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MERTON'S PREMIERSHIP HOPES DASHED

Hellenic improved their final four chances but in the process wrecked Mertons' chances of catching Azzurri when they won 2-1 at Perry Park on Saturday.

Merton 'keeper DICK KARREMAN has this situation under control despite pressure from BILLY FAGAN. Other interested parties are (from left) GRAHAM MEAGHER, referee JOHN ADAMS, ANDY TSOUMBARAS, ALEX SENJUSCHENKO and GREG AMOS.



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"Go Soccer" Feature Page

THE STATE TEAM PROBLEM

by Iain Young (Bardon - Latrobe).

There can be no doubt that in Perry Park the Queensland soccer public has one of the finest headquarters in Australia. What is even more gratifying is the complex is only in its early throes of development, there are many improvements and phases yet to be completed which, in the future, will undoubtedly make it the envy of all football codes.

However, while this aspect of the code would appear to be forging ahead, some criticism has been levelled at the playing side of the code, in particular the state team. When one judges by results then this criticism seems to be well founded. On games played over the last two seasons the state side has conceded approximately 28 goals and has countered only twice. What then is wrong, and more important, what can be done? As a player who has never had any connection with the state side I would like to put forward a few suggestions on the subject.

In the first place it can be argued that N.S.W. has a better playing standard than Queensland, however standard is a word that covers many aspects. One must consider the question of population and availability of finance etc. However one thing intrigues me, there have been five players left Brisbane in the past four or five seasons who have "made the grade" in Sydney. Jones, Edmonds, Clarke, Strachan, and Richards have all commanded places in teams, so the question must now be posed "Has Brisbane fifteen players who could match the standard that perhaps one hundred can in Sydney?" I think it has. Western Australia, who also have the population problem, have a far better record against professional opposition than we have and this poses

the question "Are we doing the right thing regards the playing side?" It is evident that we have a state team problem, but, as a player, it is not my place to criticize. What I would like to do is put forward suggestions that I think would be ideal for a State Team Improvement Plan.

Selection. The current trend as far as selection goes is that the State Coach and two selectors pick the side. While this may have had its merits 10 years ago when all that was to be done was to fill a position e.g. pick an inside right, pick a right back etc. today, the advent of modern tactics i.e. cattenaceo, 4-3-3, 4-2-4, etc. means that more and more a player must be picked for his style, physical capabilities, work rate, in short the team must be blended to fit the tactics being dictated by the coach or manager. Therefore it is imperative that whosoever dictates the teams tactics should be given the power to fit the players to his system. This now leads me to the position of manager or coach.

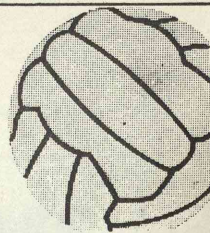
Manager and/or Coach. Having witnessed the soccer set-up for two years I would say that an attempt must be made to find a man who has no connection with a club. If and when this man can be found he should be given complete control of the State Squad including masseur, and be then responsible only to the President of the Soccer Federation for his actions. Being manager or coach of the State team should be the aim or ultimate goal of every manager/coach in Brisbane just as playing in the State side should be the aim of every player. In case the reader is wondering about "no connection to a club", I think we must remember that most

coaches or managers in Brisbane are "part-time" and obviously the man to do the State job can't afford the time away from his own club, sooner or later in a season his interests must sway one way or the other.

Tactics. Tactics are of supreme importance in modern soccer. What tactics can Queensland apply? When overseas teams visit Australia it is reasonable to assume that they are fitter, faster, and possess more all out attack for in doing so our defence is exposed to the above mentioned "better players" on a man to man, or even worse, situation. However all out defence is unattractive so what can be done?

First of all Queensland must slow the game down to their pace and this points to ball control as a pre-requisite in a Queensland player. Possession football should be played and if successful would make better reading than some of the results our "tearaway" teams have attained.

