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Editorial

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SHOULD our National League Clubs - Lions and Brisbane City - be allowed to remain in the First Division next season? That is the burning question soon to be decided upon at a forthcoming full council meeting.

GO SOCCER

St. George have submitted the motion, that the two Clubs be excluded, with the rider they come straight back in in the event of either being relegated from the League after the third year.

Sir Arthur George already has stated he would like to see the two Clubs remain in First Division, and South Australia recently decided to retain the status quo in their State when the League began.

The First Division competition naturally will suffer initially when the League begins in respect of playing days, media coverage, etc. So it is imperative that the quality of the First Division not be impeded — and that means strong Clubs like Lions and City should stay in.

There is an apparent concern that Lions and City will "pinch" all of the good players from the other Clubs in their efforts to strengthen for the League, but at the same time increase their playing staffs to such an extent that they will also dominate the First Division.

What about City and Lions? If they are excluded from the First Division, many of their players who will not be able to commit themselves to National League for financial reasons, will be forced to play in the Third Division, or even lower. Not likely.

This means these players naturally will want to switch to other Clubs who ARE in the First Division. So is it fair that it goes the other way and City and Lions be forced into the position of losing the bulk of their players?

What is wrong with the idea of the two League Clubs signing certain men on loan from say, Eagles or St. George for a period of four weeks for National League matches. Then an agreement could be reached whereby those "on loan" players, if they fail to come up to expectations, simply go back to their own Clubs in the First Division, not to Lions or City.

This would be fair on all parties concerned. There have been too many mutterings of "they can't have their cake and eat it too" or "they shouldn't have the best of both worlds". These selfish thoughts are just the very things that will kill the National League. Lions and City have been fortunate enough to be accepted. It's up to the other Clubs, all Clubs, to make sure they get some sort of support.

Let's take it a step further. The people who would support the motion pending don't want Lions and City in the First Division. Let's say Brisbane United is accepted into the League some time in the future.

Surely then if that motion is taken to the letter, then the Clubs involved in Brisbane United - St. George, Thistle, Eagles, Merton, Bardon and whoever should also be expected to withdraw from the First Division. If not then those Clubs are all getting "the best of both worlds."

GO SOCCER is right behind Lions and City in this regard. If the majority of Clubs don't want them to have teams in the National League plus the First Division, there is a simple solution if this sort of tactic is going to be part and parcel of these all too requent bickerings in Soccer.

Lions should call their National League side Richlands United and City could be Spencer Park United. Let's hope they don't have to resort to that.

LIKELY PERRY PARK LINEUPS

3 p.m.

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

LIONS

- 1. MIKE HORNE
- 2. LEON WILSON
- 3. IAN LAWRIE
- 4. TONY EDWARDS
- 5. ALAN NIVEN
- 6. JIM McCABE
- 7. JOHN NEALE
- 8. PAUL LASLO
- 9. CHARLIE DENCH
- 10. GARY LOVELL
- 11. RON HARLAND

Coach: LES SCHEINFLUG

1 p.m.

REDLANDS UNITED

- 1. DICK KARREMAN
- 2. DON BOWERS
- 3. JIM QUINN
- 4. TREVOR CATCHPOLE
- 5. GARY CATCHPOLE
- 6. CHRIS HILL
- 7. ALAN MORRIS
- 8. STEVE BROWN
- 9. JOHN DEEGAN
- 10. BARRY KELSO
- 11. RON MILLMAN

Coach: ERIC PATTISON

MERTON EAST

- 1. CHRIS CARROLL
- 2. PETER HOUGHTON
- 3. CHRIS CORCORAN
- 4. RON STEIN
- 5. STEVE GARBUTT
- 6. PAUL YEUELL
- 7. STEVE DOLAN
- 8. JOHN WILKINSON
- 9. GARY BOHAN
- 10. BEVAN BOHAN
- 11. MAL BLAND

Coach: LUCAS REMEDIOS

Semi-Final Pen Pictures

BRISBANE CITY

OSVALDO BORZI: State goalkeeper in top form and will be very hard to pass again.

IAN RATHMELL: State right fullback this year. Rugged tackler who relishes the big match atmosphere.

IAN PERRY: Most under-rated left fullback who never seems to play a bad match. Clears his lines well.

PETER TOKESI: Nick-named The Tank by many because of his build and aggressive tackling. Very dangerous in corner kick situations.

GARY CLIFFORD: Another player who doesn't shirk in the heavy stuff and has been known to hand it out himself. Leads the backline by example.

