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UNFORTUNATELY it has taken only one week, or even less for that matter, for confrontations between Philips League clubs and First Division clubs to emerge. The first incident was born the moment Spencer Park United's team took the

field to play its opening match against Bardon-Latrobe last Sunday.

Bardon officials were horrified when United prepared to field players like Caldwell, Takesi, Rathmell, Borzi, Schneider, Kibbey and Johnston (used as a reserve), all of whom have expressed the intention of playing League football this season.

Bardon's letter of complaint to the Federation has been shelved until after three rounds of the League have been completed when it is known how many of

those players will actually be members of City's League lineup.

City, it would seem, have abided by the ruling to declare a League squad of 14 players, who are ineligible to play in the first three premiership rounds.

Only time will tell if City have taken advantage of the situation or whether their intentions are honourable. Some of the First Division clubs have their doubts

about the latter.

There were, it seems, few complaints about the team Lions fielded in the form of Richlands for their opening match, although surely men like Kelly, Lawrie and certainly Hughes (replacement) will figure in Lions' League campaign at some stage. It's a situation which may well cause a lot of haggling and heartbreak before

the season is over.

The other vexing situation during last week was Lions' aim to play against St. George this Sunday, in opposition to the home games of four of the First Division clubs. Those clubs have quite valid complaints that they received little consideration in return to agreeing, however grudgingly, to Saturday football.

This brings us to another point. Crowds for the opening rounds of the premiership last Sunday were nothing startling, and in fact the gate for the Eagles-Richlands match, one which should have been healthy, was, to say the least,

disappointing.

On the surface it seems hte first division clubs will fare no worse or better when they switch to Saturdays. A couple of clubs are looking forward to the

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES

ROUND 3 — SUNDAY, MARCH 27 Southside Eagles v. Bardon-Latrobe Richlands-Windmills v. Merton East Mt. Gravatt v. North Brisbane Spencer Park Utd. v. St. George Souths Wynnum v. Redlands Annerley v. St. Helens

ROUND 6 — SATURDAY, APRIL 16 Bardon-Latrobe v. Annerley Redlands v. Merton East St. George Sths v. Richlands Windmills North Brisbane v. Southside Eagles St. Helens v. Wynnum Mt. Gravatt v. Spencer Park Utd.

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ROUND 5 - MONDAY, APRIL 11

(Easter Monday) Southside Eagles v. St. George Souths Richlands Windmills v. Redlands Merton East v. Bardon Latrobe Spencer Park Utd. v. St. Helens Wynnum v. North Brisbane Annerley v. Mt. Gravatt

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ON TO ROUND TWO

THE first round of the premiership came and went with very few surprises and probably most matches going the way the majority would have predicted.

Eagles and Richlands set the pace by providing some great stuff for the spectators with their attacking display of football to produce that enjoyable 3-3 draw.

Most pleasing features of the match were the number of goalscoring chances created, which in retrospect will cause the two coaches concerned, Messrs Carson and Vincze to have some harsh words

Tony Brennan's great opening performance means he obviously will remain one of the biggest drawcards of the premier-

to say to their respective defenders.

ship competition.

Newcomers John Lye (left fullback) and Chris Power (right wing) showed plenty of promise and with regulars John Bennett, John Cochrane, Harry Stewart and others starting well, Eagles can look forward to figuring in the first division spoils this year.

The one concern for Eagles would have been the failure of their strong midfield man Alan Marszaleck to see out

the match.

Richlands will also be a major threat in the premiership. Charlie Dench had a big match and set a fine example as skipper, save for one indiscretion in the second half when he tangled with Harry Stewart.

Laslo Koraknai produced his best match for some time and looks set for a big season if he remains in the midfield for Richlands. He scored one of the goals and had a big hand in the other two.

The Richlands No. 9 Rick Magnam showed plenty of promise first up and the same applies to youngsters John Ogden John Van Kerkvoort and Neil Lovell.

