

SEASON 1972-73

ORIENT

v

LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1972

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION II

Football Club

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 5p

CHAIRMAN'S PAGE . . .



Everyone was, I feel, delighted with our League Cup draw against Wolves in the second round, although we would have liked the match at Brisbane Road. It immediately brought back memories of our wonderful F.A. Cup run last season when we reached the sixth round after defeating Leicester and Chelsea before going out to eventual finalists Arsenal.

Wolves must rate as one of the top teams in the country and our task is a great one. But we have proved we can live with the best of them and this class of opposition gives our young players tremendous experience.

We reached the second round with a comfortable victory over Watford, relegated from the Second Division last season. But one disturbing feature of the game was the booking of four players, three from Watford and one from Orient.

It was a match without a hint of violence although anyone who was not present would have thought otherwise when reading of four bookings.

It is this feature of apparent inconsistency among referees which worries so many people in football, myself included.

I watched a First Division match between Crystal Palace and Liverpool last Saturday: A tussle which had the signs of becoming rather too physical, never reaching that stage because of the faultless refereeing by Jack Taylor of Wolverhampton. And he did not book one man!

We are hoping the new disciplinary system, giving points for fouls, will bring more uniformity in punishment. I can only hope that the uniformity will become more evident on the pitch.

With the new season under way I would like to take the opportunity of wishing those players who left us during the close season every success for the future. Mark Lazarus has not joined another club and I believe may hang up his boots. He has given valuable service to several London clubs, not least our own, and I know he will be missed.

John Sewell is another who has been a faithful servant to the game, playing for Charlton, Crystal Palace, where he skippered them to the First Division, and Orient. He has gone to play in America and I am sure he will make a worthwhile contribution in a country in which football is struggling to gain support.

Three other players, Bobby Moss, Martin Binks and Johnny South, all joined Fourth Division Colchester and I know they will prove a great asset to that club.

From all reports we were fractionally close to earning a point at Sunderland on Saturday which would have been a fine achievement. Not many clubs will get a result at Roker Park and we did well to come so close to being one of them.

We do recognise that there are certain weaknesses in the side and our situation has not been helped by the absence of Tom Walley, now recovering from a cartilage operation. But we are always on the look out for new men to strengthen our pool of players although it is difficult to find money for new signings on our present gates.

Today we welcome Luton Town under new manager Harry Haslam for what I am certain will be an interesting and enjoyable tussle.

Thank you for your support.

ORIENT F.C.



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1955-56, 1969-70

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1961-62

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THE TRAVELLING ORIENT

For the next away game give the boys your support and travel by the Orient's Official Coaches. TO HULL.

Coach: Leaving ground at 8 a.m. Return fare £2.

Rail: Leaving Kings Cross at 9.10 a.m. arriving at Hull 12.45 p.m. Coaches to and from the ground (free). Return fare £4.

Football League Cup Second Round Away to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Tuesday, 5th September, 1972.

Coach: Leaving ground at 2 p.m. Return fare £1.50.

Blackpool 16th September. "Make a weekend of it."

Why not make it a good weekend in Blackpool. "See the match and the famous Blackpool lights":

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Booking by phone: Ring 539 6092 or 7709.

From the Pools Office

The St. Leger takes place Saturday September 9th and the Orient are running a St. Leger Draw on the race with big cash prizes to the winners. Tickets are on sale at the pools office or you may take tickets with you so as you can sell them to your friends.

If you are selling tickets for us they must be returned to the Office with your cash "NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1972".

Make a night out, call in at the Club Room and see the draw made on Wednesday night—it could be your lucky night and you draw that £100 for 5p.

