 2, ORIENT 1

IF ORIENT, sparked by Harper's midfield enterprise, had taken their first half chances they would have left with a point—possibly two.

But their feeble shooting let them down. They gave Luton the chance to put on a second-half revival and keep up their promotion pressure.

Luton scored first through Branson. He moved up from defence to nod the ball past Goddard, and was injured in doing so.

A couple of minutes later Orient were level. Ryan, who had dropped back to help his defence, got mixed up with Davis, and Rofe nipped in to score.

It was a very different story after the interval and Sheffield snatched Luton's winner.

LUTON: Davis 7; Dougan 7; Branson (injured) 8; Moore 8; Bannister 7; SLUGH 9; Allen 7; Ryan 5; Sheffield 8; Lewis 5; Riech 7. Sub: Potter 6.

ORIENT: Goddard 6; Howe 6; MANCINI 8; Taylor 7; Rofe 6; Harper 7; Allen 6; Slater (withdrawn) 5; Bullock 4; Dyson 5; Farmer 6. Sub: Massey. Referee: W. Castle (Dudley) 7.

Fight back

DYSON ON MARK FOR ORIENT

Bournemouth 0 Orient 1



ORIENT held on as Bournemouth launched a series of assaults on their goal. They unashamedly concentrated on defence until Bournemouth faded.

Then Orient hit back with a series of well-drilled manoeuvres and a defensive slip by Bournemouth skipper Jimmy White gave Orient their chance. He misplaced a free kick and slammed a clearance straight at BARRY DYSON, and from the rebound the Orient man put the ball into the net.

Bournemouth brought on John Hold for Bolton in the second half but the change made little impression upon Orient. The victory eased Orient's relegation worry.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

ENGLAND (0) 0 YNG ENGLAND (0) 0
18,140
(At Stamford Bridge)

DIVISION I
IPSWICH (0) 2 SHEFF WED (0) 0
Vijayon, Wiaz
NOTTM FOR (1) 1 EVERTON (0) 0
Hiley

DIVISION III
BARNLEY (0) 2 NORTHAMPTON (1) 1
Winstanley, London
Bournemouth (0) 0 ORIENT (0) 1
4,945

LUTON (2) 4 STOCKPORT (0) 1
Lewis 3, Riech
MANSFIELD (1) 2 WALSALL (0) 1
Sharkey, Waller
ROTHERHAM (2) 3 CREWE (0) 0
Storrie, Brogden
Watson

DIVISION IV
BRAD CITY (0) 0 DARLINGTON (0) 0
12,441

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 SOUTHEND (0) 0
3,000

COLCHESTER (0) 0 SWANSEA (1) 1
7,136
PORT VALE (1) 1 RAGBOD (0) 1
Sproson Andrews—3,873

Matt D'Arcy's Page One showmatch

BEBBINGTON LATIC'S' ACE

OLDHAM ATHLETIC..... 1 ORIENT 1

OLDHAM'S triallist goalkeeper Barry Gordine, named as one of the winners in the club's player of the year contest, pulled off a superb save after only five minutes of the relegation battle against Orient at Boundary Park today.

Orient left-winger Ray Massey was put in the clear by a long clearance from his defence and although Gordine was slow to come off his line, he redeemed himself with a great flying save from Massey's powerful 15-yard drive.

Seconds earlier Oldham centre forward Blore had linked up with Spence to hit a long drive straight at the Orient keeper, as Oldham attacked against a strong wind on a rain-soaked pitch.

Early on, Orient centre-half Mancini just beat Spence to Colquhoun's cross and followed it up with a timely interception when Bright tried to put Blore in the clear.

Finally, after a period of intense Oldham pressure, Oldham took the lead in the 13th minute.

The move was begun with a smart piece of work by Magee, who robbed full-back Howe and squared the ball back to Colquhoun. The winger hit a fierce drive which goalkeeper Goddard could not hold, and when the ball ran loose BEBBINGTON, who won the title Player of the Year, moved in to score from close range.

After 27min Oldham moved further ahead when MANCINI put through his own goal. A clever move between Bebbington and Colquhoun sent Blore away and his hard cross meant for Spence beat the goalkeeper, but Mancini, trying to turn it away, succeeded only in turning the ball over his own line from six yards.

Oldham had their tails up and Orient were being pinned back by the lively attack. Blore turned Wood's cross back to Colquhoun, whose shot was turned over by Goddard.

Orient again hit back and only a last second tackle by Bright stopped Massey from getting in a shot from 10 yards.

Half-time: Oldham Athletic 2, Orient 0.

Orient continued their pressure after the interval and Dyson had a header easily saved by Gordine from Slater's free kick. Then Bullock moved on to a high cross from the winger as Oldham appealed for offside and headed just wide.

Bebbington had a shot blocked by Taylor from Bowie's header before Dyson had a second attempt saved by Gordine.

After 57 minutes MAGEE, who had been having a fine match got a third for Oldham with a goal that was a masterpiece of timing and precision. He collected a pass from Bebbington 20 yards out, and with the goalkeeper only a couple

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of yards off his line he chipped a high lob over him clipping the bar.

Seconds later a superb shot came from Colquhoun bringing a nequally fine save from Goddard who could then only watch as a shot from Bright from the corner hit the bar.

HERO GODDARD EARNS ORIENT VITAL POINT

Torquay 0, Orient 0

ORIENT struggling to get clear of the Division Three relegation zone gained their first point in six games at Torquay.

They were fighting to end the slump which has plunged them into real danger and defended desperately for most of the game to clinch their valuable draw.

At times Orient pulled nine men back into defence as the Torquay

front-line launched all-out attacks.

Ray Goddard was the hero of the night with a string of fine saves.

Goddard kicked the ball away from the feet of Robin Stubbs as the Torquay striker looked set to score. The young keeper then pulled off a great diving save when Stubbs hit a fine low shot.

Ex-Millwall forward Alan Welsh looked set to end Torquay's goal wait when he beat Terry Mancini and Dennis Rofe. But it was Goddard again who coped with Welsh's shot.

Just before the break Stubbs finally beat Goddard only to see Mike Bullock head off the line.

In the second half it was again Torquay piling on the pressure.

But the nearest they came to scoring was when Mick Cave grazed the bar with a tremendous drive from thirty yards.

Fighting on

Hartlepool 0 Orient 0

ORIENT grasped a vital point last night and so the foot of the table struggle is still unsolved. Hartlepool, beaten only once in their last 10 games, worked desperately for victory but Orient started like promotion candidates. In a succession of raids which startled the surprised home defence Mick Bullock was the star.

Hartlepool ... 0

Orient 0

STUBBORN Orient refused to sink into the relegation quicksands as they fought for another safety point.

They looked like taking both early on when Mick Bullock flashed a header only inches wide, and again near the end of a taut struggle when the same player had breakaway chances. He missed both.

When Hartlepool threatened goalkeeper Ray Goddard was always equal to the challenge. One save from John Sheridan was brilliant.