Mancini out for six weeks

ORIENT SKIPPER BREAKS ANKLE

ORIENT, two points clear at the top of the table, will face the next six weeks of their promotion challenge without skipper Terry Mancini.

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Mancini was carried off in the 24th minute of the game against Tranmere yesterday with a cracked bone in his ankle, and manager Jimmy Bloomfield said ruefully; "it's one of those things we have to take in our stride."

Certainly, if Orient can maintain the courage and fight they showed yesterday after losing Mancini, they have little to fear.

With Dickie Plume substituting and 18-year-old England youth captain Tommy Taylor moving to centre-half, they never allowed Tranmere any advantage from they interest can be controlled in the control at the expense of the control of the



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ORIENT, for so crisis club, are on the up-and-up again. Scouts from Everton, Manchester United, Arsenal, Tottenham and West Ham follow them around almost like a fan club.

Inside the space of 18 months, Orient have re-emerged from being back-to-the-wall near-sankrupts to a club which is paying its way

again.

The man most responsible is their alive, alert young manager Jimmy Bloomfield—as hot an Orient property as any of his young stars.

You won't find Jimmy Bloomfield's name in the list of Soccer bosses who have won a manager of the month award.
You will find him emerging as one of the top managers of Soccer in the 1970's.
That is my confident prediction for the former

By KEN MONTGOMERY

Brentford, Arsenal, Birmingnam, West Ham and Plymouth forward, who won Under-23, England's B' and inter-League nonours in a playing career that ended only at the start of this season. Bloomfield ca me to Orient only 18 months ago, as player manager. His record in that year and-a-half has been impressive.

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His transfer transactions have been an eye-opener. A side which at loday's transfer values must be worth a conservative quarter of a million pounds has cost.

Let Jim Bloomfield explain how he managed it. Twe signed five players since I came and the ir cost. combined with players on the staff who had been bought, is about £44,000.

"In the same time, I've sold players and collected about £45,000 so the current side hasn't cost us anything."

He has played under some famous managers in his time, and he's learned a little from all of them. Men like Tom my Lawton Bill Dodgin snr. Tom Whittaker. George Swindin, Gil Merrick and from mere Soccer management, Bloomfield seems sure to take him far. Humility.

This week, a coachload young sters spent a glorious morning at Brisbane Road. Another youth club party made a tour of the ground.

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Few men can have made the switch from player to manager so smoothly as the slim dark Cockney.

"It's only in the last up playing, that I feel Tive really got to grips with management.

"Before that, when I was still playing, I didn't get the same lasight into running the team. I was too much a part of it.

"Now I can sit back and spot the faults.
"One or two other clubs have made moffers, but I'm happy at Orient. They have given me a three-year contract, and it has only run for a few months.

"We are on the right lines. I know that myself but it's nice to hear experienced men like Luton's Alec Stock and Fullham's Bill Dodgin jurtelling me they fancy Orient's promotion.

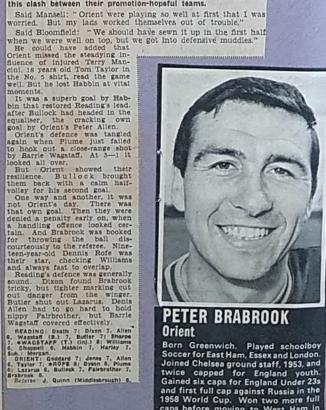
My only fear for Orient is that they will find their bright young bas as difficult to keep as star youngsters itself.

WHAT A TANGLE, BLOOMFIELD

Reading 3, Orient 2

TWO OF SOCCER'S finest young managers—Reading's Jack Mansell and Orient's Jimmy Bloomfield—summed it all up after this clash between their promotion-hopeful teams.

Said Mansell: "Orient were playing so well at first that I was worried. But my lads worked themselves out of trouble."



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PETER BRABROOK

Born Greenwich. Played schoolboy Soccer for East Ham, Essex and London. Joined Chelsea ground staff, 1953, and twice capped for England youth. Gained six caps for England Under 23s and first full cap against Russia in the 1958 World Cup. Won two more full caps before moving to West Ham in 1962, and played well over 150 League games for them. Member of 1964 West Ham F.A. Cup winning side. Transferred to Orient October, 1968.

FLASHBACK

10 YEARS AGO . . .

Aston Villa top of the Second Division. Villa had taken a two-point lead with two victories in a week. A massive mid-week score saw First Division runners-up Wolves crush Fulham 9-0, with Norman Deeley leading the rout with four goals. Tottenham held on to top spot with a 5-1 win over Preston. A Brian Clough hat-trick kept Middlesbrough close on Villa's tail in the Second Division. In the Third Division Halilax kept in front of Norwich with a 2-1 win at Barnsley, although Accrington had a great 5-4 win at Bradford City. Millwall were Fourth Division leaders after a 2-0 win over Aldershot.