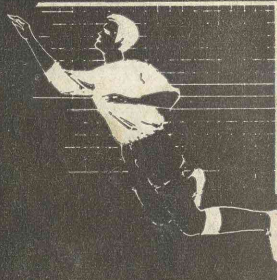




GO SOCCER



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THIS confrontation between Lions players George Potter (left) and Col Bennett (right) and City's John Coyne was typical of the action in the recent Philips Soccer League match at Perry Park. Bennett and Potter will be up against the might of Marconi this weekend.

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Editorial

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THE driving forces behind the entry of a Brisbane United team into the Philips League no doubt would have been delighted with the result of last Sunday's match, with Denis Ford's rep team beating Brisbane City 3-0.

The actual result was purely academical. The representative side were odds on to win the game as they had everything to gain and nothing to lose, while the completely opposite situation faced City.

It was however, highlighted quite forcibly that any future possible United combination would certainly be able to hold its own in the League. The huge pool of players from which to draw would be a tremendous advantage, but it would be foolish for the forces behind such a venture to get carried away by one victory over a club which was drained of the bulk of its key players for what really was a match designed simply to cater for the appetite of the Soccer public in the absence of a League fixture.

Formation of a Brisbane United side would face problems not encountered by Lions and City when they joined up. Who would be the coach, the president, secretary and committee? That type of organisation would take some sorting out because of the interests of so many parties involved.

It's almost certain the League competition will be increased next season. Sydney's Apia are ready and waiting to jump into the arena, after realising their non-entry in the first place was a major blunder. There are also reports of a Croatian club in Adelaide receiving sufficient sponsorship and the backing of every club of like colour in the country, enabling it to go fully professional in the city where it would draw the most support.

But can we afford three teams in Brisbane. At the moment, the League is successful enough to push Soccer into a position of being the second most popular spectator football code behind Rugby League. Another entry could jeopardise that position. Brisbane and Adelaide are leading the field in relation to gates. Largely because they have only two teams, and they play in their respective capitals on alternate weekends. Let's not kill the Golden Goose before it's ready for the dinner table.

Some time in the future, Brisbane may be able to accommodate a Brisbane United. But that would be when Philips League is attracting crowds of 10,000 instead of 6,000. Then maybe we could cope with two home games of a weekend, one at Perry Park and the other at Lions Stadium.

Having three teams in the League is a distinct possibility, but it must come about through the demands caused by success, not merely to satisfy those who simply want a piece of the Philips League action.

WEEKEND REFEREES

EAGLES v. ANNERLEY

Referee — Col Amos
Linesmen — John Folling,
Garth Goodwin

RICHLANDS v. WYNNUM

Referee — John Adams
Linesmen — Benson Legge
Geoff Brabrook

BARDON v. MT. GRAVATT

Referee — Geoff Brabrook
Linesmen — John Adams,
Benson Legge

MERTON v. SPENCER PARK

Referee — Fritz Prass
Linesmen — Bob Nelson,
Kel Fisher

REDLANDS v. ST. HELENS

Referee — Deiter Klose
Linesmen — Mike Brine,
Frank Trimarchi

ST. GEORGE v. NORTHS

Referee — Dave Nugent
Linesmen — Peter Murray,
Doug Fisher

The Coach's Viewpoint

Notes from Rothman's Senior Award Course

By
Queensland
Director of
Coaching
DENIS FORD



WARM-UP PRACTICES

● Four players working passing two balls between them. The object is to try and catch one player with two soccer balls at any one time. Quickness of action is most certainly required.

● Five to six players each one having been given a number. Passing in sequence begins so No. 2 makes a run and calls early so that No. 1 may make a simple pass to him or the space in front of him. No. 2 plays to 3 and so on. This practice should be started in fairly static positions and gradually built up so that eventually all players are working flat out.

Calling must be early and precise. It must be audible to the player with the ball. Running should be positive and into space. The runner when starting his run must have regard to the next pass, not only with a view to making it easy for himself but also for his colleague recipient. Passes should be correctly weighted, first time and made to feet or space in front of recipient.

● Players take up the positions they would normally occupy on the field of play. When in position they should then go through all of the motions they would need to employ during a match such as running, jumping, kicking, tackling, twisting, turning, stopping, trapping, etc.

Start off simply at about walking pace and gradually build up to maximum pace.

● Two equal sides of between 8-10 players on each side. Using a quarter of the field playing say 8 v. 2. The side of 8 must make ten consecutive passes without interception. If successful then play switches to half the field of play and two players join to now make it 8 v. 4. A further ten consecutive passes must be made now and if successful again play switches to the full field to become 8 v. 8 or 10 v. 10 whichever the

case may be. The object is to make a further 10 passes to win.

On the breakdown of play or as soon as thirty consecutive passes have been made the role of the two sides is changed.

GOALKEEPERS

● Coaching a goalkeeper to deal with crosses from the touchline in the front third of the field.

- Firstly serve high balls.
- Secondly serve low balls.
- Finally a mixture of both.

The 'keeper must pay attention to the following important points.

- His speed off the line.
- His timing.
- His calling.

He must quickly assess the situation and decide whether or not he should:

- Catch the ball

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— Punch the ball.
 — Palm the ball over the bar.
 Finally he must always endeavour to get his body in line with the flight of the ball.

DEFENDERS — Jockeying

Body attitude must be good.

- Lower centre of gravity.
- Position sideways on pushing the attacker the way he wants him to go.

Jockey as close as possible without committing or selling oneself.

Never be caught sideways-on. To overcome this the defender must keep on his toes in a crouch position.

CENTRE-BACKS

Jumping should be off one foot instead of two to obtain highest lift.

