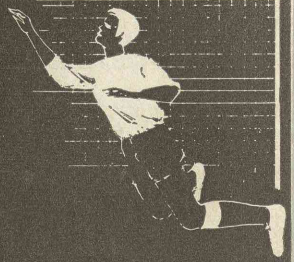




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HERE'S how it's done. Brisbane City midfielder Frank Pimblett scores a great goal during the 1-1 draw two weeks ago against St. George. South Melbourne beware.

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The Coach's Viewpoint

Denis Ford is on holidays, but selected certain articles for GO SOCCER to present in place of his normal column.

How to Coach a Six-Year Old

Extract from American Magazine "Soccer Corner"

IT'S not easy for me to tell you folks this. I played soccer in college, right? Not only that, but my parents are both British, and my grandfather played for Scotland. I've been coaching youth soccer for five years at the very youngest level — six- and seven-year-olds — and my life has been filled with frustration. I'm not a high-pressure coach. That's ridiculous at that age. But those little monsters . . . er, children, can really drive you up a tree.

That's why I'm a little embarrassed to write this. My wife has never played soccer. Last season she took a bunch of six-year-olds and coached them to an undefeated season. Eight wins, one tie, no losses. Just a fluke, you say? For the sake of my wounded ego, I wish it were true. Alas, I must admit that I had the same bunch of kids the season before and won four games. It was hopeless, I thought.

"Now, kids, the way this drill works is — Richard, stop punching Jason — we get in these two lines, see and — Jeff, go get that ball. And don't kick it again 'til I tell you! Lisa! . . ."

By
Queensland
Director of
Coaching

DENIS FORD



Sound familiar? Now don't get me wrong, I like the youngest age group. I'm totally committed to the "everybody plays" philosophy. I'm convinced that it's from these kids that our future World Cup contenders will come. More important, a good experience with soccer at this age will keep them interested in the world's greatest team sport. But how do you coach them? Here comes the cliché: "Winning isn't everything." True, but . . .

My goal with this age group has always been stated to parents this way: I want every kid to be sorry the season is over, and to be eager to play again. To get that result, I believe you must win once in a while. Or at least score a few goals. I have seen youth teams — in leagues where the players are evenly distributed — never score a goal all year. That's bad . . . and I lay much of the blame on coaches who sometimes hinder rather than assist in the develop-

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ment of their players. The Vince Lombardi blood-and-sweat technique will *not* work with six- and seven-year-olds.

In coaching a six-year old soccer team, the most important part of the phrase is "six-year-old," not "Soccer team." I began to discover this simple truth a couple of years ago when my wife began visiting my practices, crocheting in hand. I know something about soccer. She knew a great deal more about six-year-olds. Gradually at first she began showing me what *would* work. The basic rule was, "Keep it short, keep it fun, keep it simple."

My new assistant (soon to be my replacement) first claimed that my warm-up exercises were a complete waste of time and effort. "But we gotta do calisthenics," I protested. "It's expected, it's traditional!" She was unimpressed. With a marked lack of tact, she pointed out that no one has ever seen a kid of that age standing still for longer than ten seconds. The "loosening up" required by us old folks just didn't apply. Better, she said, to have a bunch of balls on the field for the kids to run wild with as they arrived at practice. We tried it. The first 15 minutes were mayhem — more than a dozen boys and girls running wild, balls going everywhere. They loved it. All the coaches did was prevent major injuries (to themselves, mostly) and insist that the balls never be picked up. By the time the "warm-up" ended, the latecomers were usually there and the mob was ready to sit for a minute or two.

The next trick was to get their attention. That problem always reminded me of the old joke about the mule who was clever enough to do any task once you got his attention by use of a two-by-four between the eyes. My spouse's solution was a game. Three blasts on the whistle and our kids froze like statues where they were. Just like the "freeze tag" we used to play when we were kids. That simple device restored sanity to both the practice and the coaches. While the team was "frozen" we could give instructions, collect all the balls, or move players into proper positions.

While we abandoned traditional calisthenics, my wife — a yoga freak — decided that some exercises were needed. She selected some simple yoga exercises, or positions, or whatever you call them that would contribute directly to soccer skills, balance and co-ordination. Second, she taught them the "folded leaf" resting position. Not really an exercise at all, this device proved to be our secret weapon. Early in the season, we got some snickers

as the Maroon Devils rushed off the field and immediately crumpled into the "folded leaf" for the duration of the brief quarter break. By the end of the season, the chuckles had stopped. Maybe because we were consistently winning in the second half.