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1. Oxley	19	14	3	2	49	17	31	1. Olympic	20	16	2	2	90	24	34	1. Valley	20	17	1	2	99	19	35
2. Merton	20	13	4	3	58	33	30	2. Pk. Rangers	20	14	1	5	64	30	29	2. Mitchelton	20	14	2	4	90	33	30
3. Mitchelton	19	12	5	2	60	30	29	3. Germania	20	13	2	5	56	29	28	3. St. Albans	18	13	-	5	97	26	26
4. Annerley	20	9	6	5	54	26	24	4. Ac. Ridge	20	12	3	5	80	40	27	4. Coolangatta	20	11	1	8	70	63	23
5. Taringa	20	9	3	8	40	32	21	5. Annerley	20	10	4	6	56	37	24	5. Budapest	20	10	2	8	41	57	22
6. Germania	20	9	3	8	43	38	21	6. Dnipro	20	10	3	7	45	56	23	6. Gold Coast	19	8	1	10	40	53	17
7. Gap	19	7	4	8	38	40	18	7. Sth. Coast	19	9	2	8	42	45	20	7. Pk. Rangers	20	8	1	11	42	74	17
8. Budapest	20	5	8	7	35	40	18	8. Newmarket	20	7	2	11	37	63	16	8. University	18	6	4	8	55	53	16
9. Sth Coast	20	6	5	9	42	41	17	9. Gap	20	5	4	11	44	53	14	9. Zillmere	19	7	1	11	28	53	15
10. Newmarket	19	4	3	12	18	46	11	10. Redcliffe	20	6	2	12	35	79	14	10. Teachers	20	5	1	14	25	95	11
11. Dnipro	20	3	3	14	27	65	9	11. Thistle	20	4	1	15	25	68	9	11. Wynnum	14	4	2	8	22	50	10
12. Willowburn	20	3	1	16	22	78	7	12. Q'ld N'papers	7	-	-	7	7	57	0	12. Mt. Gravatt	17	3	2	12	30	63	8

DIVISION 2B	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Hellenic	20	15	3	2	72	26	33
2. Mt. Gravatt	20	13	3	4	57	27	29
3. Redcliffe	20	12	4	4	71	45	28
4. Coalstars	19	12	2	5	66	38	26
5. Bardon	20	11	2	7	49	47	24
6. Thistle	20	8	4	8	50	40	20
7. Azzurri	19	7	4	8	42	40	18
8. Gold Coast	19	5	4	9	35	58	15
9. Redlands	20	6	2	12	49	70	14
10. Merton	19	5	1	13	32	55	11
11. Hollandia	20	4	3	13	40	75	11
12. St. Helens	18	1	3	14	23	65	5

DIVISION 3B	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Pine Rivers	19	15	3	1	78	31	33
2. Booval	19	16	-	3	75	25	32
3. Zillmere	20	14	2	4	82	31	30
4. Darra	20	12	2	6	72	30	26
5. University	20	12	2	6	66	34	26
6. Mt. Gravatt	20	8	8	4	48	25	24
7. Brighton	20	10	2	8	71	63	22
8. Annerley	20	6	2	12	32	71	14
9. Redlands	20	6	1	13	36	96	13
10. Toowong	20	3	2	15	28	88	8
11. Taringa	20	1	3	16	37	70	5
12. Wynnum	20	2	1	17	23	84	5

DIVISION 4	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Irish	20	17	2	1	105	22	36
2. New Farm	19	16	2	1	111	20	34
3. Wacol	19	9	2	8	63	54	20
4. Pine Rivers	19	8	-	11	44	59	16
5. Annerley	18	8	-	10	46	61	16
6. Mt. G. Teach	19	6	2	11	45	85	14
7. Darra	14	4	2	8	27	52	10
8. Toowong	19	4	-	15	17	103	8

DIVISION 2C	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Polonia	20	13	3	4	57	27	29
2. Bardon	20	13	3	4	57	41	29
3. Annerley	19	12	-	7	48	33	24
4. Taringa	20	9	5	6	32	42	23
5. University	18	9	4	5	50	38	22
6. Budapest	19	8	5	6	34	33	21
7. Wynnum	17	8	3	6	34	43	19
8. Toowong	20	6	5	9	23	35	17
9. Mitchelton	20	7	4	9	41	40	18
10. Gap	20	8	-	12	40	56	16
11. Oxley	19	5	4	10	29	57	14

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BRISBANE JUNIORS ROUND-UP

By Stan Dye

ILLAWARRA VISIT

This weekend the B.J.S.A. are hosts to an under 10 Representative team from the Illawarra Amateur Soccer Association in N.S.W. The party of 17 boys, 10 parents and Coach and Manager arrive on 19th August and leave on 22nd August.

During their stay they will meet the Brisbane under 10 Representative side in 2 matches on Friday 20th at Spencer Park at 6.00pm and at Perry Park on Sunday 22nd at 11.45 pm. Saturday they will meet Zillmere under 11A at Zillmere at 10am.