Body should be turned slightly if positioned directly behind an attacker. If both go for the ball together then greater self protection is obtained.

Use arms and body if necessary.

Clearing of cross balls should be to opposite side of field from source of play. This applies to all defenders.

PASSING GENERALLY

- Passing should always be:
 - Accurate
 - Simple
 - Quick
- Accuracy should be aimed at:
 - Feet of team mate.
 - Space behind or in front of defence dependent upon where advantage space is. In any event ball should be aimed at space in front of colleague.
- Intentions should wherever possible be disguised.
- Do not run with ball except in exceptional circumstances, e.g. only in front third when it is 1 v. 1 nearing or in vital area.
- Do not bury head. Set eyesight at hip height of opposing defender directly in front of you. Make full use of vertical or peripheral vision.
- Do not play long optimistic passes.
- Do not square pass when under pressure in back third.
- Do not provide the opposition with a numerical advantage.

- Aim to pass the ball and simultaneously move to make a safe return passing angle or support.

- Man in possession must always be supported in case attack breaks down.

- Players off the ball should always endeavour to provide safe passing angles.

- The closest players looking for a pass must show themselves to the player with the ball and/or make him aware of your position by calling. Calling should be short, sharp and clear but must be precise so as not to commit a foul.

- The receiver of a pass should generally:
 - Move to meet the pass.
 - Run into line of ball.

NO MOORE PLANS

RUMOURS that former England captain Bobby Moore might be enticed to come to Australia to join a southern club in the Philips League were squashed by reports in the English press last weekend.

Moore is reported to be joining up with pop star Elton John in a high powered effort to inject greatness into lowly fourth Division Watford, the club Elton hopes to also make a "star."

Moore is favourite for the job, but a board meeting of the club early next week is expected to ratify the choice. Several directors are critical of Moore, but as Elton John is the club's main financial supporter he is likely to win any boardroom battle.

The appeal for the 36 year old Moore lies in his partnership with a young ambitious chairman who is even more famous in his own sphere of entertainment — and in a challenge that surpasses most he encountered as a player.

Moore's match last Saturday against Blackburn was his 1,000th first class game and naturally was a highly emotional affair. Moore earned a record 108 international caps for England, most of them as captain and led his country to the first World Cup triumph, over West Germany, in 1966.

His mammoth tally includes 669 League games — 545 for London club West Ham United and 124 for Fulham, since his transfer three years ago.

READERS' FORUM

NOTE—*Nom-de-plumes may be used by contributors, but letters will not be published unless they are signed.*

Dear Sir,

The media have been urging Inala residents to support their local club, but how much support does this club deserve when they do not give their own players any consideration.

To explain I must go back to early January when training and trials began for Colts, Reserves and First Division teams. Three nights a week for 2 hours, these lads trained until teams were selected at the end of February. Colts fixtures started on 6th March and the selected team played seven fixture games (4 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss) before the shock came.

The Reserve coach left and the Colts coach was moved up to this position taking three Colts with him. The Director of Junior Coaching, who was coaching the Under 16 Open team, decided he would take over the Colts. He brought his entire U/16 team up with him and named four "old" Colts to stay — the unwanted Colts could either play 8th Division or leave.

Well, you might say — not too bad — seven of the "old" Colts are retained. The story is not yet over. The next week one "old" Colt missed one training session and was told not to come back. Over the next three weeks the other three "oldies" were played as a reserve or not at all, until last Sunday two asked for clearances, as, at 17 years of age, they could not see how it was benefiting their soccer to sit on the sideline and watch 15 and 14 year olds play.

With this type of disregard for players, is it any wonder that after so many years of fielding good junior teams, Lions have not got one player in their 1st Division team who came up through the junior ranks.

Ex-Lions Supporter of 10 years
Inala

(Name and address supplied)

P.S. For confirmation of facts, compare an early Colts team card with last weeks.

GO SOCCER — GO QUEENSLAND

A FEW months ago Toowoomba's Soccer coaches benefited from the expertise of a talented Queensland Soccer coach, Geoff Green. Looking in, whilst he delivered the Soccer 'gospel', I well remember his extolling the virtues of not looking at the ball at your feet, because it prevented you from seeing where the rest of your team was and who was free to receive a pass.

I suppose a statement similar to the one about not being able to see the wood for the trees.

After reading my first copy of GO SOCCER — the Official Magazine of the Queensland Soccer Federation, I find myself recalling Geoff's advice, if only for its aptness to the content of GO SOCCER. Personally, I think its claim to be the Official Magazine of the Queensland Soccer Federation to be grossly misleading. Of the Brisbane Soccer Scene — yes, but certainly not of the QSF which, by virtue of the inclusion of the name of our State in its title implies a State Soccer body. Surely, here is a first class example of what Geoff advised against, with a slight twist of course. For 'ball at your feet' insert — 'Soccer in your domain'. Any official magazine of the State of Queens-

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land's Soccer Federation should, surely, be representative of the Soccer code — throughout the State of Queensland?

The content of GO SOCCER is not and more than anything else, typifies the attitude of Soccer administrators, players, supporters and correspondents in Brisbane to their country Socceroo cousins. That is, if you don't play in the Brisbane competitions — you don't really rate as a Soccer player, or organisation, in Queensland.

How many Brisbane Soccer enthusiasts are aware of the many Soccer Federations and Associations currently operating, North and West of a fifty mile radius from our capital city? At Darwin, Rockhampton, Townsville, Maryborough, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba, Mt. Isa and the Sunshine Coast, to name those I have heard of, and all with their own Junior Soccer Association, too, and in Queensland, would you believe!

