

# HOLTON GIVES ORIENT WORRY

## First in attack—then defence

WALTER BARTLEMAN: Leyton, Saturday

After being outplayed by a forceful Charlton in the first half-hour, Leyton Orient, hit by a first-minute goal, fought back magnificently here at Brisbane Road this afternoon to equalise three minutes before half-time.

But on the hour Charlton regained the lead with their first real attack of the second-half.

With Spurs' manager, Bill Nicholson, looking on and with a possible interest in right-back Dave Webb, Leyton Orient were dealt a first-minute blow.

Holton started it with a fine square pass out to Peacock, but Rouse just managed to beat Saunders to the short return.

As the ball ran loose Holton cracked in a shot that was charged down but which enabled PEACOCK to whip it smartly into the net.

Charlton were moving the ball with speed on a gluepot of a pitch while their smart running often completely outwitted and outpaced the Orient defence.

Against such decisive play Orient were finding it difficult to get their attack on the move. And when Metchick bravely chased a dropping ball through the middle Burridge hooked it well clear before Jones was alerted.

Orient became further disorganised when centre-forward Platt had to go off with a leg injury. Nicholas came on as substitute.

Metchick was striving most to weld Orient into some form of cohesion. And he was meeting with some success at last and finding an understanding with Saunders.

It was with a beautifully-taken goal by NICHOLAS that Orient drew level in 42 minutes. Smith broke away to put over a pinpointed centre and Nicholas's flying header did the rest.

Half-time: Leyton Orient 1, Charlton 1.

Orient's newly-found liveliness continued into the second-half and McGeorge started a four-man move which ended with Price's aimless pass to the opposition. They were now containing Charlton in much more confident style.

Charlton were also compelled to bring on substitute Kenning when Smith appeared to pull a leg muscle. Holton dropped back to fill his place at centre-half.

It was on the hour that Charlton regained the lead with the first real attacking move of this half. Peacock put in a run on the left before crossing the ball and enabling SAUNDERS to choose his spot with a well-directed header.

This undeserved further setback seemed to take some of the fight out of Orient. And Charlton looked as though they might go further ahead when Saunders and Campbell had the goal at their mercy. But they both hesitated.

Nicholas was always fighting hard for the ball in the Orient attack, but he was second best in a protracted duel with Holton, who was now a Charlton bulwark of defence.



Where's that ball? Orient goalkeeper Rouse, eyes tight shut, is just about to find out as a shot from Charlton attacker Saunders (left) hits him in the ribs. Looking on: Orient centre-half Ferry.



DAVID WEBB is a strong man in the Orient defence and played 33 League games last season.