

FIRST GOAL IN LEAGUE Woodcock ends the deadlock

JOHN LAWSON at Brisbane Road

TONY Woodcock rapped home his first League goal to give Nottingham Forest a thoroughly justified 73rd minute lead, against lowly Orient, here this afternoon.

His breakthrough goal was manufactured by John Robertson, who created countless problems for the Londoners in a one-sided second half.

Although referee Ray Toseland declared the pitch playable after an early morning inspection, there was still a considerable amount of surface water.

There was one particular area near the half-way line where the conditions were almost farcical.

ORIENT: Jackson, Fisher, Bailey, Allen, Hooley, Boodley, Cunningham, Bennett, Clarke, Greashall, Sub. Whittle
FOREST: Middleton, Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Chapman, Bowyer, Haslegrave, O'Neill, Withe, Woodcock, Sub. O'Hare
Referee: E W Towland, Northants
Linesmen: P K Helsby (cred), J D Jenkins (yellow)

Within 20 seconds of the start, Middleton was brought into the action, diving to his right to stop a low 20-yard shot from Greashall.

The Reds' reply was instant and Anderson, Withe, Bowyer and Haslegrave were all involved in an enterprising raid that ended when Anderson's low cross was cleared by a worried defence.

Orient had obviously been given shoot-on-sight orders in the difficult conditions and Clarke was next to try his luck.

He fired in a threatening effort, but it struck Chapman and the sting was taken out of the shot, before it reached Middleton.

Orient pressed again and Greashall worked his way in from the left to release another drive, which Middleton saved as he moved to his left.

In view of the conditions, the referee gave a certain amount of leniency to several early tackles, but he failed to give Anderson the benefit of the doubt in one incident with Clarke.

The Forest full back tackled him from behind near the touch line and it brought him a booking.

There was danger for Forest following a miscued clearance by Robertson. The ball fell invitingly for

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Clarke and his cross, aimed for Queen, hit Chapman and bounced back into play off a post.

Play switched immediately to the other end and Jackson's goal was in danger after Bennett had brought down Bowyer just outside the box.

Bowyer played the free kick to the unmarked Clark and his cross shot from the left was not held first time by Jackson, but Hooley was on hand to clear.

In Orient's next attack, Roffey chipped a menacing cross to the far post, but Chapman rose to head powerfully away.

Forest returned to the attack and gave every hope of a breakthrough in a period of pressure on the Orient defence.

A typical piece of Robertson skill enabled him to cross from the left and Withe ought to have made better use of a heading chance.

UNLUCKY

Withe was desperately unlucky in the Reds' follow-up attack, after an excellent build-up involving Woodcock and Haslegrave.

Haslegrave slotted a through-ball into the area and Withe turned cleverly into space, before producing a shot that spun off Jackson's thigh for a corner.

Forest continued to play some useful football, but as in so many away games, failed to get their just reward.

Forest's spell of comfort was broken when Bennett landed a free kick into the area and, in attempting to clear, Haslegrave only succeeded in finding Cunningham in the box. But the chance fell quickly to the coloured winger and he failed to get in a shot.

O'Neill forced a corner to give Forest their next hope, but Haslegrave's kick was confidently held by Jackson.

Orient put together a counter raid and when McGovern slipped, Queen

broke free to have a shot gathered by Middleton.

Orient won a corner off Robertson, but although Clarke got his head to Greashall's kick, he could not keep his effort down and it cleared the bar by a yard.

HALF-TIME: ORIENT..... 0 NOTTM. FOREST..... 0

Forest were on the attack immediately after the break and within a minute were close to snatching the lead.

Robertson and O'Neill linked and the Irishman curled in a cross that was only partially cleared. Bowyer picked it up and his persistence took him through for a left-foot shot that drifted just wide of the post with Jackson stranded.

Orient bounced back and Fisher intercepted a McGovern pass to feed Queen, who sent a long-range shot curling over the bar.

Orient still carved out the occasional chance and in one breakthrough Queen fired in a left-foot shot that Middleton was happy to hold.

There was another opening for Forest, following a thoughtful through ball from Robertson to Withe, who elected to shoot instead of finding Woodcock and Jackson saved with ease.

Robertson opened up Orient again, but, having gone clear on the left, directed his centre straight at Jackson.

Forest piled on the pressure and O'Neill set Bowyer up for a shot that struck a defender.

Robertson then left Queen and Fisher trailing to create a shooting chance, but Jackson dived to his right to save.

Orient managed a rare attack and from a Cunningham free kick on the right, Clarke got in a header, but it drifted harmlessly wide.

Robertson was having a brilliant second half and he again left two players behind, before crossing for Woodcock to have a close-range shot parried by Jackson, who was able to smother the rebound.

But in the 73rd minute it was the Robertson-Woodcock combination that led to Forest taking a deserved lead.

Robertson again wriggled through the Orient defence and his cross was promptly despatched by WOODCOCK for his first League goal for the club.

It was a fine left-foot volley by the Reds' striker at a time when Forest's frustration was at a peak.

Orient introduced substitute Whittle in place of Allen and the newcomer immediately worked an opportunity for Queen, who pulled his shot wide.