Soccer in country areas is growing in popularity and, thanks to the World Cup, UK games on TV and the advent of the PSL, should grow from strength to strength. However, owing to Brisbane's habit of looking only at its own players and clubs, many, in fact most, of the country organisations have little choice but to look only at themselves, too. There is, as yet, no real encouragement from the State's own Soccer Federation to do otherwise.

Other than the Ampol Cup, the rules for which successfully eliminate the majority of country federations before the so-called first round, the State body does little, if anything, to promote Soccer beyond the Brisbane scene in their State. The boost given to Soccer in Australia by the PSL is beginning to work. The general public is finally realising and accepting the fact that Soccer is the prime football code for entertainment and are, therefore, taking a much closer look at what is taking place in their own areas. In taking a closer look they are beginning to ask what prospects their own Soccer prodigy may have of growing in Soccer status beyond the bounds of their own, local, scene.

Under present conditions the prospects are as limited for country players as the country Soccer content of GO SOCCER. If you don't play in Brisbane — forget

it. Junior Soccerroos from the country, thanks to a less-blinkered view of the Junior Associations, have a fair chance of getting State trials in their age groups, but seniors — ha!

If, as a senior player, you don't play in Brisbane you may as well forget any ambitions to play for your State let alone your country.

Is there, then, any wonder junior players give the code away when they attain the magic 15-16 years of age bracket? The A.S.F. Youth programme may yet stem the migration of our 'too old for juniors' talent but what value will it be to country players if — as with the seniors proper — you have to play in Brisbane to be seen? PSL clubs are spending thousands of dollars searching Europe for players with barely a squawk from State Federations. The excuse most commonly given is that importing such players is aimed solely at getting the PSL off the ground.

Beaut, but I wonder how much more value and credence would have been given the so-called 'National' League if those dollars had been spent scouring the State for its best talent and making it worth their while to move their place of residence?

When do the Queensland selectors see the best the country organisations can offer? In the Ampol Cup? Hardly. When do the selectors even hear about the best country players? In GO SOCCER? I wonder.

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I have a copy of Vol. 2, No. 10. Without knowing how many copies make up a volume I would guess that the magazine has been in production for some time. Why is it only now that I, a country resident who continually scours the shelves of local newsagents, for Soccer magazines, have only just discovered the Official Magazine of the Queensland Soccer Federation — GO SOCCER?

Discovered it on the refreshment stall of a club that participates in a Brisbane league.

Statewide Soccer promotion of Statewide Soccer is, at present, a non-event. When, may I ask, will GO SOCCER — GO QUEENSLAND and with it, the State's own Federation and selectors? Maybe then we could even aspire to a State Inter-Federation Cup, controlled by the Queensland Soccer Federation in which the 'Brisbane' Federation will compete against other Soccer Federations throughout the State of Queensland with a representative side that does not include PSL players. Then we should really have the public sitting up and taking notice.

A Toowoomba Sideliner

Name and address supplied)

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible to have some location to the venue of the Soccer matches being played? Personally, I am conversant with Brisbane and suburbs, but still cannot locate exactly where some playing fields are. At least a street and suburb should be inserted with advertising.

On behalf of "lost" soccer fans I would appreciate some consideration to this problem.

T. McIntosh, Thornside

N.B. In regard to Soccer stories in the newspapers, it would be impossible to list exact locations of grounds. But the Q.S.F. does insert street and suburbs information in all its paid advertising in the media
—Editor

Dear Sir,

After reading past weeks Coach's Viewpoint, I must say how very pleased I was, to read that the under 7's and 8's played at Perry Park prior to the Brisbane City v. Mooroolbark match, I must admit

credit should go to the organisers, not for the fact that they reduced the size of the pitch and goals, but for allowing both teams to field 11 players.

How the B.J.S.A. came up with a majority vote on Six-a-Side for under 7's and 8's is beyond imagination.

May I suggest that next season Six-a-Side for these age groups be for boys who have had no experience whatsoever with soccer, this would be the answer to six-a-side instead of taking away from some of these boys what they have been taught over the past 2 or 3 years.

I would also like to point out that many games in Brisbane and Ipswich are played 11-a-side on a full pitch and very successfully at these age groups.

Surely parents, coaches and managers of these boys must be entitled to an opinion of what is suggested for the coming season before any club official votes, for or against. Come on parents, let's hear from you.

*Doug New
Parker St., Goodna*

Dear Sir,

Everyone seems happy with the efforts of our local referees in PSL matches up to now, but they must wonder how can a ref. have a good game in PSL and then not in local matches.

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players try to hide their lack of skill with foul play on and off the ball. I don't always agree with some of their decisions, they can't see everything, and all too often the linesmen are too busy watching the game (at the other end) to notice what happens off the ball in their half.

The attendances up to now have been tremendous at the PSL matches but unfortunately the facilities are still the same as for local matches, which is ridiculous. The only thing different is a beer booth at the northern end. Surely the more people that leave Perry Park satisfied with the standard of the game and facilities then they will come back next week and encourage friends to come as well.

Now that we have some imported players in Brisbane it's a pity that no more State games are planned for this season. From these imports, and local players, a very good State side could be selected. I wonder if the ASF could find a sponsor for a Sheffield Shield type competition between the States involved in the PSL for next year. I'm sure it would create a lot of interest, particularly if soccer fans were given the opportunity to adopt the attitude of "Down the southerners." As an amusing exercise, try selecting the State team of your choice, it's not easy. This is what I came up with — Borzi, Rathmell, Bennett, Hermiston, Niven, Dolan, Echeverria, Pimblett, Conner, Marley, Brennan, Morris. What's your team?

