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## Editorial

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Denis Ford is among us. This young man has left no doubt about that as he moves into action in what could be the biggest challenge to his short but successful career as a professional soccer coach. It was in a much earlier edition of GO SOCCER (would you believe 1969) that "Rags" Tatters said our priority demanded a full-time coach for Queensland. Now seven years later the dream has come true and the big question is "What are WE going to do about it?"

You may think that a strange question but if we stick to our form it should mean a lot of people sitting back saying "He's being paid for it, let's see what he can do". The motto of the knocker a famous Australian figure.

Let's be a little different this time, let's get behind this bloke and help him in every way possible. A lot is expected of him, he's to look after the Queensland senior team he's to coach coaches, he's to run coaching courses, he's to visit Clubs at their request, he's to get into the schools and teach teachers, and kids, and reorganise the whole structure of coaching so that we are guaranteed a supply of coaches and players for the future. That would take a superman so let's get the Queensland spirit going and show him what welcome and help is all about.

Denis has kicked off well already. Last Sunday he interrupted his coaching course at Annerley to have lunch with the men that matter in Junior football, the delegates from all over Queensland. He spelled out the message loud and clear. His first priority is THE GAME and all his acquired knowledge is aimed at making things better, through coaches and players, for the administrators, the vast majority of whom are voluntary labour.

His message to the junior people was as he spelled out in the last edition of GO SOCCER the methods THEY can implement and use immediately to ensure a higher standard of junior player up to the age of twelve.

It is most refreshing to see a professional coach take an acute interest in the development of under twelves. The man obviously has his priorities in the right place, he is laying out step one in the overall plan.

The delegates at the junior meeting asked questions which appeared to be answered to their satisfaction. Let's hope they go back to their far-flung outposts of Queensland soccer determined to help their professional coach in distant Brisbane get the wheel moving. The only way they can do this 100% is to sell his methods to all their respective bodies. Let us hope for the sake of Queensland soccer they are instrumental in starting a movement that will spread State-wide.

## THIS WEEKS MATCHES

### FIRST DIVISION:

Preliminary Final, Brisbane City v  
Redlands United (Perry Park, 3 p.m.)

### RESERVE GRADE:

Brisbane City v North Brisbane  
Preliminary Final (Perry Park 1 p.m.)

### COLTS DIVISION:

Preliminary Final, Coalstars v Merton  
East (Perry Park, 11 a.m.)

### THIRD DIVISION:

Grand Final, Fortitude Valley v  
Acacia Ridge (Saturday, Spencer  
Park, 2.45 p.m.)

### FOURTH DIVISION:

Grand Final, Nerang v Booval  
(Saturday, Spencer Park, 12.50 p.m.)

### SEVENTH DIVISION:

Grand Final, Dinmore v Rochedale  
(Saturday, Maramba Stadium, 2.45)

### EIGHTH DIVISION:

Preliminary Final, RAAF v Adams Park  
(Saturday, Maramba Stadium, 12.50)



## A CLOUD OVER THE PRELIMINARY

IT'S HARD enough most weeks going through the routine of previewing a match days before the coaches of the various sides analyse injury problems and possible team changes.

This week we are faced with the prospect of looking at the Redlands- Brisbane City preliminary final and it is very much on the cards that Redlands could be without three key players.

Strikers Millman and Kelso and defender Gary Catchpole all received their third cautions during the semi-final against Merton last Sunday so their fates would not have been decided until last Wednesday night.

City probably would have started favourites in any case but for Redlands, who now have surpassed even their most avid supporters' avid dreams, it would be a near impossibility for them to win without those three players.

Just to complicate matters more, City men Caldwell and Nielsen carried some pretty sore bruises after their confrontation with Lions and there must be some continuing doubt over Ian Perry, considering he was replaced in the first half.

At best, we will just have to forget about what might have happened during the week and concentrate on the prospects of both teams in the event of their being able to field full strength lineups.

City coach Nereo Saftich said during the week he had taken Perry off in the first half in line with a pre-conceived plan.

Perry had been down with the 'flu the previous week and Saftich said he wanted a flat out effort for the first 15 to 20 minutes.

If Perry was showing signs of struggling because of the illness he was to be replaced by Derek Pimm.

Pimm certainly did help to lift City after Lions had dominated the opening 15 minutes but the problem here is that City lost a great deal of their midfield strength when Nielsen had to drop back to replace Perry.

So with the extra week to recover, Perry should come back to the position he's had a mortgage on all season, enab-

ing his skipper to maintain the outstanding form he has produced in the middle.