ORIENT LEAGUE FIXTURES

1972/73

GOALS SCORED
SHOWN BOLD

| DATE | OPPONENTS | VENUE | RESULT | ATTENDANCE | R. GODDARD | P. HOADLEY | D. ROFE | P. BENNETT | P. HARRIS | P. ALLEN | D. DOWNING | T. BRISLEY | M. BULLOCK | B. DYSON | I. BOWYER | B. FAIRBROTHER | S. BOWTELL | T. WALLEY | R. ARBER | I. FILBY | P. JOHNSON | J. LEWIS | G. RIDDICK | R. FULTON | |
|---------|------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|--|
| AUG. 12 | OXFORD UNITED | H | 1-1 | 7,249 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11-1 | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | SUNDERLAND | A | 0-1 | 12,658 | | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | LUTON TOWN | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | MIDDLESBROUGH | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SEPT. 2 | HULL CITY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | BRISTOL CITY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | BLACKPOOL | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | BURNLEY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | PRESTON NORTH END | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | FULHAM | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OCT. 7 | CARDIFF CITY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | MILLWALL | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | CARLISLE UNITED | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOV. 3 | PRESTON NORTH END | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | BURNLEY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | SWINDON TOWN (1) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DEC. 2 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | ASTON VILLA | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | PORTSMOUTH | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | SUNDERLAND | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JAN. 6 | LUTON TOWN | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | HULL CITY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | BRISTOL CITY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FEB. 10 | BLACKPOOL | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | OXFORD UNITED | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | ASTON VILLA (5) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAR. 3 | CARDIFF CITY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | MILLWALL | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | CARLISLE UNITED (6) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| APR. 7 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | PORTSMOUTH | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | SWINDON TOWN | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | FULHAM | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | MIDDLESBROUGH | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



League Table Div II 1971/2

| | Home | | | | Goals | | | | Away | | | | Goals | | | | Pts. |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|--|------|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | F | A | | |
| Aston Villa .. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | | |
| Sheff. W. | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| Oxford | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Portsm'th ... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Carlisle | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Millwall | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Q.P.R. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Blackpool ... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Notts. F. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Bristol C. ... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Burnley | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Luton | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Sunderland .. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Cardiff | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Hud'sfield ... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Middlesbro' .. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Orient | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Brighton | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Swindon | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Fulham | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Hull | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Preston | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |

Mid-Week Football League Fixtures 1972-73

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|------|
| Aug. 30 | SOUTHEND UNITED | HOME |
| Sept. 5 | Southampton Town | Away |
| " 13 | Watford | Away |
| " 27 | MILLWALL | HOME |
| Oct. 3 | Charlton Athletic | Away |
| " 11 | GILLINGHAM | HOME |
| " 18 | Millwall | Away |
| " 25 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | HOME |
| Nov. 1 | Colchester United | Away |
| " 8 | COLCHESTER UNITED | HOME |
| " 15 | CHARLTON ATHLETIC | HOME |
| " 22 | Brighton & Hove Albion | Away |
| " 29 | WATFORD | HOME |
| Dec. 6 | Southend United | Away |
| " 13 | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB. | HOME |
| Jan. 3 | CAMBRIDGE UNITED | HOME |

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|---------|--------------------------|------|
| " 17 | Luton Town | Away |
| " 24 | CHARLTON ATH. (L.C.) | HOME |
| " 31 | Gillingham | Away |
| Feb. 14 | Cambridge United | Away |
| " 28 | MILLWALL (L.C.) | HOME |
| Mar. 14 | LUTON TOWN | HOME |
| " 28 | Millwall (L.C.) | Away |
| Apr. 17 | Charlton Athletic (L.C.) | Away |

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

Division One

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Tottenham | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 4 |
| Arsenal | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 4 |
| Q.P.R. | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Watford | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Orient | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Millwall | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Chelsea | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| West Ham | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| Brentford | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Charlton | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| Fulham | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Luton | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Crystal Palace | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Gillingham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Southend | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ipswich | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Reading | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 |

Division Two — Cup

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Crystal Palace | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| West Ham | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Chelsea | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Gillingham | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Orient | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |



LUTON TOWN 1972/73. Back row (left to right): Terry Robinson, Derek Hales, Les Harfield, Gordon Hineson, Bob Hatch, Vic Halom, Bobby Thomson, John Faulkner, Paul Price, Peter Anderson, Jimmy Ryan, Gerry Jones, Nicky Sparkes; middle row: Tony Castiello, Alan Garner, Robin Wainwright, Ken Goddeve, Keith Barber, Willie Carrick, Tony Read, John Moore, Alan Slough, Steve Litt, Micky Gilchrist; front row: Roy McCrohan (coach), John Ryan, John Aston, Harry Haslam (manager), Rodney Fern, Viv Busby, Ken Whitfield (Assistant coach).

