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NEWS and VIEWS

Today we entertain our friends from the Orient. Although their results recently have been quite good, it is sad to see this very friendly and hospitable club struggling for its very existence, and living from day to day on a shoe-string budget. Yet only a few seasons ago they were proud members of the First Division of the Football League.

Today their gates average somewhere in the region of 4,000. Such are the troubles of football management, and the fickleness of some football supporters'.

The Orient, by virtue of their geographical position, face severe competition from Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur, although the latter are a little more distant.

Many of us can remember them as Clapton Orient, a side to be feared with their white shirts, red 'V' and black shorts. Today they wear blue shirts with white shorts. Many older supporters are sorry to see the old style jersey disappear for what is now worn, a kind of continental tee-shirt. What memories the red and white stripes of Southampton, the black and yellow of Newport, and the blue and white hoops of Reading recall to many.

Some clubs still retain their original style, for instance Aston Villa, with their claret and blue with distinctive sleeves, and of course, Blackburn Rovers, with blue and white halves.

Ideas and methods change but tradition counts, and it is good to retain some things from the past. We have our own memories of the great giants of the past who played for Swin-

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don, many of them great characters—something which is lacking in football today. A few such as Bobby Charlton exist, but the number is very small.

However, back to our opponents. After Clapton Orient, they became known as Leyton Orient when they moved to Brisbane Road, Leyton, from Millfields Road, Clapton, E5.

In view of their small support we believe the management contemplated moving again to one of the "New Towns", but it seems that this idea has been discarded, at least for the time being.

Last season we played the Orient on the County Ground on Saturday, 5th November, 1966. We were certainly comrades in distress because prior to the game Swindon were third from the bottom of the league with the following record:—

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
14	3	4	7	22	24	10

The Orient were one place below us with:—

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
14	2	5	7	13	21	9

I'm afraid we were not very kind to them as we defeated them by five goals to one, and continued our run, which began three weeks previously with a draw at Walsall 1—1. This series took us to the match after Christmas, with only one defeat (at Gillingham) in twelve games. The victory over Orient gave the Club a great moral boost and confidence to the team.

Swindon (5): Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Smart, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Brown, Penman, Butler, Walker. — Sub: Morgan.

Scorers: Trollope, Rogers, Brown, Penman, Walker.

The Orient (1): Rouse; Carter, Whitehouse; Ackerman, Went, Forsyth; Allen, Goodgame, Jones, Holton, Price.

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Scorer: Jones.

Referee: E. J. Jennings.

Attendance: 8,996. Receipts: £1,440 2s. 6d.

The Orient again set us on the upward trail in the away fixture played on 1st April, 1967. The result was a draw 0—0, but it was the beginning of a sequence of nine games which brought Swindon within striking distance of promotion.

Incidentally, seven of those games resulted in a victory. We can only hope this game will continue the events of last season.

The Orient, with all its chequered career, has produced some famous players. Many remember Jack Townrow, centre half for England; Vic Groves, outside right; Dave Sexton, now manager of Chelsea.

Perhaps the best known of managers (although D. Sexton was manager for a short time) is Mr. Alex Stock, now leading Queen's Park Rangers to what appears to be promotion to Division I. Others were Peter Proudfoot, Jimmy Seed and Leslie Gore.

The Club is now in the process of appointing a new man following the resignation of Mr. Graham. He faces a hard task and we wish him every luck and success. We do not want to lose our old and esteemed friends. We hear a lot about the 'Old Pals' act but it is sad to see any club in low water.

Talking of managers, we were sorry to hear Roy Onslow had left Trowbridge Town. A great trier, he worked very hard with that club, and at the beginning enjoyed much success. It was a difficult job, but Roy enjoyed it. He loves his football, and will no doubt soon be working for another club. We wish him well.

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LAST WEEKS MATCHES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

Tuesday, 27th February, 1968.

Beat GRIMSBY TOWN (Home) 5—0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Penman, Noble, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Scorers: Terry 2, Rogers 2, 1 own goal.

Referee: Mr. H. D. Davies (Cardiff).

Attendance: 12,791.

Saturday, 2nd March, 1968.

Lost to BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE ATHLETIC (Away) 2—1.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Penman, Noble, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Sub: Heath.