City, with their Nielsen-Kibbey combination, definitely have the edge in that department, against Redlands' less experienced Chris Hill and Steve Brown.

The Catchpoles can certainly match anything - Clifford and Tokesi can produce, but Rathmell, Perry and Borzi look a better proposition in their fields than what their Redlands counterparts can offer.

Up front, City are no more mobile but probably just that little bit more productive, giving them overall an advantage. And City by now should be stung into reproducing the form, following the loss of three games out of their last four, which has enabled them to secure a hoard of trophies so far.

Let's hope all goes well for the Redlands trio during the week, otherwise they will face an almost impossible task — which would be a great pity, seeing they have achieved so much against all expectations.

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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

### REDLANDS UNITED

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

Coach: ERIC PATTISON

## PRELIMINARY FINAL PEN PICTURES

### BRISBANE CITY

**OSVALDO BORZI:** Not used to having two slipped past him as Laslo and Harland did last week. Might have been to blame partly for the first goal but Sunday's tricky wind did not help. Pulled off one magnificent save from a powerful left footer by McDowell.

**IAN RATHMELL:** Turned in his usual solid match and in all fairness took the defeat better than some of his teammates. Will have his hands full this week against the speed of Millman and Kelso but as usual will acquit himself well.

**IAN PERRY:** Coach Saftich caused somewhat of a surprise when he replaced this player in the first half and he certainly did not seem to appreciate it. Will have recovered fully from the 'flu by now and sure to have his usual berth back again.

**GARY CLIFFORD:** Kept his cool in

tight situations under pressure against Lions and is a much better player for it. Had plenty to worry about last week with Dench running strongly up front for the full 90 minutes. Top class defender.

**PETER TOKESI:** Big strapping lad who will be tackling his heart out to try and get his side into the final. Did extremely well in the Rothmans count this year and we can look forward to better things from him next season.

**PETER NIELSEN:** Most versatile player and has proved this countless times over the years. Forced to slip back to fullback last week when Perry was replaced but is much more of a force if he can lead things from the midfield. Well respected skipper.

**KEVIN CALDWELL:** Has been pretty quiet in past few matches but obviously is much better than that and could be



ready to explode with a big effort this week. All goalkeepers respect his pile-driving crosses from the wing and has had all week to recover from hard knock on the leg.

**BRIAN KIBBEY:** Deceptive player who gets through a ton of work and can take any heavy stuff dished out with readiness to absorb more. Did a ton of work in defence last week when his side was under pressure for long periods.

**BILLY HAIGH:** Would dearly love to reach and play in the grand final as he is a real competitor and has a reputation as a goal-sneak. Not afraid to get involved in the heavy work and is probably still kicking himself for missing that header against Lions last Sunday.

**IAN JOHNSTON:** It was obvious Lions last week considered him the danger man judging by some of the attention he received. Not scoring goals as regularly as he was earlier in the season but displayed his class with that brilliant direct free kick against Lions to score City's only goal.

**HORST SCHNEIDER:** One of the senior men of the City side and by his reactions last week hates to lose, which is always a commendable asset in big matches. Hasn't had a chance to unleash his powerful shooting, possibly the most lethal in Brisbane in recent games.

**DEREK PIMM:** Came on to replace Perry last week and certainly made his presence felt for quite a while. Good ball player and could be unlucky to miss a run this week if Perry comes back into the team.

#### REDLANDS UNITED

**DICK KARREMAN:** Has been rated a little suspect by some but did not get rattled at any stage last week under some very heavy pressure from the Merton attack. Has the necessary experience to play a big part in getting his side into the final.

**GRAHAM MEAGHER:** Big tall full-back who has never failed to clear his lines expertly during his career, both with Merton and Redlands. Some doubt about staying on in First Division next

year. Recovered gamely from serious knock in the throat last week to defend safely.

**JIM QUINN:** Made a couple of mistakes under pressure against Merton but lucky to be with a strong defence which was able to cover well. Does not have the experience of some of his co-defenders but is learning all the time and will be a big asset next season.

**GARY CATCHPOLE:** There are rumours about that he intends retiring next season but that would be a great pity as he has served the code well and still has a lot to give. Capable of taking anything dished out as proved against Merton and will still be battling hard at the finish.

**TREVOR CATCHPOLE:** Like his brother, he has obviously been one of the major reasons for Redlands getting this far. Had it not been for his desperate last ditch defence, when he cleared the goal line on at least two occasions, Merton last week might have got back into the match.

**CHRIS HILL:** Could be anything in future years judging by his physique, approach to the game and ability, considering he is still only in his teens. Faces one of the toughest matches of his career this week but should come through with flying colours.