The Illawarra team are N.S.W. Country Champions in their age group and will give the Brisbane side two good warm-up games for their coming tour to Bankstown.

UNDER 13 REP. SIDE SUTHERLAND TOUR.

The Brisbane under 13 Rep. Team at present in Sutherland Shire are having the best tour of Sutherland by a Brisbane Team for many years. To date, with one more game to play against the Sutherland Rep. Team, they are unbeaten having beaten the top four club sides in Sutherland, scoring 13 goals without reply.

On Sunday 15th they met the Sunderland Rep. side and after being down 2 goals to nil pulled back to a 2 all draw with goals by W. Fisher and G. Williams.

Congratulations to Managers D. Petrie, W. Minsley and their team for a successful and worthy representation for our Association. Credit is also due, of course to the man who prepared the team for the trip to Sutherland, Mr. Bob Millis, who is justly proud of the performance of the boys after his coaching over the 2 months previous to the tour.

REDCLIFFE CARNIVAL

The Annual Under 8 Carnival was held at Woody Point on Sunday 15th August and was well attended with teams from as far away as Toowoomba, Palm Beach, Coolangatta and the North Coast taking part together with many Brisbane Clubs.

After a hard fought competition the finalists were Gap 'A' and Azzurri 'B', who battled out a tremendous final. Azzurri took the lead early in the second half after a scoreless first half and appeared to have the trophy safe but Gap equalized in the dying seconds of the game. Five minutes each way of extra time produced no goals but the tension and excitement was at finer pitch. Gap almost scored with seconds remaining but a last ditch score by the Azzurri centre-half saved the day. Azzurri won the final after a count back of corners, and took off The Action Insulation Shield.

In the Consolation Competition Redcliffe defeated Brighton to win the Terry White Trophy by 1 goal to nil.



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Blending. When the team and tactics have been decided, blending becomes necessary. I quote Malcolm Allison from "Soccer for Thinkers". "The final judgement of almost everything in soccer, results, standard of skill, attraction, strength and even behaviour is through the team." This brings me to the above point. A soccer side is not really a team unless there is a correct standard of morale and willingness to blend. In short TEAM SPIRIT. Often team spirit can lift a side to victory over more accomplished sides. To foster and encourage this team spirit it is necessary to have all members of a squad meeting as often as possible. Training games should be played against all classes of opposition. These games would help instill match fitness and co-ordination which one must agree has been missing from recent state performances, simply because the players hadn't had enough get-togethers. I would point out that the greatest club side the world has known Real Madrid, and a national side, Hungary used this method and have been known to score 20 and 30 goals in a match.

Conclusion. Some readers may think that the above ideas are somewhat radical, but they have been tried and proved in all major soccer nations in the world. The situation in Queensland requires urgent attention and it is imperative that the State side becomes successful. There is nothing more I can think of that can accelerate the growth of soccer in Queensland and I am sincere in asking that the men in power, who had the foresight and integrity to plan, build and administer Perry Park to what it is today, look at the present set-up and apply themselves to setting up a plan that will grace their beautiful stadium with a Queensland side worthy of its surroundings.

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COLTS DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Wynnum	16	13	1	2	57	18	27
2. Thistle	16	13	1	2	55	24	27
3. Azzurri	16	10	4	2	52	20	24
4. Ac. Ridge	16	10	1	5	29	29	21
5. Dnipro	15	8	1	6	34	37	17
6. St. Helens	16	7	2	7	47	38	16
7. Hollandia	16	7	2	7	36	35	15
8. Redcliffe	16	4	-	12	18	73	8
9. Gold Coast	10	1	-	9	2	58	2

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FIRST DIVISION PREVIEW & TEAMS

HELLENIC v. POLONIA (SUNDAY, PERRY PARK, 3.0).

In view of their respective performances last week-end, it would take a super optimist to expect Polonia to cause any real threat to Hellenic in this match.

Hellenic have capped a long and successful run to sneak into fourth place ahead of Thistle on goal average and are not likely to toss that achievement away at this stage of the season.

Polonia officials are confident that key men Syd Tucker and Alan James who watched the match against Bardon from the sidelines last week, will be back in the side.