While my wife took the kids through their positions (they never knew they were doing yoga), the other coaches set up the remainder of the practice. I said "other coaches" and that's what we had. No parents sat on the sidelines at practice. All were drafted into service. I had been trying to do the whole job myself, with about as much success as a stop sign in a buffalo stampede. For this age, my wife insisted, one adult per player is not too many. Maybe two adults for the livelier kids would be better.

Drills were short (ten minutes maximum) and lively, with no lines and no standing around. Coaches took four or five youngsters and worked on one simple skill such as the throw-in, tackling, or dead-ball plays. Then the kids ran to the next station for a new drill. My favourite passing drills, in all their gorgeous complexity, were scrapped as worse than useless.

Criticism of the kids by the coaches or by one another was strictly forbidden. No exceptions. Discipline problems were handled by preventing situations that would require it. Translation: Keep them interested, keep them busy. Mostly, we learned soccer by playing soccer. The last few minutes of every practice was a scrimmage, usually a one-goalpost scrimmage with a heavy offense and a light defence of two

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fullbacks, a halfback and a goalie. Any time practices started to drag, either for the kids or for the coaches, they were ended early.

At my wife's suggestion, I stopped shuffling kids around to find that magic winning combination. We settled most of the players into positions, for better or worse, and left them there. I should have known that a kid who has trouble getting his right shoe on his right foot finds it hard to master both wing and centre-half. Our backs learned to back one another up chores and soon gave the other teams fits with their down-the-touchline specialty and reduced our throw-in fouls to near zero. Our backs learned to back one another up by moving off the ball and our forwards began following their shots in toward the goal.

We went overboard in praise of our

defensive players. Especially, we protected the goaltender from any criticism for a missed ball. The idea, we insisted, was to play the game at the other end of the field. Then it doesn't matter if the goalie was picking dandelions or counting cars. He's only there, we claimed, to catch the balls you others let get past.

It worked. Late in the season, we began to win some games. More important, the Maroon Devils became a team. A few months later, every one of those boys and girls was back to play a second season. With becoming humility, I relinquished the exalted head coach job. My wife graciously saved me from youth soccer obscurity by keeping me on as her assistant.

But I haven't given up. I've learned her secrets and I'm coming back. Wait until next season. Now, where did I put that yoga book . . .

TOOWOOMBA SIDELINES

FOLLOWING the interest generated by the visit last of the Queensland Soccer 'top brass', Toowoomba's Soccer scene has been relatively quiet this week. The fight for premiership honours continued but, as expected from fixtures last weekend, there were very few surprises of real note.

In our 1st Division, Willowburn marched on undefeated, despite the much improved form of opponents, Rangers. The game did prove Rangers improvement, even if only for the fact that Rangers finally managed to penetrate Willowburn's defence for the first time this season, to score two valuable goals. Valuable in the fact that, being equal on points with Dalby, Rangers do benefit from a slightly better goal average to keep them in the top four.

Wanderers also continued their run of success by downing Dalby 5-0 to give one of the week's surprises. Only two weeks back Wanderers were considered very lucky to beat Dalby 2-1 in the playoff of a postponed game, and for this reason alone, Dalby were expected to bring off a draw in this week's game. The score shows just how unpredictable our players are. Nevertheless, it kept Wanderers within sight of Willowburn who lead by a mere two points.

Rockville provided the other surprise in 1st Division by downing the luckless Kingaroy by 6-1. Here again Kingaroy were expected to do better following recent results, whilst Rockville, although expected to win, were not expected to shine owing

to the absence of key players. As unpredictable as anyone else, Rockville shone and Kingaroy dimmed. Oh well, maybe more success this week!

Toowoomba's Q.S.F. representative fared pretty well as hoped with, probably, Willowburn doing better than expected even though they lost to Darra again. Last time out Darra dealt a 9-0 hiding to Willowburn — this time it was a mere 4-0, after Willowburn being 3-0 down at half time. That has got to be an improvement.

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Saints put in a very energetic and spirited first half against Newmarket to reach the half-time break in the lead by 3-0. Jubilant fans were looking forward to more goals in the second half, particularly as Saints appeared full of energy at the break. Unfortunately, this didn't come about and a very disappointing second half resulted with the only goal being scored by Newmarket, as Saints' players seemed to run out of strength in their legs.

Saints' 1-0 win over Southside Eagles in the 5th Division did wonders for that squad's morale putting them, as it did, a further point away from the bottom of that table. They realised, of course, that they have no room for complacency over that win. Their fourth from bottom position is still too precarious and they have a lot of work ahead of them.

This coming weekend gives Toowoomba fans the promise of a great weekend of Soccer with Q.S.F. and T.D.S.F. games in town.

At the Q.S.F. level, in 3rd Division, Saints are at home to Nerang and Willowburn meet Annerley at Annerley's ground. Saints are tipped to topple Nerang, on current form whilst Willowburn, if they can win and retain possession of the ball, should do much the same to Annerley. However, Willowburn's form is too inconsistent this year and a draw is the more likely result.

