



Peter Brabrook . . . lively on the left wing.

ORIENT KNOW THEIR DRILL

By Eric Nicholls

BOURNEMOUTH 0, ORIENT 2
JIMMY BLOOMFIELD, the manager who has drilled Orient to play the way he used to play, engineered a brilliant tactical win.

Orient refused to be drawn out to face a strong wind in the first half. They refused to fight in open combat with Bournemouth's run-run-run style.

And they came away with both points from a clinically-efficient win.

Orient held back where others might have dared to advance. They refused to be panicked. They broke just twice in that all-important first half and scored two superbly-taken goals.

Their professionalism dictated an economic brand of football running. And that's exactly how they sorted out a Bournemouth side that had the pitifully small home crowd jeering them long before the end.

If there was one black spot for Orient it was when Brabrook was booked for protesting because referee Gerrard Lewis refused to take any action after Parmenter was viciously hacked down twice in as many seconds.

But for the rest it was all Orient. Bournemouth had no one to match Fairbrother and Bullock up front.

But back to those goals. First Bullock sent Brabrook off down the right. Brabrook pushed a pass through to Fairbrother, whose first shot hit the post. But he calmly slotted home the rebound.

Then a Brabrook-Dyson mid-field move led to a chipped pass into the box. Fairbrother got a touch and Parmenter pulled the ball back on to his right foot and sent a shot screaming into the net from a sharp angle.

BOURNEMOUTH: Buzz 5; Gulliver 6; White 5; Miller 4; Powell 6.
***STOCKS:** 7; Foote 5; Meredith 5; East 6; MacDougall 6; Sainly 4.
ORIENT: Geddard 7; Jones 7; Allen 7; Taylor 7; *ROFE 8; Brabrook 6; Dyson 6; Plume 6; Parmenter 6; Bullock 7; Fairbrother 7.
Referee: G. Lewis (P. Talbot) 4.

Orient back on top with easy victory

By DAVID MILLER

Orient 4 Barnsley 2

ORIENT swept back convincingly to the top of the Third Division last night, on goal average above Reading with two games in hand and two points ahead of Luton; at the same time they dampened Barnsley's rather distant hope.

Their attacking vigour and confidence must have made Vic Crowe, Aston Villa's manager, who came to watch when his team's match at Millwall was postponed, sigh with envy, for the two clubs seem likely to exchange Divisions at the end of the season.

Yet Orient should not overlook several escapes when the game was still in the balance, notably an effort by Dean that was disallowed, and would have made the score 1-1.

Barnsley from start to finish looked a balanced, all-round side, and against any but these opportunist Orient forwards might have come away with a point.

Following early attractive work on the left by Brabrook, Orient went ahead after 25 minutes, Bullock scoring close in from Jones's dropping centre.

Lazarus strikes

Just after the half-hour Dean put the ball in the net like a bullet, only for a colleague to be given offside.

Before Barnsley could recover Orient had stormed back and a centre by Rofe, misjudged by two defenders, flew straight past the unsighted Sherratt. Three minutes later Lazarus pounded through with one of the best goals of his varied career.

Immediately Loyden hit the bar for Barnsley, who made light of their uphill struggle in the second half. A drive by Hamstead, deflected by Jones, reduced the lead and, though Dyson burst through past two tackles to make it 4-1 with 20 minutes to go, Dean had the last say for a side that always played football under pressure.

Orient:—Goddard; Jones, Rofe, Allen Taylor, Plume, Lazarus, Bullock, Fairbrother, Dyson, Brabrook.
Barnsley:—Sherratt; Murphy, Raggett, Retany, Winstanley, Graham, Dean, Evans, Loyden, Boardman, Hamstead.

Barry's gift goals put Orient on top

By ALEC JOHNSON: Stockport 0, Orient 2

ORIENT scrambled rather precariously to the top of the Third Division last night. But if their display against relegation-doomed Stockport is anything to go by, they could soon be knocked off their pinnacle.

If they do win promotion, they can think back to this match and say a big thank-you to centre forward Barry Fairbrother, who scored both the goals.

It was a terrible mix-up between Stockport centre half Gordon Low and goalkeeper Alan Ogley, in the forty-second minute, that brought Fairbrother his first goal.

Left half Richard Plume tried a long ball down the middle. Low left it to Ogley, and Ogley left it to Low.

In nipped Fairbrother to end this agony of indecision by lobbing the ball into the net.

Orient had created only one other chance—which Micky Bullock blasted wildly over the bar—as they struggled to survive a constant Stockport onslaught.

Parried

Goalkeeper Ray Goddard twice saved brilliantly on the line from centre forward John Rowlands, and early in the second half he parried a shot from winger Hugh Ryden that seemed certain to beat him.

Five minutes from the end, after pressing constantly once more, Stockport finally threw the game away.

Left back John Chapman made a completely unnecessary and badly-timed back-pass. Once again Fairbrother dashed in, this time to dribble the ball right round Ogley before planting it in the net.

Fairbrother fires Orient back to top

Stockport County 0 Orient 2

★ **O**RIENT rattled back to the top of Division Three last night with two valuable away points—but it wasn't quite enough to satisfy Jimmy Bloomfield.

The Orient boss, whose hunger for Division Two has reached near starvation point, thought his men should have scored at least one more.

"We should have gone three up in the first half," he said afterwards. "And Barry should have got his hat-trick."

★ Barry? Fairbrother, that is. Orient's local lad who snapped up both goals in moments of rare opportunism.

He would probably agree with Bloomfield. For after scoring in the 42nd and 53rd minutes he

missed a golden chance close to the end.

He had only over-worked Stockport keeper Alan Ogley to beat and did it with a neat side-step—then rolled the ball calmly OUTSIDE the post!

But manager Bloomfield relayed a little to say: "I'm quite satisfied with that after the long journey up North. But I'm a bit disappointed that County's offside tactics spoiled it for the fans."

In fact only 2,850 turned up to see the men Bloomfield believes are the champions elect of the Third.

Fairbrother got his goals when he first nipped between Gordon Low and Ogley to sneak in a low shot, then picked up the error when County full-back John Chapman was caught in possession.

But it wasn't all Orient. Stockport's John Rowlands was desperately unlucky with two headers, and a fierce drive from lucky Orient keeper Ray Goddard after whizzing through a crowded penalty area.

Orient in promotion form

Orient cantered to a couple of vital promotion points last night without the experience of the injured Mancini and Lazarus.

This despite apparently being hemmed in their own half—often in their own penalty area—much of the first forty-five minutes.

During that time Orient made just two positive, pre-meditated attacks.

The first resulted in a goal by Barrie Fairbrother in the eleventh minute; the second in goal No. 2 by Terry Parmenter in the thirty-sixth.

Each operation was identical: Peter Brabrook picked up a stray ball near his own penalty area and streaked up the wing.

For the first, a perfect defence-splitting pass found Fairbrother who's right-foot shot hit the post. He

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cracked home the rebound with his left.

For the second, Brabrook's cross went by way of Plume, and Fairbrother before Parmenter put the finishing touch.

A pity that Brabrook later blotted his copybook by being booked for disputing a decision.

Frustrated Bournemouth, for all their apparent pressure, had nothing positive to offset Orient's supremely intelligent approach to their quest for promotion.

Bournemouth's only moment of glory came in the opening five minutes when Stocks put a snap-shot inches wide.

Orient pressed forward more after the break. They didn't increase their lead, but showed evidence enough that they are worthy candidates for the Second Division.