Luton Town, now under new manager Harry Haslam, finished in a respectable middle-of-the-table position last season.

In the last year they sold Malcolm Macdonald to Newcastle and Chris Nicholl to Aston Villa but have found ideal replacements. In the close season they bought John Aston from Manchester United, John Faulkner from Leeds United, Rodney Fern from Leicester and Bobby Thomson from Birmingham.

Last season Luton held Orient to a goalless draw at Brisbane Road and won 2-0 at home.

Their playing staff:—

Keith Barber (goalkeeper): Came into the game late as a Professional after having been spotted in London senior football and, after having trials with Luton, went to Dunstable Town for a spell. Was recalled and displaced the experienced Tony Read in the First Team last season.

John Faulkner (centre-half): As Nicholl was being sold to Aston Villa, Luton were negotiating with Leeds United for Faulkner as a replacement. However, this former Sutton United amateur never got a chance in the first team through Garner's consistency, but means to change that this time.

Alan Garner (centre-half): His big chance came when Chris Nicholl was sold to Aston Villa last March and he went on to play confidently and earn himself a regular place. Was previously with Millwall who gave him few opportunities. Strong and assertive.

Bobby Thomson (left-back): Not so many years ago, Thomson was regarded as the best left-back in the country and has a handful of England caps to prove it. Was then with Wolves from whom he moved to Birmingham City for a big fee. Somehow or other, he never really settled with Birmingham, who loaned him to Walsall during last season and then gave him a free transfer.

LUTON

John Aston (forward): Several other Clubs were disappointed when Aston moved to Luton for a fee of £30,000, which begins to look a bargain figure. Now only 25, Aston has a load of First Division experience gained with Manchester United with whom he was a member of the First Team squad for some seasons.

Rodney Fern (forward): Luton's biggest close season signing, because he cost them a reputed £50,000 from Leicester City, for whom he played in their 1969 losing Cup Final. Strong, bustling type with a highly developed goal sense, he should increase the scoring potential.

Viv Busby (forward): Recruited from Wycombe Wanderers and spent two months on loan to Newcastle United during last season. In the end, Newcastle decided not to meet the £50,000 fee Luton were asking and he was allowed to return.

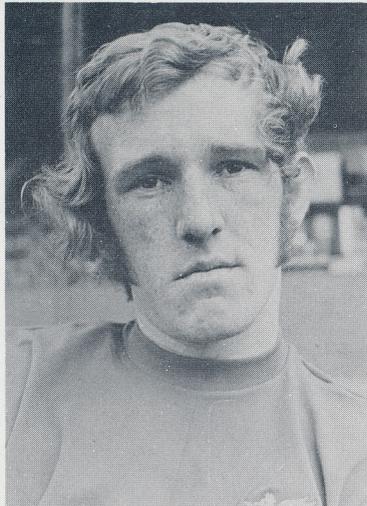
John Ryan (right-back): Although he had played games in their League team, Fulham released this capable defender two seasons ago and, since joining Luton, has improved out of recognition and is now in the big money class. Kent born, he had a spell with Arsenal before going to Craven Cottage.

Peter Anderson (forward): Another recruit from senior amateur soccer, Anderson was with Hendon and actually made his First Team debut for Luton when he was still an amateur. Top scorer last season with 10 goals.

Vic Halom (forward): Costly £30,000 signing from Fulham last season as a replacement for Malcolm Macdonald. Was previously with Charlton Athletic and Orient, and is expected to be a consistent marksman this time.

Jimmy Ryan (forward): Another who took the now well-beaten track from Old Trafford to Kenilworth Road and he was valued at around £20,000 at the time. A Scot, he had a most unlucky last season through injuries and illness, but has been showing his best form this time.

Wednesday,
August 16
ORIENT 2,
WATFORD 0
League Cup
First round



Ian Bowyer who put Orient ahead after only four minutes for his second goal of the season.



Derrick Downing who hit Orient's second goal and his first for the club.