In 5th Division Saints turn out against top 5th Division Club, Goodna. A quick glance at Goodna's record to date suggests Saints stand little chance of success, much as they need it. However, I have been wrong before and I pray I am wrong this time. A win against Goodna would certainly lift Saints' game in this Division. Who nows, playing at home may produce a miracle.

In 1st Division T.D.S.F. fixtures the Match of the Day, has to be the game between our two top Clubs, Wanderers and Willowburn at Bridge Street. Willowburn, with their undefeated record are only two points ahead of Wanderers. That, alone, is enough grounds for Wanderers to pull out all their skills and, they hope, a win. Their chances of getting into top place will ride on this result. If they lose, it will be Willowburn's premiership in 1977. If they win, they'll still be in with a fighting chance, but only if Willowburn lose at least one other game. At present Willowburn's scoring rate may well prove to be Wanderers undoing and, in fact, a win for Willowburn is the forecast.

Further down the table, Rockville host Rangers at McGregor Street Oval for a

game which could, also, prove to be close to a rating as Match of the Day. An improved Rangers against a weakened Rockville may be enough for Rangers to record a win. A win is what they need if they wish to stay in the running for the grand final series.

There is certainly no chance of them overtaking Rockville on points but a win would put them ahead of Dalby who are, at present, equal on points with Rangers. Likewise, Dalby away to Kingaroy this week, will be looking for a win over Kingaroy, to jump ahead of Rangers. This they must do if they aspire to featuring in the grand finals. A close result, therefore, is forecast for the Rockville-Rangers clash and a win for Dalby in their game against Kingaroy.

Toowoomba Sideliner

READERS' FORUM

Dear Sir,

I am a North Brisbane supporter and last weekend had the pleasure of watching an outstanding match between Norths and Richlands at Prentice Park. It was one of the finest games one could wish to see and hats off to the 22 players and the three men in black for providing such an enjoyable spectacle.

Young North Brisbane player Tony Robertson, who is only 15, must have thought it was Christmas when he scored both goals in Norths' 2-1 win, particularly as he beat a player of the calibre of Richlands' Mark Walker on both occasions. slotting two goals past a goalkeeper who has had such a great career in Soccer will do this boy's confidence untold good.

While on the subject of the Colts, I would like to see a change made next year in regard to the playing of senior men (2) above the Colts age group. I would like to see each Club nominate three senior players at the beginning of the season to be eligible to play with the youngsters, but that only ONE of these to play in any one match. I'm sure this scheme would benefit the competition.

Yours faithfully,

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The Gold Coast Soccer Association

IT was a big disappointment for Gold Coast Soccer when Charlie George was unable to come to the Coast the day before St. George played Brisbane City.

After a telephone call early in the week from the President of St. George, to a local soccer stalwart, who is a personal friend of his, a programme of appearances and sponsorship was hastily arranged.

The bitter blow came the next day when the President rang back and said Georges' young daughter was ill and he did not want to come to Brisbane until the Sunday morning.

Consolations came with the promise that the St. George side would play a local side on August 27th, the day before they are due to play their National League game against Lions.

The Gold Coast representative team will be out to prove that its dismal showing against the Sunshine Coast was not their true form.

The Twin Towns Soccer Club is beginning to organise its Annual Six-a-Side for the first Saturday and Sunday in October.

Teams that have played in the past will bear witness to the fact that a good weekend is had by all and they came from as far away as Newcastle. Mick North (telephone 075 34 3154) or Bob Harvey (telephone 075 34 3782) would like to hear from any interested participants.

There is only three points separating the top four teams in the First Division and although it seems even with nine games, that the final four is set the positioning is not.

City returned to the head of the table at the expense of Dolphins after a hard fought win over them at Goodwin Park.

The game was fast, open and no quarter was asked for or given.

John Malkin gave City a 2-0 half time lead, but Dolphins weren't without their chances to equalise. They came back at City in the second half and should have got at least one back but Dave Blake, last season's reliable spot kicker, missed his third for the season.

The other two members of the four, Athletic and Palm Beach, met at Hunt

Park and the ever improving Athletic took a point from the luckless Palm Beach.

The Palm Beach team don't seem to be playing with their old enthusiasm of late but it should only be a temporary lapse.

Southport continued on their winning way, with a good win over Nerang at the velodrome.

The game was a somewhat fiery encounter and officials were full of praise for referee Peter Hulme.

Stephen Holmes' return to the Southport side has signalled getting two last week and another this. The other came from the boot of Paul Teefy and Nerang replied with a penalty.

