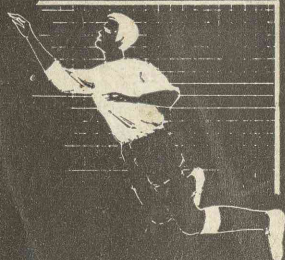




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THIS week we present another penalty kick situation, and not a happy moment for Lions' Phil Dendo, as he fails to reach Jim Hermiston's spot kick during last Sundays Philips League match.

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Editorial

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THE above space had been reserved for something good to say about Mr. Dennis McDermott's refereeing display during last Sunday's Lions-City Philips League match.

Judging by the number of telephone calls I have received from spectators at the game, and comments made after the match, there doesn't seem to be anything to put in the reserved space. Les Schienflug has already been quoted as saying he could not complain about his two send-offs, but that he was disgusted similar treatment was not meted out to Peter Tokesi, for his foul on John Neale.

Of the cautions, Harland (kicking), Echeverria (kicking the ball away), and Morris (presumably for dissent) were all, cautionable offences. But one can't help feeling sorry for Lions skipper George Potter, who was refused the right to have treatment from his trainer Len Bayliss when he received a leg injury.

He was understandably complaining when a City player only minutes later went down injured and Harold Watson was immediately summoned onto the pitch. That's the type of inconsistency which irked the crowd. Most of the players in the end were frightened to go in for a tackle, as on many occasions, free kicks were given when two players merely brushed one another. And on many occasions, neither player concerned was really sure which way the free kick was going.

City's players were just as amazed when they were given that first half penalty and many Lions supporters also did not think Morris should have been able to score from the spot. But the decision which resulted in most of the big crowd scratching their heads was when Potter, with no one near him, headed the ball out over the backline. Mr. McDermott decided that was good enough for a goalkick.

Any claims that the players were trying to "try the referee out" and were justifiably punished are nonsense. There have been many matches here with identical fire, heavy tackles and the usual back-chat. And those matches were not severely hampered by the over-use of the whistle, nor did they result in a rash of send-offs, yellow cards and running cautions.

Both clubs wanted a neutral referee, but it may be a long time before they will refuse the services of Messrs. Miles, Wood and Nugent and company. When a referee comes under extreme fire for his handling of games in two capital cities, it may be more than just home-town whinging.

As one First Division player commented after the game: "I will never again rubbish our top referees."

WEEKEND REFEREES

ST. GEORGE v. ANNERLEY

Referee — John Adams
Linesmen — Pete Murray,
Benson Legg

REDLANDS v. NORTH BRISBANE

Referee — Dave Nugent
Linesmen — Barry Fry,
Bob Nelson

ST. HELENS v. BARDON

Referee — Barry Such
Linesmen — Col Amos,
Fritz Prass

MT. GRAVATT v. MERTON

Referee — John Folling
Linesmen — Doug Fisher, Tom Davis

SPENCER PARK v. RICHLANDS

Referee — Jack Wood
Linesmen — Alan Kibler,
Ron Richmond

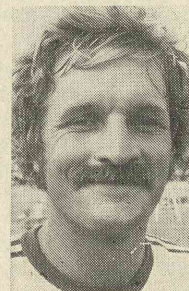
EAGLES v. WYNNUM

Referee — Deiter Klose
Linesmen — Kel Fisher,
Garth Goodwin

Coach's Viewpoint

REPORT ON UNDER SEVEN MINI-FOOTBALL — K.D.S.A. 1976

By
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THE National Coaching policy is the syllabus from which all programmes are derived, but with the exception of techniques, it cannot be implemented for players between the ages of seven and twelve, UNLESS THEY PLAY ON A FIELD OF SUITABLE SIZE.

Even the transition from technique to skill phase is almost impossible. Because of the size of the field, lack of technique and physical strength, skilful moves will not be successful.

A field was originally designed for adults to be three kicks long and two kicks wide. Then as the ages of players being allowed to play became younger and physically smaller, no one bothered to reduce the field to suit the size of the players.

Skill is a decision, based on available information at the moment, taken in by the eyes and ears and then making a decision based on the previous experiences in similar situations. If we remove the distance, the large numbers of players and the pressure to win, from this situation, polish his techniques; the under seven has a far greater chance of making skilful decisions on the field.

Also if we then use goals, calculated to suit the players physical stature and field dimensions, goalkeepers will be better motivated because of the far greater chance of success; plus if he is then shown the technique of narrowing the angle, getting behind the flight, catching and diving, he will be more switched on.

On two Saturdays, I carried out a

match analysis on the mini-game: there were 351 ball contacts, between twelve players in thirty minutes. The individual share of contacts varied between eight and twenty six percent. Ten shots on goal and three goals scored. THIS IS PARTICIPATION AT TOP LEVEL.

Now if we can remove the competition table, (which has since been DONE), get the parents to encourage and sympathise, instead of scream and give advice, (most of which is either poor or nonprocessable) it is quite possible the boys will enjoy themselves and still be playing at sixteen. I am mildly convinced; that big fields, grading due to age and side line pressure are three factors leading to premature retirement. WE WILL KNOW BY 1983.

DIMENSIONS AND RULES APPLYING TO UNDER SEVEN FOOTBALL: K.D.S.A. 1976

It was after hearing overseas visiting coaches criticise the very young playing on full fields, studying the National coaching policy, discussions with Brian Nettleton from Melbourne University about the origins of field size, corresponding with a sports psychologist in Canada who played soccer in Sydney about graduated fields being introduced over there, that I decided that it was possible to design and introduce a ground with rules to suit young players: and without this start that we were wasting our time at later levels.

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I firstly went to a school and measured some one hundred six year olds, to determine the height of the average player. Which was approximately four feet two inches. We then tested the kicking distance of players in this age group using a ball rolled to them. This varied between fifteen and twenty yards. So it came about that by using a quarter of an average field would give us approximately fifty metres by thirty five. We had the goals designed (which were portable) to be the height of the average player plus a third.