**ALAN MORRIS:** Had an outstanding match against Merton and supplied a great ball to enable Kelso to set up Millman for the winning goal. Very fit considering he is past the 30 mark and will shoulder most of the responsibility of giving Redlands every chance in the midfield on Sunday.

**STEVE BROWN:** Former Bardon player who will be playing in his first preliminary final and will relish the chance to play in the big one. Redlands cannot complain on the score of effort he puts into his game and always willing to have a crack at goal when pushing up in attack.

**JOHN-DEEGAN:** Played like a demon last week and displayed a lot more fire than we have seen from him this season. Knew what was required from him against Merton and will do the same again. A

useful force in both the midfield and up front.

**BARRY KELSO:** Probably could work a little harder for longer periods than he does at present but apart from that has everything going for him, including height, football brains and a punishing shot. Displayed class by helping to set Millman up for his winner last Sunday.

**RON MILLMAN:** Provided he, like two others escape suspension during the

week will carry the hopes of most of the Redlands supporters. A hard man to mark because of his quick change of pace and presence of mind in tight situations. Has scored many vital goals this year, including the one last week.

**DON BOWERS:** Has been in and out of the side in the latter part of the season and may be required on Sunday depending on what happens during the week. Rugged player who could be used either in the backline or in midfield.

## Looking at Last Week

EVERYONE likes to see tough, hard football, with no quarter given, particularly in the atmosphere created in last Sunday's two semi-finals.

But a few people are wondering if maybe things were just a little overdone in the Redlands-Merton match. One thing is certain — those who say soccer is a game for softies would change their minds if they saw a little of what happened last Sunday.

Graham Meagher would have found it very difficult to swallow a well earned drink after an incident in the first half, and at one stage Gary Catchpole's back looked a bit like the athletics track at Mt. Gravatt.

John Wilkinson must have felt like a truck had hit him when he collected that late tackle in the second half and Trevor Catchpole looked like he had gone a few rounds with Muhammed Ali, or at least his left eye looked like it had.

There were some differing opinions about just who started the rough stuff on Sunday, but we'll finish by saying that some Merton officials were most unhappy with the performance of their team.

Late in the second half of the Redlands-Merton match, it appeared many of the players would have been flat out getting through extra time had it been necessary. Some of them looked as if they were close to dropping from exhaustion.

That merely further brings home the point made by several coaches from the south, and that includes national coach Jim Shoulder, who was present at Sunday's

matches. They claim our teams here play at a hundred miles an hour and thereby get nowhere fast.

That surely was the case in that match. Possession is the name of the game. If you've got the ball, the other side can't score. But on Sunday, both sides gave away enough possession and ran themselves into the ground trying to get it back to make them look like a bunch of kids playing tag.

The second match happily was a different spectacle, in that people were trying to do something with the ball, in a much SLOWER fashion, so that consequently the standard of football was much higher. That's something City and Lions will have to remember in the National League next season.

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# The Final Countdown

AS ALWAYS, some interesting facts have arisen following the announcement of the Rothmans Gold Medal winner and the full list published by Rothmans.

For example, you will see by the list printed below, that 111 individual players received points. There were many others of course who polled votes but were ineligible because of suspension.

Surprisingly, the wooden-spooners in the First Division, Grange Thistle, had the highest number of individual players who received votes — 12 in fact.

Eligible players from the other clubs in order were 11 (Merton), 10 (Coalstars, Redlands, City), 9 (North Brisbane, St. George, Lions, Eagles), 8 (Mt. Gravatt, Bardon) and 6 (St. Helens).

Apart from Mt. Gravatt's Wim Spiekerman the leading vote getters from the other Clubs were Jeff Dann (St. Helens), Bob Barlow (North Brisbane), Ritchie Wilson (Thistle), Barry Shreiweis (Coalstars), Gary Catchpole (Redlands), Alan Marley (St. George), Alan Marszalek (Eagles), Mal Bland (Merton), Kevin Caldwell (City), Sam Mancini (Bardon) and John Neale (Lions).

It's a simple fact that strong Clubs have much less chance of producing the winning player, obviously because some players stand out more in weaker teams. When Kevin Caldwell won in 1974 he was playing centre half for Coalstars and last year, Michael Rooney came from relegated Annerley. This season of course Mt. Gravatt performed much better than either of those Clubs.

Now that it's all over again for another year, one of the biggest mysteries for 1976 is how a player of the calibre of Ian Johnston, who from memory missed very few games, could amass the grand total of one point during the season, even allowing for the strength of his Club.

