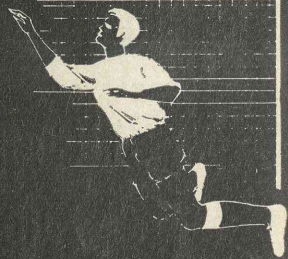




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Editorial

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STRANGE cattle these Soccer followers — judging by the crowd reaction to Sunday's Perry Park progress reports of the Rugby League match at Lang Park.

It's true the Major Sporting Bodies' prime aim is to promote goodwill amongst the four football codes — particularly in respect of trying to avoid clashes of important matches.

But it seems strange to carry it to the point where Soccer followers must be informed of the proceedings at Lang Park when Soccer itself was staging one of its biggest days of the season.

For people, and there were obviously some who reacted to one of the Lang Park score announcements, who think this type of service is necessary, there are two alternatives — go to Lang Park on Sunday or bring a transistor radio.

There was a story published in a Sunday newspaper last week which said, because of the relentless mass media coverage of League, many people were beginning to believe that it was the only code played in Brisbane.

The fact that League scores are broadcast over the Perry Park PA only subscribes further to this theory. If the other codes followed the same line, it would probably be a fair enough gesture.

But there is no one who really believes that Soccer scores are relayed over the Lang Park PA. And I'm assured by Rugby Union and Australian Rules supporters that League scores definitely are not progressively reported at Ballymore or Windsor Park.

Should we go the whole hog and tell our paying customers in future who is winning the Union or Rules match of the day each weekend? That at least would be a service to those in the crowd who DO NOT think Rugby League is the only game played in Brisbane.

While we're in a complaining mood, when are referees going to crack down on goalkeepers who are continually infringing the laws of the game?

I refer to the habit of some goalkeepers who 90 per cent of the time encroach OUTSIDE the penalty area every time they thump a clearance downfield.

Last Sunday during the Cup Final, Mike Horne got away with it every time, in the same way his predecessor Mark Walker did for seasons before this one.

Other players who continually break the laws of the game are charged with ungentlemanly conduct and are shown the yellow card. If they persist, they are sent off. What about policing the goalkeepers in future. Surely they are allowed enough protection as it is.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

FIRST DIVISION:

Brisbane City v Bardon Latrobe (Spencer Park)

St. Helens v Mt. Gravatt (Ebbw Vale)

Southside Eagles v Redlands (Perry Park, 1 p.m.)

Lions v Coalstars (Lions Stadium)

Merton East v Grange Thistle (Heath Park)

North Brisbane v St. George (Perry Park, 3 p.m.)

ALL LOWER DIVISIONS:

Semi-finals — to be drawn up after this weekend's fixtures.

PICK THE MEDAL WINNER

HOW good are you at judging who will be the best and fairest First Division Soccer player in Brisbane in the 1976 season?

Or more importantly, who do you think the REFEREES will think is the best and fairest. *Go Soccer* this week announces a new competition which gives you the chance to guess who will be announced the third Rothmans Gold Medal Winner.

There is no entry fee. All you do is complete the coupon below and post it to the address shown on page 3. There are four rounds of premiership fixtures to go, including this weekend so it's not too early to post your entries in now.

The prize is a National Semiconductor Quartz Digital Watch valued at \$29.95.

It must be remembered that players who have been suspended during the season are ineligible. Previous winners of the Gold Medal are Kevin Caldwell (1975) and Michael Rooney last year.

Anyone can enter and the competition closes with the last mail on Sunday, September 19, the date of the final premiership round.

Get your entries in now and remember that the winning player must be named and that the first correct entry opened will win the watch.

In case you need some help, here are two possible winners from *Go Soccer* — Phil Sunderland (Coalstars), Alan Marszaleck (Eagles).

ROTHMANS GOLD MEDAL

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WAKE UP CLUBS!

By Jim Gilbert

OUR juniors of today are our seniors of tomorrow. How many times have we heard this statement? Just what are the clubs doing about their juniors?