PETER NIELSEN: One of the State's most experienced midfielders and the skipper of the team. Never stops running and reliable under pressure.

KEVIN CALDWELL: Has been worth every cent of his transfer fee from Coalstars. Should play major role in first semi with this Club.

BRIAN KIBBEY: Has come back from injury and playing up to his usual steady form. Will cause the Lions midfield men quite a few headaches.

BILLY HAIGH: Many class him as a veteran but a most worthy member of the side. Has learned plenty of tricks over the years and will make good advantage of his experience.

IAN JOHNSTON: No City side would be complete without this player. Has to be watched for the entire 90 minutes and has been a matchwinner in matches of this nature more times than he would probably care to remember.

HORST SCHNEIDER: Has years of Sydney experience behind him and is always dangerous lurking on either wing, from where he supplies some great crosses. Has one of the most powerful shots in the game.

LIONS

MIKE HORNE: Has been claimed by many that he has not yet had a chance to display his full ability because of good defence in front of him but is certain to get that chance on Sunday.

LEON WILSON: Signed this year for hefty \$2,500 from Eagles and has been regular member of the side ever since. Has played some good matches for Queensland this year and won't be overawed by the occasion.

IAN LAWRIE: Has not played outstanding football in a few games this year which is foreign to his obvious ability and potential. Sure to be doing a lot of heavy work on Sunday.

TONY EDWARDS: Queensland's best defender, an accolade he has proved many times for the State team. Loves this type of pressure match and will be giving everything at the business end of things.

ALAN NIVEN: One of the Club's new signings this year and has proved to be

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a very classy and speedy left fullback. in place of Meagher. Useful player in His battle with Caldwell will be one of the highlights.

JIM McCABE: The most experienced of the Lions outfit. Some claim he is slowing down a little but he is the right player to have in this situation. Very cool in the middle and has scored some great headers.

JOHN NEALE: The Lions captain and deserves the role judging by the example he has set. One of the fairest players in the game with a powerful shot and very keen to win the Grand Final for his Club.

PAUL LASLO: Really hit top form with his display against Hong Kong for the State but has been out of the goalscoring list somewhat since then. Works very hard up front and a danger to Clifford and Tokesi and Co.

CHARLIE DENCH: A player the crowd either loves or hates but there is no doubting he is a personality and an opportunist. Has had some hectic battles with Clifford in the past and they should clash head on again.

GARY LOVELL: Has been wearing the No. 10 shirt for some time but usually slots into the backline as an extra defender with good results. Probably will be the watchdog over Johnston and won't let the side down.

RON HARLAND: Some injury doubt over this player during the week but Scheinflug is very keen to have him in the side. Has plenty of potential but yet to really produce it since coming from Sydney. Gets his chance on Sunday.

REDLANDS UNITED

DICK KARREMAN: Most serviceable player for this Club and has enough experience not to be worried by the atmosphere. Shows great courage under heavy pressure.

GRAHAM MEAGHER: Another old stager who knows what this type of football is all about. Might be in doubt through recurring injury.

DON BOWERS: Plenty of First Division experience with a few Clubs and fitted into right fullback berth last week that he can also play in the midfield.

JIM QUINN: Not one of the "name" players of this side, but that often happens to players who go about their task efficiently and quietly. Tackles hard and certain to be a great asset.

TREVOR CATCHPOLE: Like his brother will appreciate the chance to knock his old Club out of the Finals and will tackle like a demon all day to bring that about.

GARY CATCHPOLE: The rock of the backline and displays skill in knocking the long ball downfield with pinpoint accuracy to set his front runners in

CHRIS HILL: Only a youngster but has matured greatly this season in top company. Has been playing a more defensive role lately and will power his way through the 90 hard minutes.

STEVE BROWN: Signed this year from Bardon and has turned in some strong running and useful performances in the midfield. Has a powerful shot which also may be used to good advantage on Sunday.

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ALAN MORRIS: The hero of the side at the moment, with his late goal last week getting the Club into the semis. Another of Brisbane's most experienced players and a definite force in Redlands' attempts to go a step further.

JOHN DEEGAN: Works like a beaver in the midfield and has scored some useful goals to help get the Club to this stage. Will have to continue his good understanding with Morris to offset Merton's men in the middle.

BARRY KELSO: Young player with a big future but probably could work just a little harder. Has lots going for him with speed, physique and a booming shot.