This made them 5 feet six inches in height and as the width is three times the height, they were sixteen feet six inches in width. The penalty area was replaced by a semi circle fifteen yards in diameter drawn from the centre of the goal line.

By the way the goals cost \$110.00 per set to get made. The goal kick could be taken from any where in the circle.

RULES

No offside. Goalkicks taken from any spot in penalty circle. Only in and out of play, and blatant fouls to be enforced. No coaching from the sideline by parents or hysterical abuse. Only coaching by coach if done in a quiet and helpful way. A circular was prepared and distributed to parents asking that they encourage, not abuse, and the boys are not pressurised to win. The theme was—

Let the kids enjoy themselves, and be motivated into wanting to play for a long time — not pressurised and wishing to quit at the first opportunity — kids are the customers, not the parents.

N.B. In Kuringai, where this is implemented, it is a rugby union area. But we now have the council and schools putting in mini goals as permanent fixtures.

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Sunnyside Sets the Pace

WAKERLEY Park was the scene of a lively Second Division clash between Sunnyside and Souths United, the former winning 3-1 to retain the leadership of the No. 2 Division.

In the initial stages of the game Souths were on the attack and forced three corners. Then Sunnyside returned the pressure and Souths' goalkeeper Fisher was forced to save brilliantly. From a corner, Bromfield scored for Sunnyside and shortly after Souths' Jeff Mayes forced Sides' keeper Sams to juggle before making a good save.

Maticic and Viro both scored for Sunnyside in the space of five minutes and after an even period of play, Ferguson found the back of the net to herald a Souths revival, but time ran out and the half time whistle sounded.

Souths kept up the pressure in the second half and from a free kick, Michael Sergeant tested Sams with a terrific drive.

Any further aggression from Souths was safely stemmed by Sams and defender Peter Steen. The Sunnyside trio of Sams, Bromfield and Steen were the pick for the winners while Souths best players were Priddy, Sergeant, replacement Slater and Alan Knight all played well to make it a clash worth seeing.

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The Premiership Action

THERE was no doubting the fact that Spencer Park United set out to put Tony Brennan out of the game, one way or another, during last Saturday's match at headquarters against Eagles.

The game was only a few minutes old when Brennan was sandwiched by two players just outside the area. Again, only a few minutes later, Brennan went down in agony after an extremely crude tackle from the normally hard but fair Barry O'Toole.

Referee Jack Wood could not have been blamed giving him the red card there and then, instead of in the 18th minute when he deliberately handled the ball. It's history now that despite Sam Morgan's concerted efforts. Brennan failed to recover and angrily slammed the gate as he stormed into the dressing room.

Alan Marszaleck certainly seemed to appreciate his switch back to the midfield following the signing of Alan Sinclair and early whistled a fierce left footer just over Kim Wishart's crossbar. He made amends in the 11th minute when, this time with the other foot, gave Wishart no chance with a screamer from at least 40 metres out.

Eagles looked to be up to their old tricks when Marszaleck headed John Cochrane's cross against the bar, and Chris Power did the same with a speculator from the left from long range. But the goal which sealed matters did not come until two minutes after the break when Ritchie Wilson and Marszaleck combined to set up Ken Gordon.

Kevin Caldwell was a bit lucky not to get his marching orders after an incident with John Bennett late in the half. Both ended up getting a yellow card.

Undoubtedly the highlights of the double-header at Lions Stadium was Sam Mancini's goalkeeping. (His saving of Shortman's penalty was only a part of his display) — and Wim Spiekerman's goal in the late match.

There isn't a great deal of Mancini, but there's a mighty big heart and a ton of confidence. This was a match-winning

display and he could not be blamed for the equalising goal. He had committed himself to take the high ball from the corner kick, but it eluded him and he was not in position to block Ian Steele's low shot.

What else did he do? In the first few minutes he had to leap high to fist a high 'lobber' over the bar. He dived at the feet of Pollock to effect a smothering save; took the ball literally off Steele's head; again dived at the ball to beat the feet of Pollock; three saves in 15 seconds from close in shots as the ball recocheted about in the penalty area.

With a goal lead at half time, it was felt Bardon's decision to play a defensive game in the second half was unwise. However they almost proved that claim wrong. They most certainly would have done so, had Iain Young not foolishly incurred the displeasure of the referee and left his team one short for the last 10 minutes.

And the irony of his departure was that his side, and not the opposition, had been given the free kick. Well done Bardon, you haven't had much to crow

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about for a while, have you. And in the second match, it just proves that a game is not won until the final whistle has gone. Mt. Gravatt were never really a force in attack for practically the whole match.

Richlands' keeper Rod McKenzie saw nothing of the ball in the first half, and at no time was he really tested except for that one shot of Spiekerman's Mt. Gravatt's only real positive shot at the Richland's goal. It was a typical Wim Spiekerman 'special', labelled from the minute he struck the ball and McKenzie did not have a chance. Even if he'd had Phil Dando and Ross Kelly 'between the sticks' with him, he still would not have saved it.

The point for Bardon gives them new hope of avoiding what earlier was considered the inevitable. Unfortunately for Bardon's cause, the other three teams near the bottom of the table, also secured a point or points.

Saints no doubt suffered the biggest letdown of the round when they fell to Merton, after producing some great football to beat Richlands the previous week. John Dann's goal was not enough with Russell Griffiths and Chris Corcoran doing the trick for Merton. That result just proves again that no team can be taken lightly this year.

Biggest surprise of the day was the way Redlands stormed back after Billy Fagan's goal to race away with a 6-1 lead over St. George. Obviously with players like Millman and Kelso in the side, Redlands could tear any defence to pieces when they are in the mood.