Many, from observations, allow their junior teams to act as nurseries for other clubs, who in turn are either dangling the carrot of First Division status and cannot be bothered by running junior teams of their own, or prefer to use the better juniors from other clubs without the problems associated with conducting their own junior teams.

Without wishing to name clubs, take note. Out of the top 22 clubs in First and Second Division, how many run a successful junior section, and more importantly, feed these juniors into their own seniors?

Not as many as you would think. Too many clubs grow complacent and wait for it all to happen for them.

There must be incentives for these players, not necessarily money. A future in the football code these kids have grown to love and grow skilful at, a future playing with and against players of equal and better abilities.

It's time most clubs in Brisbane started to wake up to the tremendous potential they have within their own clubs, schools and districts.

It's a potential that we, all of us, have been talking about for years but do very little about.

The recently completed State titles in ages under 11 to under 15, with Brisbane winning every State title, points out the tremendous skills and abilities that these juniors from Brisbane have.

With over 10,000 juniors playing in Brisbane, Ipswich and districts, competition is fierce. Don't let all of these lads fade away.

Wake up clubs. These lads represented your club in their representative teams. Are you going to sit back, smile and say "these boys learnt their Soccer with us".

If that happens, you will be letting them drift away to other clubs, or to the call of surf, sand and the like, and thereby deprive hundreds of players of the chance to show their real skill in open senior competitions — preferably with your own clubs.

Likely Perry Park Lineups

3 p.m.

ST GEORGE

1. PETER ROBERTS
2. BRIAN BARNES
3. CHAS MATTERS
4. IVOR SCHOFIELD
5. RICKY BOW
6. COLIN KNOTT
7. NICK KRITIKOU
8. IAIN FAGAN
9. ALAN MARLEY
10. NIGEL REHBOCK
11. MIKE MAKRILLOUS

Coach: TOMMY DEVINE

BRISBANE CITY

1. OSVALDO BORZI
2. IAN RATHMELL
3. IAN PERRY
4. PETER TOKESI
5. GARY CLIFFORD
6. PETER NIELSEN
7. KEVIN CALDWELL
8. BRIAN KIBBEY
9. BILLY HAIGH
10. IAN JOHNSTON
11. HORST SCHNEIDER

Coach: Nereo Saftich

1 p.m.

BARDON LATROBE

1. SAM MANCINI
2. GIBBY ROWAN
3. JOHN COOPER
4. PETER COMINO
5. BOB PATRUNO
6. ALAN SINCLAIR
7. IAIN YOUNG
8. BARRY FLETCHER
9. NEIL CATCHPOLE
10. NEIL DOCHERTY
11. GARY BROMFIELD

Coach: GIBBY ROWAN

ST. HELENS

1. KIM WISHART
2. GREG DOBBIE
3. PETER GEMMELL
4. JOHN VERRALL
5. RANDALL McKEAND
6. LAURIE DEVEREAUX
7. TREVOR BROADBENT
8. GLEN McKEAND
9. MATT JACKSON
10. GAVIN JOHNSTON
11. BRIAN KATHAGE

Coach: AL WARREN

PREMIERS DECIDED THIS WEEKEND

HAVING already dealt with the Second Division competition, let's have a look at the remaining lower divisions, in which the premiers and promotion runners-up will all be decided by 4.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Starting with the Second Division Reserves, which probably has little interest, apart from a little prestige for the clubs concerned.

Here we see two clubs who are prominent in the senior of the two Second Division divisions — Annerley and Gold Coast — have the premiership battle between them.

Gold Coast, who trail on goal average, although both sides have 33 points, might be able to make up the leeway, as they clash with tailenders Rovers, while Annerley are up against sixth-placed Oxley.

In the Third Division, Acacia Ridge and Fortitude Valley have staged a thrilling neck and neck battle all season, and it's probably appropriate that both are still locked together on 34 points.

Even more appropriately, the two teams will clash in their final fixture on the Ridge's home ground. A draw would be good enough for the home team as they have a much better goal average.

The Fourth Division title is just as absorbing. Booval have 33 points, followed by Nerang and The Gap, both with 32 points.

