

Smith goal rocks Div 1 new boys

Leyton Orient 2
Man. City 2

NOW Manchester City were on top of the Second Division and champions elect and Leyton Orient were relegated at the bottom. This see-sawing Saturday spectacular was going to be a pushover.

By Barrie Keeffe

But their logic reasoning had failed to assess the present fighting form of the Leyton furries who promise much for next term.

So by the time the over confident £190,000 worth of footballing talents from Manchester had elegantly strolled into Orient's buzzing babes had bred five potent attacks and scored an offside "goal."

With listed live wire Harry Gregory having a hey day against the poor City defensive string Orient seemed to break through at will.

PLAYED WELL

Young Peter Allan—a at school just a year ago—played exceptionally well, and defensively O's looked quite sound, apart from line-bound Vic Rouse who allowed so many crosses to whistle by inside his six yard box that he must have felt like a Wimbledon spectator.

After strong man Dennis Sorrell had so unluckily pushed a Summerbee cross into his own net, O's interchanging attack equalised through Dave Metchick, touching home a Harry Gregory aimed shot after an inspired run just before half time.

Teenager Colin Bell—a £45,000 boy from Bury—put the Manchester side ahead again with a header from a Connor centre that Rouse should have taken.

But in a grand glam finish, O's took a point when unmarked John Smith burst into life for the first time in the match to crash home a Gregory cross as the City defence moved towards him with the speed of a fleet of old battle ships.

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Despair. Orient goalkeeper Vic Rouse is caught flat-footed. Peter Allan and Micky Jones stand helpless. Dennis Sorrell (out of picture) has just put through his own goal and Orient are 1-0 down at Brisbane-road on Saturday.

CURTAIN COMES DOWN ON A CLASSIC

Leyton Orient 1
Southampton 1

DAVID JAMES WEBB, the granite featured 20-year-old who put £23,000 in Leyton Orient's bank account when he signed for prosperous Southampton two months ago, drank champagne at shimmering Brisbane-road on Monday night, writes **BARRIE KEEFFE.**

Shouting above the noise of delectably happy team mates in the Saints' dressing room he said: "I can't believe it. Here I am, celebrating promotion to the First Division. Next door Orient are preparing for relegation. I could have been with them."

But how Orient brought down their Second Division curtain in style. Until Terry Paine had headed home the priceless promotion pinching equaliser O's stunned the 15,000 frenzied Saints fans in their biggest gate of the season by outplaying the port side in this emotion draped tingling classic.

NERVOUS

Tense nervous Southampton were always in danger against the sparkling Orient squad. With John Smith playing the game of his life and Harry Gregory pushing up his price tag with every magnificent movement, O's looked so good that a confused Barcelona official, relaxing before the Chelsea Fairs Cup game

asked: "Yes, Orient is promoted, no?"

After seven minutes they, yes, went ahead. So fast Harry Gregory raced past two men and had a fierce drive blocked by overworked keeper Forsyth. Smith pushed the rebound to young Peter Allen who scored with dignified ease. Orient went so close to getting a couple more. Minutes after Allen's goal, Dave Metchick swivelled on the edge of the area after the Southampton defence had been caught charging upfield and sent a job dipping inches over the bar.

As concern broke out over Saints' manager Ted Bates' face like a heat rash Le Fiem danced through and had a screaming drive pushed over by Forsyth.

But eight minutes after the restart Southampton's terrible fortune ended when Terry Paine bounced in to head the crucial equaliser, following a long Forsyth kick.

Only after that did Saints look like a promotion outfit, with guiding genius Jimmy Melis—the Southampton master mind with the bank manager build—at last stamping his authority on the game.

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Tough task

THE new manager who takes over a championship-winning team always has a tough task. Anything short of a repeat performance in his first season represents a slide in the club's fortunes.

This situation faced Stan Charlton when he left Leyton Orient to manage Weymouth a year ago. Weymouth had won the Southern League championship, and for a man entirely new to management, the prospect of retaining the title was not bright.

Yet this is what Charlton achieved, and his good work in one year with Weymouth serves as a first-class qualification for a post in the Football League.

Injury kept full-back Charlton off the field most of last season, but he is still hoping to play again.

STAN CHARLTON... a tough job well done.



FUTURE SAFE

PLAYING in the Southern League for Chelmsford City has been a good thing for Tony Nicholas, the inside-forward who returned to League football with Leyton Orient during the close season.

A few months before leaving the Chelmsford club, Nicholas opened a "do-it-yourself" shop in Moulsham Street, Chelmsford. And to prove his competence to run such a business, Tony fitted out the premises himself.

Now Nicholas has security outside football, and plenty to occupy his spare time. Before going outside the League, he played for Brighton and Chelsea.

Smith, McAnearney has played a big part in supervising Aldershot's pre-season training, and a more purposeful pattern of play should emerge.

McAnearney, brother of Watford inside-forward Jim McAnearney, made his name with Sheffield Wednesday.

In the family

DICK GRAHAM, who has taken over as manager of Leyton Orient this summer, is not the

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Bury	42	9	4	8	36	30	5	6	10	24	36	38												
Middlesbro	42	8	5	8	40	31	5	4	12	30	45	35												
Charlton	42	8	5	8	35	34	5	4	12	29	41	35												
Leyton O.	42	10	4	7	36	34	2	7	12	14	38	35												
Portsmouth	42	11	4	6	36	22	1	6	14	20	55	34												
Swindon	42	12	3	6	43	30	2	2	17	20	51	33												
Swansea	42	9	7	5	40	29	2	3	16	22	55	32												

first member of his family to serve the East London club.

Dick's elder brother, Jim, played centre-forward for Orient in season 1937-38. The club were then styled Clapton Orient, and other well-known members of the team that season were wing-half Bill Dodgin, inside-right Bill Lane and centre-forward Ted Crawford.

Jim, who also played for Nottingham Forest and York City, is now a publican in the Bath district.

Dick, a schoolboy at the time, remembers visiting Orient's ground from his Midlands home to see his brother.