Here is the final Rothmans list, showing all eligible players for the 1976 season—

W. Spiekerman	Mt. G'vatt	5x3	3x2	2x1	23
J. Dann	St. Helens	4x3	3x2	1x1	19

## ROTHMANS AWARD BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER



R. Barlow	N. Brisbane	2x3	6x2	1x1	19
R. Wilson	Thistle	1x3	7x2	2x1	19
B. Shreiweis	Coalstars	2x3	4x2	3x1	17
G. Catchpole	Redlands	3x3	3x2	1x1	16
A. Marley	St. George	2x3	3x2	4x1	16
P. Gemmell	St. Helens	4x3	1x2	1x1	15
R. Shortman	N. Brisbane	3x3	2x2	2x1	15
P. Sunderland	Coalstars	2x3	4x2	1x1	15
A. Marszalek	Eagles	3x3	2x2	1x1	14
M. Bland	Merton	2x3	4x2		14
G. McKeand	St. Helens	1x3	4x2	3x1	14
S. Dolan	Merton	3x3	1x2	2x1	13
K. Caldwell	Bris. City	2x3	2x2	3x1	13
P. Tokesi	Bris. City	3x3	1x2	1x1	12
I. Rathmell	Bris. City	2x3	3x2		12
P. Nielsen	Bris. City	3x3		2x1	11
I. Deegan	Redlands	2x3	2x2	1x1	11
S. Wilson	Eagles	2x3	1x2	2x1	10
S. Mancini	Bardon	2x3		3x1	9
C. Matters	St. George	2x3	1x2	1x1	9
I. Schofield	St. George	2x3	1x2	1x1	9
K. Biedak	N. Brisbane	1x3	2x2	2x1	9
W. Haigh	Bris. City	1x3	1x2	4x1	9
G. Kathage	St. Helens	1x3	1x2	4x1	9
R. Millman	Redlands	1x3	3x2		9
A. Morris	Redlands	1x3	2x2	2x1	9
C. Dickson	Thistle	1x3	2x2	1x1	8

J. Ancliffe	Thistle	2x3		2x1	8
L. Woods	Mt. G'vatt	1x3	1x2	3x1	8
D. Kinsella	N. Brisbane	2x3	1x2		8
N. Cairns	Bardon	2x3	1x2		8
A. Morris	Redlands	1x3	1x2	2x1	7
A. Sinclair	Bardon	1x3	1x2	2x1	7
N. Rehbock	St. George	2x3		1x1	7
M. Koprek	N. Brisbane	2x3		1x1	7
J. Neale	Lions	1x3	1x2	2x1	7
J. Carpenter	Thistle		3x2		6
J. Bennett	Eagles	1x3	1x2	1x1	6
J. Broadbent	St. Helens	1x3	1x2	1x1	6
I. Perry	Bris. City		1x2	4x1	6
I. Steele	N. Brisbane	1x3	1x2	1x1	6
B. Bohan	Merton	1x3		3x1	6
C. Knott	St. George	1x3		3x1	6
J. Quinn	Redlands	2x3			6
S. White	Redlands	1x3	1x2		5
R. Wilson	Bardon		2x1	1x1	5
H. Schneider	Bris. City	1x3	1x2		5
G. Caldwell	Coalstars		1x2	3x1	5
P. Laslo	Lions		2x2	1x1	5
L. Wilson	Lions	1x3	1x2		5
R. Kelly	Thistle		2x2		4
H. Lazenby	Thistle		1x2	2x1	4
P. Steen	Lions	1x3		1x1	4
I. Melberg	Eagles	1x3		1x1	4
C. Lowe	Coalstars		1x2	2x1	4
M. Davis	Mt. G'vatt		1x2	2x1	4
S. Garbutt	Merton	1x3		1x1	4
J. Wilkinson	Merton	1x3		1x1	4
P. Roberts	St. George		2x2		4
B. Kelso	Redlands	1x3			3
G. Bromfield	Bardon		1x2	1x1	3
I. Fagan	St. George		1x2	1x1	3
J. McGinlay	St. George	1x3			3
F. Stylianou	St. George	1x3			3
P. Yeuell	Merton	1x3			3
R. Stein	Merton		1x2	1x1	3
P. Houghton	Merton	1x3			3
S. Woodside	N. Brisbane		1x2	1x1	3
W. Walker	N. Brisbane	1x3			3
R. Kidd	Bris. City	1x3			3
L. Devereaux	St. Helens	1x3			3
M. Brzozowski	Mt. G'vatt		1x2	1x1	3
H. Stewart	Mt. G'vatt	1x3			3
B. Penman	Coalstars	1x3			3
S. Smythe	Eagles		1x2	1x1	3
P. Mylonas	Eagles		1x2	1x1	3
J. Veenen Daal	Lions	1x3			3
G. Lovell	Lions		1x2	1x1	3
A. Bailey	Thistle	1x3			3
K. McLean	Thistle	1x3			3
N. Paley	Thistle		1x2		2
A. Niven	Lions		1x2		2
K. Gordon	Eagles		1x2		2
R. Brown	Coalstars		1x2		2
E. Kreis	Coalstars		1x2		2
D. Blackadder	Mt. G'vatt		1x2		2
J. Stewart	Mt. G'vatt		1x2		2
G. Bohan	Merton			2x1	2
C. Carroll	Merton		1x2		2
G. Zarco	Bris. City		1x2		2
P. Comino	Bardon		1x2		2
G. Rowan	Bardon		1x2		2
D. Karreman	Redlands			1x1	1
S. Brown	Redlands			1x1	1
G. Fraser	Bardon			1x1	1
R. Griffiths	Merton			1x1	1
T. Giles	N. Brisbane			1x1	1
I. Johnston	Bris. City			1x1	1
N. Conserdyne	Mt. G'vatt			1x1	1
A. Cumming	Coalstars			1x1	1
P. Caldwell	Coalstars			1x1	1
R. Kitching	Coalstars			1x1	1
A. Danvers	Eagles			1x1	1
G. Jackson	Eagles			1x1	1
M. Horne	Lions			1x1	1
S. McDowall	Lions			1x1	1
W. Fisher	Thistle			1x1	1
D. Jones	Thistle			1x1	1
T. Pike	Thistle			1x1	1
Ineligible					129
TOTAL					792