Scorer: Terry.

Referee: Mr. A. E. Dimond (Harlow).

Attendance: 7,517.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 2nd March, 1968.

Beat NORTHAMPTON TOWN (Home) 2—0.

Team: Jones; Dawson, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Clark; Mascia, Dangerfield, Giles, Bailey, Walker.

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 2nd March, 1968.

Beat AMERSHAM (Home) 3—2.

Team: Parsons; Allen, King; Morgan, Gubbins, Tyler; Boorman, Wall, Grubb, Jeffrey, Morris.

Scorer: Grubb 3.



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PETER ALLEN

Age 19. Born at Brighton. Played for Tottenham Hotspur as an amateur before joining the Orient. Peter is rapidly making a name for himself in League football.

MICK JONES

Age 21. Born at Birkhamstead. Previous Clubs were Fulham and Chelsea. He joined Orient in January 1966 and has been a regular first team member since

CLIFF HOLTON

Born at Oxford. Cliff is surely one of Soccer's great personalities and still keeps popping up for another season. He is rated one of the hardest kickers of the ball in the game and is fast approaching the 300 goal mark. He played with Arsenal for 11 years and appeared for them at Wembley in the 1952 Cup Final. He has since helped Watford, Northampton and Crystal Palace to promotion. Joined Orient from Charlton last season.

BERT HOWE

Born at Charlton. Joined Orient from Crystal Palace his first and only other League Club. He played a big part in helping Palace to win promotion to Division 2 and is a whole-hearted Club player.

BRIAN WHITEHOUSE

Born at West Bromwich. Played for West Bromwich Albion for seven years scoring many fine goals for them, particularly two in the Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup against Aston Villa in 1956. He has since helped Norwich, Wrexham and Palace to win promotion. Joined Orient from Charlton last season.

EDDIE WERGE

Represented London and Kent schools. Played for Charlton for six years then moved over to Crystal Palace and helped them win promotion to Division 2. Joined Orient last season from South Africa where he completed a two year tour. A fine versatile player.

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BRIAN WOOD

Played for West Bromwich Albion for several seasons before moving to Crystal Palace where he was a prominent member of their promotion side. Joined Orient last season.

MALCOLM SLATER

A former Scottish Amateur International, played for Montrose and Celtic. Joined Orient from Southend last year and immediately became popular with the Orient supporters for his skilful and resolute play.

GRAHAM ARCHELL

Signed Amateur forms for the Club 6/6/67. Professional 20/11/67. Inside forward joined the Club from school, local boy.

VICTOR HALOM

Transferred from Charlton Athletic after being on loan 6th October, 1967. Wing half or inside forward.

ROY MASSEY

Signed from Rotherham United on 1/9/67 together with Simpson. Centre forward.

OWEN SIMPSON

Signed with Massey from Rotherham United, now playing at outside left, coming to the Orient as a full back.

TOMMY TAYLOR

Still an apprentice professional with the Club, joined the Orient from school. Captained England Schoolboys as a centre half.

TERRY MANCINI

Joined the Orient in October 1967, after returning from South Africa. Previously played for Watford.

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The talking point of most supporters these days is, of course, the possibility of promotion this year to Division II. Letters to the press, as well, emphasise the interest in this important state of affairs.

Last year, almost to the date—March 14th to be exact by date—and to this very evening in practice—saw the replay against Nottingham Forest. We all know the enthusiasm of those weeks last year. The effect on the First team was equally remarkable. It is difficult to assess which was the more important factor in this respect—the playing success against top teams, giving a boost to confidence in play, or the knowledge the lads had, at last, their supporters right behind them. Probably a combination of the two is nearer the truth. Albeit, the result was remarkable.

Let us compare the two League positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	League Ptn.
1966/67	30	10	6	14	52	44	26	20th
1967/68	31	12	9	10	53	34	33	11th

We ended last season, as I recall, lacking six points for promotion. We have those six points at this stage. With the exception of Shrewsbury, Oxford and Watford (the latter away) we have played all the top teams and, with the exception of Shrewsbury, are a game in hand over all clubs above us. Promotion is still there for the taking—provided the opportunity is grasped. The root of the matter lies in the away games. Last Saturday's away match against Shrewsbury, has added two very valuable points which has vastly improved the position.