George Whitaker, Derek Attwood, Eddie Musial and big Frank Romanowski are no slouches in defence but they will have to produce their best against that potentially brilliant attack of Peter Walker, Andy Tsoumbaras and Billy Fagan.

Tom Devine may have been a little disturbed at the chances bombed by his forwards in the second half against Merton on Saturday but with the same amount of chances supplied by Matt Jackson, Ian Fagan and Tony Murtagh again this Sunday, they are unlikely to repeat that performance.

Polonia's big problem is of course how to find a way through Hellenic's competent men at the back. If determination and sheer courage means anything, Stan Sander is one of our

best men here in the goalkeeping position.

Con Petridis impressed with his attacking journeys down the wing on Saturday, Gordon Mackie looks to be back to his best (with his anticipation of a pass still outstanding), and Bill Maxton and Chas Metters are still as reliable as ever.

Maybe the return of Tucker up front for Polonia can inject some new life into Mick Anthony, Owen Monaghan, and Wayne Walker, but despite their desperate position, they appear to face a hopeless task against the current confidence in the Hellenic camp.

HELLENIC

1. S. Sander
2. C. Petridis
3. C. Matters
4. W. Maxton
5. G. Mackie
6. I. Fagan
7. W. Fagan
8. A. Murtagh
9. M. Jackson
10. A. Tsoumbaras
11. P. Walker

COACH- T. Devine

POLONIA

1. F. Romanowski
2. E. Musial
3. D. Attwood
4. I. Frampton
5. G. Whitaker
6. A. James
7. M. Anthony
8. O. Monaghan
9. S. Tucker
10. R. Clark
11. W. Walker

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Polonia 2 d. Hellenic 1.



PETER WALKER
(Hellenic)



BARRY ROSS
(Hollandia)

THISTLE v. WYNNUM (SUNDAY, PERRY PARK, 1.0).

With Alec Keenan considered an extremely doubtful starter, Thistle could be in danger of dropping out of the semi-final picture when they meet Wynnum, who were considered pretty unlucky against Saints last week.

But Wynnum most certainly will not produce the same fire in attack, as Azzurri did which brought about the demise of the Thistle backline last Sunday.

Too many Thistle men are in the doldrums at present for them to be considered a strong final four threat.

Of the key men in attack, Ritchie Smith did little against Azzurri, while Jim Ancliffe, after a promising start, faded noticeably in the second half.

Young Peter Roberts had one of his shakiest matches, but still managed to pull off some classic saves which suggests that he will be right back to his best on Sunday.

Wynnum no doubt will put plenty of fire into this match and the men most likely to be prominent are forwards Catchpole, Merrin and Sowden and consistent young halfback David Jones.

The men at the back, Arthur Creighton, Vic Leggatt and Glen Porter can be a little suspect at times and any signs of weakening on Sunday should allow Ancliffe, Smith and Steve Pollard to rekindle that former attacking power.

With the need for points so vital for both sides, a largely defensive match could be on order but Thistle's greater experience and more solid record should enable them to come out on top.

THISTLE

1. P. Roberts
2. A. Smith
3. A. Bain
4. B. Dann
5. B. Allison
6. J. Cornford
7. M. Porter
8. R. Smith
9. J. Ancliffe
10. M. Culhana
11. S. Pollard

COACH-

P. Clemitson

WYNNUM

1. G. Downes
2. A. Creighton
3. V. Leggatt
4. P. Edwards
5. A. Hill
6. G. Porter
7. E. Wilkins
8. D. Jones
9. N. Catchpole
10. F. Sowden
11. G. Merrin

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Thistle 2 d. Wynnum 0.

BARDON v. ST. HELENS (SATURDAY, PERRY PARK, 3.0).

Anyone who saw Bardon's effort against Polonia last Sunday would not be game enough to confidently tip them as certain winners over Saints this week.

But Bardon had their problems last week as Jackie Cormack was down with tonsillitis, Alan Jamieson was unavailable and even George Fraser only made an appearance towards the end of the match.

John Hickman was serving his week's suspension but was more than covered by the solid performance of promoted reserve grader Gino Patruno.

He doesn't get too many chances in the first team, but never fails to justify his inclusion when that chance arises. With Hickman back this week, Jim Binnie could be in a bit of a quandry as to what formation his defence will take.

Of course Cormack and Jamieson are expected back this week and with little inside forward John McGinley gaining confidence with every match, Bardon should be ready to raise their supporters' hopes again.