Outsideman, Bulimba

(Name and address supplied)

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter because I am very concerned at the lack of media coverage given to the Philips League. Soccer might receive more headlines than Australian Rules or Rugby Union in the newspaper the following morning after a PSL match, but during the week, newspaper coverages, particularly in The Telegraph, are very small indeed.

Match previews of Soccer are given less recognition than that of Rules or Union, which is very unfair when one takes into account that a PSL match at Perry Park will attract 5,500 supporters,

opposed to barely 1,000 at Ballymore or Windsor Park.

I've only one complaint about Soccer coverage on TV, and this is concerning the viewing time of Philips Top Soccer. Surely this telecast could be screened an hour earlier at least. Radio coverage of PSL is virtually non-existent. This is another area of the media where Soccer drastically needs to promote its code.

While on the subject of media, I am very pleased at the great amount of coverage Soccer receives in The Australian. I only hope that the Queensland papers follow the example set by The Australian, and in doing so will help to promote the code of Soccer in Queensland.

A concerned Brisbane City supporter.

N.B.s—The above contributor did not sign his or her name and this will be the last letter published unless signed. Pen names may be used. But in reply, in regards to The Australian, admittedly it provides extensive coverage, but there is very little about Queensland sides. Surely that's what we want to read. Secondly, as most sports writers work at weekends, it is reasonable to expect that they should be given two days off (like everyone else) during the week. That's why it is not always possible to have a Soccer story published every day of the week. — Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the refereeing in the recent Brisbane City - Brisbane Lions game. The game was not good from a spectators' point of view, thanks to the referee, who I thought was the worst I have ever seen. If anybody ever criticises our standard of refereeing again I will defend our referees to the utmost.

Mr. McDermott came here to lecture to our referees and show what refereeing is all about. God help us if they took any notice of him. I would hate to think of what may have happened if the decisions he made had gone the other way and Lions had won 3-1. I think it would have been a very nasty situation, as we saw after the Brisbane City - Marconi game was refereed by Des Miles.

I know our referees have been criticised

in the past, but after watching this game, I think they are very good. So let's hope all future games are controlled by our locals. And let's not knock them, as it is a most thankless job. I travel from Ipswich every Sunday to watch a PSL

game. Regardless of who plays, Lions or City, I support them, win, lose or draw. Let's not spoil the game by poor refereeing. Most people will agree.

Ipswich Supporter, Riverview
(Name and address supplied)



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2nd Division Cliff-hanger

GO SOCCER took the road north on Sunday, a wet dreary day, to watch the Second Division clash between John Hickmans' Redcliffe eleven and Derek Attwood's Mitchelton side, a side somewhat depleted by injury. A few "old" first division favourites were on view — Dave Kinsella, Ricky Francomb and Duncan Taylor there for Redcliffe and Gino Patrino, Bobby Gordon and Jim Carpenter, just returned from holidays, having a stretch for Mitchelton.

The game itself began quietly enough and gradually the experience of Francomb and Taylor began to exert itself in mid field where Mitchelton were depending on Ritchy Puddock and Mark Cruse to supply the ammunition. Anything these boys did manage to put together and get through was being ably snapped up by Kinsella and young Peter Hewitt of the under 18 squad. Just before half time John Davis, Redcliffe's giant centre forward did the needful and put the seasiders ahead with a good header.

This was a deserved lead and when, just after the break, Davis again blasted the Redcliffe side to a two goal lead it looked as if Mitchy were down and out and were awaiting the towel. Redcliffe pressed for more and at this time some sterling work was done by Mark Cruse who had fallen back to help his defence.

The game looked to be petering out to a tame finish when all of a sudden Mitchelton began to find each other with passes and push a tiring Redcliffe midfield back towards their own goal. Puddock who by now had moved forward did a Dennis Tuart and scored a replica goal of the overhead scissors kick we have all seen so often on TV. A great piece of skill this. Redcliffe were all at

sea now not knowing whether to close the game up, or go for more goals, and of course the inevitable happened.

Puddock once again pounced on a half chance and as all good strikers should, hit it, hard and low into the corner of the net. That's how it finished, a lesson to all Redcliffe players the game is 90 minutes long and a lesson to all Mitchelton players, never say die.

THEY'RE RACING

IT'S being billed as the challenge race of the decade. Referee Deiter Klose has challenged QSF secretary Alan Vessey to a race comprising three times around Perry Park and it is believed the latter is in close to "full" training. Alan has to notify Deiter one week in advance of when he is ready to don his racing shoes. The race would be an ideal piece of promotion before one of the coming Philips League matches. Imagine the roars of encouragement and comments from the crowd.

Nigel's Farewell

THE match this weekend between Annerley and Eagles will be Nigel Cairns' last before going overseas to America and England. He joined Annerley midway through last season and has been a regular member of the top team since then, and during the last four or five games particularly, has been playing really well. Indeed one supporter wants to know what kind of pep pills he is using. We wish him all the best and thank him for his service to the club.

*From all Annerley officials
and supporters*

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES NEXT WEEKEND

ROUND 12 — SATURDAY, MAY 21st

Richlands v. Eagles (Lions Stadium)	Bardon v. Spencer Park (Lions Stadium)
St. George v. St. Helens (Godwin Park)	Merton v. Wynnum (Heath Park)
Redlands v. Mt. Gravatt (Cleveland)	North Brisbane v. Annerley (Perry Park)

LINESMAN'S VIEW

JIM Hermiston, the greatest thing to hit Brisbane Soccer since the white ball; Jim Hermiston, the professional we have all dreamed of coming here in his prime; Jim Hermiston, the catalyst that has fused Brisbane City into a Philips League identity; Jim Hermiston, the coaches' dream player — talented, dedicated, tough, uncompromising, supremely fit and confident in his own ability. What more can be said of this player?