RON MILLMAN: Semi-final matches are nothing new to this player who has sufficient speed to trouble any backline. His association with Kelso in fact could be one of the Club's biggest hopes for Sunday.

MERTON EAST

CHRIS CARROLL: Started out with Merton originally as a forward but gradually followed Bryan Willis into goalkeeping berth. Pretty safe under pressure and has held his berth all season.

PETER HOUGHTON: Former Wynnum player. Tall strong right fullback who has played big part in Club's advance into the semis. Good in the air.

STEVE GARBUTT: Very versatile player who has turned in some solid games in the midfield but a great asset also at left fullback. Talks to the players and settles the defence.

ROD STEIN: Member of the State team this year and a most reliable player under pressure. Tackles effectively and very fit 90 minute defender.

CHRIS CORCORAN: One of those players who doesn't often get rave notices but does his job most effectively. Regular member of the backline all season.

PAUL YEUELL: Has been troubled a little by injury this year but has been a most consistent player over past few seasons, mostly with Oxley before joining this Club.

STEVE DOLAN: One of the most

exciting players in Brisbane and a real delight to see him on the ball in attack when in top form. Unlucky to miss out on national selection this year.

JOHN WILKINSON: Came back into State side for match against Hong Kong and is equally at home in the middle or in the backline. One of the Club's key players.

GARY BOHAN: Youngster who has really matured this season and has turned in some fine games for the Club. Possesses a good turn of speed and is a most capable opportunist.

BEVAN BOHAN: Fiery young striker who has plenty of First Division experience behind him. Has been a regular Merton player in top company since his junior days.

MAL BLAND: Plays it hard but clean and a good example for younger players. Probably not playing as consistently as he did last year when in the State team but an invaluable man to have in this sudden death atmosphere.

WEEK-END REFEREES

CITY v LIONS

Referee - Dave Nugent Linesmen — Des Miles, John Adams

REDLANDS v MERTON Referee — Deiter Klose Linesmen — Terry Ellison John Folling

LIONS v COALSTARS (Colts, 11 a.m.) Referee — Don McKenzie Linesmen —Kel Fisher, Visco Guidutti

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Another One For City

ONLY the semi-finals remain and the so far all-conquering Brisbane City have taken another step towards scooping the pool of all the major trophies on offer this season.

The first round President's Cup, Ampol Cup and premiership trophy are all adorning the City mantelpiece and they remain favourites still to take out the Grand Final on Saturday, October 9.

And to add to all that, City also have collected the second round Golden Circle Shield, although by a much smaller margin than the manner in which those other prizes were attained.

City finished the second round equal on 17 points with the strong finishing St. George, but won the trophy with a superior goal average, 30 goals to 10, as against St. George's 25 to 10.

St. George now know that their loss against North Brisbane recently has proved to be their most costly of the season. After bad luck deprived them of countless chances in that game, they went down 2-1, which cost them the Golden Circle trophy plus of course a place in the semis.

But now to Sunday, and City's major semi-final clash with Lions, a match the latter desperately wants to win, to make sure of a place in the final.

Coach Les Scheinflug said during the week his players were hot to win Sunday's match because they are still not convinced City is the better team (although the match scores are 2-1 in City's favour).

Lions now have finished runner-up to City in both the Ampol Cup and premiership and obviously want to make it third time lucky.

Scheinflug said one factor about playing City had him worried, a statement which naturally will draw plenty of protest from City players, officials and supporters.

"There's no doubt that City play the man, in that they carry through with their tackles once completed."

"But we know we are a better side. We'll prove that in the National League next year. So the only way to take on City and beat them is to stick all out to attacking football."

City might have some of their supporters worrying over the way they dropped recent matches to St. George and North Brisbane. But then it is a tough job for any coach, including Nereo Saftich to keep up that incessant drive and will to win, when the team is constantly on top.

Last Sunday's loss to Norths, during which a number of City players displayed their frustration, was probably the tonic City needed to bring them back on an even keel leading up to the final run home.

They have the score on the board and GO SOCCER is tipping them to be the first Club into the Grand Final.

As for the knock-out semi-final, the atmosphere no doubt will be much more tense because of the consequences for the losing team. For Redlands they probably have little to lose, considering the Club did not consider it would get this far in the first place. Then again, now that they have reached this stage, why not go one further.

Merton all season have been in the top bracket and never really looked like missing out on the semi-finals. If there is to be an upset as far as the championship is concerned, this could be just the Club to pull it off. Merton to meets Lions in next week's preliminary final.

