

# Sent-off Orient pair 'not guilty'

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DERBY 1, LEYTON ORIENT 3

THE joy of struggling Orient at collecting two priceless points was shattered in the closing ten minutes when two of their players were sent off.

First to get his marching orders was Dennis Sorrell, who was sent off in the 80th minute. He was joined seven minutes later by Colin Worrell.

And if the defending firm of Sorrell and Worrell sounds like a comedy act, Orient boss Les Gore did not think it funny.

He protested: "When each player was sent off, the referee gave US the free-kick. Sorrell was flat on his back and when he got up he was ordered off."

Worrell said: "I was punched in the back and caught the Derby player's shirt as I tried to protect myself. I was amazed when I was sent off."

Both players had their names taken by referee Crossley earlier. Derby inside forward Alan Durban also found his way into the black book.

But the match was won long before Orient were reduced to nine men. And the man they can thank is little David Metchick who was born just along the road from the Derby ground, at Matlock.

## Danger-man

Metchick, a mighty atom in the mud, was in on all the goals that kept alive Leyton's hopes of dodging the drop.

He gave his side a sprint start when he crashed home a left-foot shot after a clever move with Smith. Six minutes later, Metchick gave a lovely pass for Le Flem to score No. 2.

And almost from the restart Metchick put Orient three up when he headed in a cross from Le Flem.

Metchick was not only an industrious striker. He was not afraid to fall back and put in some overtime in defence.

So lacking in punch were Derby that they did not fire a shot in anger until the 31st minute. Even then, Upton's 30-yarder was too far out to worry Rouse. Derby's second shot was a scorer. It was fired by Eddy Thomas after a scramble round the penalty spot.

DERBY: Matthews 7; Richardson 6; Webster 6; Saxton 6; Daniel 6; \*UPTON 8; Durban 6; Hughes 7; Thomas 6; Buxton 5; Bowers 5.

ORIENT: Rouse 6; Jones 6; Ferry 7; Allen 6; Worrell 7; Sorrell 7; Smith 7; Price 5; Flatt 5; \*METCHICK 8; Le Flem 6.

Referee: W. Crossley (Lancaster) 5.

plenty of time inspiring moves into the Preston defence.

What's more he scored the all-important first-half goal.

Webb's wonder-goal came after Kelly had turned over a Smith drive. He could do nothing to stop Webb's block-busting header from the corner that followed.

## Penalty goal

For a short while Webb had a little of the enthusiasm knocked out of him when referee Rowley booked him for a tackle on Dawson. It looked a harsh decision.

The referee also seemed harsh in the second-half when he awarded Preston a penalty for pushing Godfrey scored but Orient hit back when skipper Smith saw Metchick latch on to his free kick for the winner.

Spurs can have little to fear in their Cup match unless North End show a dramatic improvement.

PRESTON N.E.: Kelly 6; Ross 5; Smith 5; Wearmouth 6; Singleton 7; Kendall 6; Hannigan 7; Godfrey 6; Dawson 6; \*SPAVIN 8; Wilson 5.

LEYTON ORIENT: Rouse 7; \*WEBB 9; Worrell 7; Carter 7; Ferry 5; Sorrell 7; Price 8; Metchick 7; Flatt 7; Smith 6; McGeorge 7.

Referee: K. Howley (Middlesbrough) 5.

## A GOOD START—BUT!

PETER BURRIDGE, the Charlton Athletic inside-forward, will never forget his League debut, back in 1958.

He was then a Leyton Orient player, and his first match was at Stoke in the Second Division during the Christmas programme.

Orient, with Eddie Baily and Mark Lazarus at inside-forward, and Burridge in the centre, had planned a three-man move from the kick-off.

It broke down when Lazarus was jostled off his shot, but Burridge managed to reach the loose ball for a first minute goal. It was a wonderful

start for Burridge . . . but what a mockery of pre-match planning!