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STUNNING RECOVERY



Match hero—
TERRY PRICE

Leyton Orient 3, Colchester 3

AFTER bursting into a two-goal lead and setting the stage for an apparently merciless slaughter, Colchester were shattered by an amazing Orient fight-back.

Bitter pill to Colchester on Monday night was that the sting in Orient's "back-to-the-wall" tactics was provided by Colchester-born Terry Price.

In an indestructible fashion, winger Price tore into his home town team and often had two or three defenders clumsily going the wrong way. He scored the best goal of the match and had a hand in both other Orient goals.

This was Orient's best home game of the season and fare worthy enough to satisfy any football-hungry heart. It was a thriller from beginning to end.

And at one stage Orient held victory in their grasp for 60 seconds—only to lose a well-earned lead as fortunes swung the other way.

If Orient's defence had matched the skill and enthusiasm of most of the forwards the Brisbane-road club would undoubtedly have won this game.

As it was, all credit must go to Colchester for stemming the tide of Orient pressure when a home win looked imminent. The visitors never resorted to a blanket defence to cling on to a point and were always looking for a clinching goal.

The two meetings of the clubs this season have produced 10 goals—equally shared—and football in best Cup-tie style.

Few Orient fans held out

much hope after Colchester took a 5th minute lead. Centre forward Hodgson collected a ball as it swung out of the Leyton goalmouth. He evaded a Bradbury tackle and sent in a swerving shot from the edge of the area that curled into the far corner of the goal.

Colchester went further ahead in the 19th minute when Blackwood sent in a long cross from the left wing. Stratton leaped well above Whitehouse to head into the net.

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Price—who had seen little of the ball in the early stages—and Metchick, began to maraud in the Colchester territory and home pressures mounted.

In the 31st minute Price floated a corner close to Colchester's goal and O'Brien soared above the outstretched hands of the keeper to flick the ball into the net.

Orient came out for the second half like terriers. They bombarded the Colchester goalmouth with a barrage of shots but the equaliser, when it came, was again the result of a Price corner.

His cross in the 51st minute was a replica of his earlier corner. The ball dropped loose in the box to be pounced on by Paul Went. Went's shot smashed against a post to rebound to Holton whose close range drive was booted off the line. O'Brien intercepted only yards out to crash the ball home.

FULL CRY

Orient were in jubilant full cry. Four minutes later Price scored the game's best goal. The ball ekidded to him 15 yards from the goal and despite the close attention of Colchester defenders he lobbed accurately into the goal well out of Buck's reach.

The lead was short lived. Bad marking of Colchester forwards was again the cause of Colchester's goal one minute later. Stratton was the unattended scorer from a right wing pass.

The thrills were far from finished and both goals survived dangerous attacks before the final whistle. The best Orient effort in the closing minutes came from Cliff Holton. His header from a Metchick pass thudded solidly against the crossbar.

The only weakness in Orient's display was an ineffectual performance by Werge on the right wing and indecision among the defenders, Whitehouse being the main culprit.

Orient: Willis, Jones, Allen, Whitehouse, Went, Bradbury, Werge, O'Brien, Holton, Metchick, Price.

Colchester: Buck, Forbes, Hall, Trevis, Loughton, Blackwood, Shires, Bullock, Hodgson, Stratton, Martin.

BUSBY REJECT FOR ORIENT

Leyton Orient hope that **Barrie Fry**, a 21-year-old inside-forward, will become a star with them despite his failure to make the grade with Manchester United.

Fry, who has had short spells with Bolton and Luton, spent four years at Old Trafford after leaving school and is now on a month's trial with Orient.

Says manager **Dick Graham**: "No one spends four years under **Matt Busby** without having talent. **Barrie** is young enough to start again and I'm ready to give him the chance."

Fry can take heart from the experience of Millwall's fire international forward **Eamon Dunphy**. He was disillusioned at Old Trafford before being rediscovered by York.

Even United's wing genius **George Best** went home to Belfast after a fortnight and had to be persuaded to return.



A more than competent member of that "youngest ever half-back line" that Leyton Orient fielded against Watford, was 17-year-old Paul Went. (Central.)

John Smith has gone from Leyton Orient to Torquay; fee, £5,000. **Gordon Ferry** did not miss a League game for the same club last season. There has been no place this term for him. The staff, **Dick Graham** says, will be reduced to 15 or 16. Ferry has been allowed to go, without strings, to the new North American League. The club fielded their youngest half-back line against Watford. **Peter Allen** (19), **Tony Ackerman** (18) and **Paul Went** (17). Ackerman signed professional only the day before the match.