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THE CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

Even the best laid plans of directors and managers can go astray. We are trying to run the Orient sensibly within our means and to that end we pruned our playing staff during the summer to only 15 full-time professionals.

Yet last week that first-team squad was reduced to only ten fit players, two of whom were goal-keepers. In order not to jeopardise our chances of success this season we had no alternative but to go into the transfer market rather hurriedly and in the hope our signings would work out for the best.

We bought goalscorer Eddie Thomas from Derby and defender Owen Simpson and forward Ray Massey from Rotherham. We were also fortunate enough to secure on loan half-back Vic Halom of Charlton and winger Doug Eadie of West Ham and we are very grateful to both these clubs for coming to our aid at a rather critical time.

We also began making arrangements to sign one or two players from Crystal Palace but they themselves ran into injury difficulties and those negotiations have been postponed.

On the face of it the first result of our five signings was disappointing. They all played at Reading and we lost 4-2. But the score does not tell the full story and the match was in fact a good example of the way the tide of fortune is running against us at the moment.

We in fact took the lead in the first half and were still holding our own until nine minutes from the end when a penalty was given against us for what in all honesty seemed more an accident than a foul by Eddie Werge.

We must just hope and work for our luck to change and our wonderful supporters can play their part by giving the team every possible encouragement. Let's hear from you all during today's match against Swindon Town, one of the most talented and attractive sides in the Third Division who thrilled so many Soccer supporters with their wonderful run to the fifth round of the F.A. Cup last season. We offer a warm welcome to Swindon's players officials and supporters.

My last word today is reserved for our juniors who achieved a fine 5-3 victory over Queen's Park Rangers last Saturday. Keep it up, lads!



INFORMATION DESK

SEASON TICKETS

Seasons can still be obtained. Centre £8.8.0, Wing £7.7.0. Remember, it guarantees you the seat of your choice.

ADVANCE BOOKINGS

Centre stand seats at 9/- each are bookable up to three weeks in advance of any home League match this season. Wing stand seats at 7/- each are available at the turnstiles.

SEATS CAN BE BOOKED EITHER AT THE GENERAL OFFICE OR BY POSTAL APPLICATIONS (Cheque and P.O. to be made payable to Orient F.C.).

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THE ORIENT CLUB

Dear Supporters,

Since writing to you in our last programme the Annual General Meeting of the old Leyton Orient Supporters Club took place on Thursday, 4th August, and in accordance with the proposals put before the meeting the name was changed to the Orient Club (Supporters Section) and new rules were accepted by a clear majority. It is now hoped that the club can get down to it's main task which is to help the Orient Football Club.

In a later programme details will be given of the names of the people who have volunteered to run various activities of the club and we shall be asking for more helpers to get in touch with these people and assist us in our tasks. The first aim must be to increase the membership of the club and I hope you will take the opportunity of joining today at one of the several huts around the ground.

"THE FIFTY CLUB"

A few vacancies still exist in this club. The initial reaction of our founder members is that they are very pleased with the facilities provided for them and, of course, we hope to improve these facilities when we have had an opportunity to find out exactly what the members want.

I have been told that some people are not clear about the objects of the Fifty Club and if anybody feels they would like to have further details in order to decide whether or not they would like to join then they can get in touch with me in business hours at telephone number 01-626 0413.

"THE SOCIAL CLUB"

I am now pleased to be able to tell you that outline planning permission has been granted for the new Club Room to be erected on the south terrace and final detailed planning is now taking place. I believe that the advent of this new Club Room can be a great thing for the Orient F.C. and we now all look forward to opening day.

Today we shall be welcoming in our team all or several of the new players who have joined us at a time when our small force of players has been sadly depleted by early season injuries and I want all you Orient Supporters to give a hearty Brisbane Road welcome to both the old and new faces appearing today and let them know in no uncertain terms by your cheering and your support that you are right behind them.

R. S. BRIGGS, *Director.*

THE FAN DRAIN

While many clubs up and down the country were pulling in more and more spectators, the Orient's average gate fell last season by 1,397. This is a slide we want to stop and our good performances in the second half of last season went some way towards halting the trend.

The table below, compiled by the *Daily Mail*, show that although we finished fourteenth in Division Three on points we were in fact fourth from bottom in the chart for fans won and lost. That's one relegation position we hope to pull clear from this season.