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This Week-ends Matches

FIRST DIVISION:

City v Lions
(Sunday, Perry Park, 3 p.m.)
Redlands v Merton
(Sunday, Perry Park, 1 p.m.)

RESERVE GRADE:

Norths v Lions (Saturday, Cleveland, 2.45 p.m.) City v Thistle (Saturday, Cleveland, 12.50 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION:

Preliminary Final — Annerley v Gold Coast (Sunday, Acacia Ridge, 2.45 p.m.)

SECOND RESERVES:

Grand Final— Annerley v Wynnum (Sunday, Acacia Ridge, 12.50 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION:

Grand Final— Acacia Ridge v Fortitude Valley (Saturday, Ebbw Vale, 2.45 p.m.)

FOURTH DIVISION:

Preliminary Final— Booval v The Gap (Saturday, Bundamba, 2.45 p.m.)

FIFTH DIVISION:

Grand Final— Salisbury v Inala (Saturday, Ebbw Vale, 12.50 p.m.)

SIXTH DIVISION:

Grand Final— Goodna v Kingsridge (Saturday, Runcorn, 2.45 p.m.)

SEVENTH DIVISION:

Preliminary Final— Rochedale v Norths (Saturday, Bundamba, 12.50 p.m.)

EIGHTH DIVISION:

Semi Final Replay — Adams Park v Goodna (Saturday, Runcorn, 12.50 p.m.)

COLTS DIVISION:

Lions v Coalstars
(Sunday, Perry Park, 11 a.m.)
St. Helens v Merton
(Saturday, Robinson Park, 2.45 p.m.)

THE GOLD MEDAL

ALL the votes are in and counted and by the time this edition of GO SOCCER is on sale, we will all know just who has won the 1976 Rothmans Gold Medal, succeeding Annerley's Michael Rooney.

Entries in our competition to see who could correctly name the winner have been closed off and next week we will announce who has won the National Semiconductor Quartz Digital Watch, valued at \$29.95.

We are hopeful the winner will be presented with the watch on the same day the 1976 Rothmans winner is presented with his medal. So make sure you get next week's GO SOCCER to see who the lucky winner is.

With most of the lower Division Finals coming to an end, there may be a number of supporters of these Clubs now attending Perry Park to match the First Division semi-Finals.

And a good deal of these people may not have seen some of the earlier editions of GO SOCCER, starting with edition one which went on sale on July 31.

We have back copies of all editions of GO SOCCER and you can obtain any of these by contacting either the editor or ABC Printing on 36 1485.

Goalkeepers Sought

THE goalkeepers from the two Ipswich Clubs, St. Helens and Coalstars, have been approached by two Brisbane Clubs, one of them in the National League.

City are keen to sign Saints' State goalkeeper Kim Wishart, but that will be no easy task as the Club has plonked a massive \$10,000 transfer fee on his head.

St. Helens president Terry Brown has confirmed that Wishart has asked to be placed on the open to transfer list and that if he wishes to go, the Club won't stand in his way.

One wonders why a Club with Borzi on their books would be after a 'keeper of Wishart's ability, considering there is a motion pending that City do not play in the First Division next year.

Coalstars' Barry Schreiweis is reported to have been approached by St. George but as yet there is no announcement of any fee placed by Coalstars.

At least it's good to see a player of Shreiweis' class at last gaining some recognition.

The Non-Event of the Year—Colts Division

By Newmarket Colts Team Coach, ALAN CAREY

THIS year, the ruling fathers of Soccer in this State saw fit to pursue their programme of promoting Soccer by continuing the operation of a Colts Division.

Firstly, the idea of collecting all the promising young players, then giving them good coaching and pitting them in competition against each other week after week can only better the standard of football in their Division.

Consequently they should be better prepared when they enter First Division. Then on the other hand, to present them with, on the average only one game every fortnight is disastrous and can only lower their standards and drive them from the game.

The Colts Division was formed with 10 teams entered but unfortunately two of the participants retired at the commencement of the season. This necessitated two teams having a bye each weekend, and, as the Colts were excluded from competing on weekends when Ampol Cup games and representative matches were played, naturally all players missed an enormous amount of football.

Commencing on Saturday, April 3 and concluding on Sunday, September 19 each team played the lowly sum of 14 matches. One team played two games in seven weekends and another was unfortunate enough to play one game in six weekends.

Is it any wonder that not many of our youngsters make their mark in First Division football. At an average age of seventeen, these boys thrive on hard work and would jump at the chance to play two games a weekend if possible.

