

10 am call will decide if Jimmy can be boss

BLOOMFIELD IS SET FOR ORIENT



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JIMMY Bloomfield will be told this morning if he is to take over Orient.

Third Division Orient want Bloomfield, 34, as player - manager. Bloomfield, after six hours of talks yester-

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day, wants to accept the challenge.

But the appointment is held up by £2,000 — the fee Plymouth have put on him.

Orient are confident that problem will be solved when Plymouth call them at ten o'clock this morning.

They then expect Bloomfield to sign and lead the fight from the field against Gillingham tomorrow.

He would switch from a club struggling to stay in the Second Division to one struggling to survive at all.

Orient are short of players as well as cash. Bloomfield would be a double investment as successor to Dick Graham, who resigned last week.

He said last night: "It all rests with the Ply-

mouth directors. They are asking a fee.

"But I've always wanted to have a go at management and feel this is the right time to make the break.

"The Orient job isn't an easy one, but then all jobs as a manager are difficult. If I'm appointed my aim for this season will be to keep the club in the Third Division."

Travelled

Bloomfield, a Londoner went to Plymouth eighteen months ago. He was a much travelled man before that.

His experience, which includes more than 200 First Division appearances, takes in Brentford (twice), Arsenal, Birmingham and West Ham.

Now he faces the task of trying to stop a sad Orient slide... from the First Division to the Fourth in five seasons.

PLAYBOY!



"Good heavens! You're not playing HIM at centre-half, are you?"