Booval certainly look to have the better of the final draw as they meet third last team Logan, while Nerang meet middle of the table Darra and The Gap have a really tough one in fourth team Newmarket.

Inala Rangers and Salisbury have things between them in the Fifth Division, with Inala holding a 40-38 points lead going into the final match.

This could be a real cliff-hanger, as Salisbury should have little trouble disposing of tailenders Grovely, and Inala could be in trouble if they falter against fourth bottom St. Albans, the Toowoomba side who have caused some upsets in this division. Little separates the teams in regards to goal averages.

In the Sixth Division, Twin Towns and

Northside both have 35 points, but may have left it a little late to overhaul the leaders Goodna on 37. And Goodna's final match is against St. Michaels, who have conceded 116 goals.

Twin Towns last match is against bottom side Albany Creek and Northside are up against Mt. Gravatt.

There could well be the need for Rochedale's postponed match against New World on August 14 to be played to decide the issue in Division Seven.

Dinmore and Rochedale both have 36 points, with the former naturally having played one more match. Dinmore meet Souths this weekend and Rochedale take on Wandall, so if both win, the playoff certainly will be necessary.

Finally, the Eighth Division looks about the only one where the final outcome is not in much doubt. Salisbury, although they have played an extra match than RAAF, lead that club by four points, and would seal the premiership with a victory over Rovers this weekend.

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WHO WILL IT BE?

A DRAMATIC week of nailbiting tension will have been experienced by Wynnum and the Gold Coast leading up to the final round of Second Division fixtures.

Annerley are home and hosed in the promotion stakes, but for Wynnum and the Coast, it appears the team who can score most goals this weekend, will join the Blues in the First Division next season.

Wynnum, by virtue of their 1-0 win over Oxley last Saturday, edged fractionally ahead of the Gold Coast, who downed Mitchelton 3-2 on the Sunday, on goal averages.

This Saturday, Wynnum will be going flat out against Souths, who are eighth on the table, to pile on as many goals as possible.

This then will give the sitting shot to Gold Coast, who are also at home on Sunday to Rovers, second last on the table and apparently headed for the Third Division.

There could be quite a few Wynnum supporters making the trip down the Coast on Sunday to watch this one.

Apart from that situation, the final four is still in doubt. Presuming Oxley loses to Annerley, and that is by no means certain, the winner of the Taringa-Mitchelton match at Indooroopilly on Saturday should wind up in the semi-finals next week.

Once again, this week we provide pen picture of players involved in the all important Second Division clashes — Taringa v Mitchelton and Annerley v Oxley.

TARINGA ROVERS

BERNIE BOWEN: Goalkeeper — Outstanding custodian with a big future and a real matchwinner on his day.

ROGER HEWITT: Reserve 'keeper — Another excellent performer who has proved a more than worthy replacement throughout the season. Guarantees goal-keeping depth in the club.

CHRIS SPEARE: Right fullback—Solid defender. Exciting overlapping fullback and another of the famous Speare family.

NILS LARSEN: Centre half — Club captain - coach. Has plenty of experience and has done great job in his first year as coach. Leads by example.

TONY PARKER: Centre half — Experienced former Sydney First Division player and key man in the backline.

BARRY BRITAIN: Left fullback — Another player with plenty of First Division experience with Oxley behind him. Always plays consistent stuff.

GLENN DAVIS: Midfield — Has been with the club since junior days and still has a lot to give the club. Very fast in the middle.

TREVOR DAVIS: Midfield — Also has come up through the junior ranks and caught the attention of a couple of First Division clubs last season. Decided to stay with club and still serving it well.

DALLAS SCHUMACHER: Midfield— Outstanding tackler and is a great asset both in attack and defence. Only a youngster.

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ALAN EEDY: Striker — Usually plays on the right wing but capable of playing anywhere in the forward line. Powerful right foot shot another asset.

MANUEL RUIZ: Striker — Brilliant ball control and has troubled many defenders in this division this season.

CRAIG BRIMSON: Striker — Another player with a big future and played for Queensland under 16 team last season. Very fast on the ball.