Wynnum caused the major upset, if there was one, with their heartening defeat of Merton, and Annerley no doubt would have been happy with their first point against North Brisbane.

St. Helens must be disappointed with their 3-0 loss after going so close on many occasions in the first half, but the win helped to underline another strong candidate for the premiership, their conquerors, St. George-Souths.

Redlands started in a manner which suggests they will carry on from last

season and maybe improve on last year's third placing in the league. For Mt. Gravatt, coach Billy Haigh looks to still be settling in with his new team.

Any other major upset would have been Bardon's loss to Spencer Park United not so much the defeat, but United's margin. There are obviously more matters to be raised from this match in the future, but in any case, Bardon officials maintain they were simply overpowered.

They could decide the playing staff

needs to be bolstered further, apart from the addition of Jim Carpenter and Ross

Denny.

This week, the pressure continues as clubs realise how important the early points are. Here are the matches and selections.

RICHLANDS x ANNERLEY: The latter have started confidently but having seen Richlands in action and flowing freely in attack, the home team should have the advantage.

MERTON v EAGLES: Form didn't mean a thing last year at selection time, but Eagles played well enough in the first round to suggest they could take advantage of Merton's disappointing start.

Week-end Referees

RICHLANDS v ANNERLEY Referee - Deiter Klose Linesmen — Col Amos, Alan Kibler

BARDON V WYNNUM Referee — Col Amos Linesmen — Deiter Klose, Alan Kibler

MERTON v EAGLES Referee - Jack Wood Linesmen — Bob Nelson, Kel Fisher

REDLANDS v UNITED Referee — John Folling Linesmen — Brian Luxton, Barry Such

ST. GEORGE v MT. GRAVATT Referee — Des Miles Linesmen — Benson Legg, Bill Turkington

NORTHS v ST. HELENS Referee — Dave Nugent Linesmen — Doug Fisher, Pete Murray

BARDON v WYNNUM: It's doubtful Bardon will re-produce the disastrous beginning of last week and re-organisation during the week might help them salvage a point from the baysiders.

REDLANDS v UNITED: Looks the top match of the round with both winning well first up. United should win by the

odd goal.

ST. GEORGE x MT. GRAVATT: St. George look too strong all round at this stage and should add another two points.

NORTHS v ST HELENS: Saints seem to play better at Perry Park and could be considered unlucky last week. Good prospects for a draw in this clash.

NO HOPE FOR US?

IT seems you have to come from the south to be considered any good in this world of ours.

If A.S.F. vice-president, Michael Weinstein, had his way, there would be no Queensland teams in the Philips League—or teams from Adelaide or Canberra for that matter.

In a recent interview in a southern publication, Mr. Weinstein said he believed the League should be composed of the 12 strongest teams in Australia, and not drawn up for geographical reasons.

He said: "By allocating places to clubs drawn from various States we don't achieve the aim of having the best players

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and administrators in the League.

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Mr. Weinstein probably also reckons we should run the Doomben Ten Thousand in Melbourne, the Sydney Rugby League grand final at Olympic Park and the Brisbane Gladstone yacht race from Sydney to Melbourne.

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MINUTE by MINUTE DIARY ON THE EAGLES-RICHLANDS MATCH

3: Long ball skims Lawrie's head as he attempts to intercept and enables Gordon to race away from the defence, where he crosses to unmarked Brennan in the middle. Great first time volley makes it 1-0.

12: Dench almost in for Richlands in an aggressive start following good ball from Mangan but desperate Eagles defence gets them out of trouble.

16: Richlands level at 1-1 with powerful left foot shot from Dench, after Koraknai had done the lead-up work and supplied good pass.

18: McCabe completely opens up the Richlands backline with a pinpoint pass. Brennan has the goal at his mercy but shoots wide.

25: Mangan crosses from the right and Dench flicks a great header towards the Eagles net but is foiled by lightning save from Bennett.

50: McDowell crosses to Dench, whose header slips past the post. Poor goalkick from Bennett finds Koraknai, who charges into the box but wastes the chance by firing wide.