What did they do this year? Alas, they played a game of Soccer one weekend, then packed their rods and went fishing the next, or maybe they trooped off to Lang Park for a bit of excitement at the Rugby.

Is it not true that many prospective champions of the future are now disgruntled and disillusioned with their former love, soccer, and I wonder how many will turn out again next year. Some people have said that nothing could have

been done to rescue their season, but I for one, wholeheartedly disagree.

Why weren't the fixtures redrawn to comprise three rounds, seeing the withdrawals were known at the start of the season? In the absence of three rounds of fixtures being agreed upon, wouldn't it have been feasible for someone in authority with a little forethought to arrange a Cup competition to be played concurrently with the premiership — noting that two teams had a bye each weekend and games were not played on Ampol Cup weekends.

It would be interesting to know what plans our ruling fathers have for this Division next year. May I suggest that as much football as possible be made available to these youngsters, and as a steadying influence it is recommended that (1) a mature player over the age limit be allowed on the field of play, or failing this, (2) a coach be permitted to instruct his players from the sideline.

In conclusion, I would ask — was all that could have been done in fact carried out to ensure a successful season for this very essential Division, or was it an example of gross administrative ineptitude?

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EAGLES SPREAD THEIR WINGS

FORMER top referee Jimmy Perotte has supplied us with a clipping sent to him from a friend in England.

It is from the Yorkshire Evening Post, dated September 8, with the heading "Aussies Lure Yorkshire's Young Soccer Prospects." The story dealt with the recent overseas trip by Southside Eagles' Bob Broadbent.

An Australian soccer team has launched a poaching scheme in Yorkshire, aimed at luring top county league players by offering lucrative contracts.

The Eagles Club in Brisbane decided to spot for talent in Yorkshire because of the reputation the County's footballers have in Australia.

The man behind the scheme is Mr. Robert Broadbent, the team manager, who was born in Halifax. He emigrated to Australia almost 30 years ago.

The Eagles, a Queensland League First Division Club, is anxious to improve its standard. Mr. Broadbent is looking for single players of Yorkshire League standard to fill midfield and striker positions and is prepared to offer two-year contracts to the right men.

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Players wanting to join the Eagles should write to Mr. Broadbent at 19 Merle Street, Carina, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, giving details of their playing careers and references.

"We shall fix up accommodation, try to find the players jobs, and help to settle them down in every way," said Mr. Broadbent on the telephone from Australia. "We shall also pay the fare out here, but if someone can't settle we will pay for the return air trip too."

Mr. Broadbent, a former Halifax Town and Leeds United supporter, does not feel guilty about pinching Yorkshire's bright prospects.

"I would like to think that some of our young players could make exchanges with Yorkshire Clubs," he said. GOLDEN CHANCE

Mr. Barrie Walker, team manager of Ossett Town, a leading Yorkshire League side, said: "I have no objection to the scheme. If a player is young and wants to emigrate, this is a golden opportunity for him."

Meanwhile Mr. Barry Wood, secretary of the Yorkshire League, said: "As long as there is no problem about accommodation and work over there, I cannot see anything wrong with it. But I don't think the scheme will be very successful, because the standard over there is not particularly high."

On that point Mr. Broadbent said the Australian level of play, at present Northern Premier League standard, was improving all the time.

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NO MERGER FOR IPSWICH CLUBS

THE rumours have been laid to rest. St. Helens and their Ipswich neighbours, Coalstars will not amalgamate. This was decided at a recent meeting between the two Clubs.

One person who was in favour of a form of amalgamation, surprisingly enough was St. Helens president, Terry Brown.

He takes up the story: "My suggestion, which was rejected by the majority of members at the meeting, was an alternative to complete amalgamation, which I felt would have been to the detriment of the code in Ipswich.

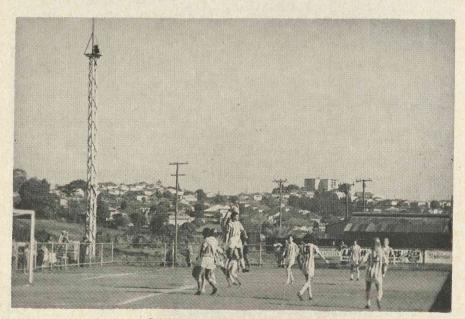
"Taking for a start the marriage of Saints and Coalstars, we would have been left with one Club encompassing some 40 teams. Take it a little further and bring in Bush Rats and Booval and we would have been left with some 55 teams under one control. That sort of situation would have been far too unwieldy.