Jim Hermiston the bomb that only needs a detonator to blow the game in Brisbane sky high. The reader may think this is a strange statement but unfortunately it is true, and this week GO SOCCER would like to take a look at the situation from the fence, that mythical "in the mind" place where the unbiased observer is supposed to sit and ponder.

First of all we have to take things in a time sequence. Grange-Thistle, in a quiet unobtrusive way, negotiated with this player and his family to come to Australia. They were successful and Brisbane Soccer gained one of its greatest acquisitions. The cynics, and experts, all said he wouldn't last in the second division's dog-eat-dog atmosphere, the cynics saying "he'll get clogged to death," "his game will gradually sink to that level," the experts saying "won't be long until the big boys from the south are up here with their dollars and he'll follow Coe, Kelly, Richards, Edmonds, Jones, Voutilanen, etc. to Sydney."

All of these statements had a grain of truth in them. One thing was for certain, inevitably one of them would have proved correct and once again Brisbane Soccer in general would be the loser, and in the months following we would have had all the old cliches rolled out — "why was he let go", "what a player he was", "if only we had had some more like him we could really have showed the south."

Meanwhile Philips League was stirring itself in Australia and in itself this was dangerous as clubs with lots of dollars to spend were on the hunt for players, and there is no doubt in GO SOCCER'S mind Hermiston would have been the prime target for the Sydney and Mel-

bourne giants. So what could be done to ensure Brisbane Soccer did not lose out.

An unfortunate impasse had been reached. On one hand, Thistle, who had taken some quite considerable financial risk in bringing the player and his family to Australia, and on the other hand, Philips League sides who would pay money to move the player south — and in the middle, a man who, despite the reputation gained in Brisbane by players in general, publicly stated his desire to remain loyal to Thistle, and yet as a professional Soccer player must also have had reservations about not using his talents in the highest standard available.

Now, someone, for once, did his homework and it was found that legally, Hermiston could play in Philips League as a guest player. Brisbane City and Thistle sat down, figures were agreed upon and it appeared Brisbane would not lose out on this player's talent. Thistle would use him as THEIR player in THEIR league matches and City would have the use of his talent as a GUEST in the Philips League quest.

Obviously both clubs were prepared to accept the risk that the player could be injured playing with either club but surely that was their business and there the matter should have ended. Thistle were happy, City were happy, the player was happy, and most importantly the Brisbane Soccer public was happy. Everyone, it appeared, was happy — but as usual it was the quiet before the storm. Brisbane Soccer has long been restricted by pettiness.

There is an undercurrent of suspicion and intrigue in the Brisbane game which is almost on a par with the C.I.A. activities in Australia. One has only to attend a few council meetings to realise there are clubs in Brisbane who don't give a damn about the code in general, but who would move heaven and earth to gain some slight advantage, even if it meant a retrograde step for the game.

A few weeks ago, at one of these meetings, it was proved without the slightest doubt that a club had stacked a team in a match. This has been one of

the great issues of Brisbane Soccer these last 10 years, especially among the lower division clubs — team stacking — and here was the opportunity to nail it once and for all. A team found guilty, let the punishment fit the crime.

When the motion was moved to take the points from the guilty party, and award them to the team "sinned upon", thereby setting a precedent for all future cases, what happened? It was thrown out unanimously !!! GO SOCCER only quotes this case as an example of the thinking at Soccer's highest level, Federation Council.

Let's find the guilty party guilty, but don't give advantage to the other mob. The mind boggles. This same pettiness is now surrounding Jim Hermiston. He is the meat in the sandwich, the man who has it in him to create an upsurge of interest in Brisbane Soccer that hasn't been equalled since Manchester United came here. He is a Grange-Thistle player and as such will rightly contest matches in the second division for them.

The fact that he turns out again on a Sunday to give pleasure to Soccer people all over Australia is completely irrelevant

to the first fact. The money Thistle receives the player receives, or City pay out is no one's business but these three.

A compromise has been reached, and until June 30, when a decision has to be made, everyone in Brisbane Soccer should take their petty jealousy and literally stuff it. Brisbane is lucky to have the services of this player and if the means of keeping him here are to some a bit unusual but nevertheless legal, we should thank our lucky stars that they have been reached. There are many things wrong in the game here but let's bury this Hermiston affair once and for all.

If some clubs are put out let them really examine the case before they whinge. Thistle have the right to play him, Brisbane's Soccer public and Australia's Soccer public miss out if they exercise the right. Is it too much to ask that a bit of old fashioned commonsense prevail?

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BILL Bryant's joy was Matt Carson's despair when Wynnum came back in grand style to pick up a vital point with their 2-2 draw with Eagles.

What happened however again highlighted the folly of making two changes at the break. When Eddie Wilkins was carried off Wynnum looked to be in desperate straits, particularly as they were still 2-1 down. But Barry Parsons, signed during the week from the Gold Coast began to pay his way almost immediately as he calmly chipped in the equaliser after Greg Newell and Harry Stewart had been left stranded after attending to the aggression of Brian Lampitt.

Eagles looked to have it all sewn up when they led 2-0 after 20 minutes, the second goal a splendid header from Ivars Melbergs, thanks to the great cross from Ken Gordon. Alan Marszaleck gave away a goal with his indecisive back pass to Newell and Large gratefully swooped, but Marszaleck was unlucky not to make amends when his header hit the post just before halftime following Jim McCabe's corner.