52: Koraknai makes a good run down the right and his pass finds Dench. The big striker shoots, beating Bennett, but Cochrane manages to clear his line.

54: Kelly forced to produce a good save when Gordon finds himself in goal-scoring position.

60: No. 2 for Brennan and Eagles go to the front when the striker is unmarked on the near post and slots home the corner from Power.

63: Richlands back in the picture immediately. Lawrie cracks the crossbar with a booming drive, Eagles fail to get the ball away and Dench unselfishly passes to Koraknai, who has no trouble beating Bennett.

70: Mangan flicks in a great header following some strong Richlands' lead-up but Bennett acrobatically plucks the ball down in a diving save.

75: Richlands hit the lead for the first time. Koraknai's again given yards in which to roam and he finds McDowell, who bangs in an angled shot from the left of the box.

75: Only seconds expire when Eagles take the kickoff and Kelly does well to charge down a screamer from Wilson. But

Gordon grabs a good opportunist goal when he despatches the rebound.

89: Richlands almost steal the winning goal when Dench sneaks behind the wall and heads towards Bennett, who flings himself and diverts the ball onto the underside of the bar.

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A LOOK AT THE PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAMS

THIS week we continue the series on the Philips League sides by taking a look at the Sydney contingent of Olympic, Marconi, St. George, Western Suburbs and Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: This club has secured tremendous sponsorship of \$200,000 for the next three years through Community Insurance, Olympic Airways, Attika and City Ford.

Pan Hellenic was the former name of the club and it has searched far and wide for a powerful squad of players.

Looking after the team in the League is Bruce Stowell, who won last season's Rothman's Medal in Sydney. He has retained most of last year's staff and has added four Englishmen, due in Australia this month.

Best known is mid-fielder Tony Grimshaw, who made several first team appearances for Manchester United before he broke a leg.

Grimshaw, Ray Bottham, Mick Cross and Paul Luckett have been training under Tommy Docherty at Old Trafford.

Olympic have also signed outstanding young mid-field player Joe Senkalski, who was seen in Brisbane a few years back as the top player in the national under 16 carnival, when representing Northern New South Wales.

Senkalski also toured with the Australian under 23 team.

Through their massive sponsorship, Olympic are making plans for guest appearances by two Greek national team stars. The club will play its home matches at Wentworth Park.

MARCONI - FAIRFIELD: With the non-entry of Apia-Leichhardt, Marconi is the only Sydney Italian sponsored club in the League.

Marconi, according to chairman Tony Labbozzetta, is hoping to provide better facilities for their supporters at Bossley Park, including extra seating for 4,000 spectators.

The Marconi club and an un-named private sponsor is backing the football team.

In charge of the team is a man who needs no introduction to Australian Soccer the former national coach Rale Rasic.

Rasic led Marconi to the final of the Sydney competition last year and it is again tipped to be prominent in the League battle.

Rasic has retained last year's players and is still negotiating for a couple of top men from other Sydney clubs. Australian mid-fielder Jim Rooney has already switched from Apia.

An exciting prospect in the team is striker Peter Sharne, who has been tipped as national team material.

13th March, 1977

Like Olympic, Marconi also is considering bringing out internationals, from the Italian side, including players like Haller and Bulgarelli, who are available in May.

ST. GEORGE: The club will be without the skills of Socceroo Atti Abonyi, but is reported to have sufficient money to secure an adequate replacement.

Former World Cup defender Manfred Schaefer, the coach of St. George, which has a strong tradition in Sydney football, is still finalising his signings.

He has signed the former Apia goal-keeper Dave McGuire, who will share the custodian's duties with former Queenslander Martin Coe, and young striker Gordon McGregor has been signed from Scotland.

Schaefer is also still searching for a couple of other big names from Sydney clubs, and rates Melbourne clubs South Melbourne and Footscray as two of the hardest teams to beat in the League.