And despite the good showing of the crop of Saints' youngsters again last week, Bardon should win, although they by no means will have things all their own way.

BARDON

1. M. Coe
2. M. Lee
3. J. Hickman
4. G. Rowan
5. G. Gault
6. A. Sinclair
7. A. Jamieson
8. J. McGinley
9. E. Carrigan
10. I. Young
11. J. Cormack

COACH-

E. Carrigan

ST. HELENS

1. M. Walker
2. A. Butcher
3. J. Gemmell
4. D. Dann
5. P. Gemmell
6. A. Gibb
7. N. Cruickshanks
8. P. Kostrevis
9. G. McKeand
10. D. Cruickshanks
11. R. Stubbs

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

St. Helens 2 d. Bardon 1.

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FIRST DIVISION PREVIEWS (CONT'D.)

AZZURRI v. HOLLANDIA
(SUNDAY, SPENCER PARK, 2.45).

In the light of another Hollandia flop last week, this match appears to be only a formality for Azzurri, for whom a win would seal their second consecutive premiership title.

Hollandia now could be in trouble if they continue to fail in their last two matches and they will have to pull some thing out of the box to do well on Sunday.

It looks as if Hollandia's main hope will be to rely on a quick early goal and use their solid backline to attempt to bottle up the Azzurri attack.

But Greg Hayes, Phil Sunderland, Ernie Deavin, Peter Steen and Jon Van Klaveren will know they have been defending, if Azzurri's productive display against Thistle last week is any guide.

Sunderland almost certainly will be the man assigned to the task of controlling Charlie Dench, who is not yet at his top, but played well enough against Thistle after a suspension to suggest that he won't be long getting there.

Ian Perry, Bruno Pinti and Gary Clifford were rarely in trouble against Thistle and it will take vastly improved performances from Gary Wilkins, Barry Ross and Dale Mortimer if that situation is to be altered on Sunday.

AZZURRI

1. D. Neal
2. P. Donovan
3. B. Pinti
4. G. Clifford
5. I. Perry
6. P. Nielsen
7. G. Schoendorfer
8. W. Haigh
9. C. Dench
10. I. Johnston
11. W. Connors

HOLLANDIA

1. G. Hayes
2. E. Deavin
3. P. Steen
4. P. Sunderland
5. J. Van Klaveren
6. S. Dedman
7. S. Anderson
8. G. Wilkins
9. D. Mortimer
10. R. Wilson
11. A. Karbonowicz

COALSTARS v. MERTON
(SUNDAY, BUNDAMBA, 2.45).

Coalstars now can breathe a little easier after their narrow but deserved win over Hollandia on Saturday.

Despite the Merton loss to Hellenic they still should have the ability to score and thereby give themselves a faint hope of the premiership, should Hollandia be able to spring what would be the shock of the season when they meet Azzurri.

Merton forfeited too much mid-field possession last week and obviously are feeling the pinch with the absence of Trevor Catchpole.

But Greg Amos and Harry Stewart should be able to rectify that position against Coalstars, who most likely will be relying on Frank Johnston and Wally Kitching for that hold over the midfield.

Cracking the Catchpole-Senjuschenko, Clelland-Meagher combination is going to be the big problem for Coalstars as last week their lone goal was produced by Johnston from a free kick.

Barry Shreiweis and Errol Dreis will give Coalstars a good sight against Pattison, Millman, Heath and Bohan but the latter should carry too many big guns and leave Coalstars anchored on their current tally of 13 points.

COALSTARS

1. B. Shreiweis
2. J. Roderick
3. E. Kreis
4. A. Haywood
5. F. Johnston
6. B. Ahearn
7. W. Kitching
8. R. Hallett
9. K. Caldwell
10. I. Davis
11. R. Brown

MERTON

1. R. Karreman
2. G. Clelland
3. G. Catchpole
4. A. Senjuschenko
5. G. Meagher
6. G. Amos
7. D. Heath
8. H. Stewart
9. E. Pattison
10. R. Millman
11. B. Bohan

COACH- N. Saftich
FIRST ROUND RESULTS
Azzurri 4 d. Hollandia 1.

COACH- G. Wilkins
FIRST ROUND RESULTS
Merton 4 d. Coalstars 1.