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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

Once more, I urge all supporters to concentrate on encouraging the lads in this final stage of this season. You all expect a full 90 minutes of endeavour from the lads. Let them, in return, get at the very least 90 minutes of full encouragement in return, and let any inquests rest until the proper time—the end of the season.

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August 19	CHELSEA.....	(A)	0—1
26	SOUTHAMPTON.....	1,625 (H)	0—3
29	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(A)	0—4
September 2	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(A)	1—6
9	WALSALL.....	1,278 (H)	0—2
16	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	0—1
23	ARSENAL.....	(H)	0—1
October 7	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(A)	0—5
14	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(A)	2—5
November 4	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(H)	0—2
18	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(H)	1—3
21	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(H)	0—0
29	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(A)	1—4
December 2	ARSENAL (C).....	(H)	1—2
12	ARSENAL (C).....	(A)	0—2
16	CHELSEA.....	(H)	0—2
23	SOUTHAMPTON.....	(A)	2—2
26	COVENTRY CITY.....	(H)	2—4
1968			
January 2	COVENTRY CITY.....	(A)	2—5
16	WALSALL.....	(H)	1—5
20	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	0—0
February 3	ARSENAL.....	(H)	1—0
5	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	3—2
10	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(A)	0—2
17	LEICESTER CITY.....	(H)	1—2
24	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(A)	2—6
March 2	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)	2—0
9	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(H)	2—0
20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(H)	
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	
30	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(H)	
April 6	LEICESTER CITY.....	(A)	
20	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(H)	
30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(H)	
May 4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(A)	
	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(H)	