"My plan was that all financial resources could have been directed into a single Club, as far as providing Club facilities and a ground. Under this scheme those Clubs mentioned would have remained as single identities.

"But by pooling our resources, we could have provided a top class complex, licensed Club and floodlighting suitable for night football.

"In this way in the future, it would have been possible to form an Ipswich United combination, similar to the one envisaged by the Brisbane United officials and the ultimate step would have been the establishment of an Ipswich side worthy of National League.

"If Ipswich overall does not aim at National League then it will remain as a second rate force. Maybe there is some hope for this venture same time in the future, but for the moment, the two Clubs will continue to go their separate ways."



BRISBANE CITY V ST. HELENS

What's Happening to the Juniors?

By State Director of Coaching, DENNIS FORD

SOCCER is probably the most popular game among young people in Australia today. It is estimated that there are something like 200,000 junior players throughout the country. Queensland alone has 30,000. Why then are we struggling to produce players skilful enough for senior soccer? Why is there such a high drop-out rate of junior players during adolescence? Why have we got quantity without quality?

I believe that answers to these questions can be found mainly within the area of junior soccer. Why do children play soccer? The obvious answer is that they play because they enjoy the game and love performing the skills of the game. That might well be part of the reason, however, children are not necessarily logical human beings. Research has shown that they do play for other reasons the need to feel part of a team, parental influence, the acquisition of trophies and pennants, etc. If they play solely because they love the game then why do such a high percentage give the game away in their teens?

For me the answer lies in one phrase — LACK OF SUCCESS. Not lack of success in losing certain matches or premierships, but lack of success in not being able to control and pass a ball properly, not being able to shoot properly, in short — LACK OF SKILL. This combined with other pressures during adolesence — girls, money, schoolwork, etc. combine to lead adolescents to relegate soccer to second place or give the game away altogther.

The earlier pressures mentioned — acquisition of trophies, parental influence — no longer carry much weight.

It is therefore vital to instil in youngsters a sincere love for the game ITSELF. This can be done by ensuring that they are properly taught the skills of the game! If by the time they are in their teens they can kill a ball dead, strike the ball sweetly over thirty yards, shoot with precision and power, etc. then they are far less likely to give the game away. PEOPLE DO NOT USUALLY GIVE AWAY THOSE THINGS AT WHICH THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL!

How can we ensure that they are properly taught the skills of the game?

Obviously better coaching is essential. A qualified coach with every junior side would be ideal. That is definitely the long-term aim. In the meantime we must create a situation where children will learn whether or not they have a good or a bad coach. FIVE-A-SIDE instead of ELEVEN-A-SIDE games could well be the answer.

At the moment by playing eleven-a-side most of the children spend their time CHASING the ball as opposed to being in CONTACT with the ball. We may well be producing runners but we are certainly not producing SOCCER players!

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times as many contacts with the ball during the same period of time.

Five-a-side could quite easily be incorporated into the present league set-up. Each Club could send a squad of 15 players and split them into 3 teams A, B. & C in order of ability. Team A would play team A from the other Club and so on. Two points could be at stake for each separate game so 6 points would rest on the fixture as a whole. The 'poorer' maybe less physically nature players in team C could then contribute as much or more than the 'better' players in teams A and B.

The normal 11-a-side pitch could be divided into quarters:—

5 v 5	5 v 5
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Referees would be no problem as the rules of the game are very simple (offside which is the most difficult rule to apply is not a rule of 5-a-side). Linesmen would not be required.

All the players would have a chance to score, all players could interchange positions (an absolutely essential requirement in modern day soccer). At any one point in the game a player could be a striker scoring goals and then a defender tackling back to save the day.

In conclusion junior soccer should be seen as the preparatory stage for the senior game, where players can have TWENTY YEARS OR MORE involvement and enjoyment.

Junior soccer is the first link in a long chain. Only by having an open mind about the game and being prepared to accept change will our children have a better chance of being the skilful players of the future.

Anyone wishing to talk more about the game should contact D. Ford, Q.S.F. on 52 5328.

TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Sir.

I was most surprised to learn of Mr. Ray Evans' opinions on the function of "minor" Clubs and the future of their junior players, as stated in edition seven of GO SOCCER.

I was particularly perturbed at Mr. Evans' comments regarding the feelings of his own Club and their acceptance of being a nursery to some other Club in, maybe, more fortunate circumstances.