ANNERLEY

JOHN FERGUSON: Goalkeeper — Former State keeper, no stranger to First Division followers and rated the best in the State by his club.

GREG STEEL: Defender — Former Queensland under 16 representative and going well in his first season with club's top team.

PHIL HALL: Defender — Most experienced defender and the only member of the team which won promotion from the Second Division two years ago.

MICHAEL BLACKALL: Defender — Outstanding young player who impressed many good judges when he played in

the First Division last year. Former Queensland under 16 captain.

DAVID BRUNDY: Defender — First year in club's top team after working his way up through junior ranks.

MAL OAKES: Midfield — Captain of the side and stood out last year in First Division. Good leader with plenty of experience.

RICK FRANCOMBE: Midfield—First year back with the club. Popular player and a tireless worker in the middle.

MICHAEL ROONEY: Midfield—Outstanding member of the team and having a very good season again. Won the Rothmans Medal when club was in First Division last year.

DAVID INGRAM: Striker — First year back after recovering from a broken ankle. Came up through the junior ranks.

NIGEL CAIRNS: Striker — Recently played on loan with Bardon and has been signed by the club from Wynnum and will be a big asset in the top division next year. A proven performer.

PAT BLACKALL: Midfield — Hard working player who can fit into any position in the team.

WEEK-END REFEREES

THISTLE v NORTHS

Referee — John Adams

Linesmen — Dave Nugent, Barry Fry

COALSTARS v MERTON

Referee — Mike Brine

Linesmen — John Adams,
Leon Lewandowski

REDLANDS v LIONS

Referee — Terry Ellison

Linesmen — John Folling,
Bill Monteverdi

MT. GRAVATT v EAGLES

Referee — Ron Richmond

Linesmen — John Gale, Brian Luxton

BARDON v ST. HELENS

Referee — Deiter Klose

Linesmen — Geoff Brabrook,
Barry Such

ST. GEORGE v BRISBANE CITY

Referee — Dave Nugent

Linesmen — Geoff Brabrook,
Barry Such

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

As an ardent soccer supporter I have been disappointed at the standard of refereeing in the last couple of seasons. Last Sunday I went to Perry Park to see what I hoped would be an exciting Ampol Cup Final but to my dismay, what a shocker it turned out to be.

The reason for my letter was the display of the referee, Mr. Wood, one of our top referees. Not being a supporter of either teams it was noticeable to me that the referee appeared to favour Brisbane City. There were two glaring instances in the first half. Kevin Caldwell from Brisbane City deliberately kicked Lions Goalkeeper Mike Horne while he was holding the ball. It was a blatant foul and Caldwell should have at least been cautioned. In the second half a Lions forward was shoved off the ball, in the penalty area, by two City defenders. In both cases the linesmen flagged for the fouls and the referee overruled him.

These two offences highlighted what I thought a one sided display of refereeing. I have heard from other soccer followers that Mr. Wood has a leaning towards Brisbane City and last Sunday I witnessed what appeared to be a biased refereeing display.

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Queensland Division

HOW often does one arrive early at a football match and have the opportunity to view the sweeping lawns unmarked by people or litter? Not very often? If so, you have never really appreciated the attractive area in which you will stand or sit for over three hours while you urge your team to greater efforts.

Of ardent football followers it could be said that they bring everything except the kitchen sink and in our terms it would be better to say that they bring everything except the rubbish bin.

If they are early enough, lunch brought from home is the first item with papers and fruit peelings marking the perimeter of their domain and marring that section of the unbroken green surroundings.

These people are now joined by others who buy lunch on the ground from the catering kiosks and can't get the wrappings off their hot dogs or hamburgers quick enough.

Need it be said when there is no bin next to the kiosk, you can guess where the wrapping goes. The Keep Australia Beautiful Council has decided to educate football followers about litter.

The project began last weekend at Perry Park and will run through to the Grand Final. The Council has purchased 500,000 plastic bags, sponsored by Coca Cola, Carlton United and the Steel Can Group.