In the only Second Division played on Saturday Palm Beach and T.S.S. turned on an eight goal thriller with Palm Beach running out winners by five goals to three.

On Sunday United lifted themselves up the Second Division ladder by narrowly defeating Southport 2-1. The winning goal being an own goal.

This match was played as a curtain-raiser to Twin Towns-Brisbane's team thrashing of Toowong.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CITY	12	10	—	2	44	18	20
DOLPHINS	12	9	—	3	63	17	18
PALM BEACH	12	8	2	2	46	16	18
ATHLETIC	12	8	1	3	29	16	17
DYNAMOS	12	4	1	7	26	45	9
BEAUDESERT	12	3	1	8	23	26	7
SOUTHPORT	12	2	1	9	14	52	5
NERANG	12	1	—	11	14	69	2

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PALM BEACH	7	5	—	2	23	21	10
WANDERERS	6	3	1	2	19	14	7
UNITED	6	3	1	2	11	9	7
T.S.S.	7	3	1	3	18	20	7
SOUTHPORT	6	—	1	5	7	14	1

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The Premiership Action

LAST Saturday Bardon played host to Merton and not too many people found this attractive enough to come and watch. They were the lucky ones for if ever a game of soccer did not deserve a crowd this was it. Twenty two players put together a game that was one big yawn from beginning to end and if any club officials came away from this match satisfied then we are almost at the end of the road.

For Bardon the only pass marks were earned by Neil Orford and Gibby Rowan and to a lesser extent Barry Anderson, Iain Young and Mick Hayes. The first two named ran themselves to a standstill and for that effort alone did they deserve mention. The others played spasmodically but really, any similarity between this performance and the way they ripped Spencer Park apart only three weeks ago is purely academic. This team play as if they are bound for Second Division, players are not playing for each other but simply for a gallop, the quality of passing is atrocious and really one can only feel sorry for the coach and club officials who have to suffer this insult every week. No more should be said.

What of Merton? Unluckily for the First Division standard they are no better off. For eighty minutes they huffed and puffed and bumbled their way along with only three players, Thompson, Bland and Yeuell looking as if they knew what they were doing. The others are only upgraded reserve players and as the game progressed these three deteriorated to the low standard. Corcoran and Bland scored the goals in the last ten minutes and no doubt that will keep the Merton team happy but what the hard-working officials feel about paying out \$400 for this rubbish can only be guessed at. No more should be said of this match, as any constructive criticism would take up the rest of this magazine.

Suffice to say people were wandering away to watch the juniors next door from half time onwards and it was embarrassing to see fans with their backs to the main pitch watching kids on the lower pitch.

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SOUTHSIDE Eagles took a step in the right direction towards premiership honours with their 1-0 win over St. George, the first and eventual winning goal coming from Tony Brennan early and Alan Marszalek almost following up minutes later with No. 2. Eagles side was re-arranged

with the absence of Cochrane and Ahearn so Danvers came in at right fullback. In fact he, along with Jackson, Stewart, Sinclair and Bennett helped in no small way to win the match for Eagles, when St. George threw everything into a desperate final 20 minutes. The architects of the Eagles victory were McCabe and Wilson, while big Schofield had another solid match for St. George, while Marley's suspended sentence kept him pretty quiet.

A goal a piece from Lampitt and Large were sufficient to provide Wynnum with an upset two points over North Brisbane. The margin could have been greater but for Bob Barlow's great work between the sticks. Barlow saved two certainties, one in each half, both from Lampitt, but Wynnum had no reason to be completely happy after the match, when they had lost Large (hip injury) and Carpenter (broken nose), although the two points will help a bit.

Surprise, surprise — with no PSL game for City this week, Borzi showed up in the Spencer Park goal against St. Helens at Ebbw Vale, with Kim Wishart on the sick list. And he was kept pretty busy early by Williamson and Lavan, the Spencer Park rejects. Borzin made a good diving save off a Brian Kathage shot and at the other end, Jenkins was forced to dive at Caldwell's feet, but generally the half belonged to Saints. The goal came after 28 minutes and what a beauty it was. Kathage ran from the halfway line and

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banged over a cross which eluded Lavelle and Randall McKeand belted it home first time to give Borzi no hope. Breen missed a good chance to make it 2-0 when he swept past Perry and Eilman but hammered over the top, and it left Spencer Park with the chance to come back chasing the equaliser after half time with an improved effort. Saints were worth the two points.