After the previous weeks good result against Redlands, Annerley were expected to keep on in the same vein against Wynnum. A very ordinary performance re-

sulted, with players trying to do too much on their own, although other players did not run off the ball as they should have. Wynnum were quick to grab their opportunities and the first goal resulted in a good run by Annerley breaking down in the final pass. Wynnum swept the length of the field for Lampitt to score with the defence stretched.

Annerley equalised shortly after with a fine chip over the 'keeper by Campbell. Wynnum had their fair share of the midfield with good performances from Lelliott and Porter. Best for Annerley was Nigel "Noddy" Cairns, who scarcely missed a ball in the air. The defence missed the injured Michael Blackall and seemed uncertain at times, although Glen Burden had a sound enough game as his replacement. In reserve grade, after hitting the bar and upright four times and missing numerous other chances, Annerley were finally beaten two goals to one. Wynnum deserve congratulations for making the most of their chances.

Battle of the Giants

FOR the right to go into the second round of the under 10 major knockout Championship competition, two under 10 junior soccer teams — Mt. Gravatt 10A and Annerley 10B have played off four times over the past few weeks for four draws.

The replays included two matches under lights.

After the school holidays, these two teams will meet for a fifth time to try to decide which team will go into the second round.

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES NEXT WEEKEND

ROUND 11, Saturday, May 21st

Eagles v. Annerley (Perry Park)	Bardon v. Mt. Gravatt (Lions Stadium)
Richlands v. Wynnum (Lions Stadium)	Redlands v. St. Helens (Cleveland)
Merton v. Spencer Park (Heath Park)	St. George v. Nth. Bris. (Goodwin Park)

CITY 3 (Hermiston, Echeverria, Johnston) v LIONS 1 (Morris)

Minute by Minute

7: Lions get their first corner when Hermiston is forced to tackle Neale after he receives a good pass from Hughes.

9: Niven is bowled over on the edge of the box and appears to get the yellow card when he complains, but referee says later he has booked Morris.

10: Morris takes a snap shot from a free kick situation and Borzi dives well to make a good save.

13: Borzi in action again as he palms over the top a long shot from the left by Harland.

18: Echeverria and Coyne attempt to score in similar fashion to the first goal against Mooroolbark the previous week. Coyne gets in behind the defence okay but his header is off target.

23: Harland takes out his frustration by letting one go at Echeverria and gets Lions' second yellow card.

24: Potter also booked when he complains about trainer being called on for City injured player, when he had similar request denied only seconds before.

26: Hughes displays good skills by controlling a difficult ball and crossing to the middle, where Neale's first timer is again saved by Borzi.

33: Echeverria joins the yellow card list when he kicks the ball away when Lions get a free kick.

37: City players move back to the middle when they think a free kick is being awarded against Dando and Coyne is delighted when he realises it's penalty and snatches ball from the bewildered 'keeper. Hermiston scores from the spot.

40: Echeverria gets possession after a corner and crosses, Johnston dummies well and Pimblett's powerful shot is blocked by the sprawling Bennett.

43: Laslo takes a corner on the left and City's defence is stretched as Morris almost nips in with the equaliser, but he fires just over the bar.

53: Morris makes a good jinking run and finds Hughes. Hermiston forced to concede a corner with a timely tackle.

60: Hughes brings down Hermiston and then Rathmell and McDermott flashes him the red card.

67: Rathmell is careless at the back

and fails to cut off a pass from the midfield. Fagan capitalises and finds Morris, whose shot beats Borzi and Lavelle does well to scramble it off line.

69: Morris makes another fine run and crosses. Borzi fails to reach it and Fagan shoots, but it goes straight at the startled Borzi.

71: Rathmell upended just outside the Lions box. Coyne takes the kick and Echeverria hammers it past Dando for a great goal. 2-0.

75: Conner's shot is blocked by Bennett, and the rebound goes to Neale, who darts away and has only Borzi to beat until he is hacked down from behind by Tokesi. The defender receives yet another yellow card and Niven takes the free kick, curling it beautifully towards the net, drawing a fantastic save from Borzi.

77: More attack from Lions ends with McDermott awarding a penalty apparently for a handball by Coyne. Morris scores, 2-1.

85: Niven becomes the second Lions man dismissed when linesman Prass reports incident involving Coyne.

87: Gaffney crosses from deep on the left. Coyne nods his usual header into the middle and Johnston slams a typical volley past the helpless Dando.

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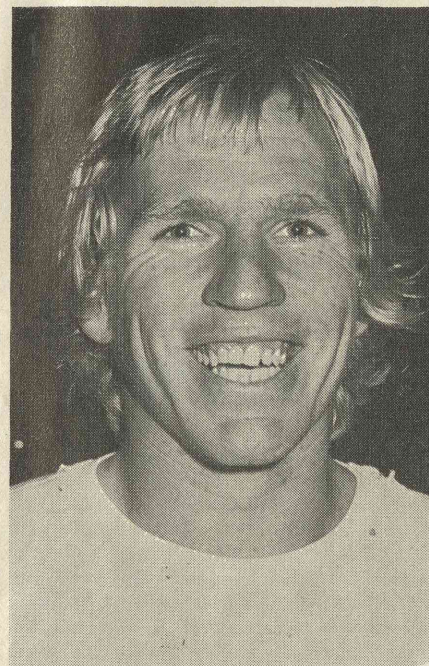
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COCA-COLA PLAYER OF THE MONTH



BRISBANE City centre half Peter Tokesi is the GO SOCCER Coca-Cola player of the month for April.

Peter is the second monthly award winner, following the March recipient, Lions' John Neale.

Tokesi hit the headlines last month for his outstanding performance for City in the Philips League match at Perry Park against Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, the match finishing in a scoreless draw.

He then followed up with another great display when City downed South Melbourne the following week away. Tokesi is one of a number of local players who have matured greatly in the League atmosphere, particularly playing alongside Jim Hermiston. Tokesi will be presented with his prize of a Coca-Cola gear bag at the nearest possible opportunity.