"Orient moved smoothly into the second round of the League Cup thanks to two carbon copy first-half goals against brave Watford at Brisbane Road.

The first came after only four minutes when a Derrick Downing corner was headed on by Mickey Bullock for winger Ian Bowyer to swivel and head in off the far post.

Then in the 40th minutes a long throw by Barry Dyson was headed back by Terry Brisley and this time Downing nodded in the second." — Sun.

"Orient, London's giant-killing heroes last season, took a step towards further glory in the League Cup.

"Watford were swept aside as Orient stepped confidently into the second round." — Daily Mail.

"Derrick Downing, Orient's £20,000 capture from Middlesbrough, looked a bargain as he inspired this League Cup victory.

With Downing in impressive form, Watford rarely looked capable of upsetting Orient.

Goalkeeper Mike Walker saved Watford from a heavier defeat. His handling was always sound and he made one tremendous save from Bowyer." — Daily Mirror.

"Watford's only way of countering Orient's skill seemed to be brute force but they did not get away with it.

Three of their players were booked — David Butler, Ron Wigg and Mike McGovern, playing his first game on loan from Q.P.R.

It was inevitable that the violence would spread and as the game deteriorated Orient's Terry Brisley was booked for a foul on Jimmy Lindsay." — Daily Express.

**NEXT HOME
FIXTURE.**

**MIDDLESBROUGH
MONDAY, AUGUST 28
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
Division II Fixture**

The Young Ones..

In a new series we feature Orient's young ones—the club's apprentice professionals. The players we hope will be the stars of tomorrow.

GARY HIBBS

Midfield player Gary Hibbs (right) is another youngster to join the club as an apprentice professional during the close season.

The 15-year-old played for West London and London Schools last season and was an England trialist. He comes from Acton.

"This boy is an outstanding prospect and we managed to sign him despite competition from top clubs all over the country," says chief scout Len Cheesewright.



GLENN ROEDER

Sixteen-year-old Glen Roeder (bottom right) was an amateur with near-neighbours Arsenal and their loss has been Orient's gain.

A midfield player, Roeder comes from Hornchurch. He played for Havering, Essex and London Schools. The club have high hopes of him.

SEAN DRUMMY

A 15-year-old Hackney boy Sean Drummy (below) joined Orient in the close season. He represented Hackney Schools and attended the Brook House School with goalkeeper John Smeulders.

A fast, direct and clever winger Drummy showed his great potential with a fine display against Gillingham in the South East Counties League on Saturday.



**Press
Comment**

HALF TIMES

- A. Birmingham
- Crystal Palace
- B. Chelsea
- Manchester City
- C. Liverpool
- West Ham
- D. Manchester Utd.
- Arsenal
- E. Tottenham
- Leeds Utd.
- F. Brighton
- Sunderland
- G. Burnley
- Aston Villa
- H. Cardiff City
- Blackpool
- J. Huddersfield
- Carlisle
- K. Middlesbrough
- Fulham
- L. Millwall
- Portsmouth
- M. Notts. Forest
- Oxford Utd.
- N. Preston
- Q.P.R.

From the Postbag

Dear Sir,

I used to live in Devon and moved to New Zealand five years ago but as a boy I lived in Leyton and the Orient have always been my No. 1 team.

My wife says for someone who is 26 I behave like a kid, for we get the football results at 9 a.m. (New Zealand time) on the radio and when Orient win I get so excited. My wife doesn't understand why but women never understand soccer-crazy men.

Rugby is the No. 1 sport here but soccer is really on the go now although of a low standard.

My trouble is I cannot get enough news on the Orient in the soccer magazines from England.

Most of my friends know of the club now through the great F.A. Cup run you had last season. I have really got them interested now in the O's.

I wish you and the boys the best of luck for the season. I hope it will be the year for the O's and every Sunday I will be listening and praying.

John Williams,
11, Close Place, Onekawa,
Napier, New Zealand.

Be a Ball Donor

One of the most practical ways any supporter can give a little extra help to the club is to donate the ball used in any given Orient first team match.

For full details please consult our secretary John Falltrick at the main office at any time.