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ON a cold bleak afternoon, with Mt. Gravatt at home to Annerley, play started nine minutes late, but Annerley soon warmed to the task and in the first minute Mt. Gravatt were under pressure and headed out of their goal area straight to Gary Lovell who banged in a really good shot from 20 metres which gave Davis no chance at all. It was the best start by Annerley for ages, but Mt. Gravatt were not dismayed and got straight back into the game. Good midfield work by Harry Stewart, Blackadder and Ferguson saw Ian Steele with good chances to test the Annerley defence. In the meantime, Annerley were making raids of their own, with Neil Lovell and Ian Guthrie creating goal opportunities. With 5 minutes to go in the first half, the home team launched a series of attacks, any of which could have brought the equaliser, but Annerley held out and went to the break with the one nil lead.

Mt. Gravatt continued in the same way in the second half, and in the 56th minute a good cross from the right was headed firmly but struck defender Greg Steele in the face before going for a corner. After 59 minutes a goal mouth scramble was netted by Annerley, but the referee had awarded a free kick for an infringement before the ball entered the net.

From here on the game was all Mt. Gravatt, and Annerley were defending desperately on occasions, with Michael Blackall scoring off the line in the 67th minute. With 6 minutes to go, the home side equalised by John Stewart after a good through ball from halfway. Keeper Ferguson saved the first shot with a great dive but couldn't hold the ball, and Stewart netted at the second attempt.

Annerley were perhaps a little unlucky, as Michael Blackall was off the field injured at the time and he would certainly not have left that gap in the middle. Still it was a well taken goal and just reward for constant pressure.

Indeed Mt. Gravatt almost snatched the two points in the 89th minute when a great run by Thompson forced a corner

from which the ball eventually was netted, but by a player standing offside. The final score then was one all, making this the ninth draw of the season for 'specialists' Annerley.

The game was well worth watching, and had the very vocal crowd in continuous excitement from the first whistle. There were many good performances, with special mention to Harry Stewart, Eric Thompson, Dave Blackadder from Mt. Gravatt and Michael Blackall, Neil Lovell and Wendell Henderson from Annerley.

Leading Premiership Goalscorers

- 16 Goals—
TONY BRENNAN (Eagles)
- 13 Goals—
BARRY KELSO (Redlands)
- 11 Goals—
KAS BIEDAK (Nth. Brisbane)
KEN GORDON (Eagles)
CHARLIE DENCH (Richlands)
- 9 Goals—
IAN STEELE (Mt. Gravatt)
- 8 Goals—
RON MILLMAN (Redlands)
BILLY FAGAN (St. George)
BRIAN LAMPITT (Wynnum)
- 7 Goals—
ALAN MARLEY (St. George)
- 6 Goals—
ALAN MARSZALECK (Eagles)
KEVIN CALDWELL (Spencer Pk.)
TREVOR CATCHPOLE (Redlands)
RUSSELL GRIFFITHS (Merton)
WIM SPIEKERMAN (Mt. Gravatt)
- 5 Goals—
LEN POLLOCK (Norths)
JOHN DANN (St. Helens)
JIM McCABE (Eagles)
MAL BLAND (Merton)
DUGALD CAMPBELL (Annerley)
IAN LAWRIE (Richlands)
RANDALL McKEAND (St. Helens)
DAVE BLACKADDER (Mt. Gravatt)

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES NEXT WEEKEND

ROUND 17

Annerley v. Bardon
Merton v. Redlands
Richlands v. St. George
Eagles v. North Brisbane
Wynnum v. St. Helens
Spencer Park v. Mt. Gravatt

LINESMAN'S VIEW

A LOOK at Philips League this week brings us to our poor relation in Brisbane, the Lions side, which has come in for its fair share of criticism in the opening half of the season. There is no doubt much of this criticism has been warranted but when one cares to analyse the total picture it could now be said that having made grave errors at first the Club administration has admitted to itself these self same mistakes and, more importantly, set about repairing the damage done, and making the improvements necessary.

It is in this field the Club administration has shown itself to have the makings of a truly professional outfit, a club which in two more years could be one of the really big guns of our National Soccer League. It is usual practice for a club which is not having success on the field to "sack the coach" as a cure for all but this has not been the case out at Richlands. They have stuck by their original choice and more importantly provided the finance for him to build a squad. Like most other "amateurs" in the game they no doubt wished (perhaps secretly) that Schienflug would work some miracles and make the raw local product into superstars overnight but of course this can never be and just as quietly as some imports have been arriving so also have others been tried, found wanting, and allowed to move on, all in a quiet, unobtrusive manner with no ill feeling. There is no doubt this club moved "behind the eight-ball" when Philips took sponsorship of the total league. Not only did this cut out all other electrical dealers as prospective sponsors, but eliminated the major Dutch company in Australia. So the finance had to be found by the usual methods, everything short of graft and corruption. This the committee did and, as any true professional administration should do, left the running of the football to their original selection, coach Schienflug.

