

# BRING ON THE CHAMPIONS!



Steve Earle turns in triumph after beating Orient goalkeeper Ray Goddard to score Fulham's first goal in their 3-1 League Cup replay victory at Craven Cottage last night.

## Three-goal Fulham get Leeds as prize

By HARRY MILLER: Fulham 3, Orient 1  
**LEEDS** manager Don Revie last night saw Fulham turn two years of tears into a smile of triumph. Now he must once again prepare to prove his point that northern sides have a will to win that southern teams lack.

Revie's look at London Soccer life did not last the whole, exciting ninety minutes of this League Cup first-round replay. The boss who has built a side of champions left with Fulham leading 2-1.

But he knows that whatever else Fulham have lost in a two-year slide from First to Third Division, Leeds will not find it easy when they come to Craven Cottage in the second round on September 3.

Before last night Orient had not conceded a goal in three games. Fulham had not scored one in three. Fulham ended both those sequences in the twenty-fifth minute.

Hard-working Stan Brown sent over a low cross from the right that two Orient defenders could not clear. They did not, and Steve Earle scrambled the ball in.

Orient, with the victory prize as valuable to them as it was to Fulham, saw both Peter Allen and Mick Bullock go close before they equalised after sixty-three minutes.

### Flick

A Mel Slater corner to the near post was flicked on for Peter Brabrook to try a shot that Fulham goalkeeper Ian Seymour blocked.

The ball came out to big Dave Harper, who shot in from the edge of the penalty box.

That goal seemed to give Orient the edge in this replay of tremendous action, excitement and anxiety.

Ironically, Johnny Haynes, Fulham's most distinguished warrior these past years, left the field with a leg injury three minutes before Jim Conway grabbed the first of his two goals that thrust the prize into Fulham's eager hands.

The first of these, in the 73rd minute, was the best of the night.

### Squeeze

Barry Lloyd, who had come on as substitute, slotted a free-kick through Orient's defensive wall for Brown to move the ball into Conway's path.

He came in from the left to squeeze a shot between Ray Goddard and the near post.

Conway scored Fulham's third goal four minutes from the end with a penalty after Tommy Taylor had brought down Les Barrett.

Revie said at his London hotel later: "Fulham impressed me in the first half. It's not going to be easy."

## LATE BLAST PIPS ORIENT

LUTON pulled themselves off the floor with a dramatic three-goal finish to beat Orient 3-2 when their unbeaten home record of 30 games looked shattered.

First shock for Luton came after 14 minutes when Jones blasted a free kick into the net.

Second stunner came on the hour when Bullock headed in a Slater cross from close range.

But a Collins goal in the 74th minute broke Orient's spell and heralded Luton's super recovery.

French, hardly a goal-scoring ace, equalised, and MacDonald sent the crowd wild by heading the winner three minutes from time.

## 16-min blitz sinks Orient

Luton 3, Orient 2  
THE crowd of nearly 15,000 spent the last sixteen minutes in a frenzy of excitement as Luton pulled back a two-goal deficit.

Orient, by dint of taking their chances and concentrating on blanket defence, had seemed certain to end Luton's run of twenty-five consecutive home league matches without defeat.

Even the faithful home fans were becoming despondent until, after seventy-four minutes, Collins swept home a centre from French who then levelled the scores.

With three minutes left Mancini committed a crude foul on Lewis, and MacDonald headed in Keen's free kick.

Orient led after fourteen minutes when Jones smashed home a free kick.

Bullock scored a second fifteen minutes after half-time, but thereafter Orient placed too much reliance on defence.

## 'STARVED' COLLINS RATTLES ORIENT

Luton Town 3, Orient 2 By GEORGE ROGERS

REMARKABLE! FANTASTIC! Luton supporters were stuck for words to describe their team's fight back from the brink of their first home defeat since April, 1968.

One minute, Orient, relying on blanket defence and quick but rare breakaways, were coasting to victory. Next, they were struggling desperately.

Orient's troubles began when Collins, neglected on the right wing, switched to inside-left in search of the ball. Immediately, French found him and Collins swept a centre in to start Luton's recovery.

Six minutes later French coolly placed the ball into the far corner of the net as Goddard lay grounded after trying to cut out a centre.

This caused Orient's previously immaculate defence to panic. An unnecessary foul by Mancini on Lewis brought Luton a free-kick.

Keen placed the ball so well that MacDonald, a £17,500 signing from Fulham, was able to jump high and head the winner. All this happened in the last 15 minutes.

### Flair

MacDonald, who is the natural successor to Bruce Rioch, certainly has a flair for goal-snatching, and turned out to be the match-saver for the second consecutive week.

Orient overplayed their defensive hand after taking a two-goal lead. The first came from Jones after a free kick.

Another mistake by Luton's defensive wall let Bullock increase the lead in the second half.

But minutes after Orient's second goal Luton took off Sheffield for Lewis, last season's top-scorer, and he was concerned in two of the goals.

Luton manager Alec Stock said later: "Our lads deserve every credit for their wonderful fight back. I was certain our home record was on the way out."

LUTON: Read 6; Ryan 5, Branston 6, Bannister 6, Slough 7; Keen 6, Allen 7; Collins 7. \*MACDONALD 9, Sheffield (withdrew) 5, French 5. Sub: Lewis 6.

ORIENT: \*GODDARD 9; Jones 7, Mancini 6, Holt 7, Harper 6; Taylor 6, Allen 5, Dyson 5; Slater 5, Bullock 6, Brabrook 7. Referee: F. Nicholson (Manchester) 5.

### Barrow 1 Orient 1

ORIENT were possibly a little lucky when goalkeeper Ray Goddard sent the wrong way by Eddie Garbett's last-minute penalty kick, saw the ball bounce off his legs to safety.

Yet they thoroughly earned at least a point, for Barrow could never match the smartness of the well-drilled Orient side. Erratic finishing let Barrow off the hook.

Barrow's goal—their first in the League this season—was laid on for Geoff Street by Garbett, a header that rocketed into the net before an Orient defender could move.

Terry Mancini scored the Orient equaliser 10 minutes from time with a header from a Malcolm Slater free kick.

## SOCCER SPOTLIGHT

### Barry Dyson

BARRY DYSON's meagre tally of two league goals this season should not be taken as a reflection on his scoring ability because this 26-year-old striker is now establishing himself as an efficient mid-field player.

Since the introduction of Barrie Fairbrother to league football Dyson has withdrawn more from the firing line and his tireless running, plus his almost telepathic understanding with linkmen Dave Harper and Peter Allen, has been one of the reasons for Orient's current run of success.

Orient signed Dyson from Watford for £5,000 at the end of last season. His mission? To pep up a shot-shy Orient attack. It has been money well spent. Dyson inspired O's to a 1-0 Boxing Day victory over league holders Swindon on his debut and finished the season as the club's top goalscorer with 10 league goals.



Barry Dyson ★ (404)

In a nine-year football career, which has spanned Tranmere, Crystal Palace, Watford and Orient, Dyson has hit 128 goals in 282 league matches. The goal which has given Dyson the most satisfaction is the one he scored at Rochdale on the opening day of the season—a right-foot screamer from 30 yards which flew unstopably into the roof of the net and set O's on the way to a sparkling 3-0 win. This one flash of opportunism showed why Barry has always been among the goals.