

SIX PLAYERS LISTED IN 'ECONOMIC NECESSITY' CUTS—TRAINER AND GROUNDSMAN GO, TOO

CRISIS ROCKS THE ORIENT

Graham—'we must get out of debt'

LEYTON ORIENT—losing £500 a week—put six players on the transfer list yesterday... and parted company with trainer Dave Clark and groundsman Jack Tonner.

By HARRY MILLER

chick, Dennis Sorrell and Dick Le Fiem—were in the side beaten 1-0 by Brighton on Saturday.

Orient will also listen to offers for Gordon Ferry, former Arsenal centre half, and Eddie Farmer.

The decision to let trainer Clark and groundsman Tonner go is not related to the club's financial position.

Crashed

And he spotlighted the cash crisis facing many of soccer's smaller clubs by saying: "Our gates are down to 5,000. We need at least 10,000 to pay our way. It is a situation that has got to be put right."

Four of the players made available for transfer—John Smith, David Met-

Graham was appointed in the summer to manage a club that has crashed from the First Division to the Third in four years. Last night he emphasised:

"The slide won't be stopped by getting further and further into debt. The club have got to adjust themselves to the fact that they are no longer in the First Division.

"Paul Went—former England schoolboy skipper—signed as a full-timer this week and we now

have twenty-two professionals plus nine apprentices.

"The change-over period when you step down a division is always a difficult one. A club tends to start with more players than they can afford to carry.

Decision

"The position now is that I have got to be sure I can sell before I buy. I have also got to put out a team that is good enough to keep us in the Third Division."

Graham told the six of his decision to transfer-list them in the dressing room yesterday morning after the other players had gone out to train.

Orient's move came 24 hours after another London club hit by falling gates—Fourth Division Brentford—had warned that they would put seven players on the transfer list this week.

Clark, appointed first team trainer at the start of the season, said: "You could say I had a personal disagreement with the manager. I'm very disappointed."

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Orient manager struck by fans after brawl

—ON THE NIGHT GORE LOSES JOB AS GRAHAM'S DEPUTY

By NIGEL CLARKE

CRISIS club Leyton Orient sacked assistant manager Les Gore—then took a point from this bad-tempered 2-2 brawl at Layer-road last night.

As the players left the pitch Orient manager Dick Graham and left back Tony Goodgame were punched by angry fans.

Orient left half Terry Bradbury plunged in to protect his manager, and appeared to hit out at two teenagers. Players from both sides quickly hustled them into the tunnel as the crowd yelled and jeered outside.

Orient had upset Colchester's biggest crowd of the season—8,969—by putting up an eight-man defensive blockade.

Goodgame was booked by referee Tommy Dawes for kicking United's outside right Allan Shires and fifteen minutes from time fighting broke out in the crowd as Orient's Cliff Holton collided with Brian Hall.

The Colchester left back was carried off the pitch and taken to hospital with a suspected fractured leg.

Orient's decision to get rid of Gore—at the club for seventeen years—follows Graham's transfer-listing of five players last week.

Graham said last night: "I cannot really comment about this matter until it has gone before the directors, but it might be safe to say that there was a disagreement over policy."

Appointed

Only last week, Gore, 52, who has been caretaker manager of the club six times, was appointed assistant manager and told he would be in charge of the junior side.

Gore said last night: "This was a complete shock. I had no idea anything was afoot."

"Orient has been my life for so long that I cannot imagine not being with them. All I hope now is that I can find another job in soccer."

Orient went ahead in the fifteenth minute—when a clearance from Derek Trevis hit Orient's Billy Carter and curved over Allan Buck.

Six minutes later United were level as Orient goalkeeper Ron Willis failed to hold a shot from Trevis and Reg Stratton put the ball in.

Back came Orient and this time it was Buck who mis-handled a shot from Mick Jones and Dennis Sorrell scored from close range to give Orient a 2-1 half-time lead.

Orient held out until the 82nd minute when Willis fumbled a job from Dennis Mochan and Stratton scored his second.

Results, scorers

LEAGUE CUP (Third Round Replay)

Chelsea	..... 1	Blackpool	.... 3
Houmas	..... 0-1	Slinton 2	.....
		Moar	20,240
(Blackp' home to Fulham in next rd)			
THIRD DIVISION			
Colchester	.... 2	L. Orient	.... 2
Slratton 2	.....	Carter	.....
H-T: 1-0		Sorrell	8,969