Les, in his ways shows up "the failings" (if that is the correct term) of his ancestry. He is slow, methodical, sometimes wary to the point of dourness, but always a purist who obviously believes in himself and his ideals, but even he has "loosened" a little to people around him, of whom no doubt he was at first suspicious, but now, treats as friends and confidants. "No man is an island" is an old cliché but one which certainly applied to Schienflug in his first year in Brisbane. He has now opened to people and with that opening so have his players responded

and no doubt the last two weeks results have pleased all at Richlands to the point where confidence must now be rising, which will only mean better displays on the field.

Both Philips league sides were adamant at season's start that they needed reserve sides in First Division. This has proved false. Both sides were suspicious of well meaning First Division administrators who promised all possible help with players, etc. This has proved unbased. With the guest appearance last Friday of John Wilkinson from Sunnyside the last bastion of defence fell and it was shown without doubt that the propositions put forwards by certain people could and will work if given a chance.

Now it should be full steam ahead for success and it is here this writer feels Lions are further ahead than our other participants City, who have been enjoying an incredible run of injury-free luck with their all too thin squad. With their exciting "hit or miss" type of soccer they are drawing bigger crowds to Perry Park but are only three points better off at the mid-season mark. Last Friday night's display of fast, incisive, on the floor soccer

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will soon bring the people rolling in on a Sunday. Henderson and Morris are tremendous crowd pleasers with their jinking, forceful runs and in Eddie Spearit, Schienflug has found one barrel in the gun that fires the passes quickly to bring out the best in both. Those who have seen Tommy Murray play reckon he will be the other barrel. With players like this becoming available this team can only improve and it is with some keen anticipation the writer awaits the day when Lions will field a side containing all their experienced players. Iain Fagan will no doubt bring pressure to bear on the present fullbacks but a team I'd like to see play would be

Dando
Fagan or Park Potter Bennett Niven
 Murray Wilkinson Spearit
 Henderson Neale Morris

With players like Hughes, Laslo and Fagan or Park pushing for places anywhere on the field this team has the balanced power, pace and skill to take on any side in Philips League.

Another area in which Lions lead City is the field of pre-match entertainment. City do absolutely nothing to entertain

fans who, in the case of a normal family, may pay out \$5.50 just to be entertained. For too long our Spencer Park friends have obviously enjoyed the faithful and rabid following of the Italian community but they should have learned by now how fickle this support can be and be doing their utmost to attract and keep a broader cross section of the public. Lions on the other hand are prepared to spend money on promotions as their "Scottish Day" showed and are following this up by looking at various other entertainments. They have encouraged the "national team" pre match mini-games so much so that they are prepared to donate a trophy in a round robin competition between these players of yesteryear. All this despite the fact that they have been drawing about two-thirds of City's gate money at Perry Park. This is another pointer to this club's embryo professionalism.

Congratulations to all at Richlands. Yours has been a long and rocky road but no doubt after watching this machine of a team starting to fire these last two weeks the light at the end is becoming just a little more bright and rosy.

Insidemans

SOUTH MELBOURNE CLUB HISTORY AND INFORMATION

SOUTH Melbourne is the product of the amalgamation of Yarra Park and Hellenic in 1959. The Club gained promotion to the State League in 1960.

- 1961 FINISHED 5th position.
- 1962 STATE League Champions.
- 1963 AMPOL Cup finalists. State League 6th position.
- 1964 STATE League Champions.
- 1965 STATE League Champions.
- 1966 STATE League Champions.
- 1967 AMPOL Cup — eliminated
- 1968 STATE League 3rd position.
- 1969 AMPOL Cup winners.
- 1970 AMPOL Cup winners.
- 1971 STATE League 2nd position.
- 1972 STATE League Champions.
- 1973 STATE League 3rd position.
- 1974 STATE League Champions, Dockerty Cup Winners.
- 1975 AMPOL Cup Finalist.
- 1976 AMPOL Cup Winners. STATE League Champions. UNOFFICIALLY Australia Cup winners.

THE PLAYERS

Margaritas HATZIMANOUEL
Born: Greece
Date of Birth: 9-9-1955
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 10 stone
Usual position: Utility player
Playing career: Port Melbourne

Ian GIBSON
Date of Birth: 24-11-49
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 10 stone 4 lb
Playing career: Arniston Rangers; Fitzroy United

John KENNEDY
Born: Scotland
Date of Birth: 11-6-44
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11 stone 6 lb
Usual position: Goalkeeper
Playing career: Armidale Thistle, Arniston Rangers, Scotland Wilhelmina, Alexander, Apia.
Playing honours: Victoria

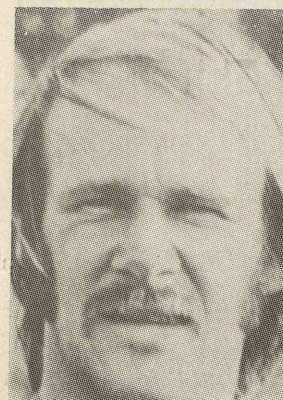
Mike PYE
Born: Manchester
Date of Birth: 9-8-47
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 11 stone 4 lb
Usual position: Full Back
Playing Career: Ringwood City
Playing honours: Victorian State Team, Australia XI v Queensland '72, 3 times in Australian squad.