DIVISION III

	League position	Total gate 1966/67	Average 1966/67	Diff. from 1965/66
Queens Park Rangers ..	1	302,614	13,157	+4,895
Middlesbrough ..	2	404,474	17,586	+4,136
Mansfield Town ..	9	179,393	7,799	+1,713
Shrewsbury Town ..	6	147,538	6,414	+1,298
Bristol Rovers ..	5	235,823	10,253	+1,247
Watford ..	3	200,666	8,725	+1,030
Oldham ..	10	228,624	9,940	+997
Torquay United ..	7	159,909	6,953	+745
Colchester United ..	13	128,055	5,568	+417
Scunthorpe United ..	18	120,492	5,239	+58
Workington ..	24	61,281	2,664	-599
Peterborough United ..	15	147,715	6,422	-815
Gillingham ..	11	150,593	6,548	-944
Bournemouth ..	20	122,645	5,332	-996
Walsall ..	12	190,826	8,297	-999
Brighton ..	19	271,051	11,785	-1,013
Swindon Town ..	8	271,085	11,786	-1,338
Darlington ..	22	151,583	6,591	-1,361
Grimsby Town ..	16	134,562	5,850	-1,388
Swansea Town ..	21	148,975	6,477	-1,392
Leyton Orient ..	17	137,556	5,981	-1,397
Oxford United ..	14	170,326	7,405	-2,332
Reading ..	4	151,739	6,597	-2,359
Doncaster Rovers ..	23	172,805	7,514	-3,070

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Brian Blower, our Pools organiser, whose wife gave birth to a baby daughter last Monday.

SCRAP THE FOUR-STEP RULE

BY LAWRIE HACKER

(Recorder Newspapers)

When the 1967-68 season kicked off last week there came with it a nasty new rule which restricts goalkeepers to four steps after which they must release the ball.

The FA introduced it following a decision by the International Board, whose job it is to formulate the rules of the game. I believe it is a law which should be withdrawn as soon as possible!

The idea behind it is that goalkeepers are now unable to use time-wasting tactics while in possession of the ball. But after seeing the rule in practice it is painfully obvious that it does not work!

Further, it serves only to create an abundance of hidden dangers to the goalkeeper, who is now forced into hasty clearances and whose style is now severely cramped.

And of course, it can bring about the ludicrous situation of an opposing team earning a free-kick almost on the goal-line.

Does the rule speed up the game? Certainly goalkeepers have to release the ball much faster when being challenged—with only four steps allowed they can no longer out-manoeuvre an opposing forward.

But already keepers who in the past would have fielded a loose ball in their area now prefer to let it run over the line—and are thus wasting just as much time gathering it and setting it up for a goal-kick. On the field, a great deal of time is wasted with throw-ins.

To my mind the rule is also damaging to the tactical skill of a game. The goalkeeper is in a sense one of the best attackers a side has got. He is in the best position to set up attacks by careful distribution to specific players. Four steps hamper that advantage, and so this much-used tactic is lost for the greater part of a game.

The real danger of course is going to come when the weather gets worse. Picture the situation . . . Goalkeeper manages to catch a wet, heavy ball on his line . . . opposing forwards are right there to challenge and he only has four moves in which to get rid of it on a slippery surface.



Scrap the Four-Step Rule (cont.)

Law 12 of the Football Association reads:

A goalkeeper who:

(a) takes more than four steps whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again without releasing it so that it is played by another player or

(b) indulges in tactics which, in the opinion of the referee, are designed merely to hold up the game and thus waste time and so give an unfair advantage to his own team shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free kick to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred.

The new four-step rule means you will be seeing goalkeepers throwing the ball out more and more and kicking clear less and less. Our own Ron Willis demonstrates.

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**SATURDAY
9th SEPT.**

K.O. 3.0 p.m.

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(Retford)

Linesmen:

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1 P. DOWNSBOROUGH

Born Halifax. Signed in August 1965 from Halifax Town. Product of local football.

2 Rod THOMAS

Born Glyncorrwg. Gained Welsh Under 23 Cap and Full Welsh Cap against Ireland.

3 John TROLLOPE

Born Swindon. Celebrated 300 consecutive League appearances for the Club.

4 David HARPER

Born London. Signed from Ipswich Town.

5 Mel NURSE

Born Swansea. Signed from Middlesbrough in Aug. 1965. Played for Wales 12 times.

6 Stan HARLAND

Born Liverpool. Signed from Carlisle United.

7 Joe BUTLER

Born Newcastle. Joined from Newcastle Utd.