He also maintains Olympic and Western Suburbs will have much better seasons than many predict.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Manager-coach of the club is Mike Laing, who is continuing the club's policy of chasing young British imports.

Wests have never been renowned as a major crowd-pulling club, mainly through using the bumpy Drummoyne Oval. Laing coached Wests to the semifinal of the Sydney competition in 1973 and faces a big job re-building support for the club.

Laing maintains that apart from winning, clubs also need to engender support for promising, local players.

Two Englishmen already signed are fulltime professional at Southampton Mike Berry, and former Crystal Palace striker Graham Norris, who has completed two years in the South African national League.

Laing feels it is better to go for young enthusiastic overseas players who are not making it in their own country, but who are determined to be successful elsewhere in the world.

HAKOAH - EASTERN SUBURBS: Hakoah has also not been one of the strongest crowd-pulling clubs in Australia, but it can boast of a great record.

Sponsorship for three years has been provided by VIP Insurance.

Secretary of the football club, Dave McLaren is sure the new competition will be a great success and rates Hakoah as one of the teams likely to figure in the right end of the business.

The club's reliable striker Joe Ffetcher is expected back in Australia soon and will be joined by defender Allan Kirshaw from England's Southport club.

Naturally, if the club can organise it, it is aiming to secure a couple of top Israeli internationals, which naturally is aimed at lifting the crowd support for this Bondi-based club.

Gerry Chaldi took over as coach midway through last season and has been retained for the League campaign. The only notable loss for Hakoah is Graham Honeyman, who has transferred to West Adelaide.

NEXT WEEK: We complete the series by examining the four Melbourne clubs, South Melbourne, Footscray, Fitzroy United and Mooroolbark United.

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Letters of complaint or otherwise to the Editor

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Club's 1st Division clash with St. Helens, Perry Park, 3 p.m. Reserves, 1 p.m.

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE - 1977 FIXTURE LIST

OFFICIAL full draw for the full 26 rounds of the Philips League Competition starting on April 3:

ROUND 1 - 2/3 APRIL, 1977

SYDNEY OLYMPIC	V SOUTH MELBOURNE	=
FOOTSCRAY	v ST. GEORGE	
CANBERRA CITY	v WEST ADELAIDE	
WESTERN SUBURE	S V MOOROOLBARK	
ADELAIDE CITY	V BRISBANE LIONS	
BRISBANE CITY	v MARCONI	
FITZROY UNITED	V EASTERN SUBURBS	

ROUND 2 - 9/10 APRIL, 1977

MOOROOLBARK	٧	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
EASTERN SUBURBS	٧	FOOTSCRAY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	٧	FITZROY UNITED
ST. GEORGE	٧	BRISBANE CITY
MARCONI	٧	ADELAIDE CITY
WEST ADELAIDE	٧	WESTERN SUBURBS
BRISBANE LIONS	· v	CANBERRA CITY

ROUND 3 - 16/17 APRIL, 1977

MARCONI	v ST. GEORGE
FITZROY UNITED	v MOOROOLBARK
BRISBANE CITY	V EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTSCRAY	V SOUTH MELBOURN
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v WEST ADELAIDE
WESTERN SUBURBS	V BRISBANE LIONS
ADELAIDE CITY	V CANBERRA CITY

ROUND 4 - 23/24 APRIL, 1977

SOUTH MELBOURNE	V	BRISBANE CITY
ST. GEORGE	V	ADELAIDE CITY
CANBERRA CITY	٧	WESTERN SUBURB
EASTERN SUBURBS	V	MARCONI
MOOROOLBARK	٧	FOOTSCRAY
WEST ADELAIDE	٧	FITZROY UNITED
BRISBANE LIONS	٧	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ROUND 5 - 30 APRIL/1 MAY, 1977

FOOTSCRAY	v WEST ADELAIDE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v CANBERRA CITY
BRISBANE CITY	v MOOROOLBARK
MARCONI	V SOUTH MELBOURN
ST. GEORGE	V EASTERN SUBURBS
FITZROY UNITED	V BRISBANE LIONS
ADELAIDE CITY	V WESTERN SUBURBS

