



Many hands make light work

THE GAME MUST GO ON at all costs and down at Brisbane Road there was a fine selection of players, officials and even Essex CC skipper Brian Taylor to help chip the ice from Orient's pitch on Monday morning for their evening game against Barnsley.

Manager Jimmy Bloomfield had a squad ready for action as early as 9 a.m. to clear the pitch and Harlow referee Arthur Dimond had no hesitation in pronouncing the game ON at his mid-day inspection.

Helpers in our picture (left to right) are: Brian Taylor, Jimmy Bloomfield, club physiotherapist Charlie Simpson—“It's the first time I've ever had to treat the pitch,” he commented—trainer Peter Angell, Len Cheeswright, Dennis Rofe, Paul Harris, Keith Simpson of Radio Orient (foreground), Tommy Taylor and apprentice Bobby Moss.

● Snow and frozen pitches caused the postponement of all local soccer matches on Saturday. Off were Orient v Rochdale, Walthamstow Avenue v East Ham United (Essex Senior Cup), Leytonstone v Wycombe Wanderers, Hemel Hempstead v Leyton and Eton Manor v Chingford. ★ (430)

ORIENT SWEEP BACK TO THE TOP

Orient 4, Barnsley 2

THE 60 ORIENT FANS who volunteered to help roll and sand the Brisbane Road pitch on Monday to ensure that the Barnsley game could go on had their hard labour rewarded as they saw their team first tease and finally torture the high riding Yorkshire side to go top of the Third Division once more.

Make no mistake, Barnsley were no mugs but Orient were the masters when it came to direct approach work and deadly finishing power. O's play, particularly in the first half, bore the mark of champions and the 10,792 fans marvelled at their slick no nonsense football.

On a pitch which was a mixture of snow, ice, sand and mud Orient demoralised Barnsley with a three-goal burst in 15 minutes. Although Barnsley recovered well to trouble Orient in the second half a two-goal margin was a very fair result.

Dyson was just wide with a great shot in the opening phase and Goddard had to make a good save from Loyden. The tempo hotted up but bad marking led to Orient's first goal after 24 minutes. Barnsley's defenders allowed a long Mick Jones free-kick to curl over their heads and Mick Bullock, unmarked, stole in to poke the ball home at the near post for his 16th goal of the season.

Orient were lucky to escape five minutes later when Dean beat Goddard all the way with a cracking 20-yard drive. It looked a perfectly good goal but referee Mr P. Walters of Somerset pulled the outside-right up for offside.

FIVE-A-SIDES

ORIENT are among London's league clubs taking part in the London Five-a-side Championships at Wembley Pool on Wednesday, April 8, starting at 7 p.m.

The other clubs are Arsenal, Brentford, Charlton, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Millwall, Queens Park Rangers, Tottenham, West Ham and Watford.

The tournament is being organised by the Evening Standard. Tickets can now be booked at the Wembley box office at 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s.

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Seconds afterwards Dennis Rofe collected Brabrook's smart throw-in near the left corner flag. His intended centre from the line was completely missed by Winstanley and Sherratt, and the ball swerved miraculously into goal.

Then came the goal of the match. Plume, Dyson and Bullock gave Lazarus a chance to move through the middle and the winger crashed in an unstoppable drive from the edge of the area.

Orient paid the penalty for sitting back on their lead after the resumption and Barnsley deservedly reduced the arrears when Hamstead's drive was deflected into the net by Mick Jones.

But, with Fairbrother having one of his best matches for the club and Peter Brabrook showing all his old wing wizardry, O's bounced right back and sealed things up with a Dyson goal after 66 minutes. Fairbrother won the ball from Evans in midfield and Brabrook and Plume carried the move on to Dyson who bravely rode two tackles and scored with a shot which Sherratt might have stopped.

Barnsley never gave up fighting and it was only just when they hit their second goal with 10 minutes to go. A good cross from Evans was met by Dean who slid the ball past Goddard's outstretched arm. As manager Jimmy Bloomfield said “It was a great game under the conditions.”

Orient: Goddard, Jones, Rofe, Allen, Taylor, Plume, Lazarus, Bullock, Fairbrother, Dyson, Brabrook. Sub: Parmenter.

DIV. III—TOP SEVEN

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Orient	30	15	5	44	25	40
Reading	32	16	8	59	51	40
Leiston	30	15	7	32	31	38
Brighton	21	15	8	35	27	38
Bristol R.	31	13	7	33	34	37
Barnsley	32	13	9	49	41	36
Rochdale	30	15	10	52	39	33



● Tommy Taylor makes a spectacular clearance from one of Barnsley's menacing raids. Pictures by Archie McNeice. ★ (449)

TAYLOR IN ENGLAND SQUAD

ORIENT half-back Tommy Taylor is one of the 16 players named by the FA on Saturday for the England team to meet Wales on Newport County's ground next Wednesday in a qualifying round for the International Youth Tournament.

Orient chief Jimmy Bloomfield was one of the spectators at the much publicised Arsenal Reserves v Tottenham Reserves fixture on Saturday.

He could not have failed to be impressed by the fine performance of Gunners centre-half Jack Carmichael.

The way Carmichael completely blotted out Tottenham's Scottish international forward Alan Gilzean was the outstanding feature of an exciting game and must have interested Bloomfield particularly as O's are almost certain to be without their skipper Terry Mancini for the next six weeks.

However, Tommy Taylor has done a fine job as Mancini's deputy and will no doubt continue in this role.

Mancini was at the Orient v Barnsley match on Monday and the plaster on his foot will not be removed for another two weeks.

TOP: Orient get another goal from a dead ball situation. Inside-right Mickey Bullock shoots right-footed past Barnsley goalkeeper Brian Sherratt to open the scoring in the 24th minute. SECOND TOP: Sherratt gropes unsuccessfully as Rofe's intended centre suddenly curls into the far corner of the net. Barrie Fairbrother (foreground) and Mark Lazarus (behind) raise their arms in jubilation. THIRD TOP: Unquestionably the best goal seen at Brisbane Road this season, Mark Lazarus gives the Barnsley keeper no chance with a right-footed rocket from 20 yards—in his first goal at Brisbane Road since he rejoined the club in October. BOTTOM: O's hard working captain Barry Dyson tenaciously fights off two tenacious goals.