The bags will be issued to people entering the ground and they will be asked to put their rubbish in the bags, write their name and address on it with a ballpoint pen, and deposit it in any one of the bins provided.

The bags will be issued every Sunday and each week six winners will be drawn from the bags and winners will be notified by a letter from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council. Each winner receives a carton of Coca Cola and a carton of Carlton United beer.

GO SOCCER supports this worthy project and every week we will list the six winners drawn from the Perry Park people who do the right thing with their litter.

Last Sunday's winners were:

Sean Martin, 28 Carramar St., Morning-side

Annette Flierman, 44 Broughton Rd., Kedron

Jane Wood, 26 Grantsell St., Aspley
Mrs. M. Hill, 36 Englefield Rd., Oxley

L. Faraone, 228 Harcourt St., New Farm

Judy Scheinflug, 344 Archerfield Rd., Richlands

Each of these winners will have been notified by the Council and can collect their prizes from the Coca Cola House Sales Dept., Wandoo St., Fortitude Valley.

At the end of the season, all of the weekly winners from Perry Park and a similar project at Lang Park will go into the hat, and the entry drawn here will win a return trip for two to Sydney.

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THE COACHES REPLY

Dear Sir,

It was a very interesting letter written by Matt Carson in last weeks edition of GO SOCCER.

At first I was tempted to ignore it as not worthy of a reply but then I decided to 'set the record straight' and at the same time dispel any doubts raised regarding the Queensland Soccer Coaches Federation.

Praise for the Queensland Soccer Federation from such a source was indeed a 'turn up for the books' and I would like to point out that the co-operation between ourselves and the Q.S.F. has never been better than during the past nine months.

As far as attracting "many of the people who made Queensland Coaches what is was" it is of interest to note that of the seven coaches named, Eddie Carrigan and Syd Tucker have not been members during the last three years — Tony Lowndes is, I believe, coaching on the Sunshine Coast — Ian Kesson is still a member — Gyula Vincze is still a member and indeed is a member of the Coaching Panel — Bob Millis and Brad Ahearn (member) are both teachers and because of their commitments are not always available. However they do assist when they can.

Mr. Carson, having been a long time member of this Federation must be aware that the 'four or five hundred' qualified coaches that no one ever sees or hears about, disappeared during the years he was Director of Coaching. Membership of this Federation has increased approximately 66 per cent over the 1975 figures.

This year the Director of Coaching — Fred Kingshott — has appointed a keen, hard working panel of practising senior coaches who have worked very well as a team to produce a varied programme of events and I would like to thank Mr. Carson for giving me the opportunity to place on record my thanks to Fred and his panel for all the time and effort they put into making 1976 the best year I can recollect.

During the year we have:

- (a) Conducted a total of 9 practical coaching demonstrations which have attracted an average of 63 coaches and prospective coaches.
- (b) Conducted 4 'Basic Skills' Courses — Cairns, Warwick, Toowoomba and Rochedale.
- (c) Conducted Junior Coaching Clinics at Cairns (2), Tallebudgera (2), and Maryborough.
- (d) Conducted the first 'Basic Skills' Course in Australia for boys between the ages of 14 - 16. Mr. Eric Worthington, the Rothmans Director of Coaching thought so highly of this he hopes to introduce it in all States.
- (e) Film and Lecture Evenings — These have been held for Clubs and Organisations as far afield as Caboolture, Brassal, Beaudesert as well as all over Brisbane.
- (f) In November this year will be conducting two senior courses leading to the A.S.F. Certificates of Coach and Senior Coach being awarded. Enquiries for these courses have been received from such areas as Mt. Isa, Townsville, Bundaberg,

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(g) A total of 12 Staff Coaches Meetings have been held.

Finally may I just emphasise that this Federation will welcome anyone who

genuinely wishes to assist in improving the standard of soccer being played in Queensland.

Yours in Sport.

J. NUNN, President

Merton For Second Spot

OF the six teams still angling for the remaining three positions in the top four behind City, and we must include Norths in that bunch, Merton obviously have the draw in their favour this weekend.