TALES OF AN IPSWICH GRANDFATHER

By Reg Erskine

BLACKSTONE — the match between Blackstone Rovers and St. Helens, the referee, your truly.

The game was proceeding quite normally when the referee's attention was drawn to a fight in the back-play. He turned abruptly and collapsed — his knee had gone. And the two combatants, Bill Malcalmson (Saints) and Ben Sinnamon (Rovers), whom he was about to order off, carried him off. The game went on after a short delay with a substitute referee, Dave Hamilton.

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YEAR 1923, North Ipswich Reserve — Ipswich v. China and it was the first Chinese team to visit Australia.

"Toddy" Edwards was on the right wing for Ipswich. He later represented Queensland and Australia in that position. In a tackle with a Chinese defender, Toddy

was beaten and received a kick. Whether he took the skill of the Chinese player or the kick unkindly, I do not know. But seconds later, when his right half teammate Jack "Fatty" Williams whispered "That's the one", Toddy went up to the Chinaman and gave him a beauty — a kick in the seat. The crowd booted, Toddy's annoyance was appeased, but as he told me recently, "I'll never live that down."

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DID you know that the owner of champion racehorse Our Cavalier, Graham Simpson played on the right wing for St. Helens? And that Alan Chambers, father of TV personality Joy Chambers played centre forward for Bundamba Rangers?

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THE fact that a coloured player may yet represent England calls to mind an Ipswich

aboriginal player of pre World War One years, named Quilpie.

He lived in Dinmore and played for Bush Rats. The late Tommy Hamworth told me that Quilpie was very highly esteemed by the residents of Dinmore. The writer's late father said: "You could beat him easily. Just kick him in the shins and that was the end of Quilpie."

Quilp went to live at Tweed Heads, and the 'grog' got him. I remember an incident in 1926 at Christmas time.

I was camped near the then border

fence opposite the Queensland Hotel. Noticing a crowd and much excitement, I soon found a footrace was to take place. Quilpie had been challenged by a real 'digger' type to a race. After much talking etc. the race was organised.

It started up the hill near Greenmount Guest House and to Quilpie's great delight he won on his grog-affected legs. I would say the 'digger' type ran dead. But in good Australian fashion, the hat was taken round and Quilpie was given the proceeds, his eyes beaming as only those of an aboriginal can.

LINESMAN'S VIEW

THIS week we would like to digress from our usual format of looking at the Philips League match and dig into a subject which appears to be on everyone's lips just now and can be summed up in one phrase MATCH OFFICIALS.

In recent weeks GO SOCCER has castigated clubs and club officials on subjects ranging from match promotions to buying better players and it is obvious all this has not fallen on deaf ears for we have seen improvements all around us and this is bearing fruit with increased attendances and in some cases improved football.

GO SOCCER would like to use these pages to point out the important place match officials and disciplinary committee officials hold in the system. Soccer is a mass entertainment syndrome and as such no man or group of men can hope to please the masses but it is imperative that one thing be maintained, to please as many as possible, that is consistency.

It is here our men in black are running into trouble, and it is here the root of most troubles lie. The reporters from GO SOCCER cover more soccer matches than most fans and the lack of consistency in matches, especially at First Division level is causing traumas not only among administrators and club officials, but players and spectators, most importantly spectators, are thoroughly confused by the goings on.

This is dangerous in our present situ-

ation when every club is trying its darndest to please the few precious supporters they get along to games. GO SOCCER doesn't mean to go into detail with these goings on and inconsistencies, every soccer fan sees them week in week out. What we would like to do here is point out to our referees first of all what we, the spectators, the life blood of the game like to see in the game.

First of all let us examine the situation of the overseas edict. Someone on FIFA where soccer is a business decides to do something about cleaning up a faction of the game and produce an edict. This is passed down the line until we get some referee in the Brisbane Sixth Division punishing every back tackle in the game.

Because of the lower skill factor of the players involved this probably means an increase in stoppages up to one or two every minute.

This leads to frustration among twenty or thirty spectators who immediately begin to abuse the man in the centre who in turn reacts and punishes all and sundry on the field who finish up being booked or sent off, with, under our system, no right of appeal to any sentence dished up by the disciplinary committee who treat each incident on its merits and who do not allow any discussion on the overall "feeling" in the particular match.

So we have players in Brisbane today being sent from the field for nothing

more than handling a ball (in many cases a reaction) and then later saying one swear word. Technically the referee is correct in doing so but ask any unbiased spectator if he thinks a player should be sent off for this and he'll answer a resounding NO! The same player will front up to a committee who will rightly hear the referee's report and the player, then sentence him, usually a week for a "minor" offence and the public is deprived of a player and the entertainment he may provide. The gentleman in FIFA who has justified his existence by producing the edict sits back and is satisfied.

What can I do now to justify my existence says he ???

Soccer is an old old game, organised for over 100 years and in that time refereeing has, just as playing has, evolved to a precise and important factor in the game. GO SOCCER does not wish to give the reader the impression it condones organised mayhem but surely it is time our referees and linesmen matured enough to realise every player kicking a ball is not a lily white angel, but are human and like themselves guilty of human frailties.

The laws are laid down explicitly but

how refreshing it is to see a referee USING these laws as a GUIDELINE to his OWN decision making. The referee who uses yellow and red cards as a means of control knowing he is technically correct is a coward and is guilty of undermining this great game of ours.

Players go on to a field to play and spectators pay good money to see twenty two finishing the game. The referee who sends a player from the field is admitting to a certain level of incompetence unless the player is a complete nut. (there are a few around.)