## Wim Beat Them All

NOT one of our entrants in the GO SOCCER competition correctly named Wim Spiekerman as the Rothmans Medal Winner for 1976.

In fact only Bob Barlow was nominated out of the leading four players in the contest in our readers' attempts to win the National Semiconductor Quartz Digital Watch, valued at \$29.95.

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one a second chance at winning the watch on Grand Final night next Saturday night.

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## National League

LAST weeks editorial showed what dangerous thoughts can be concocted by intelligent people when knowledge is at a premium. No doubt it was based on gossip and semitruths surrounding the tabling of two motions by St. George at a council.

That — (1) No National League Club be allowed to field a team in First or Second Division.

(2) Any Club participating in National League be guaranteed entry into the First Division should the League or the Club fail for any reason.

In this article I propose to lay out the reasoning behind these motions which were formulated after a four hour discussion on First Division format held by the majority of First Division Clubs and leading Second Division Clubs. After reading this reasoning the GO SOCCER reader should judge for himself.

Initially it was felt that Lions and Brisbane City were the only two realistic choices for N.L. in Brisbane and it was also felt that it would serve the interests of soccer in Queensland and in fact these two Clubs if they were to concentrate all their effort 100% in making a success of the venture. To do this would mean an administrative and financial target of having the best team available at senior level and no other distractions be allowed to interfere meaning of course that a pool of 15 or so players would receive the undivided attention of all concerned. Hence the first motion.

However it was also felt that this being the case these Clubs would also have to be protected should anything happen to either the N.L. or their own effort. Not one voice was raised against the second motion, all involved in the discussion felt both Clubs having given

their all in a N.L. attempt would be welcome back to First Division. Hence the second motion.

That and only that is the total reasoning behind the two motions. However it would be silly to leave the discussion at that point. Further legislation is needed to ensure an "all in" effort is being made to assist in the success of N.L. and the upgrading of our soccer standard, a problem which needs facing at once.

If the two N.L. sides are to operate with minimum pools of players, surely a great financial benefit, legislation is needed that will allow first division players to play on trial, in N.L. fixtures, with N.L. Clubs.

This would have a double benefit, it would allow the N.L. Clubs to have virtually any player in the First Division on call should they be "embarrassed" by injury, suspension, or any other reason. It would also be a tremendous incentive for all young First Division players to try and be noticed and earmarked for N.L. trials.

Another small piece of legislation would ensure the First Division staying at ten teams for the next three years, surely the very thing being strived for these last three seasons and a move hailed by many as a necessity in upgrading our standard of soccer at First Division level.

Last weeks editorial mentioned as a point of argument players being lost by the N.L. Clubs because they did not want to participate in N.L. I would have thought these players would have been superfluous on the needs of a N.L. Club and as such would be placed on the transfer market, the resultant transfer fees being used by the N.L. Clubs in their N.L. effort. Again these players would help upgrade the standard of soccer in the First Division. This can only be good for both parties.