The Wynnum backline took some heavy punishment late in the second half as Eagles stretched for the winner, trying to make amends for a game they almost certainly had thrown away. And the hero in that period for Wynnum was reserve keeper Mike Hoare, who threw himself into everything, showing great courage after replacing Godden at half time. Eagles will certainly be sweating on Brennan to come back this week.

Nigel Rehbock should soon reap dividends for Wynnum, after his last minute switch on loan from St. George on Saturday morning.

Merton certainly look to have thrown off their early season worries when they stretched their unbeaten run to three weeks with the two-pointer over Mt. Gravatt, who led early with Dave Blackadder's goal. But the Bohan boys appear to be back in full swing for Merton. Gary getting two of the goals to complement the one from coach Mal Bland.

Spencer Park United obviously must be a week-to-week proposition. Judging

by their return to form with the 3-2 win over Richlands. The win was somewhat of a surprise, considering the turmoil during the week with the reported departure of Tony Lowndes from Spencer Park.

United have taken some time securing the services of Craig Wallace, but it obviously has been worthwhile. He scored one of the goals which gave United a 2-0 halftime lead, then weighed in with the winner with only three minutes left.

Richlands came back well after being right out of things, thanks to Charlie Dench and Rick Mangan, again highlighting the fighting spirit in the club, just at a time when things aren't going all that well for them.

Cleveland was the scene of a pretty physical game between home side Redlands, who did not live up to the barnstorming form of the previous rounds when they went down 2-0 to North Brisbane.

Norths are still plugging away and appear to have the all round strength making them the team to beat. Bob Dobinson grabbed his first goal of the season and Ian Steele added the second after the break to look after the goal-scoring details. Apart from losing the two points, they also lost big Gary Catchpole, who got the red card from Dave Nugent.

Against St. George, Annerley recorded their third consecutive 1-1 draw. In this case it was a meritorious effort as St. George seemed to be in control for most of the match and scored during the first half through the ever-dangerous Billy Fagan.

Annerley had started well and for the first 15 minutes the game was even, but after that it was mostly St. George until well into the second half when Tom Gray equalised. Annerley came away satisfied with a draw, with thanks in no small way to an energetic and tireless midfield performance from Michael Rooney.

In a day perfect for soccer St. Helens set out to redeem themselves after the previous weeks "giveaway" to Merton. The team had some changes, coach Al

Warren moving Jeff Dann back to sweeper, Gavin Johnston being brought in for John Dann and young Kathage keeping his place but moving to the left wing.

Bardon fielded the same eleven as played against Norths with one exception, Docherty regaining his place in the side at the expense of Gibby Rowan. The game started brightly enough with both sides exploring the possibilities but even at this early stage it was obvious that coach Warren's moves were paying dividends especially in defence where Jeff Dann was playing well, keeping Docherty well under control, and even moving into midfield to assist his forwards.

Both defences were well on top and for Bardon, Wilson and Young were towers of strength. They had to be for by now St. Helens midfield were gaining an upper hand, despite being outnumbered, by moving the ball crisply and accurately from man to man while Bardon's midfield were so narrow in width that the players consistently got in each other's way.

Their passing was not of the highest calibre either and the marking very slack, so much so that St. Helens Scottish acquisition Breen was having a field day. Just before the break, St. Helens, kicking down hill, should have taken the lead but that incredible jack-in-the-box, Sam Mancini, somehow or other got his fist to a screamer from Breen and put it over the top.

Half time came and we all wondered what would happen when Bardon got going down the slope. It never happened, apart from a few runs by Philip Cruse, which incidentally always ended in his being chopped to the ground, mostly by young Kathage, their attack never functioned.

However their defence went from strength to strength and St. Helens chances became fewer and fewer, in fact only one "gilt edged" chance was squandered by Gavin Johnston just before he was replaced by John Dann. Neil Orford immediately took over policing Dann, who made little or no impact on the game.

Summing up, both defences were solid and contained all the stars. St. Helens need a goal scorer very badly, apart from that they are a very attractive side.

Bardon's defence will win them points, but something will have to be done with

the midfield and forwards.

The players are there but understandably there is a lack of understanding.

An interesting if not entertaining game for a very poor crowd.

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- 8 Goals—
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BARRY KELSO (Redlands)
- 7 Goals—
IAN STEELE (Norths)
BILLY FAGAN (St. George)
- 6 Goals—
KEVIN CALDWELL (United)
ALAN MARSZALECK (Eagles)
RON MILLMAN (Redlands)
CHARLIE DENCH (Richlands)
- 5 Goals—
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—
TONY EDWARDS (St. George)
NICK KRITIKOU (St. George)
LASLO KORAKNAI (Richlands)
MICHAEL ROONEY (Annerley)
NIGEL CAIRNS (Annerley)
JOHN FERGUSON (Mt. Gravatt)
DEREK PIMM (Spencer Park)
MAL BLAND (Merton)
DUGALD CAMPBELL (Annerley)

Total number of goals scored in 10 rounds is 211, at an average of 3.51 per match. There have been 8 own goals.

AN EYE FOR TALENT

BARDON'S Jim Binnie was at Ebbw Vale last weekend watching the reserve grade match between Bardon and Saints and commented to Reg Erskine and Pete Sander that he liked the style of a certain player in the Saints' side. When told by Reg and Pete the player's name he was not surprised the lad showed plenty of promise. His name — Peter Binnie — and they're not related.

POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTHS	10	6	3	1	25	11	15
ST. GEORGE	10	6	2	2	25	14	14
ANMERLEY	10	4	5	1	18	10	13
EAGLES	10	5	2	3	31	19	12
S. PARK UTD.	10	6	—	4	21	17	12
REDLANDS	10	5	1	4	21	19	11
RICHLANDS	10	3	3	4	14	13	9
ST. HELENS	10	3	3	4	12	14	9
MERTON	10	3	2	5	10	14	8
WYNNUM	10	1	5	4	15	22	7
MT. GRAVATT	10	3	1	6	12	23	7
BARDON	10	—	3	7	7	35	3

RESERVE GRADE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTHS	10	9	1	—	27	4	19
ANMERLEY	10	7	1	2	30	10	15
EAGLES	10	6	2	2	21	14	14
ST. HELENS	10	6	1	3	34	19	13
REDLANDS	10	5	3	2	20	12	13
MT. GRAVATT	10	4	3	3	19	17	11
RICHLANDS	10	4	1	5	27	19	9
S. PARK UTD.	10	4	1	5	15	25	9
BARDON	10	3	—	7	16	40	6
WYNNUM	10	2	1	7	10	21	5
MERTON	10	2	1	7	10	24	5
ST. GEORGE	10	—	1	9	7	31	1

SECOND DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	7	4	3	—	19	10	11
THISTLE	6	4	2	—	27	6	10
SUNNYSIDE	7	4	2	1	15	6	10
TRIDENT	7	4	1	2	15	11	9
TARINGA	7	3	2	2	12	11	8
AC. RIDGE	7	2	2	3	13	15	6
SOUTHS	7	3	—	4	15	16	6
OXLEY	7	2	2	3	10	16	6
MITCHELTON	7	1	3	3	10	14	5
GOLD COAST	6	1	2	3	7	10	4
REDCLIFFE	7	1	2	4	13	22	4
FORT. VALLEY	7	1	1	5	13	32	3

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
THISTLE	6	6	—	—	20	4	12
MITCHELTON	7	5	1	1	16	9	11
SUNNYSIDE	7	4	1	2	21	10	9
GOLD COAST	6	4	—	2	17	9	8
COALSTARS	7	3	2	2	18	17	8
REDCLIFFE	7	3	1	3	17	13	7
SOUTHS	7	3	1	3	14	19	7
TARINGA	7	2	1	4	9	11	5
ACACIA RIDGE	7	2	1	4	15	21	5
FORT. VALLEY	7	2	1	4	11	23	5
OXLEY	7	1	2	4	11	17	4
TRIDENT	7	—	1	6	8	24	1

THIRD DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NEWMARKET	7	5	1	1	19	10	11
DARRA	7	4	1	2	29	13	9
ROVERS	7	4	1	2	18	11	9
THE GAP	7	3	2	2	15	11	8
PINE RIVERS	7	3	2	2	17	17	8
ST. ALBANS	7	3	1	3	14	9	7
NERANG	6	3	1	2	9	12	7
NORTH STAR	6	2	2	2	11	11	6
GROVELY	7	1	4	2	14	17	6
WIL'BURN	7	2	2	3	14	22	6
ANMERLEY	7	1	1	5	11	22	3
BOOVAL	7	1	—	6	7	23	2

FOURTH DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
INALA	7	5	1	1	26	10	11
OLYMPIC	7	5	1	1	20	13	11
AC. RIDGE	7	5	—	2	22	9	10
THE GAP	7	4	1	2	23	6	9
SALISBURY	7	4	1	2	17	8	9
DARRA	7	4	1	2	22	11	9
TOOWONG	7	1	4	2	8	12	6
UNIVERSITY	6	2	1	3	15	15	5
BRIGHTON	6	2	1	3	17	17	5
ROVERS	7	1	2	4	6	20	4
NEWMARKET	7	1	1	5	7	20	3
LOGAN	7	—	—	7	0	42	0

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TWIN TOWNS	7	7	—	—	28	5	14
GOODNA	7	6	—	1	28	6	12
PINE RIVERS	7	6	—	1	23	9	12
WYNNUM	7	2	3	2	11	12	7
INDUSTRIAL	7	3	1	3	13	18	7
PADUA	7	3	1	3	17	21	7
UNIVERSITY	7	2	2	3	12	6	6
NTH. STAR	7	2	2	3	14	15	6
ST. ALBANS	7	2	1	4	10	15	5
EAGLES	7	2	—	5	11	21	4
TARINGA	7	1	—	6	3	20	2
TOOWONG	7	1	—	6	9	31	2

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KINGSRIDGE	7	6	—	1	40	9	12
ROCHEDALE	6	5	—	1	30	9	10
BAYSIDE	6	5	—	1	23	7	10
DINMORE	6	4	1	1	8	3	9
MITCHELTON	7	4	—	3	23	17	8
GROVELY	6	2	1	3	12	16	5
OLYMPIC	7	2	1	4	14	22	5
WACOL	6	2	—	4	12	19	4
NORTHSIDE	7	1	2	4	15	27	4
MT. GRAVATT	6	1	—	5	8	17	2
ST. MICHAELS	6	—	1	5	2	41	1

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ADAMS PARK	7	5	1	1	37	16	11
SALISBURY	7	5	1	1	31	15	11
SOUTHS	6	4	1	1	17	5	9
RAAF	7	3	2	2	18	10	8
GOODNA	7	3	2	2	21	16	8
NEW WORLD	7	3	2	2	20	19	8
ALBANY CK.	7	3	1	3	17	20	7
NTH. BRIS.	7	3	—	4	13	17	6
RICHLANDS	6	3	—	3	17	23	6
THE GAP	6	1	1	4	15	20	3
NORTH PINE	6	1	—	5	2	26	2
NORTH STAR	7	1	—	6	8	29	1