With all this in mind GO SOCCER who knows the personnel trouble our referees are in would like to ask these same men to do nothing other than be honest, don't pull cards at the least excuse because our friend in FIFA has said it. Use your own discretion and remember you are there to ensure the game flows and ebbs within the guidelines set down. The spectators who, on leaving a stadium, say "Who refereed the match?", are paying you your greatest compliment.

GO SOCCER would like to say our Philips League referees are as good as any in Australia and last Sundays authoritarian display only highlighted this fact.

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A good referee, not a technical expert (there is a vast difference) would have stamped his authority on that debacle in the first ten minutes and no doubt the huge crowd would have been entertained by a far better spectacle than the symphony of whistling that emanated from the field.

What super human creation has been made who can go through ninety minutes of stoppages, lectures and card waving without reaction? The men on our disciplinary committee are honest well meaning soccer men but how can they dispense true justice when they themselves find a player up in front of them for an offence, on a Wednesday, knowing full well they have watched the same offence go unpunished in another game they watched the week before?

READERS' FORUM

Dear Sir,

I am writing in answer to last week's editorial in GO SOCCER and I'm glad to read of the praise given to our referees involved in the recent Philips League matches.

It bears pointing out that the referees in these games have the respect of the players. These players concerned are professionals and all they want to do is to get on with the game.

These players differ greatly from those involved in our First Division games. They cannot accept some of the decisions by our referees — and they include Des Miles, Jack Wood and Dave Nugent.

You have only got to look at the number of cautions this season to see that.

I must say there are some clubs who want to play Soccer, if the opposition will let them. As for the criticism of the referees, we get that every year. All I have got to say is why don't the critics look at the players themselves, because I think the standard of soccer has dropped this season.

As for the incidents mentioned — I wish the author could get the facts right. The officials concerned were asked to

They have a thankless task and it is to their credit they take on the job. So come on referees let's set a standard of consistency in your field decision making and use your mouth and instinct and when that doesn't work then is the time for the sterner methods. GO SOCCER would like to say there is a referee in Brisbane at the moment who is doing this and has improved his "spectator refereeing" by one hundred percent. John Adams is the name, who has had his fair share of criticism in the past but these last two weeks, Merton v North Brisbane and Merton v. St. Helens he has handled two difficult games excellently, with a minimum of fuss and bother. If one can do it so can all.

Insiderman

nominate a best player — not a best and fairest — and the club concerned agreed.

As for the two penalty incidents, these referees were wrong and we trust similar incidents will not happen again. I can say that our coach tore strips off referees concerned but as the author of the article said, we are only human and like all humans, we make mistakes. As for the last remark, concerning the case where the player was told to 'forget the caution'

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it's being looked into, and if correct, the referee will be dealt with.

But I sincerely hope your facts are wrong again.

Yours faithfully,

John Folling

Dear Sir,

Last Sunday we had our first Philips League failure. A huge crowd turned up on a perfect day to watch our first local derby, a game City wanted to win, a game Lions had to win and there the game ended.

Lions, understandably nervous and keen to do well went all out to upset City the confident, footballing flag bearers of our hopes. Perhaps they were over zealous but little did we know the "reward" we were to reap. When that whistle began to blow we began to wonder if it would ever stop. This was over control at its best and perhaps it is a blessing in disguise it happened in front of all our officials.

To their own eyes it was a taste of the sort of stuff dished up to the public by our so-called referees.

Here was a man stamping his personality on the game not his authority. Someone should have told him we paid \$2 to watch two teams playing soccer not to listen to him as he strutted around running the rule book through his computer brain to the whistle outlet. Give us Des Miles' consistent sternness, Dave Nugent's grin, or John Woods' quiet confidence any time in preference to this martinet.

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AFTER many weeks of behind the scene work the Q.J.S.C. has launched its 1977 programme. The emphasis this year is on coaching, both of coaches and of boys. Proceeds of last years Dribble-a-Thon are being used for this project.

Last November \$3,000 was spent in bringing 21 coaches from all over Queensland to Talleburgera for a coaching course and a further \$7,000 has been allocated for coaching this year. Bob Millis has been appointed Director of Coaching and he with Fred Robins and Brad Ahern are the Queensland coaches for the age groups U/13, U/14 & U/15.

The Q.J.S.C. are very fortunate indeed to have obtained the services of three such fine coaches, all are Senior Staff Coaches and are well known and respected throughout Queensland soccer circles.

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AUG. 13th — AUG. 20th

Inter Zone State Titles U/13 Townsville

Inter Zone State Titles U/14 Caloundra

Inter Zone State Titles U/15 Mackay

Inter District Titles U/12

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Inter State Titles U/14 Sydney

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5 Goals—

CHARLIE DENCH (Richlands)
JOHN DANN (St. Helens)

4 Goals—

LEN POLLOCK (Norths)
TREVOR CATCHPOLE (Redlands)
JIM McCABE (Eagles)
BRIAN LAMPITT (Wynnum)
WIM SPIEKERMAN (Mt. Gravatt)
ALAN MARLEY (St. George)

3 Goals—

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NICK KRITIKOU (St. George)
LASLO KORAKNAI (Richlands)
MICHAEL ROONEY (Annerley)
NIGEL CAIRNS (Annerley)
JOHN FERGUSON (Mt. Gravatt)
DEREK PIMM (Spencer Park)
DUGALD CAMPBELL (Annerley)

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PHILIPS LEAGUE MATCHES NEXT WEEKEND

Canberra City v. Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions v. Marconi
South Melbourne v. Adelaide City
Western Suburbs v. Footscray
West Adelaide v. St. George
Mooroolbark v. Eastern Suburbs
Sydney Olympic v. Fitzroy United

POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
NORTHS	9	5	3	1	23	11	13
ST. GEORGE	9	6	1	2	24	13	13
ANNERLEY	9	4	4	1	17	9	12
EAGLES	9	5	1	3	29	17	11
REDLANDS	9	5	1	3	21	17	11
S. PARK UTD.	9	5	—	4	18	15	10
RICHLANDS	9	3	3	3	12	10	9
ST. HELENS	9	3	2	4	12	14	8
MT. GRAVATT	9	3	1	5	11	20	7
MERTON	9	2	2	5	7	13	6
WYNNUM	9	1	4	4	13	20	6
BARDON	9	—	2	7	7	35	2

RESERVE GRADE							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
NORTHS	9	8	1	—	25	4	17
ANNERLEY	9	6	1	2	22	10	13
REDLANDS	9	5	3	1	20	10	13
EAGLES	9	5	2	2	18	14	12
ST. HELENS	9	5	1	3	26	17	11
MT. GRAVATT	9	3	3	3	15	16	9
RICHLANDS	9	4	—	5	26	18	8
S. PARK UTD.	9	4	—	5	14	24	8
BARDON	9	3	—	6	14	32	6
WYNNUM	9	2	1	6	10	18	5
MERTON	9	2	1	6	9	20	5
ST. GEORGE	9	—	1	8	7	23	1

SECOND DIVISION							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
SUNNYSIDE	6	4	2	—	15	5	10
COALSTARS	6	3	3	—	16	9	9
THISTLE	5	3	2	—	20	5	8
TRIDENT	6	3	1	2	14	11	7
TARINGA	6	3	1	2	12	11	7
SOUTHS	6	3	—	3	14	13	6
AC. RIDGE	6	2	2	2	12	13	6
MITCHELTON	6	1	2	3	8	12	4
OXLEY	6	1	2	3	8	15	4
GOLD COAST	5	1	1	3	7	10	3
REDCLIFFE	6	1	1	4	11	20	3
FORT. VALLEY	6	1	1	4	12	25	3

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
THISTLE	5	5	—	—	14	4	10
MITCHELTON	6	4	1	1	13	7	9
SUNNYSIDE	6	4	—	2	18	7	8
REDCLIFFE	6	3	1	2	15	10	7
SOUTHS	6	3	1	2	13	16	7
GOLD COAST	5	3	—	2	15	9	6
COALSTARS	6	2	2	2	15	16	6
TARINGA	6	2	1	3	9	9	5
FORT. VALLEY	6	2	1	3	11	17	5
OXLEY	6	1	2	3	11	16	4
ACACIA RIDGE	6	1	1	4	14	21	3
TRIDENT	6	—	—	6	5	21	0

THIRD DIVISION							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
DARRA	6	4	1	1	28	11	9
ROVERS	6	4	1	1	18	7	9
NEWMARKET	6	4	1	1	15	10	9
PINE RIVERS	6	3	2	1	16	13	8
NERANG	5	3	1	1	7	8	7
THE GAP	6	2	2	2	9	10	6
ST. ALBANS	6	2	1	3	10	8	5
NORTH STAR	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
GROVELY	6	—	4	2	12	16	4
WIL'BURN	6	1	2	3	10	20	4
ANNERLEY	6	1	1	4	8	17	3
BOOVAL	6	1	—	5	6	17	2

FOURTH DIVISION							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
AC. RIDGE	6	5	—	1	21	6	10
INALA	6	4	1	1	24	9	9
SALISBURY	6	4	1	1	16	6	9
OLYMPIC	6	4	1	1	17	12	9
DARRA	6	4	—	2	21	10	8
THE GAP	6	3	1	2	12	6	7
UNIVERSITY	6	2	1	3	15	15	5
BRIGHTON	6	2	1	3	17	17	5
TOOWONG	6	1	3	2	7	11	5
ROVERS	6	1	1	4	4	18	3
NEWMARKET	6	1	—	5	5	18	2
LOGAN	6	—	—	6	0	31	0

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FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TWIN TOWNS	6	6	—	—	22	5	12
GOODNA	6	5	—	1	22	5	10
PINE RIVERS	6	5	—	1	20	9	10
PADUA	6	3	1	2	16	15	7
UNIVERSITY	6	2	1	3	12	6	5
ST. ALBANS	6	2	1	3	10	12	5
NTH. STAR	6	2	1	3	14	15	5
WYNNUM	6	1	3	2	7	11	5
INDUSTRIAL	6	2	1	3	10	16	5
EAGLES	6	2	—	4	9	18	4
TARINGA	6	1	—	5	3	14	2
TOOWONG	6	1	—	5	8	27	2

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KINGSRIDGE	6	5	—	1	38	8	10
DINMORE	6	4	1	1	8	3	9
ROCHEDALE	5	4	—	1	21	6	8
BAYSIDE	5	4	—	1	24	7	8
MITCHELTON	6	3	—	3	19	17	6
OLYMPIC	6	2	1	3	13	20	5
WACOL	5	2	—	3	10	13	4
NORTHSIDE	6	1	2	3	12	22	4
GROVELY	5	1	1	3	7	13	3
MT. GRAVATT	5	1	—	4	7	15	2
ST. MICHAELS	5	—	1	4	2	37	1

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SALISBURY	6	5	1	—	29	10	11
ADAMS PARK	6	4	1	1	31	15	9
RAAF	6	3	2	1	15	6	8
SOUTHS	5	3	1	1	11	5	7
NEW WORLD	6	3	1	2	19	18	7
GOODNA	6	2	2	2	16	14	6
NTH. BRIS.	6	3	—	3	12	13	6
ALBANY CK.	6	2	1	3	13	17	5
RICHLANDS	5	2	—	3	13	22	4
THE GAP	5	1	—	4	14	19	2
NORTH PINE	5	1	—	4	2	20	2
NORTH STAR	6	1	—	5	7	23	1