If we are to assume the overseas trips of Messrs. Schienflug, Broadbent and Saftich will bear fruit, we should see many new faces in Brisbane soccer next season. It is to be hoped that reason will win in the last resort. The N.L. sides must be successful and to be successful they need a very high standard of First

Division soccer. These two Clubs will overnight become the big boys of Brisbane and Queensland soccer and as such will become the target of every young lad playing soccer. The First Division will become the rung before last on the ladder and it is essential that their standard be raised to meet the demands of N.L. and N.L. prospective players.

We have been told of directives from Sydney and Sir Arthur George's opinion but never once have I heard a convincing argument as to why Lions and Brisbane City should *want* to play in First Division. The only reason I can logically think of is that they could use their grounds on a week night to present another game to the already sated public in the hope that they would raise a few paltry dollars. I sincerely hope our National League aspirants are thinking a bit bigger and better than that.

JIM BINNIE



SAM WOODSIDE (North Brisbane)



TREVOR CATCHPOLE, Redlands  
NEIL CATCHPOLE, Bardon  
GRAHAM MEAGHER, Redlands  
BOB WILSON, Bardon



## Stan to Decide Soon

SOUTHSIDE EAGLES popular president Stan Jackson will make a decision this week about his future with the Club, in terms of the presidency, a position he has held with Eagles for the past four years.

But if Stan does decide to give the presidency away, he wants to make it quite clear it will not be because of any conflict with the Club, which he says has the hardest working committee in the State.

"In fact, if I decide not to seek reelection as president, I would still like to continue serving on the committee in some capacity.

"But I've had four years and have seen the Club come up from the Second Division to a position where it is now firmly entrenched in the top Division, where we just missed out on the semi-finals," Stan said this week.

Taking over as head of the Club in 1973, Stan saw Eagles lose by a point to Annerley in its bid to gain promotion.

Next season they signed on Gary Catchpole, Garbo Berka and Tony Murtagh, with the aim of winning promotion

at the end of the 1974 season, an ambition which those three players helped to achieve.

In 1975, the Club showed immediately it was in the First Division to stay by drawing its first match with Brisbane City 3-3 and Eagles went on to consolidate by finishing in seventh position.

This year was a different story. With the addition of a couple of astute signings to back up the many players Eagles brought up through its junior ranks, the Club was always in the running and missed out by a whisker in reaching the final four.

The way in which they missed out probably broke their supporters' hearts. Eagles at one stage comfortably led Coalstars in their final match and heard that their main rival Redlands, was locked at nil-all with St. Helens at Cleveland.

It's now history that Alan Morris' goal in the last couple of minutes for Redlands plunged Eagles supporters into deep and bitter disappointment.

Despite that, the Club still should have many fond memories of the 1976 season.

Some exhilarating displays, one of them when they climbed back from 4-1 down to beat Thistle 5-4, a few electrifying goals from Tony Brennan, Alan Marszałek's promotion to the State side and the success of local born juniors John Bennett, John Cochrane, Greg Jackson, Paul Mylonas, Ivars Melberg, Harry Stewart and Ken Gordon.

As far as next season is concerned, Stan says Eagles have received 30 applications from overseas players, resulting from a recent trip by Club man Bob Broadbent.

This will be reduced to a short list of about six, of which only two finally will be selected to sign on with the Club for next year.

"One of these players currently is in Leeds United's reserve grade team and can play anywhere in defence. But we would not want any more than two players as we are quite satisfied with the job our young boys did this year."

As well as praising his committee, Stan also gave much credit to the Club's players, who all help with fund raising and social activities—an unusual attribute in these days of increased professionalism.

As far as National League next year is concerned, Stan thinks it deserves every chance to succeed and Eagles have intimated they are willing to play on Saturdays next year.

"Let's face it. We would obviously prefer Sundays but we have sounded out most of our supporters and feel confident next year they will support both the Club and the League."

Stan Jackson certainly is no lame duck

president. There are many who will testify to that. No Club can afford to lose a man of his ability.

If you want to catch up with Stan during the off season, just go to the Gabba. He'll be there enjoying another favourite pastime — watching the big cricket matches.

## Life Membership

WELL known sporting administrator, Mr. W. (Bill) Waddell, M.B.E., has been granted honorary life membership of the Queensland Soccer Club.

Mr. Waddell, who was instrumental in establishing the Q.S.C. at Perry Park, Mayne, in May, 1969, is also president and a life member of the Queensland Soccer Federation.