8 Willie PENMAN

Born Wemyss, Fife. Signed from Newcastle U.

9 Pat TERRY

Born Lambeth. Signed from Reading.

10 Roger SMART

Born Swindon. Local who joined Club direct from Swindon Schoolboys Team.

11 Don ROGERS

Born Paulton. Many England Youth International Caps. Club's top goal scorer.

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TO-DAY'S REFEREE



Maurice Fussey of Retford began refereeing in 1951 in the Scarborough League. On completing his Army service in 1955 he returned to refereeing in the North Riding League in which his father was also a referee.

After three years with the now-disbanded Midland League he stepped up to become a Football League linesman and within a year he won a place on the League's supplementary list of referees.

On August 24th, 1960, he refereed his first Football League match, between Gillingham and Crewe and two years later was appointed to the full League list.

Throughout his career Mr. Fussey has kept himself at the peak of condition by training every day during the season and he was rewarded by running a line in the 1962 F.A. Cup semi-final between Spurs and Manchester United and refereeing the 1965 League Cup semi-final between Aston Villa and Chelsea.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS AT HOME

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

Brighton, our visitors on Saturday, September 23rd are one of the most ambitious clubs in the Third Division and are frequently busy in the transfer market in an effort to improve their team and launch a successful promotion challenge.

(continued opposite)

AWAY MATCHES

Why not join the band of supporters who follow the Orient to all our away matches? This is the way to make new friends and influence the team with your support. Every friendly cheer makes it easier to bring back the points.

Our next trip is to Shrewsbury and all members of the supporters club are invited to join us in travelling by luxury coaches. The details are:

SHREWSBURY: Saturday, September 16th. Kick-off **6.30 p.m.**

Coach leaves Marsh Hill at 10.45 a.m. and departs from outside the ground in Brisbane Road at 11 a.m. Fare is 25s.

To book YOUR seat 'phone Terry Baxter at COP 5245.

You may wish to make your own way to the match. If so we offer the following information:

Convenient train times are:

Depart EUSTON ..	13.15	14.15	15.15
Arrive SHREWSBURY	16.01	17.26	18.01

Changing at Wolverhampton.

Depart SHREWSBURY	22.50		
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Arrive EUSTON ..	2.40	Changing at Crewe.	
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To reach Shrewsbury by road:

Take the M.1 to Birmingham and Wolverhampton, then the A464 to Ockengates and finally the A.5 to Shrewsbury.

The team will be playing in **RED** at Shrewsbury.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS AT HOME (continued)

Archie Macaulay, their experienced manager, now has a strong, resourceful side at his disposal who are capable of a good deal of penetrating attacking football. Their talent is liberally spread throughout the team.

The class starts in goal where Brian Powney, their regular keeper for many seasons, now contests the first team place with big Tony Burns who joined Albion from Arsenal at the start of the 1966-7 campaign.

One of Brighton's best-known players is right back Jimmy Magill, another former Arsenal player who moved to the Sussex club in 1965 and has frequently represented Northern Ireland.

The men to watch in Brighton's attack are Charlie Livesey, the former Chelsea, Watford and Northampton centre forward, Kit Napier, ex-Newcastle and Workington striker, and Howard Wilkinson, a hard-shooting outside-right signed from Sheffield Wednesday in 1966.

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM



Our action picture shows Peter Allen, our fine young wing half who lives in Brighton, who was moved up to inside forward in our rearranged team at Reading—and promptly responded with two good goals. That made Peter our only League Scorer up to then and prompted manager Dick Graham to keep him up there for Tuesday night's match at Walsall.

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The injury jinx which had a lot to do with us going into the transfer market last week continued to haunt us in last Saturday's luckless 4-2 defeat at Reading.

One of our five new signings, young winger Doug Eadie on loan from West Ham United, had to go off 20 minutes from time, following a promising first half, because of cramp.

Fortunately our other new players came through unscathed. They are forwards Eddie Thomas and Ron Massey who we bought from Derby and Rotherham respectively, full back Owen Simpson, also from Rotherham, and wing half Vic Halom who is on loan from Charlton.

There was encouragement, too, in the return to fitness and the first team of club captain Brian Whitehouse. But Mick Jones, Malcolm Slater and Bert Howe are still under treatment and will be out for some little time yet.

There is another home fixture to note in your diary. We have been drawn at Leyton Stadium in the first round of the London Challenge Cup against Athenian League amateurs Dagenham on Monday, October 2nd.

