

GIBBS REVIVES ORIENT

Neat Luton play unrewarded

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Luton 1 Leyton Orient 3

AFTER their win at Kenilworth Road yesterday it is not unkind to say that if Leyton Orient go up into the First Division, they will do so despite themselves.

Although they played with more punch than at Norwich on Saturday, they were unrecognisable as the calm side which built such a strong position in the Second Division during the winter.

Until their second goal, which gave them the lead for the first time after 57 minutes, Orient's football was a hotchpotch of stratospheric clearances in defence, and hit, run and hope in attack. Luton, playing neatly along the floor, looked the better side by a clear margin.

But during the final half-hour the Orient players at last began to get a little confidence back and a good third goal 13 minutes from time made the result safe.

Orient's hero yesterday was Gibbs, their inside-right—or, if you prefer, Johnny Carey for picking him for his first game of the season when the Board's consumption of cigars had risen to 12 per director per match.

Gibbs, a well-built 27-year-old, who was transferred from Chelsea last season, obliged with two goals and proved that after eight months of reserve football he was in better shape mentally than any of his team mates.

MORTON CLOSES IN Defensive error

We had evidence of this in the eighth minute when Lewis and Bishop both failed to clear a harmless ball and Morton, closing in fast down the middle, put Luton in the lead with a hard ground shot from outside the penalty area.

Eleven minutes later Bramwell handled a cross from Dunmore and Orient got a penalty. Dunmore drove it to Standen's left and Standen bounced it clear. But on the half-hour Orient equalised, Gibbs volleying home Deeley's header from eight yards.

Ten minutes into the second half the same player finished off Orient's best move of the match by flipping in McDonald's centre after Lucas, Foster, Dunmore and Lucas again, had made the running. Lucas himself drove home the third from Lewis's pass.

Luton.—Standen; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Kelly, Pacey; Clarke, Ashworth, Baynham, McKechnie, Fleming.

Orient.—Robertson; Charlton, Lewis; Lucas, Bishop, Lea; Deeley, Gibbs, Dunmore, Foster, McDonald.