Set to meet Coalstars, they have, on paper at least a much better chance of securing two points and a head start for the No. 2 berth, than the remainder of their opponents.

The only factor which may help to upset cohesion is the suspension of young defender Chris Corcoran.

Coalstars of course can still be saved, as they are only two points behind Bardon and St. Helens, who clash in that all important early match at headquarters.

What of the others? Two of the six contenders for the top four contenders clash with one another — Redlands lining up at home to the enigmatic Lions.

A couple of weeks back, it would have been anybody's match and probably still is, although Lions could well start slight favourites, following their heartening first half effort in the Cup last week when they had City on the run.

Alan Venables filled in capably for Tony Edwards and will have to do so again. And with some more gutsy efforts from Gary Lovell, John Neale and Paul Laslo, Lions could be right back in the winning list.

On overall form, a draw is the most likely possibility and at that rate both sides would hold their positions, depending on what happens to the other contenders.

Eagles have two factors to think about when they face Mt. Gravatt, a match they would have been most confident about winning a few weeks back.

But fresh in their minds is the way last weeks Cup play off for third was

thrown away against a depleted Saints and they won't be allowed to forget that Jim Rogers' Mt. Gravatt men have chalked up recent premierships wins over Merton and Lions.

St. George will be minus the Cypriots and the suspended Billy Fagan for what could have been termed another grudge match. But in the light of St. George's recent loss to Thistle they appear unlikely at this stage to trouble City's long unbeaten record.

Norths of course are still lurking in the picture but could well have a bleak and fruitless night at Lanham Park against Thistle, who now have the scent of freedom in their nostrils. It would certainly be a tragedy to see men like Craig Dickson, Jim Ancliffe, Ritchie Wilson, Tony Bailey and Co. in the Second Division.

And finally to probably the most vital of the weekend's matches, Bardon, with Iain Young now back on deck from suspension, should have beaten Eagles two weeks back and will be eager to make amends, although Saints again proved last Sunday that no team can afford to let up when they think victory is in sight.

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THE above championships which have just concluded were a great success, the hosts, Gold Coast Junior Soccer Association, are to be congratulated on the manner in which they organised these, and did in fact receive many words of congratulations from the competing States.

Northern New South Wales ran out worthy winners defeating Victoria 2-0 in the last game of the tournament, which actually also turned out to be the deciding game.

The final placings were as follows.

STATE	POINTS
Nthn. New South Wales	12
Victoria	9
New South Wales	8
Western Australia	6
Queensland	4
South Australia	3
Tasmania	0

Queensland's performance was not as bad as the points table may indicate. They were very unfortunate to lose a point

against Victoria via an equalising penalty to Victoria in the very last minutes of the game, and with some luck and steadier shooting should have got 2 points from South Australia instead of 1. They turned in a bad game against Western Australia which was one they should have won.

However our younger boys coming up through the ranks to make rep teams will have to become more skilled and show great dedication to the game if in the future we are going to match teams like N.N.S.W. and Victoria.

The find of the championships as far as Queensland was concerned was undoubtedly, the lad from Bundaberg Eagles, Glen Huntley, and this was verified when he was selected in the Australian Squad at the end of the Championships.

Coach Gyula Vincze did an excellent job in welding the players together into a team, in the short time that he had them before and during the Championships.

ARE THEY THE YOUNGEST?

WE have just heard of two people who we think must be the youngest in their positions. One is Mr. Ray Evans, who after devoting ten years of his life to soccer has been awarded Life Membership by the Bardon Latrobe Soccer Club with whom he has been associated.

He joined the Latrobe Wests Soccer Club committee at the age of 23 and became secretary the following year, a position he held for two years before becoming President of Latrobe Wests Juniors in 1969.

He was one of the men instrumental in the amalgamation of Latrobe and Bardon Senior Soccer Clubs. The following year he once again played a major role in the merging of Bardon Latrobe Senior and Bardon and Latrobe Junior Clubs to form one club.

During the next two years he held a position on the executive of the club and for the following three was once again secretary.