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANERLEY	7	7	—	—	36	7	14
REDCLIFFE	7	5	1	1	24	7	11
ROCHEDALE	7	5	—	2	30	11	10
ST. GEORGE	7	4	1	2	18	9	9
INALA	7	4	1	2	21	19	9
MERTON	7	4	—	3	14	10	8
PINE RIVERS	7	3	1	3	22	22	7
BRIGHTON	7	2	—	5	8	16	4
SALISBURY	7	1	2	4	12	26	4
ADAMS PARK	7	1	2	4	9	25	4
POLICE	7	—	3	4	10	28	3
BAYSIDE	7	—	1	6	8	32	1

COLTS DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	12	10	2	—	64	14	22
NTH. BRIS.	13	10	2	1	32	9	22
GOLD COAST	13	8	3	2	52	15	19
THISTLE	13	7	4	2	36	12	18
MERTON	13	7	3	3	23	15	17
RICHLANDS	13	6	3	4	33	20	15
MITCHELTON	13	6	2	5	24	22	14
NEWMARKET	13	5	4	4	27	28	14
ST. HELENS	12	5	3	4	32	20	13
REDCLIFFE	13	5	3	5	25	20	13
MT. GRAVATT	13	2	4	7	8	21	8
ST. GEORGE	12	3	1	8	15	43	7
REDLANDS	12	2	3	7	18	42	7
THE GAP	13	2	2	9	11	40	6
ROCHEDALE	13	2	1	10	17	58	5
VIRGINIA UTD.	13	2	—	11	21	59	4

Point to Ponder

TRIDENT, Second Division rebels, downed pace setters Sunnyside by 1-0. Wonder if that will affect committee's thinking. Club probably in its highest league position for years, yet club president obviously deeply disturbed by goings on, as reported in "Australian" newspaper.

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Born — Australia

Date of birth — 20/10/50

Height — 6'

Weight — 12 stone

Playing career — Chelsea, APIA

Rep. games — Australia, World Cup

Paul DEGNEY

Born — Australia

Date of birth — 4/2/53

Height — 6'1"

Weight — 12 stone 8lb

Playing career — Melita Eagles, St.

George, Sutherland

Rep. games — U/23 N.S.W. Schoolboys

Tour of Caledonia



Peter Sharne

Barry JONES

Born — Australia

Date of birth — 2/6/52

Height — 5'9"

Weight — 11 stone 4lb

Playing career — Villawood East,

Diamonds, Villaroos, Westfield

Bombers, Southern Districts

Rep. games — Southern Districts,

N.S.W. U/21 N.S.W.

Terry GORRIE

Born — Australia

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Western Suburbs

Rep. games — N.S.W., Australia,

World Cup

Peter SHARNE

Born — Australia

Date of birth — 22/3/56

Height — 5'10"

Weight — 11½ stone

Playing career — Liverpool City,

Southern Districts

Alberto MARICINI
 Born — Australia
 Date of birth — 19/5/56
 Height — 5'11½"
 Weight — 12 stone 7lb
 Playing career — Southern Districts
 Juniors
 Rep. games — Southern Districts,
 Inter-districts

David KEDDIE
 Born — Scotland
 Date of birth — 30/4/45
 Height — 5'9"
 Weight — 12 stone
 Playing career — East Fife, Alloa,
 Hakoah, Auburn
 Rep. games — Australia

Stewart ROBERTSON
 Born — Australia
 Date of birth — 15/7/51
 Height — 5'11"
 Weight 12 stone
 Playing career — Kuringai District
 Rep. games — N.S.W.

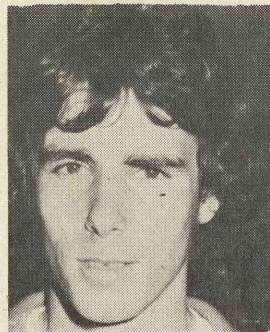
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 Date of birth — 2/1/48
 Height — 5'10"
 Weight — 11½ stone
 Playing career — Velez
 Rep. games — Yugoslav Youth Team

Ray RICHARDS
 Born — England
 Date of birth — 18/5/46
 Height — 5'9"
 Weight — 12 stone
 Playing career — Latrobe, Hollandia,
 Croatia
 Rep. games — Queensland, N.S.W.,
 Australia

Raul CARRIZO
 Born — Argentina
 Date of Birth — 26/4/51
 Height — 5'10½"
 Weight — 11½ stone
 Playing career — Club football in
 Argentina, Brazil, Belgium and
 Hong Kong
 Rep. games — N.S.W.

Gary BYRNE
 Born — England
 Date of birth — 19/7/54
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NEXT WEEKEND'S LEAGUE MATCHES

Saturday, May 28—

- Marconi v. Canberra City
- Sth. Melbourne v. Mooroolbark
- Footscray v. Sydney Olympic

Sunday, May 29—

- Eastern Suburbs v. West Adelaide
- Brisbane City v. Western Suburbs
- St. George v. Brisbane Lions
- Adelaide City v. Fitzroy United

PHILIPS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	7	6	—	1	16	10	12
W. Suburbs	7	5	1	1	16	5	11
Adelaide City	7	4	1	2	13	8	9
Fitzroy	7	3	3	1	12	8	9
E. Suburbs	7	3	2	2	16	11	8
W. Adelaide	6	3	1	2	10	5	7
Brisbane City	6	3	1	2	9	6	7
St. George	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
Sth. Melbourne	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Syd. Olympic	7	2	2	3	7	12	6
Footscray	6	1	3	2	10	9	5
Canberra City	7	1	1	5	4	14	3
Mooroolbark	7	—	2	5	7	21	2
Lions	6	—	1	5	2	13	1