ROUND 6 - 7/8 MAY, 1977

MOOROOLBARK	V	MARCONI
EASTERN SUBURBS	٧	ADELAIDE CITY
CANBERRA CITY	٧	FITZROY UNITED
WEST ADELAIDE	V	BRISBANE CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	٧	ST. GEORGE
BRISBANE LIONS	٧	FOOTSCRAY
WESTERN SUBURBS	V	SYDNEY OLYMPI

ROUND 7 - 14/15 MAY, 1977

ST. GEORGE	٧	MOOROOLBARK
FITZROY UNITED	٧	WESTERN SUBURBS
BRISBANE CITY	٧	BRISBANE LIONS
MARCONI	٧	WEST ADELAIDE
EASTERN SUBURBS	٧	SOUTH MELBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY	٧	CANBERRA CITY
ADELAIDE CITY	٧	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ROUND 8 - 21/22 MAY, 1977

V BRISBANE CITY
V ADELAIDE CITY
v FOOTSCRAY
v MARCONI
v ST. GEORGE
V EASTERN SUBURBS
v FITZROY UNITED

ROUND 9 - 28/29 MAY, 1977

EASTERN SUBURBS	٧	WEST ADELAIDE
FOOTSCRAY	V	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
BRISBANE CITY	V	WESTERN SUBURBS
MARCONI	V	CANBERRA CITY
ST. GEORGE	٧	BRISBANE LIONS
SOUTH MELBOURNE	V	MOOROOLBARK
ADELAIDE CITY	V	FITZROY UNITED

ROUND 10 - 4/5 JUNE, 1977

WESTERN SUBURBS	٧	MARCONI
CANBERRA CITY	٧	ST. GEORGE
MOOROOLBARK	٧	ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	٧	BRISBANE CITY
BRISBANE LIONS	٧	EASTERN SUBURBS
WEST ADELAIDE	٧	SOUTH MELBOURNE
FITZROY UNITED	٧	FOOTSCRAY

ROUND 11 - 11/12 JUNE, 1977

ST. GEORGE	V	WESTERN SUBURBS
SOUTH MELBOURNE	٧	BRISBANE LIONS
BRISBANE CITY	٧	FITZROY UNITED
MARCONI	٧	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
EASTERN SUBURBS	٧	CANBERRA CITY
MOOROOLBARK	V	WEST ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY	V	FOOTSCRAY

ROUND 12 - 18/19 JUNE 1977

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FITZROY UNITED	v MARCONI
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v ST. GEORGE
CANBERRA CITY	V SOUTH MELBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY	V BRISBANE CITY
WESTERN SUBURB	V EASTERN SUBURBS
WEST ADELAIDE	v ADELAIDE CITY
BRISBANE LIONS	v MOOROOLBARK

HOUND 13 - 25/26 JUNE,	1977
MARCONI	FOOTSCRAY
MOOROOLBARK V	CANBERRA CITY
BRISBANE CITY V	ADELAIDE CITY
ST. GEORGE V	FITZROY UNITED
EASTERN SUBURBS V	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SOUTH MELBOURNE V	WESTERN SUBURBS

V BRISBANE LIONS WEST ADELAIDE ROUND 14 - 2/3 JULY, 1977

FOOTSCRAY	٧	EASTERN SUBURBS
WESTERN SUBURBS	٧	WEST ADELAIDE
CANBERRA CITY	٧	BRISBANE LIONS
BRISBANE CITY	٧	ST. GEORGE
ADELAIDE CITY	٧	MARCONI
FITZROY UNITED		SOUTH MELBOURNE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	٧	MOOROOLBARK

ROUND 15 - 9/10 JULY, 1977

EASTERN SUBURBS	V	FITZROY UNITED
MOOROOLBARK	٧	WESTERN SUBURE
MARCONI	٧	BRISBANE CITY
ST. GEORGE	٧	FOOTSCRAY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	٧	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
WEST ADELAIDE	V.	CANBERRA CITY
BRISBANE LIONS	٧	ADELAIDE CITY