In 1975, he was appointed secretary of the senior sub-committee. This year, although elected senior vice-president, he has been running the club, due to their president's absence.

As well as the above he has managed a junior team from under 9's to under 16's and fitted in four successful southern trips.

He also spent one year on the B.J.S.A. Central Executive as Fixture Controller and managed the Queensland under 15 team in 1974 in the National Championships to a creditable third.

As you can see Mr. Ray Evans is a worthy recipient of the Life Membership honour.

Bardon also has another "youngest", their secretary, Bruce Atterton was appointed to that position at the age of 16.

If anyone can beat these "youngest" records we would like to hear from you.

Discipline the Key Factor in Success

By Southside Eagles Coach MATT CARSON

TOO little emphasis is ever placed on one of the most important factors within football — discipline.

Surely this vital factor is second only to ball possession in its importance.

If sufficient emphasis was placed on disciplining players to do the simple thing in football, then the game will, without question be better for it.

Everyone interested in football is fully aware that, it played properly, it is a very simple game, and that it is the players themselves who make it difficult.

Anyone who plays should be able to pass the ball accurately over 10-15 metres. But how many times do we find that the player in possession doesn't give the simple pass, because "it's too easy."

Good players will use this easy ball and then run into supporting positions. Bad players, and particularly juniors cannot discipline themselves into giving these passes, as they often feel they have done nothing.

Little do they realise they are better players for doing the simple thing.

Too often do we find players in possession wanting to hold the ball or try to beat an opponent before passing the ball. More often than not, the player loses the ball and then has to defend to try and regain possession.

All players are human and it may be true to say that he (the player) likes to look good on the field, particularly if there is a big crowd watching.

If only they would stop and think about the goals scored against their team through mistakes caused by players not doing what was simple and easy.

These mistakes are made because the player has not disciplined himself into

thinking and acting in a manner aimed at achieving success.

How long will it take for all coaches, trainers, players, etc. to appreciate that self discipline by all players on the field is a key factor in the pursuit of success.

MULLER'S GOALS

GERD MULLER is racing to overtake the great Uwe Seeler's all-time German scoring record.

Seeler, who retired at 35 in 1972, scored a total of 551 goals in competition matches. Of these 267 were achieved in the Northern League, before the formation of the Bundesliga, 43 in the national side and 21 in the various European cups.

Muller, now 30, has banged in 299 goals in the tough Bundesliga, 68 in internationals and 58 in European cups for a total of 537.

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We Talk to Gibby Rowan

Brisbane's only 1st Division player — coach — manager

GO SOCCER: Do you think having a combination of the three jobs has affected your performance in any one of them?

G.S.: Can you see the National League being a success?

G.R.: Only if the Melbourne and Sydney clubs get the public support.

G.S.: Are Brisbane City and Lions ready for this type of competition?

G.R.: Only if both clubs acquire the right type of players. Lions are already scouting as they realise the players they have cannot match their southern counterparts. Brisbane City seems to have done very little in this regard and if they consider the players they have will do, then they are in for a big shock.

G.S.: Any remarks concerning the future of soccer in Brisbane?

G.R.: If the National League is a success and 2 or more clubs are involved then the First Division can be used as a breeding ground for National League players. If it is not a success there is a big question mark on the future of local soccer.

GIBBY ROWAN: As I have heard no complaints from the club's executive I can only assume that I am performing to their satisfaction.

G.S.: Do you feel that your mistakes on the field lessens the respect your players have for you?

G.R.: No, definitely not.

G.S.: Do you find that you can't socialise with the players when you find that you may have to drop them the next week.

G.R.: It does pose quite a problem, which can be very difficult.

G.S.: Does your team deserve to be in the position it is?

G.R.: It should be higher, but the breaks have just not gone our way. Injuries and suspensions have not helped in this matter.

G.S.: Can your side avoid relegation?

G.R.: Yes, things can only get better, not worse.

G.S.: You have a lot of young players at your disposal, any to watch for the future?

G.R.: Gary Bromfield, John Cooper and Alex Hill, if he continues to work at the game.