Arthur XANTHOPOULOS
Born: Melbourne
Date of Birth: 23-7-56
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 11 stone 7 lb
Usual position: Centre Half
Playing honours: Victoria under 14, 16, First Team

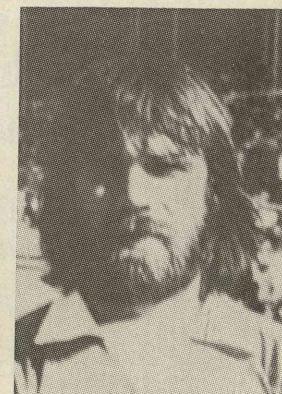
John Andrew DAPERIS
Born: Egypt
Date of Birth: 25-5-52
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 10½ stone
Usual position: Midfielder
Playing honours: Victoria

Duncan CUMMINGS
Born: Birmingham, England
Date of Birth: 20-3-58
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11½ stone
Usual position: Right wing
Playing career: Melbourne
Playing honours: Under 23 International Full International

Peter BOURNE
Born: Coventry, England
Date of Birth: 5-4-48
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 11 stone 12 lb
Usual position: Midfielder
Playing career: Burnley, Rossendale, Colone Dynamos



Mike Pye



Ian Gibson



Jack Reilly

Playing honours: Victorian representations (8 times)

Peter OLLERTON
Born: England
Date of Birth: 20-5-51
Height: 6'
Weight: 13 stone 4 lb
Usual position: Centre forward
Playing career: Wilhelmina - APIA
Playing honours: Victoria - N.S.W. Australia (14 caps), Blackpool, Preston

Kris KALAFATIDIS
Born: Australia
Date of Birth: 3-1-58
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 12 stone
Usual position: Utility player
Playing honours: Vic. under 15, 16, 18. Australia under 18 squad.

Sunday's Lead-ups

THE two curtain-raisers to Sunday's Brisbane City-South Melbourne PSL match are a Colts clash between Coalstars and St. Helens at 12.15, followed at 2 p.m. by a game between an under 12 Brisbane north-east rep. side and a composite under 12 schoolboys team.

Here are the two teams for the junior game: Composite schoolboy team: Wayne Marstella, Mark Harvey, David Harding-Smith, David Mitchell, Stephen Rowell, Andrew Brown, Ross Catamore, Ian Routledge, David Hussey, Paul Cockburn, Ian Grocott.

Brisbane north east rep. team: A. McGill, R. Askew, A. Stevens, A. Russell-Hall, P. Jilek, G. Tomlinson, I. Pink, P. Tesch, R. Lewis, D. Wallace, P. Dawes, D. Quine, G. Bygraves, G. Thauer.

POINTS to PONDER

Local newspaper coverage hasn't altered in content even though PSL matches now outdrawing Match of the Day at Lang Park.

—oOo—

John Wilkinson reckons anyone with basic skills could "perform" beside George Potter when Potter plays as he did against Footscray. Reckons George "talked" him through the match but the lad shouldn't undersell himself as he played the simple game pushing first time accurate passes into midfield, the sign of a composed and competent defender who knows what the professional game is about.

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Henderson, who reckons he is a winger, causes untold panic when he moves into midfield with these forcing runs and can be counted one hundred percent to end them with a perfectly weighted pass.

—oOo—

"Scotland" performed admirably the other night against "Germany". New boys Bell, Keddie and Keenon added their own brand of magic. Matt Carson asked by Bob Maxton (sweating blood) if he thinks he is General Custer. Shouting orders to everyone while making long last stand in one place! Matt too aloof to answer such rubbish. "Pop" Hosie and "Zing" Buchanan down with flu.

—oOo—

"Germany" played to rules using non current players born in Germany. Big blue in dressing room before game when selection made. Many accusations and counter

accusations of legitimacy of birth place. George Darmen produced birth certificate to prove mother born three miles inside border. German thoroughness. George played.

—oOo—

Guyla Vincze has team of Hungarian veterans ready to challenge other 'national' sides. Matt Carson reckons rules will have to be changed and play commenced with eleven balls as Hungarian players are world famous for ball skills.