The feeling of my own Club is that we would never cede to another Club, because we want to be at the top. However if certain Clubs have decided that their function is purely as an amateur service to Soccer, then they should make their position known to the Queensland Soccer Federation, who are we believe, attempting to re-constitute and revitalise the League.

Further, they should be prepared to allow their junior players the privilege of attaining the highest standard of play, whether it be at amateur or professional level. Nevertheless I and my Club are convinced that the future of this sport lies in professionalism and we become anxious when existing First Division Clubs are apparently willing to accept less.

Queensland was, not so long ago, the foremost State in Soccer, with Ipswich the foremost area in Queensland, and we will not rest until that position has been attained again.

We have the greatest respect for the amateur side of sport but as far as Soccer is concerned we firmly believe that professionalism IS the NAME OF THE GAME and those who want to remain amateur should play in an amateur League.

P. SCOTNEY, Secretary, Goodna and Dist. Soccer and Sports Club

SOUTH QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

THE end of a very successful, (Inaugural season as a separate Association) culminates at the Pasadena Reception Lounge, Alderley, on Friday night 24th with a Presentation Dinner Dance Night.

Many teams will be represented to receive Trophies, namely —

A DIVISION — Coalstars
Premiers and Grand Final Winners

B. DIVISION —
Newmarket — Premiers
Mitchelton — Grand Final Winners
University — Most Improved Team

C. DIVISION —
Dinmore — Premiers
North Brisbane —
Grand Final Winners

U/15..JUNIORS —
Brighton —
Premiers and Grand Final Winners

In addition to the above presentations the result and Presentation will be made regarding the S.Q.W.S.A. Soccer Queen and Soccer Princess Quest.

The judging of the 7 entrants took place at the Pasadena Lounge last Monday 20th, the distinguished judges were — Mrs. Pat Brusasco, Mrs. Ruby Robinson (ladies sports writer for the Courier-Mail), Mr. Gary Suprain from Funtastic Radio 4BC.

These wonderful and co-operative people will be among many other distinguished personalities, including the Honourable Lord Mayor, and Lady Mayoress of Brisbane, Alderman and Mrs. Frank Sleeman.

Highlighting this season of soccer MUST be the very high standard of play, friendship and sportswomanship, displayed by all the 27 competing teams in the 4 grades.

With particular emphasis on the Grand finals which were as good as could be seen played anywhere . . . (Watch out Senior Men).

The U/15 Junior Premiers were hard pressed right through the grand final by a very determined Merton East team, but held on long enough to win 1-0.

"C" Division Premiers, Dinmore Bush Rats, a new team to enter this season, were undefeated throughout the Competition, and were very hard pressed by another New Club this season North Brisbane, who eventually defeated Dinmore in a very exciting game 2-0.

"B" Division Premiers, Newmarket and runners-up Mitchelton, had a really great game which finished 1-1 at full time and still one all into 30 minutes extra time.

In the replay on Sunday 12th September, with almost full time up, the score was nil all, however an unfortunate (for Newmarket) hand ball in the Penalty Box, gave Mitchelton a direct Penalty, with exactly 2 seconds remaining before full time. However Mitchelton's star penalty kicker, Shareena O'Keefe made no mistake and Mitchelton won 1-0 and took the Grand Final.

'A' Division Premiers Coalstars didn't

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have it all their own way against yet another very determined Wynnum team, and it was anybody's game right up to the final whistle, with Coalstars holding onto a slim 2-1 lead up to the end despite some very spirited attacks by Wynnum.

A weekend at Bundaberg on 14-15 August was attended by 3 teams from Brisbane, Annerley, Salisbury and a combined Mitchelton-Newmarket team, to compete in a Carnival against teams from Bundaberg (2), Maryborough (1) Gladstone (1) and the Rockhampton representative team.

Once again a lot of great and exciting soccer was displayed, and the Grand Final between Rockhampton and the Mitchelton-Newmarket teams, was played as fast as any game could be, and held the crowd spellbound as the game seesawed, first one way and then the other until the final whistle with Mitchelton-Newmarket just getting there 3 - 2.

The friendship, sportsmanship displayed at this Carnival augers well for the further growth of Women's Soccer in Queensland.

Then to finish the season off, an end of Season Carnival was held last Sunday 19th September at Hunt Park, Musgrave Hill, Southport, where 12 teams participated in a Round Robin.

In addition to the 7 teams from Brisbane, were teams from Broadbeach, St. Hilda's, Musgrave Hill, Southport and a representative team from Lismore-Ballina.