LEADING GOALSCORERS
(PREMIERSHIP)

- 14 Glen McKeand (St. Helens)
- 13 Ritchie Smith (Thistle)
- 12 Eric Pattison (Merton)
- 11 Ian Johnston (Azzurri)
- 10 Andy Tsoumbaras (Hellenic)
- 10 Kevin Caldwell (Coalstars)
- 9 Gerry Schoendorfer (Azzurri)
- 8 Des Heath (Merton)
- 8 Neil Catchpole (Wynnum)
- 8 Frank Sowden (Wynnum)
- 8 Bill Fagan (Hellenic)
- 8 Trevor Catchpole (Merton)
- 8 Peter Walker (Hellenic)

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday, August 28-

- Polonia v. Coalstars (Perry Park, 3.0).
- Hollandia v. Thistle (Richlands, 2.45).

Sunday, August 29-

- Merton v. Azzurri (Perry Park, 3.0).
- Wynnum v. Bardon (Maramba, 2.45).
- St. Helens v. Hellenic (Bundamba, 2.45).

FIRST DIVISION POINTS TABLE

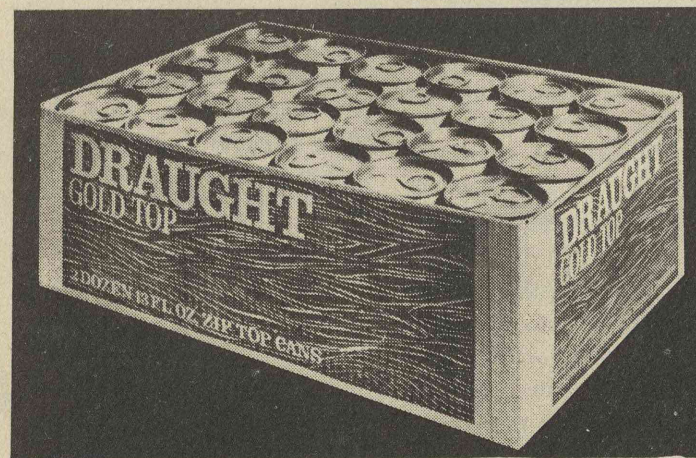
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5. Thistle	16	7	3	6	31	33	17
6. St. Helens	16	7	1	8	33	35	15
7. Coalstars	16	6	1	9	28	33	13
8. Hollandia	16	5	3	8	27	37	13
9. Polonia	16	3	5	8	20	32	11
10. Wynnum	16	4	2	10	28	50	10

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General Meeting 23-8-71 at Perry Park 7.30 prompt.

Also candidates for preliminary and advance courses can now apply for enrolment. Secretary: N. Dodds, 78 4384 after 6 p.m.

BALL CONTROL from Fred Robins (St. Helens Senior Coach).

There are some players who appear to give the impression that the ability to control a ball is a gift, given only to a few.

The truth of the matter is that there are certain principles involved in controlling a ball, any of which a player will violate at his peril. The reader will notice that we are thinking in terms of principles of ball control in general, rather than specific technical detail of one particular type of control.

What then are the principles involved in successful ball control?

1. Move into the line of flight of the ball.
2. Select early the controlling surface.
3. Relax the controlling surface on impact.

It is self evident that if a player does not move into the line of flight of the ball he is unlikely to make a contact with the ball.

Having moved into the line of flight a player must next select early which surface he is going to use to control the ball, i.e. head, chest, thigh, instep, etc.

Having selected, shall we say, to take the ball early and selected the chest as the controlling surface the last thing to achieve is the control of the ball. It is in this final stage that most unsuccessful control takes place. This may be due to indecision in selecting the controlling surface, but much more often it is due to failure to relax the controlling surface on impact - failure to cushion the ball.

In coaching ball control it is necessary that players should be placed in a

situation where they can not only enjoy realistic practice but also a situation where they will appreciate that ball control is not an end in itself, but simply a means to an end.

I would like to make some sound constructive advice in this segment called:-

Team Balance is Key Factor

Perseverance is a great asset in any walk of life, and is as important in Soccer as in anything. This is particularly true where methods or systems are concerned, for it is very rare that they work the first time out.

At the same time, whether it is a team or individual under tuition, the coach must always be ready to accept change. A CHANGE of plan can often be equally effective in the final count.