ROUND 16 - 16/17 JULY ,1977

FITZROY UN	ITED	٧	WEST ADELAIDE
SYDNEY OLY	MPIC	٧	BRISBANE LIONS
BRISBANE C	ITY	٧	SOUTH MELBOURN
MARCONI		٧	EASTERN SUBURB
ADELAIDE C	ITY	٧	ST. GEORGE
FOOTSCRAY		V	MOOROOLBARK
WESTERN SI	JBURBS	٧	CANBERRA CITY

ROUND 17 - 23/24 JULY, 1977

EASTERN SUBURBS	V BRISBANE CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v FOOTSCRAY
CANBERRA CITY	v ADELAIDE CITY
ST. GEORGE	v MARCONI
MOOROOLBARK	v FITZROY UNITED
WEST ADELAIDE	V SYDNEY OLYMPIC
BRISBANE LIONS	V WESTERN SUBURBS

ROUND 18 - 30/31 JULY, 1977

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CANBERRA CITY	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
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EASTERN SUBUI	RBS v	ST. GEORGE
WEST ADELAIDE	V	FOOTSCRAY
BRISBANE LION	S v	FITZROY UNITED

ROUND 19 - 6/7 AUGUST, 1977

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ST. GEORGE	٧	SOUTH MELBOURN
FOOTSCRAY	٧	BRISBANE LIONS
BRISBANE CITY	٧	WEST ADELAIDE
MARCONI	. v	MOOROOLBARK
ADELAIDE CITY	V	EASTERN SUBURBS
FITZROY UNITED	V	CANBERRA CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	V	WESTERN SUBURB

ROUND 20 - 13/14 AUGUST, 1977

	ST. GEORGE
٧	FOOTSCRAY
٧	FITZROY UNITED
٧	BRISBANE CITY
٧	MARCONI
٧	EASTERN SUBURBS
٧	ADELAIDE CITY
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ROUND 21 - 20/21 AUGUST, 1977

MARCONI	V BRISBANE	LIONS
FITZROY UNITED	V SYDNEY C	LYMPIC
BRISBANE CITY	V CANBERRA	CITY
ST. GEORGE	V WEST ADE	LAIDE
EASTERN SUBURBS	v MOOROOL	BARK
ADELAIDE CITY	V SOUTH ME	LBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY	v WESTERN	SUBURBS

ROUND 22 - 27/28 AUGUST, 1977

WESTERN SUBURBS	٧	BRISBANE CITY
CANBERRA CITY	٧	MARCONI
MOOROOLBARK	٧	SOUTH MELBOURNE
BRISBANE LIONS	V	ST. GEORGE
WEST ADELAIDE	V	EASTERN SUBURBS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	٧	FOOTSCRAY
FITZROY UNITED	٧	ADELAIDE CITY

ROUND 23 - 3/4 SEPTEMBER, 1977

EASTERN SUBURBS	V	BRISBANE LIONS
FOOTSCRAY	٧	FITZROY UNITED
BRISBANE CITY	٧	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
MARCONI	٧	WESTERN SUBURBS
ST. GEORGE	٧	CANBERRA CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	V	WEST ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY	V	MOOROOLBARK

ROUND 24 - 10/11 SEPTEMBER, 1977

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FITZROY UNITED	٧	BRISBANE CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	V	MARCONI
CANBERRA CITY	٧	EASTERN SUBURBS
WESTERN SUBURBS	٧	ST. GEORGE
BRISBANE LIONS	٧	SOUTH MELBOURNE
WEST ADELAIDE		MOOROOLBARK
FOOTSCRAY	٧	ADELAIDE CITY

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SOUTH MELBOURNE	٧	CANBERRA CITY
BRISBANE CITY	٧	FOOTSCRAY
MARCONI	٧	FITZROY UNITED
ST. GEORGE	٧	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
MOOROOLBARK	٧	BRISBANE LIONS
ADELAIDE CITY	V	WEST ADELAIDE