His nomination for life membership was unanimously supported at a recent annual general meeting of the Q.S.C. at Perry Park.

The following committee was re-elected at the meeting:— Vice-President Mr. G. Lambert; Treasurer Mr. G. Bergman A.A.S.A.; Committee Members Messrs. G. Roberts, G. Canale, L. Lofgren, E. Richardson, S. J. Webster and D. Klose.

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## SUCCESS OR FAILURE

FORMER international striker Ray Baartz was in Brisbane last week and met up with an old mate, former Coalstars coach and player John Roderick.

Baartz, who previously played with Adamstown in Newcastle and Sydney's Hakoah, was robbed of the chance of playing for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany when he was seriously injured during a match that year in Sydney against Uruguay.

And according to Baartz, next year's National League competition is doomed to failure, at least under its present format.

He claims for a start, that the absence of Sydney's biggest crowd-pulling Club Apia-Leichhardt, is a major setback.

In his opinion, the success of Sydney participation in the League will either make or break the venture and that League matches there are certain to be just like "run of the mill" Club matches.

Baartz says he would like to have seen the League started along the lines of the Sheffield Shield cricket competition, with only one team involved from each State, including Western Australia.

In that way, the various teams would have had something to play for, instead of competing against one another in the early stages. Under the present system, he cannot see Sydney Clubs not in the National League willing to lend or sell their players to the League Clubs.

As things stand, he reckons the League will get a great boost early in the way of crowds, if name players like Peter Osgood or George Best, etc. are imported by the Clubs.

Let's hope Baartz's pessimistic view proves to be unfounded — only time will tell.

## PREMIERSHIP LOST

NORTH BRISBANE's reserve grade side which recently won the premiership in that division, has been stripped of its title following a decision this week by the management committee.

It was discovered that centre half Dave Kingsella, who was ineligible to play for the Club, was a member of the side which

defeated Brisbane City in the final premiership match, to clinch a one point victory over Lions.

Kingsella transferred on loan from Norths to Redcliffe earlier this season and was therefore unable to resume playing with Norths until next season.

Norths lost the two points for that final match, thus giving Lions the reserve grade premiership by one point.

In addition, Kingsella also played for the Club in their semi-final win over Lions last weekend a result which consequently has been reversed.

So Norths, who at first went straight into the reserve grade final, now will meet City in the preliminary final at Perry Park this Sunday at 1 p.m. Lions, now awarded the match, go straight to the Grand Final. The management committee took no further action against the Club.

## Nereo to Coach City

BRISBANE City secretary, Guido Canale confirmed during the week that current coach Nereo Saftich had undertaken to prepare City's National League side next season.

Mr. Canale said after the Grand Final, all City players would be interviewed to determine who were prepared to play in the League side next year. Wonder how many will be.

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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Will you let us have Kim Wishart for next season" —

City's Guido Canale to Saints' Terry Brown.

"We will certainly be willing to discuss the matter, but he won't be transferring unless he can play in the National League" —

Terry Brown to Guido Canale

"What are you trying to do, make love to him" —

Dave Nugent to Alan Venables, after he had fouled a City player last Sunday.

"I've seen more football in the first five minutes of this match than in the entire 90 minutes of the game before." —

Merton secretary Bob McVie during Lions-City match

"I'm going back to England to trial with Norwich and hope to come back next season to try for the national team." —

St. George's Alan Marley

"Censored . . . censored . . . censored" — Heated conversation between City's Horst Schneider and Lions' Leon Wilson as they left the field last Sunday.

"That was a good hard match, but Rod Stein and I are still friends." —

Redlands' Ron Millman

## A Win . . . But a Replay

FORTITUDE VALLEY defeated Third Division premiers Acacia Ridge 1-0 in the Grand Final last weekend but the match has to be replayed. Why?

Looks like the referee forgot the rules. Valley's goal came in extra time and under the constitution, there is no such thing in a Grand Final — the match must be replayed.

The Second Division Grand Finalists have been decided, and strangely comfortable premiership winners Annerley is not one of them.

Wynnum, the other promoted team, will play Gold Coast on Saturday night as the curtain-raiser to the First Division Grand Final between Lions and ???

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## Flashback to '69

THIS week we are turning back the clock some seven years to take a look at the preliminary final of that year when, well before the national names were abolished, Brisbane City (Azzurri) met St. George (Hellenic) for the right to play ironically enough Lions (Hollandia) in the grand final.

On this occasion, Azzurri were the underdogs, even though Hellenic had been beaten 4-3 (after leading 3-1) by Hollandia in the major semi-final.