Four of the Brisbane teams had sister teams from the Gold Coast and a very, very successful day was had by all participants, many new and no doubt lasting friendships were made, and this once again shows just how wide spread and growing is the sport of Women's Soccer.

The Grand Final at this Carnival was eventually won by Mitchelton 1 - 0 against a very determined and much improved Dinmore Bush Rats team, who next season go up into "B" Division — Hold onto your hats "B" Division.

To all players, officials of all the Affiliated Clubs, may we the Executive take this opportunity of saying a great big THANK YOU for the wonderful way you all conducted yourselves both on and off the field, anywhere you played.

Last but by no means least Congratulations to the Representative Team which went to Melbourne for the National Titles.

We did not win, but were by no means disgraced and the experience gained this year will stand us in good stead for the next Titles to be staged in Perth.

No report would be complete unless another great big THANK YOU to the many supporters of all Clubs, which tends to make the entire competition really worthwhile, without your assistance in every way, would have made the job of the Committee a great deal harder.

Congratulations one and all.

BERT FRY,
Publicity Officer S.Q.W.S.A.



IAN STEELE (North Brisbane)

Setting a Standard—But Worries for the Future

GO SOCCER

NO CLUB is more surprised at creating what must be a local soccer record by winning through to the semi-finals at their first attempt than the achievers themselves — Redlands United.

25th September, 1976

According to president Ray Despot, the Club never really expected to be on top at the end of five rounds, and still second for most of the season. "In fact we laughed at Eric Pattison early in the year when he said we would get into the four."

The Club is far from over confident at its almost instant success and at this stage has no great plans for next year.

"We are a bit concerned financially about where we will stand next season when the National League starts.

"Admittedly the League will be a great boost for the game but we still have some concern about what effect it will have on us. "There is some talk that because we are an out of the city Club, we may be able to play our matches on a Sunday. But will people come to Redlands to support their Clubs when a National League match is on the same day?"

"Basically we must know if we can hold our own. For this reason we won't be racing out and buying players until we know just what is going on. What disturbs some of the Clubs is that we hear from one high up official that the League will be a success, then another says he has reservations.

"In addition we have worries about players leaving now that their contracts have expired and another top player is thinking of retiring. There's a lot to be considered about next season. At the moment we'll just concentrate on trying to reach the Grand Final."

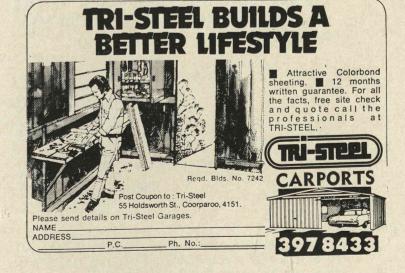


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GO SOCCER

	FIRST DIVISION				RESERVE GRADE											
	Р	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
CITY	22	17	1	4	75	22	35	NORTHS	22	15	6	1	45	18	36	
LIONS	22	12	3	7	55	34	27	LIONS	22	15	5	2	53	23	35	
MERTON	22	12	3	7	36	29	27	CITY	22	12	3	7	51	28	27	
REDLANDS	22	10	6	6	31	23	26	THISTLE	22	10	6	6	49	37	26	
EAGLES	22	10	6	6	45	37	26	MERTON	22	11.	4	7	43	42	26	
ST GEORGE	22	12	2	8	42	35	26	St GEORGE	22	12	1	9	49	35	25	
NORTHS	22	10	5	7	37	32	25	EAGLES	22	7	3	12	39	32	17	
Mt GRAVATT	22	9	4	9	28	32	22	REDLANDS	22	7	3	12	40	51	17	
ST HELENS	22	6	5	11	22	40	17	BARDON	22	6	4	12	41	57	16	
BARDON	22	6	1	15	28	61	13	COALSTARS	22	4	6	12	31	63	14	
COALSTARS	22	2	7	13	18	48	11	ST HELENS	22	3	7	12	25	63	13	
THISTLE	22	3	3	16	28	52	9	Mt GRAVATT	22	5	2	15	22	39	12	

COLTS DIVISION							
4.5	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
LIONS .	14	12	1	1	44	13	25
COALSTARS	14	8	3	3	35	20	19
ST HELENS	14	8	2	4	31	21	18
MERTON	14	7	1	6	28	21	15
THISTLE	14	4	3	7	23	23	11
NEWMARKET	14	4	2	8	22	39	10
Mt GRAVATT	14	3	1	10	15	35	. 7
ST GEORGE	14	2	3	9	14	40	7



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