

MORE ORIENT GLOOM

Brighton and Hove Albion 1, Leyton Orient 0.

by Bernard Callaghan

BRIGHTON hit Orient much harder than this grab of vital points suggests. The bitter pill manager Dick Graham had to swallow was that Brighton revealed startling weaknesses in his team. There was no consolation in the fact that Brighton played better than was expected from a team of their lowly league status. Their forwards tore through the Orient line so many times in the first half that they might comfortably have started the second half with a five-goal lead.

Only inept shooting at Orient's goal prevented a massacre before Brighton's biggest gate of the season—13,257.

Even so, Orient might still have managed to pull this game out of the fire. As it was chances were frittered away by either hesitancy in the Brighton goalmouth or that familiar one-pass-too-many. The twin spearhead of Cliff Holton and Dick Le Flem never really clicked into gear.

Dave Metchick, one of the few Orient players to emerge from the game with credit, was kept too busy assisting in defence to give any real help to the leaders.

Dennis Sorrell, Orient's best player on the day by far, played a roving wing-half rôle and also got through a tremendous amount of work.

With Went still on the injured list, John Smith went through most of the game as a link between backs and forwards.

Brighton's Kit Napier and Wally Gould set the pattern of home attacks from the kickoff.

The Orient defence was still reeling from shock when the 12th-minute goal came. Gould brought a cross under split second control and angled it into Orient's net from 12 yards in a flash.

Pressure on the Brighton goal came very rarely in the rest of the first half. On one occasion Bradbury was unlucky to see his header from a Price cross glance off an upright.

Willis played yet another hero's game in the Orient goal. His anticipation and handling was another important reason why Leyton's defeat was not heavier.

In the second period Orient

were more of a cohesive force. Price brought the game to life for the supporting Leyton fans when, in the 52nd minute, he juggled the ball for 40 yards and shot against the side of the net.

As Brighton began to adopt more defensive tactics the game became scrappy with referee Mr. R. W. Summers having to deal with several incidents of bad temper on both sides.

Brighton: Powney, Henderson, Baxter, Collins, Gall, Turner, Wilkinson, Livesey, Napier, Whittington, Gould.

Leyton Orient: Willis, Whitehouse, Forsyth, Sorrell, Goodgame, Bradbury, Smith, Metchick, LeFlem, Holton, Price.

Manor back to form

Ford United 0, Eton Manor 2

WITH a welcome return to form Eton Manor beat Ford United in the Greater London League Cup on Saturday—a good performance in view of the changes in the side.

Manor's play was based on a strong defence and Fords' forwards did very little of note. Manor's improved attack coincided with a pleasing debut by Reg Curtis.

Fred Rose went close with a free kick before a run and cross by Ron Kempton was hooked into the net by Bobby Williams, who, in his first

match, also did all that could have been asked of him.

Manor from this point took control, Tony Glover giving excellent service to his forwards.

Ron Kempton was also in lively mood on the left wing and it was his cross in the second half which led to Reg Curtis scoring a great goal.

Ford United: Hook, Lenihan, Sprague, Welch, Taylor, Lewis, Baker, Corbett, Clifford, Trentham, Johnson.

Eton Manor: Butler, Denny, Read, Leather, Rose, Glover, Williams, Curtis, Cogger, Woolcott, Kempton.

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BLOW FORD