Our Regrets

We regret that due to a printing error we stated in the Oxford programme that reductions were still available for old age pensioners wishing to buy season tickets. Unfortunately this only applied until June 30 and now full rates have to be paid.

Season tickets are still available. Prices — Centre stand £21; South Wing stand £15.75 and North Wing £15.75 (all new tip-up seats).



P E T C H E Y ' S V I E W

You often hear the "We wuz robbed" comment in football. Well, it certainly applied to us at Sunderland on Saturday when we were desperately unlucky not to come away with a point.

The players did everything that was asked of them and produced some outstanding individual performances. In fact, we had five goal-scoring chances to their two yet they managed the one and only goal of the game.

Last season we lost 2-0 at Roker Park and there was a tremendous improvement from that match. An improvement which deserved some reward.

I have recommended Dennis Rofe, Phil Hoadley and Ian Bowyer for England Under-23 selection and I feel I am realistic in doing so. The potential of all three is enormous and I feel they deserve recognition. I would have also put Paul Harris's name to that list for I also believe he has an equally fine future but in his case I sense that perhaps he would benefit from another year's league experience before being put forward for international honours.

MARVELLOUS CHALLENGE

We are all thrilled with the prospect of our League Cup second round match at Wolves. It is a marvellous challenge for our players and an opportunity for them to show they have the ability and character to match class opposition.

Many people have been tipping Wolves for top honours this season which makes the game even more attractive. Their 3-2 victory over Tottenham last Saturday was a clear example of their quality and football skill.

We will be preparing in the same depth as we did for Leicester, Chelsea and Arsenal in the F.A. Cup last season. We won two of those matches, being unlucky to lose in the sixth round against Arsenal. So we have the confidence and knowledge to believe we could cause another upset.

We will, of course, start as underdogs. Wolves have been one of the greatest cup sides in the country and would probably be labelled favourites at home against all the top clubs.

GOOD PROGRESS

I am happy to report that Tom Walley is making good progress. He has just started light training. That after having a cartilage operation only a few weeks ago gives you an idea of his spirit and determination. Unfortunately, it will still be four weeks or so before we can expect him back to 100 per cent fitness.

Our home matches against Luton today and then Middlesbrough on Monday evening presents us with the chance to move into a respectable position in the table. We hope to take it.

Only after the first month of the season when the dust settles will we get a true picture of what clubs look like challenging for honours. At the moment newly-promoted Aston Villa is the only side with maximum points — four — so it shows that there is little to choose between most sides at the moment.

GEORGE PETCHEY.

ORIENT

Colours: All Red

Sub.: Barrie FAIRBROTHER

1.

Ray GODDARD

4.

Peter BENNETT

5.

Paul HARRIS

2.

Phil HOADLEY

3.

Dennis ROFE

8.

Terry BRISLEY

6.

Peter ALLEN

10.

Barry DYSON

7.

Derrick DOWNING

9.

Mickey BULLOCK

11.

Ian BOWYER

Referee:

Mr. H. P. Hackney
(Barnsley)

Ball Donor:
Bemi Woodstores



Linesmen:

A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)
Red flag

J. J. Faulkner (Didcot)
Yellow flag

11.

John ASTON

8.

Rodney FERN

9.

Viv BUSBY

4.

Peter ANDERSON

10.

Vic HALOM

7.

Jim RYAN

3.

Bobby THOMSON

2.

John RYAN

6.

John FAULKNER

5.

Alan GARNER

1.

Keith BARBER

Sub.:

LUTON TOWN

Colours: White/Black

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Mr. Harold Hackney, of Barnsley, became a Football League referee in 1958 having started with the Barnsley F.A. in 1949 and progressed through the Yorkshire League.

In 1963 he officiated in the France-Switzerland international as linesman and a year later in the Inter Cities Fairs game between Anderlecht and Barcelona, also as a linesman. He was senior linesman in the 1970 Watney Cup Final and refereed a semi-final of last season's F.A. Challenge Trophy.

Married with two daughters, he is a clerical officer. He is a referee examiner for Sheffield and Hallamshire County F.A. and vice-President of Barnsley Referees' Association.