RADIO ORIENT

We hope you have been enjoying the new RADIO ORIENT programme we have been broadcasting since the start of the season. There has been a grand response to the Record Request sessions and a further request form is included below. Fill it in now and send it to us and we shall be glad to include your favourite disc in our next broadcast.

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INTRODUCING NEVILLE OVENDEN



Mr. Neville Ovenden, who was born in the neighbouring borough of Edmonton, has been an Orient director for almost a year.

A 40-year-old paper merchant in London, he was taken to his first football match at the age of nine, and has been a devotee of the game ever since.

As a youngster he played for Edmonton boys and London boys and from there graduated to senior amateur football. At one stage of his career he was very tempted to turn professional but finally decided to enter the family business. Throughout his years as a fan, player and now director he has hardly missed a Saturday's football.

Before joining the Orient board, Mr. Ovenden was for many years vice-president of Enfield Football Club. He is

very much a working director of the Orient, regularly visits the club several times each week, and travels all over the country with the team for away matches.

Mr. Ovenden served with the R.A.F. during the war, is married and with two sons aged 16 and six and now lives at Broxbourne. As well as his interest in football he is also a keen golfer.

FIRST AID

In the case of accident or illness spectators should call on the skilled services of the St. John Ambulance Brigade members who can be found at the mouth of the player's tunnel leading to the pitch. We are grateful to the Brigade for providing these First Aid facilities.

“ THE ORIENT CLUB ”

Junior Section

This is something brand new for our younger followers and will be open to all young people between the ages of twelve and sixteen. Club nights will be held at the ground each week and it is intended to arrange a programme of events which will be of interest to all those who are keen followers of the game. The Membership Fee for the junior section will be 2/6, the same as for adults but I feel sure you will think it worth while when you find what we have in store for you. Below you will find an application form which you should complete and send with a Postal Order for 2/6d. to The Secretary, Orient Club (Junior Section), Orient F.C., Brisbane Road, London, E.15. (And please don't forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your membership card.)

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES AT LEYTON STADIUM

Saturday, September 16th	Colts v. West Ham United (South East Counties League). Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
Saturday, September 23rd	BRIGHTON (Division Three) Kick-off 3 p.m.
Monday, September 25th	WALSALL (Division Three) Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

FIXTURE LIST

1967	Opponents	Result	1968		
S. Aug. 19	Grimsby Town A	0—0	S. Jan. 6	F.A. Cup 2nd Rd.	
Tu. " 22	Gillingham LC)H	1—3	S. " 13	Swindon Tn. A	
S. " 26	Torquay Utd. H	0—2	S. " 20	Shrewsbury H	
S. Sept. 2	Reading A	2—4	S. " 27	Gillingham H	(3rd Rd.)
Tu. " 5	Walsall A	0—5	S. Feb. 3	Brighton & H. A	
S. " 9	Swindon Tn. H		S. " 10	Stockport C. H	
S. " 16	Shrewsbury A		F. " 16	Tranmere R. A	
S. " 23	Brighton & H. H		S. " 17	F.A. Cup 4th Rd.	
M. " 25	Walsall H		S. " 24	Watford H	
F. " 29	Stockport C. A		F. Mar. 1	Southport A	
Tu. Oct. 3	Northampton A		S. " 9	Gillingham A	(5th Rd.)
S. " 7	Watford A		S. " 16	Scunthorpe H	
S. " 14	Southport H		S. " 23	Oldham A. A	
S. " 21	Scunthorpe A		S. " 30	Bristol Rovers H	(6th Rd.)
Tu. " 24	Northampton H		M. Apr. 1	Torquay U. A	
S. " 28	Oldham A. H		S. " 6	Barrow A	
S. Nov. 4	Bristol Rovers A		S. " 13	Oxford Utd. H	
S. " 11	Barrow H		M. " 15	Mansfield T. H	
M. " 13	Reading H		Tu. Apr. 16	Mansfield T. A	
S. " 18	Oxford Utd. A		S. " 20	Bury A	
S. " 25	Bury H		M. " 22	Colchester U. H	
S. Dec. 2	Bournemouth A		S. " 27	Bournemouth H	
S. " 9	F.A. Cup 1st Rd. A		S. May 4	Colchester A	
S. " 16	Grimsby Tn. H		S. " 11	Tranmere R. H	
S. " 23			S. " 18	Final F.A. Cup	
Tu. " 26	Peterborough A				
S. " 30	Peterborough H				

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