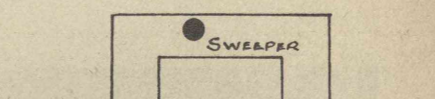
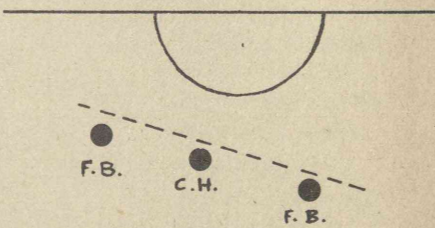
But whatever the system - and for junior or boys' teams I would always recommend 4-2-4 - team balance is the most important single point. The work must be shared by every member of the team, otherwise any side would be unbalanced. It is most important not to bunch, or to hunt in packs, particularly in attack.

Space should always be left for players off the ball to run into, and while on this subject may I point out to teachers and youth team organisers that it is desirable to teach young players to attack rather than defend.

It is bad for them to be taught to concentrate on defence for this inevitably leads to negative football. Schoolboys in this country are fairly well catered for so far as Soccer is concerned - but in most other foreign countries boys appear to be more dedicated.

They are much more prepared to practise repetitive moves - often for an hour or more - than are Australian boys. They are undoubtedly much more thorough. In this country the real grounding can only be given at Primary and State High Schools etc. where with no distractions at all, repetition can eventually persuade them to fully master the important basic principles of the game.

This week I have given you another two very interesting diagrams and I sincerely hope they will help some one in their coaching.



"Sweeper" Defensive System:-
First employed by leading foreign teams and very successfully copied by English sides.

Four-man Back Line:-
This is the present method and the one most extensively used in League Football at the moment. It gives full rein to the attacking fullback.

NEWS & VIEWS

FUTURE TOURS

The proposed tour by the Israel National team at the end of the season will be under discussion at the next Executive meeting of the A.S.F. in Canberra on September 4 and 5.

It is believed that Israel will play Test matches against Australia in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide and State matches in Brisbane and Perth.

Negotiations are also under way for a proposed visit by Yugoslavian club side Dynamo Zagreb to Australia in January or February next year.

The most heartening news is that the brilliant Manchester United, which last came to Australia in 1967, have been booked to tour again next year.

F.I.F.A. REFEREES

The following referees have been recommended to be included on the F.I.F.A. list for the period August 1st, 1971 to July 31st, 1972 and it is expected that the names will be ratified at the A.S.F. Executive meeting.

The nominations are- A. Boskovic (N.S.W.), P. Rampley (N.S.W.), V. Dobinson (Qld.), D. Campbell (S.A.), G. Harrison (Vic.), R. Lamb (Vic.), R. Stedman (W.A.).

TEAM OF THE WEEK

From observations and comments made after last week-end's matches, here is the Go Soccer team of the week-

1. B. Shreiweis (Coalstars)
2. G. Patruno (Bardon)
3. F. Johnston (Coalstars)
4. G. Clifford (Azzurri)
5. G. Whitaker (Polonia)
6. M. Jackson (Hellenic)
7. D. Heath (Merton)
8. W. Haigh (Azzurri)
9. G. McKeand (St. Helens)
10. I. Johnston (Azzurri)
11. P. Walker (Hellenic)

CRAMER VISIT

Consideration will be given to an itinerary proposed for the visit to Australia of world-renowned F.I.F.A. coach Dettmar Cramer in October-November of this year.

As has been the case in the past, Cramer is expected to visit each State during his stay and in many cases he will be conducting Senior Coaching courses, at which existing coaches will receive additional technical information in the form of lectures and examinations.

SCOT'S JOB

Former Scottish International Bobby Collins has accepted a coaching position with the Wilhemina club in Ringwood, Victoria.

Before he left Scotland, a benefit match was arranged between Leeds United and Grenock Morton, two clubs which Collins played for during his distinguished career.

Collins, who stands at only 5ft. 4ins., began his 20 year career in British Soccer with a junior club in Glasgow before transferring to Glasgow Celtic.

His other career movements were to Everton for \$ 51,432, to Leeds for \$42,860, then on to Bury in 1967 and finally to Grenock Morton in 1969.

Altogether he was capped for Scotland and the Scottish League 50 items.