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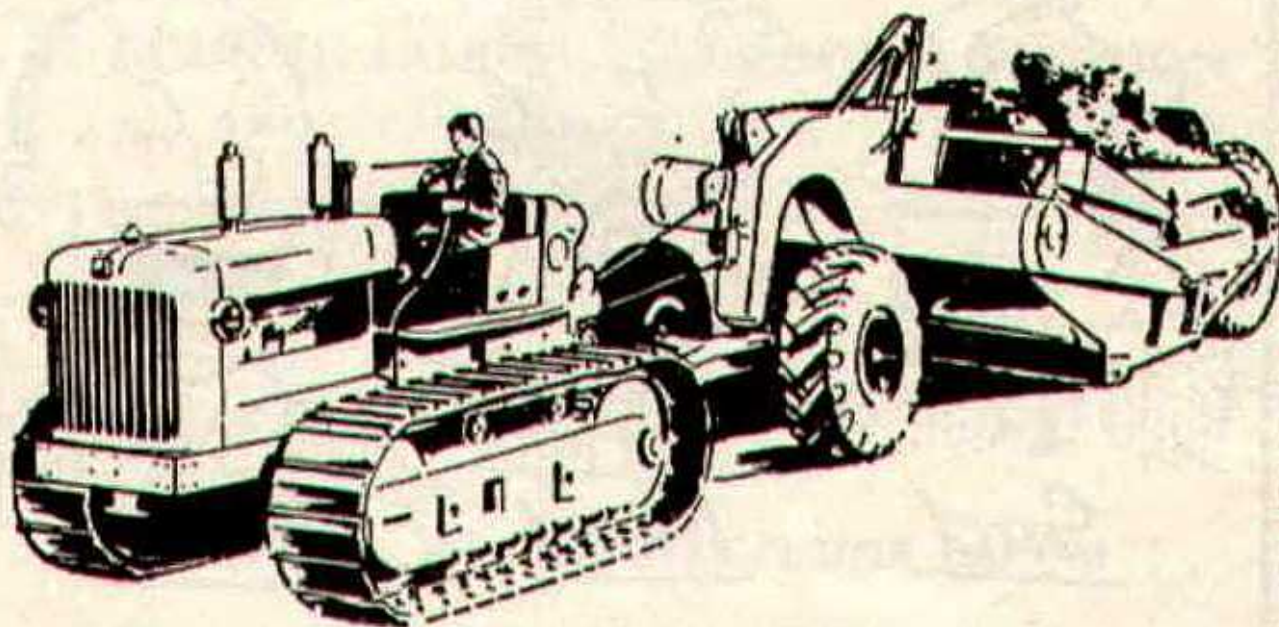
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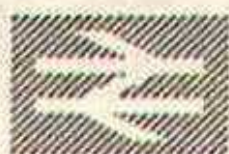
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(up to and including Saturday, 9th March, 1968)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	34	17	8	9	74	50	42
Torquay United	33	17	8	8	45	38	42
Shrewsbury Town	33	14	10	9	49	42	38
Barrow	33	16	5	12	52	38	37
Watford	33	15	6	12	54	36	36
Walsall	33	14	8	11	53	45	36
Stockport County	33	14	8	11	47	43	36
Swindon Town	32	13	9	10	54	34	35
Oxford United	33	12	11	10	49	43	35
Brighton & H.A.	33	11	13	9	38	36	35
Reading	33	14	7	12	46	48	35
Peterborough United	33	14	6	13	55	54	34
Bournemouth & B.A.	33	12	10	11	37	38	34
Gillingham	33	12	10	11	43	46	34
Bristol Rovers	32	12	7	13	52	53	31
Southport	32	12	7	13	46	48	31
Northampton Town	33	10	11	12	41	48	31
Tranmere Rovers	31	10	8	13	51	57	28
Oldham Athletic	33	12	3	18	42	50	27
Colchester United	33	9	9	15	37	59	27
Orient	29	8	10	11	33	40	26
Mansfield Town	32	9	8	15	38	48	26
Scunthorpe United	34	8	10	16	42	62	26
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August 19	Brighton & Hove Albion	15,790 (H)	2—1
22	Newport County (League Cup)	10,870 (H)	1—1
25	Stockport County	9,103 (A)	0—2
29	Newport Co. (League Cup Replay)	6,537 (A)	0—2
September 2	Tranmere Rovers	12,152 (H)	3—1
4	Barrow	7,352 (A)	1—1
9	Orient	4,722 (A)	0—0
16	Northampton Town	13,280 (H)	4—0
23	Walsall	9,132 (A)	2—3
26	Barrow	13,567 (H)	0—1
30	Gillingham	12,983 (H)	2—2
October 4	Reading	17,867 (A)	1—2
7	Bury	8,222 (A)	1—1
14	Bournemouth & B.A.	11,135 (H)	4—0
21	Colchester United	4,907 (A)	1—2
24	Reading	17,229 (H)	5—1
28	Peterborough United	12,215 (H)	0—0
November 4	Mansfield Town	4,619 (A)	2—2
11	Watford	13,327 (H)	2—0
13	Tranmere Rovers	6,519 (A)	2—3
18	Southport	5,008 (A)	1—1
25	Scunthorpe United	11,944 (H)	2—0
December 2	Oldham Athletic	6,965 (A)	2—0
12	(1) Salisbury	12,193 (H)	4—0
16	Brighton & Hove Albion	9,141 (A)	0—0
19	Stockport County	12,856 (H)	2—0
26	Torquay United	12,910 (A)	1—1
30	Torquay United	18,161 (H)	1—0
January 6	(2) Luton Town	18,203 (H)	3—2
20	Northampton Town	10,339 (A)	0—2
27	(3) Blackburn Rovers	20,830 (H)	1—0
February 3	Walsall	17,288 (H)	3—0
10	Gillingham	5,116 (A)	1—3
17	(4) Sheffield Wednesday	37,364 (A)	1—2
24	Bury	14,462 (H)	2—3
27	Grimsby Town	12,791 (H)	5—0
March 2	Bournemouth & B.A.	7,517 (A)	1—2
9	(5) Shrewsbury Town	7,810 (A)	1—0
12	Orient	(H)	
16	Colchester United	(H)	
19	Shrewsbury Town	(H)	
23	Peterborough United	(A)	
30	(6) Mansfield Town	(H)	
April 6	Watford	(A)	
12	Oxford United	(A)	
13	Southport	(H)	
16	Oxford United	(H)	
19	Scunthorpe United	(A)	
23	Bristol Rovers	(H)	
27	(S.F.) Oldham Athletic	(H)	
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11	Grimsby Town	(A)	

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