RESULT: ORIENT..... 0 NOTTM. FOREST..... 1

SCOTTISH (Premier Division)

Kilmarnock	0	Rangers	4
Half-time: 0-3			

SCOTTISH I

Clydebank	1	Airdrie	0
Half-time: 1-0			
Dundee	1	Morton	1
Half-time: 0-0			
Hamilton	0	Arbroath	1
Half-time: 0-0			
Montrose	2	Dumbarton	1
Half-time: 1-0			
Queen of S	3	East Fife	1
Half-time: 1-0			
Raith	1	St Johnstone	1
Half-time: 0-0			
St Mirren	2	Falkirk	0
Half-time: 2-0			

SCOTTISH II

Albion	2	Alloa	2
Half-time: 1-0			
Berwick	3	Brechin	1
Half-time: 1-0			
Dunfermline	2	Stranraer	0
Half-time: 0-0			
E Stirling	1	Clyde	3
Half-time: 0-1			
Forfar	1	Cowdenbath	3
Half-time: 0-2			
Queens Pk	2	Stirling A	1
Half-time: 1-0			
Stenhousemuir	1	Meadowbank	0
Half-time: 0-0			

SCOTTISH III

Gillingham	3	Mansfield	1
Half-time: 1-1			
Lincoln	2	Tranmere	2
Half-time: 2-0			
Northampton	1	Oxford	0
Half-time: 0-0			
Portsmouth	1	Bury	1
Half-time: 0-0			
Port Vale	2	Brighton	2
Half-time: 1-0			
Reading	0	Preston	2
Half-time: 0-1			
Shrewsbury	2	Grimsby	1
Half-time: 2-1			
Swindon	2	Rotherham	4
Half-time: 1-2			
Walsall	1	York	2
Half-time: 0-0			

SCOTTISH IV

Bournemouth	5	Southport	0
Half-time: 3-0			
Cambridge	0	Barnsley	0
Half-time: 0-0			
Croft	*	Darlington	*
POSTPONED			
Hartlepool	2	Brentford	0
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Rochdale	0	Newport	0
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Half-time: 1-2			
Watford	*	Doncaster	*
POSTPONED			
Workington	2	Torquay	4
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DRAWN
Score Draws (3pts)

No Score Draws (2pts)

CAMBRIDGE v BARNESLEY
EVERTON v DUNDEE U
ROCHDALE v NEWPORT

HOMES

Montrose	Dunfermline
Nthampton	Queen's P
Middlesbro	Stenhousemuir
Gillingham	Blackpool
St Mirren	Berwick
Bath	Bournemouth
Hartlepool	Shrewsbury
Clydebank	Hillwall
Maclessie	Grantham
Gainsboro	Blackburn
Hillingdon	Oldham

AWAYS

Hereford	Preston
Torquay	Rangers
Forest	Goole
Cowden	York
Bristol C	Rotherham
Runcorn	Arbroath
Clyde	

LINCOLN v TRANMERE

Lincoln got off to a dream start, scoring in their first attack when Kenay FREEMAN headed in Booth's free kick. It was officially timed at 27 seconds.

Fine play by Graham, playing his first League game of the season, brought Lincoln their second goal. He beat three men, and FREEMAN followed up to score his second goal in the 27th minute.

HALF-TIME: Lincoln 2, Tranmere 0.

RESULTS AND TABLES

DIVISION I

Tottenham	0	Bristol C	1
Half-time: 0-0			

Goals										
Liverpool	14	10	2	2	25	9	22			
Ipswich	12	7	3	2	25	13	17			
Villa	14	8	5	2	28	17	17			
Man City	13	5	6	2	17	11	16			
Newcastle	13	5	6	2	18	13	16			
Leicester	15	4	8	3	15	16	16			
Leeds Utd	14	5	5	4	19	17	15			
Middlesbro	13	6	3	4	9	10	15			
Everton	13	5	4	4	22	19	14			
Arsenal	13	6	2	5	23	21	14			
Coventry	13	5	4	4	16	14	14			
Birmingham	14	6	2	6	20	19	14			
West Brom	14	5	4	5	20	20	14			
Stoke	14	5	4	5	11	14	14			
Man Utd	13	4	5	4	22	21	13			
QPR	14	4	4	6	17	21	12			
Norwich	15	4	4	7	14	21	12			
Barnsley	14	3	6	4	18	18	10			
Bristol C	14	3	4	7	11	16	10			
Spurs	14	3	3	8	17	32	9			
Sunderland	13	1	5	7	10	20	7			
West Ham	14	2	3	9	14	29	7			

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

Atherstone	1	Walsall	1
Half-time: 0-0			
Bath	1	Wimbledon	0
Half-time: 0-0			
Grantham	3	Dover	0
Half-time: 0-0			
Grovesend	1	Kettering	1
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Hillingdon	3	Maidstone	1
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Minehead	1	Nuneaton	1
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RESULTS

ENGLISH FA YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP

Clifton All Whites 1 - Birmingham City 2
Clifton All Whites U-12 6, Chilcote 3

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

The Goodhand Trophy
Nottm Boys Under-15 3, South Peak Under-15 1.
K. W. Blood Trophy
Nottm Boys Under-14 13, South Peak Under-14 0.
Davies Trophy
Nottm Boys Under-13 4, South Peak Under-13 0.

COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP

First Round
Dukeries 0 - E Nottm 2

Forest Res. - Cont.
After 75 minutes Grace dashed off his line to save well from Butlin and prevent the Forest man from picking up a hat trick.

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