Azzurri had reached this particular stage by beating Grange Thistle 3-0 in the knockout semi-final.

Three members of that Azzurri side will be in action for City against Redlands this Sunday. They are Ian Johnston, Billy Haigh and Peter Nielsen and their coach then was current coach Nereo Saftich.

Quoting from The Courier-Mail of September 22, 1969, we read that Azzurri, considered by many as outsiders for grand final honours caused an upset by downing Hellenic 3-0 in the preliminary final at the Exhibition Ground.

The match was punctuated by injury stoppages and Azzurri left winger Ian Johnston was taken to hospital with concussion, after colliding with Hellenic goalkeeper Angus McLean in the first half.

At the same time, Hellenic centre half Gordon Mackie, who had fought all week to make the side, was forced to retire when his heavily strapped knee gave in again.

Johnston was replaced on the wing by Johnny Mengotti and Greg Davenport came on for Mackie.

Azzurri had the match wrapped up after 24 minutes of the first half when right winger Gerry Schoendorfer and centre forward David Keen hammered in the three goals between them in only four minutes.

But two of these goals would never have been scored had the Hellenic defence held up under pressure.

Mackie was the first culprit when he muffed a long back pass to McLean and Schoendorfer, following through, raced

around Mackie and shot the ball calmly past the advancing 'keeper.

The second goal however was clearly the best and featured some excellent combination between Johnston, Keen and inside right Billy Haigh.

Johnston worked his way down the middle and slipped a pass to Haigh on the right wing who lobbed neatly into the goalmouth for Keen to head in.

Then came the worst and perhaps most costliest mistake of the match. Schoendorfer looked certain to cross a ball from the right wing but instead blasted a shot at McLean, who misjudged badly and diverted the ball into the net.

A good omen perhaps for City, considering that if they win on Sunday will meet their 1969 opponents Lions in the 1976 Grand Final. But a word of warning . . . Lions won the 1969 Grand Final 3-0. Will history repeat itself?

Here are the Azzurri and Hellenic sides which contested that 1969 preliminary final.

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6. DAVE SARGENT
7. GERRY SCHOENDORFER
8. BILLY HAIGH
9. DAVID KEEN
10. MICK ANTHONY
11. IAN JOHNSTON (John Mengotti)

Coach: NEREO SAFTICH

### HELLENIC

1. ANGUS McLEAN
2. CON PETRIDIS
3. CHAS MATTERS
4. MICK PAPASAVAS
5. GORDON MACKIE  
(Greg Davenport)
6. MATT JACKSON
7. TREVOR LONG
8. TONY MURTAGH
9. BILLY FAGAN
10. ANDY TSOUMBARAS
11. ALAN MAY

Coach: FRED ROBINS

League Clubs. We're not saying which one, but it wasn't Brisbane City.

Our spy also heard on the grapevine that Mt. Gravatt were looking towards Lanham Park in the search for playing staff for next season. Jim Ancliffe, Ritchie Wilson and Tony Bailey were the names mentioned.

## A Beneficial Award

CITY officials certainly had their hands full after receiving their swag of awards already won this season, at Perry Park last Sunday.

Among them was one of Soccer's new sponsors, Beneficial Finance Corporation. Queensland manager Mr. Don Graham presented City with a cheque for \$500, the Beneficial Champion Club Award, which went to the premiership winners.

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## OFF THE MARK

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## TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Sir,

We've heard over the years just what a despicable lot the supporters and players of soccer are.

But after the events of recent weeks, I'm beginning to think we aren't such a bad lot after all.

During the Rugby League final at Lang Park, one newspaper reported that there were several outbreaks of violence amongst the crowd.

Last Sunday, the teams in the Aussie Rules grand final broke into an all out brawl — BEFORE the game had even been started and it was also reported that a three year old child was taken to hospital for treatment because of this. In addition there was a brawl amongst spectators at half time.

And in last Sunday's Rugby Union grand final, I saw on television yet another gigantic flareup amongst the players of both sides.

We may get rubbished by those other codes as being nambie-pambies and a mob of foreigners but at least we are a bit more civilised than the other three.

There's an old saying that people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. I'll say no more.

JIM DAVIDSON,  
Toowong

## KEEPING IT CLEAN . . .

THIS week we announce another six lucky winners in the special project conducted by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Queensland Division).

The six people listed below have each won a carton of Coca Cola and a carton of Carlton United beer and by this time will have been advised by post how they can collect their prizes.

All of the weekly winners at the end of the season will be in the running to win a trip to Sydney for two.

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