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANNERLEY	6	6	—	—	33	7	12
REDCLIFFE	6	5	—	1	23	6	10
INALA	6	4	1	1	20	15	9
ROCHEDALE	6	4	—	2	24	10	8
ST. GEORGE	6	4	—	2	17	8	8
PINE RIVERS	6	3	1	2	21	16	7
MERTON	6	3	—	3	10	9	6
BRIGHTON	6	2	—	4	8	13	4
SALISBURY	6	1	1	4	11	25	3
ADAMS PARK	6	1	1	4	8	24	3
POLICE	6	—	2	4	9	27	2
BAYSIDE	6	—	—	6	7	31	0

COLTS DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	11	9	2	—	60	12	20
NTH. BRIS.	12	9	2	1	24	7	20
GOLD COAST	12	8	2	2	51	14	18
THISTLE	12	6	4	2	31	12	16
MERTON	12	7	2	3	22	14	16
RICHLANDS	12	6	3	3	31	16	15
MITCHELTON	12	6	2	4	24	17	14
ST. HELENS	12	5	3	4	32	20	13
NEWMARKET	12	4	4	4	24	28	12
REDCLIFFE	12	4	3	5	19	19	11
REDLANDS	12	2	3	7	18	42	7
ST. GEORGE	11	3	1	7	14	41	7
MT. GRAVATT	12	1	4	7	6	20	6
THE GAP	12	2	2	8	10	34	6
ROCHEDALE	12	2	1	9	17	55	5
VIRGINIA UTD.	12	2	—	10	19	51	4

PHILIPS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Suburbs	6	5	—	1	14	3	10
Marconi	6	5	—	1	14	9	10
Fitzroy	6	3	2	1	10	6	8
E. Suburbs	6	3	2	1	16	10	8
W. Adelaide	5	3	1	1	9	3	7
Brisbane City	6	3	1	2	9	6	7
Adelaide City	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
Syd. Olympic	6	2	2	2	7	9	6
Sth. Melbourne	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
St. George	5	1	2	2	5	8	4
Footscray	5	—	3	2	7	9	3
Canberra City	6	1	1	4	4	11	3
Mooroolbark	6	—	2	4	6	16	2
Lions	6	—	1	5	2	13	1

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Matches of the Second Qualifying Round of the 1978 FIFA World Cup

THE President of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George and the General Secretary, Mr. Brian Le Fevre, attended a meeting of representatives of the Asia/Oceania group winners which was held in Hong Kong on 2nd May, 1977.

As a result of the lengthy discussions which actually commenced on the arrival of the Australian delegates to Hong Kong on Saturday, 30th April and which continued in an unofficial capacity throughout the following Sunday, the following draw of fixtures had been agreed upon.

19/ 6	Hong Kong	v	Iran
26/ 6	Hong Kong	v	Korea Rep.
3/ 7	Korea Rep.	v	Iran
10/ 7	Australia	v	Hong Kong
14/ 8	Australia	v	Iran
27/ 8	Australia	v	Korea Rep.
2/10	Hong Kong	v	Kuwait
9/10	Korea Rep.	v	Kuwait
16/10	Australia	v	Kuwait
23/10	Korea Rep.	v	Australia
28/10	Iran	v	Kuwait
30/10	Hong Kong	v	Australia
5/11	Kuwait	v	Korea Rep.
11/11	Iran	v	Korea Rep.
12/11	Kuwait	v	Hong Kong
18/11	Iran	v	Hong Kong
19/11	Kuwait	v	Australia
25/11	Iran	v	Australia
3/12	Kuwait	v	Iran
4/12	Korea Rep.	v	Hong Kong

The decision to play matches on a home and away basis was decided upon unanimously.

It was extremely difficult to reach decisions concerning dates, for the following reasons: Firstly Australia did not want to travel to Iran and Kuwait in July and August because of the extremely high temperatures in those countries at that time of the year, and also because of the long period that players would be absent from Australia thus disrupting the Philips League of Australia fixtures.

Secondly the possibility of making a quick visit to Hong Kong in mid-July and

August was considered, but the Hong Kong Stadium will be closed for re-tufting and maintenance until the 31st August, 1977. Thirdly, at the same time, Korea was involved with its King's Cup Tournament and also of the Merdeka Tournament is being conducted in Asia during the early part of the season.

Accordingly, with 20 matches to be played it is considered that Australia did well to arrange its first four matches to be played in Australia, and should the team be successful in winning these games it will be a formidable start which our competitors will find difficult to better.

Discussion took place concerning the kick-off time of matches, and some latitude has been allowed which takes into consideration the heat of the day in the June/July period and for the possible colder weather in the November period particularly in Kuwait. The proposed times are as follows and all times referred to are local times.

Australia	1500 hours for all matches
Hong Kong	2000 hours for matches in June
	1600 hours for all other matches
Iran	1600 hours for all matches
Korea Rep.	1600 hours for all matches in July
	1430 hours for all other matches
Kuwait	between 1600 - 1700 hours for all matches

Venues of matches in respect to the Australian games have still to be decided and an early meeting of the Executive Committee is predicted, and only then will a final decision be made in this regard.

As far as Hong Kong is concerned, all matches will be played at the Hong Kong stadium.

Iran will play all its matches at the Aryamehr Stadium in Teheran.

Korea would play its match against Iran in Pusan and the remainder of the matches would be played in Seoul, whilst

Kuwait would play all its matches at the national stadium in Kuwait City.

As far as Australia's away matches are concerned, it will be noted that there is a period of approximately 19 days between the match Australia versus Hong Kong and Australia versus Kuwait. It was impossible, due to the large number of matches to be played in Kuwait and Iran in October and November, to bring these four games close together.

Notwithstanding the considerable additional expense — in the order of some \$15,000 to \$20,000 — to return the team to Sydney from Hong Kong before travelling to Kuwait, the Federation has taken this expense into its budgeting should the National Coach decide that he would prefer the team to return to Australia during the period referred to above.

However, should the Coach after consultation with the A.S.F. decide to keep the side together outside of Australia then this can be fitted into our plans as

deliberate flexibility has been built into the itinerary as well as the budgeting.