G.S.: Do you think the standard of the First Division will drop because of the National League?

G.R.: Yes, the standard of the First Division has dropped each year for years and the National League can only speed up the process.

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THE JUNIOR-SENIOR VOID

IN 1967 we were visited by Manchester United, at that time hailed as the team for all seasons. The players names read like a Who's Who of soccer and one of them, Bobby Charlton, passed comment on the Junior organisation in Australian soccer.

He was amazed, and delighted by what he saw but issued a sombre warning about the pressures being brought to bear on youngsters to win, not the game, but the competition, at all costs.

In 1970 we were visited by Manchester City and Mike Summerbee, an England International wrote an article in GOAL about the amazingly high level of organisation and work being done in Australian Junior soccer. Again he sounded off about the dangers of pressurising young minds into winning at all costs.

In 1972 we attended a lecture given by the then new Australian Director of Coaching who outlined the ways and means whereby kids could be coached to a far higher level of skill and understanding than was being done at that time. Eric Worthington is still with us and is still preaching the same message.

In 1976 we were visited by the Australian coach, Jimmy Shoulder who outlined what should be done to ensure young players get the most out of their game, i.e. Enjoyment, Attainment, and most important reach a high level of skill that will ensure their continuing success in the Senior Grades.

As you can see we've had this advice handed out regularly by some of the greatest names in soccer and yet what has been accomplished — Nothing!! A big fat zero. We continue on our merry way amassing greater number of juniors, spreading the net ever wider into schools, new housing districts and further afield into country towns. Does the standard of junior players at the "top of the pile"

get better? Sadly no. Brisbane soccer is a classic example of this where, since the introduction of two extra teams or twenty-two new players, the standard of soccer being played has sunk to an all time low. It is a tragedy that out of at least 10,000 junior players in Brisbane we cannot get 22 good enough at 18 to step into first division soccer without dragging the standard downwards. Let us not argue this point too much, every club in the first division and a few in the second are actively importing players or procuring from other clubs players who have been imported. If this is not an admission of the failure of the "junior system" then what is?

There is hope on the horizon however. We now have a full time State coach and it is to be hoped he can get some modern coaching ideas through to the

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dedicated and hard working junior officials. These men who spend long hours organising this amazing machine which is universally admired by all who witness it, status quo thereby ensuring, not that "the kids will get a go" in senior soccer, but that "the kids will be good enough to get a go" in senior soccer. This has always been the one criticism of the junior setup by knowledgeable senior people. Sterling work has been done in recent times at an administrative level of the junior code, have to be induced into altering the diversification and unification of certain bodies has apparently been satisfactorily accomplished. This in itself was no mean task, and it is to be hoped the brains that accomplished this organisation will now look to the standard of the junior playing code.

An amazing amount of investigation has been done overseas into the teaching or coaching of youngsters. This knowledge is now freely available to us and it is to be hoped we do not adopt the policy of the ostrich much longer.

Nine years is a long time to eat sand and it would be to the further detriment of the game if it were allowed to continue.

The theories put forward by the truly professional coaches should be examined by the people who matter, the controlling body of the juniors, and, if they have merit, should be implemented without further ado. Maybe then in three or four

years time a new breed of 17 year olds will emerge from the assembly line of junior soccer production, that of an individual fully versed and trained in all aspects of the game and ready to take his place in the higher echelons of the sport where he can gain his only requirement — experience.

J. BINNIE

ADMINISTRATION

IN our opinion soccer in this State is not administered correctly. By that we do not mean that the men doing the job are incompetent, it is the structure that is incorrect.

The Q.S.F. should control soccer in the State of Queensland with its affiliates coming from the various intra-state bodies and schools, coaches federation, etc.

A body should be set up to administer soccer in Brisbane and Ipswich, and this body, not each separate club should be affiliated with the Q.S.F.

The State National League teams should come under the direct control of the Q.S.F. and not the Brisbane - Ipswich controlling body.

We feel an organisation like this would ensure the development of soccer throughout the state and stop the country cry of the Q.S.F. being a "Queen Street Show".

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