HERE'S WHAT THE EXPERTS PREDICT THIS WEEK

PROGRESS POINTS	BILL MALCOLM	GEORGE PAGAN *	RON MITCHELL *	ALO IAN BRUSASCO	BRUCE WADDELL	ALAN GIBB *	JOHN STEEL	HARRY MOURNEY	MOST FANCIED
MALCOLM 52 MITCHELL 50 WADDELL 44 GIBB 42									
STEEL 50 PAGAN 46 BRUSASCO 43 MOURNEY 39									
BARDON V. ST. HELENS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
HELLENIC V. POLONIA	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
THISTLE V. WYNNUM	1	1	2	X	2	1	2	1	1
AZZURRI V. HOLLANDIA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
COALSTARS V. MERTON	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2

* TOP TIPSTERS LAST WEEK - 4 OUT OF 5.

NINTH ANNUAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's championships will be conducted in Canberra from Tuesday, August 31 to Sunday, September 5. It is the first year that the championships have been conducted by the A.C.T. Federation on behalf of the A.S.F.

This year all State Federations have entered teams and they will be divided into groups of four teams each. Each entrant will play a round-robin competition against the teams in its respective group.

Group A- Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia.

Group B- New South Wales, Tasmania, Northern New South Wales. A.C.T.

Here is the draw for the championships; GROUP A- First day (Tuesday) 1 v. 2 (10.00), 3 v. 4 (11.30); second day (Wednesday) 1 v. 3 (10.00), 2 v. 4 (11.30); third day (Thursday) 1 v. 4 (11.30); fifth day (Saturday)- semi-finals, first day- 5 v. 6 (1.00), 7 v. 8 (2.30); second day- 5 v. 7 (1.00), 6 v. 8 (2.30); third day- 5 v. 8 (2.30), 6 v. 7 (1.00).

All teams will have a rest day on the Friday. The remaining schedule is, Fifth day (Saturday)- semi-finals, winner Group A v. runner-up Group B (1.00), Runner-up Group A v. winner Group B (2.30); Fifth day (Saturday)- playoffs, 3rd in Group A v. 3rd in Group B for 5th and 6th places at 10.00 and 4th Group A v. 4th Group B for 7th and 8th places at 11.30.

Last Day (Sunday); finals, Losing semi-finalists play off for 3rd and 4th places at 11.00 and the Championship Final will be played at 12.30.

National coach Rale Rasic will attend most of the matches, which should be an incentive for players to produce their best. Of the previous eight National Youth Championships, the tally stands at N.S.W. (4), Northern N.S.W. (2), S.A. (1) and Victoria (1).

1974 WORLD CUP— WEST GERMANY

It has been announced unofficially that the format for the World Cup Final Competition to be played in West Germany in 1974 was passed at a recent meeting of the Organising Committee held at Dusseldorf, West Germany. The knock-out system has been eliminated and the sixteen teams to qualify, including the host nation and the holders of the World Cup Brazil, will be drawn into four groups of four with Group 1 headed by West Germany and Group 2 by Brazil.

The venues for the respective groups and the dates for the playing of the respective tournaments are as follows:

Group One: played at Hamburg and West Berlin; June 14, 18 and 22.

Group Two: played at Frankfurt and Cologne; June 14, 18 and 22.

Group Three: played at Hannover, Gelsenkirchen and Dusseldorf; June 15, 19 and 23.

The following is the actual groupings for the Elimination matches:

Europe

Group 1. Sweden, Hungary, Australia, Malta.

Group 2. Italy, Switzerland, Turkey, Luxembourg.

Group 3. Belgium, Holland Norway, Iceland.

Group 4. Rumania, East Germany, Albania, Finland.

Group 5. England, Poland, Wales.

Group 6. Bulgaria, Portugal, N. Ireland, Cyprus.

Group 7. Yugoslavia, Spain, Greece.

Group 8. Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Scotland.

Group 9. Russia, France, Eire.

South America.

Group 1. Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador.

Group 2. Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia.

Group 3. Peru, Chile, Venezuela.

Asia

Group 1. Israel, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Japan, South Vietnam.

Group 2. Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Ceylon, Syria, India, Indonesia, Australia or New Zealand.

Africa.

Group 1. Morocco, Senegal, Guinea, Algeria, United Arab Rep., Tunisia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone.

Group 2. Sudan, Kenya, Mauritius, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia, Lesotho.

Group 3. Nigeria, Congo, Ghana-Graz., Dahomey, Togo, Congo-Kin, Camerons, Gabon.

Central America.

Group 1. Canada, United States, Mexico.

Group 2. Guatemala, El. Salvador

Group 3. Honduras, Costa Rica.

Group 4. Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles.

Group 5. Haiti, Puerto Rico.

Group 6. Surinam, Trinidad.

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