For your information the following persons attended the meeting, representing their national associations.

FIFA Representative—

Mr. Koe Ewe Teik (Chairman)

Australia—

Sir Arthur George

Mr. Brian Le Fevre

Hong Kong—

Mr. Hui Chun Fui

Mr. Lo Chi Chung

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Another Focus on the First Division Scene

BARDON LATROBE v. NORTH BRIS
IN midweek Bardon Latrobe had merged with Mitchelton and here they were with the supreme test for their combined team, North Brisbane, the pace setters for First Division.

Norths had no injury problems and fielded a full side while Bardon fielded a completely experimental side made up of 5 players from each of the amalgamated clubs. Norths, who are playing a contemporary game using two strikers and all the other players moving up and down the field, opened brightly and pressured the Bardon lads back into their own half.

In this opening spell Iain Young, who was playing sweeper, stood head and shoulders above every other player on the field on many occasions bursting forth from the ruck with the ball to launch a break. His duels with Kas Biedak were top class and it is seldom we see this top class striker being robbed so often in the act of shooting. Then the inevitable happened Bardon broke away and from a pin point cross Mike Hayes rose above

every other player in the box and nodded a good goal.

Bardon took heart from this and a tremendous mid field battle ensued where Pollock of Norths and Rowan of Bardon seemed to be everywhere at once. No quarter was being asked for or given and until half time that was how the game went. After half time Bardon made a positional change throwing Phil Cruse up front and drawing Denny deep on the left flank and this move should have brought goal two when Cruse took on and beat two defenders and found himself running at a hapless Alan Curtis who had Hayes standing wide on his right.

For some reason Cruse didn't pass and shot past the post from eighteen yards, a gilt edged chance was gone. Norths took umbrage at this and the by now huge crowd were entertained by the sight of an all out onslaught on Bardon's goal. Little Sam Mancini performed miracles at this time from a lot of good lead up work and good shooting from a Norths team now well on top. He even

saved a penalty from Dicky Shortman and nothing more can be said about that. Fate finally took a hand and referee Klose as is so often the case, had a hand in it when he elected to send Young from the field for kicking a ball away. This was a technicality as he had been cautioned for deliberate hand ball in the first half.

The Bardon defence lost its previously impregnable look and it wasn't long until Ian Steel popped in the equaliser. All in all this was a most entertaining game, a lot of cut and thrust, well handled by officials who seemed to recognise the tension of the occasion and let the game flow accordingly. Some of the Bardon "new boys" found the pace a bit heavy but the team can take heart from the fact that they had Norths on the rack for a long time. Norths are still a good side but one wonders about Manfred Koprek. Everyone in soccer knows he is a wonderful player but being used wide as he is doesn't free him from the responsibility of doing his share of ball winning.

Also it does not mean his opponents have to stand back and allow him space and time to work his magic. He is a known playmaker and will receive a lot of attention from opponents, his present attitude doesn't seem to allow for this.

Some of Norths fans should allow for this attitude when castigating their coach when he replaces Manfred. When the chips are down, ten grafters are needed out there and that's what the coach has to do if results are to be won.

From the crowd reaction to this game we would say this was a shot in the arm for our First Division.

Merton v St. Helens

GO SOCCER covered another first division match at Heath Park where Merton, fresh from their last weeks Perry Park encounter with Norths where they won a precious point, took on the pride of Ipswich, St. Helens who had the week before trounced Richlands.

Both sides lined up with their strongest teams and a fair amount of youth was on show. Bevan Bohan is back for Merton and although not at top fitness he looked good in the early part of the game.

Saints, with their three Scots acquisitions on the field looked to be the better side at this time keeping the ball moving sweetly from man to man and at the same time moving forward to pressure Merton in their own half. The inevitable happened but not in the way Saints would have liked. John Dann pouncing on a poor Phil Thompson pass back and putting Saints ahead. This goal should have given them a half time lead, though to be honest they probably deserved a few more but that's what the game is all about — knocking in chances.

Later they were to rue this fact.

Not five minutes before the break Russel Griffiths broke through the middle and side footed a ball under the advancing keeper. So Saints came in at half time even instead being ahead. A new Merton emerged after the break. Suddenly their mid field began to get to grips with their Saints counterparts and the balance of play swung their way. Geoff Dann who had given his all by now found himself chasing Dolan and Thompson and these two began to create chances that to be honest went abegging. Unfortunately for Merton Griffiths had lost his first half coolness and squandered quite a few chances but one had to come and come it did.

Stevie Dolan chipped a beautiful ball into the goal and the Merton left back jumped higher than anyone to nod the winning goal. It was all Merton now and with any sort of luck they could have scored another two. So we had a game of two halves, when both clubs could have had goal superiority, yet spurned it and Merton ran out winners by the odd goal in three.

In summing up GO SOCCER must again point out the stars in the game were all the experienced men. For Saints the goal keeper had some great, if spectacular saves, Glen McKeand was a safe full back and the Danns, Steve, Jeff and John all performed in their usual competent manner. Williamson is a player who has to be watched constantly and had his finishing matched his outfield play the game could have been stopped at half time.

For Merton, Paul Yuill had a great

duel with Williamson, Dolan and Thompson were full of running when it mattered. If both clubs can get their younger players to move the ball around just that little bit quicker they will improve no end.

It's a pity the crowd wasn't a little bigger, for the game was always bright and entertaining.

A final word for John Adams the referee. A competent game, always under control, with an absolute minimum of card waving or threatening. GO SOCCER has seen Adams perform admirably twice in two weeks! Keep up the good work John there aren't too many around at the moment.



Two of the reasons for City's great run in the Philips League is the defence displayed here, with Osvaldo Borzi punching clear under pressure from two Mooroolbark attackers, with skipper Ian Rathmell backing up.