BOUND 26 - 24/25 SEPTEMBER, 1977

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FOOTSCRAY	٧	MARCONI
WESTERN SUBURBS	٧	SOUTH MELBOURNE
CANBERRA CITY	٧	MOOROOLBARK
ADELAIDE CITY	٧	BRISBANE CITY
FITZROY UNITED	٧	ST. GEORGE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	V	EASTERN SUBURBS
BRISBANE LIONS	٧	WEST ADELAIDE

PLAYING TO FEET and PLAYING TO SPACE

By Queensland Director of Coaching DENIS FORD



Knowing when to play the ball to feet and when to play the ball into space is one of the most important requirements for the modern day footballer. It is my basic contention that somewhere in the region of 75% of passes should be played to feet and 25% should be played into

At the moment the majority of teams in Brisbane are reversing those figures and playing 'hit and hope' balls into space and thereby losing ball possession.

Most teams employ four defenders at the back with one of these four defenders acting as some kind of sweeper. It is the sweeper's prime function to cover any ball dropped into space behind his rear defenders.

In Fig. 1 if A1 plays a 'through ball' into space X for A2 or A3 to run onto then he is effectively turning 100% possession into a battle for the ball, which the sweeper is perfectly positioned to win. He will have to run a shorter distance than either of the attackers.

Fig. 1 G.K. D2 D3 A4

If the ball is overweighted then the goalkeeper can quite easily act as a '2nd sweeper'. The ball has been played into space at the wrong time.

Before playing to space attacking teams must firstly 'create space' by drawing their opponents into bad defensive positions.

This is best done by playing to feet. In Fig. 1 the three attackers A1, A2 and A3 must try and draw the sweeper across to cover defenders D1 and D2. By playing to the feet of A2 and A3 these defenders including the sweeper will be drawn into that particular area of the field.

Space will therefore have been created behind the right fullback D3 as marked X in Fig. 2.

(If the sweeper is not drawn across then the two attackers A3 and A2 should try to penetrate in that part of the field).

If one of the attacking players (probably A1) can now switch the ball across the field into this space then A4 can move onto that ball.

A4 will now have a far better chance of winning the ball as (1) D3 might well have been 'ball watching' and A4 managed to get 'blindside' (2) the sweeper will have a long way to run to tackle or intercept.

In order to create space by playing to feet it is important that front runners do not turn their backs on their midfield players but instead offer themselves as targets to draw defenders out of position.

Every time the ball is played to the feet of a 'man coming off a defender', that defender is placed in two minds.

He either stays with the man (and leaves space behind him) or he 'sags off the man and allows him to turn. For their part midfield players must support the man on the ball at the correct angle and distance.

In conclusion, by playing to space at the wrong time defenders are not being asked to make decisions at all — they must go for the ball. It is extremely important that teams are organised to play more ball to feet than they are doing at the present time. Then the pass given into space behind the defence will have more chance of being correctly labelled 'the killer ball'.

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The ground itself, naturally enough in its early stages needs a lot grassier surface and a number of players from both sides could be excused for the times they lost possession and misdirected passes.

As has been mentioned earlier, Lions team for the match was very close to what their anticipated Philips League team will be, whereas City are still working on a number of positions.

The entire Lions backline of Leon Wilson, Col Bennett, George Potter and Alan Niven could not be faulted and the midfield of Ian Lawrie, Iain Fagan and Ron Harland combined well with the front line trio, Alan Hughes, Paul Laslo and John Neale.

Bennett displayed the class expected of a current international and not once, when under pressure did he fail to find a teammate with his pass. He is also one of the most fearsome tacklers in the game.

City midfielder Larry Gaffney had a strong match, as did former Melbourne fullback Barry O'Toole, until he ran out of condition. Newcomers Martin Breen, George Williamson and Tom Lavan obviously are still acclimatising themselves to the conditions.

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