

Peter Blackman reports the soccer drama

Orient pick Petchey as their manager

GEORGE PETCHEY, 39-year-old Crystal Palace coach, today became manager at Orient in succession to Jimmy Bloomfield.

Petchey was installed in his new job at Brisbane Road by chairman Arthur Page. "I start work immediately, and will meet the players when they report back on Thursday," he said.

The quiet-talking Petchey ends an 11-year link with Palace six of them as first team coach. He was one of the key men behind Palace's rush into the First Division.

He told me: "I'm thrilled to bits at being given the chance to manage Orient. This branch of football has always been my ultimate aim."

"For about three years now I've been a little frustrated. I was beginning to think I had missed the boat, but it has



George Petchey (left) with Orient chairman Arthur Page at Brisbane Road today