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Another PSL coach 'bites the dust'. Manfred Schaeffer of St. George. Wonder if Charlie George 'fiasco' at Perry Park was straw that broke the camel's back.

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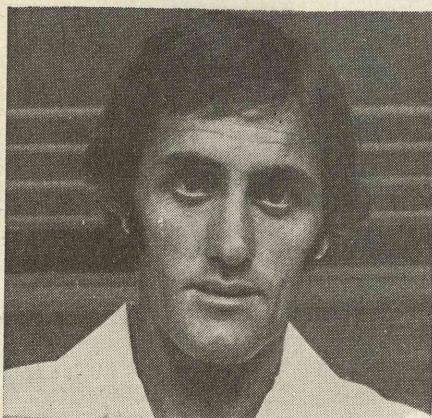
John Mesic and company reckoning on what a club has to do to win promotion. Club spends a fortune on players then visit Mitchelton where team gets trounced 1-4. Maybe ground has something to do with it as Thistle were hard pushed to take one point from Mitchy early in season. No doubt whinges justified as ground is in shocking state.

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Thistle sneaked one point further ahead when visiting Gold Coast who have also picked up performance since borrowing Lions' Walker and Mangan.

—oOo—

"Missing" goalkeeper Ross Kelly turned up at Trident. Best kept secret since war.



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City's new arrival came unheralded. Sounds good import. Could be what the doctor ordered. Ian Kesson will sleep a bit easier.

—oOo—

Lions "available for transfer" list issued with council minutes delivered 11th July. Seems a bit like "shutting the gate after the horse has bolted." Wonder whos boo-boo that was as someone has been done out of money either Lions treasurer, Federation treasurer, not to mention players who now find themselves "unwanted" and nowhere to go until next season.

—oOo—

Appears Nereo Saftich is back in harness after declaring again that he was retiring at season's start. Is present at every game home and away and has been overseas on club business. Some retirement! Wouldn't like to see him working!

—oOo—

Great to see full house on television coverage of Australia v. Hong Kong game. Adelaide seems to be soccer's boom town. Sydney clubs now trying double headers to attract spectators, limited success as crowds averaging 5,500 between two. Better than 1,500 previously attracted.

Annerley First Division goalie John Ferguson resplendent in a new keepers shirt presented to him by a club supporter. It has a socceroo badge attached because "he's good enough to be a socceroo" says the donor, and most Annerley supporters would agree.

PSL THREAT

AS a matter of interest, an Annerley "veterans" team representing senior soccer has challenged a similar team from the Annerley Junior section. This epic game will be played on Sunday 24th July at 3 p.m. at Annerley (after the 8th Division and 3rd Division curtain raiser fixtures).

The match is being organised by Bill Williams and Arnold Cook and should provide the chance for present players to rubbish the sideline experts. There will also be a few surprises to create some interest and plenty of liniment and stretchers on hand. With tongue in cheek, we apologise if we adversely affect the Philips League gate that day. Our football will not be as good, but we will have more fun and our admission will be \$2 — cheaper than Perry Park.

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Souths Down the Valley

FORTITUDE VALLEY did very well in their game against Souths in the second division. They played their typical game, full of enthusiasm in the first half and had Souths on the defensive.

Valley is a team which can be called a "front runner" and this is what happened against Souths. It was a reasonably even

game early but when Valley scored they had their tail up, playing with great spirit and by half time they led 1-0. After the break Souths were a better team but could not break Valleys defence, particularly goalkeeper Palella and Tony Lowndes. Souths were putting pressure on Valleys, but a bad defensive error enabled Valley to lead 2-0. Souths applied pressure but Valleys defence held until they gave away a penalty which was scored by Ferguson.



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TALES OF AN IPSWICH GRANDFATHER

GOALS I remember. One was at Blackstone in 1921 in the match Booval Stars against Bush Rats. As a lad I lived in Booval and as my father had been a foundation player for Booval way back in 1902, there was no doubt where my sympathies lay.

The referee had awarded Stars a penalty at the loop line end of the ground. Rats protested vehemently, and I can still see Joe Potts, a Dinmore official, at the back of the goal with a rule book, showing the referee where he was wrong. In goal for Rats was Tom Wade. We kids thought he was almost invincible. The kick was taken by Cliff Gedge, who later after a knee injury, when playing for Bundamba himself became Dinmore's keeper.

Goalkeepers could move in those days before the kick was taken but Tommy didn't see that shot, which incidentally gave the match to Stars. Another I remember was in my first senior game on the Gabba in 1929. Players' jerseys (not shirts in those days) were not numbered and I can only add that football scribes were not as carefully accurate (!) as they are today.

The match was St. Helens v. Pineapple Rovers, the first game of the season. From just over halfway from the left half position I drove the ball goalwards. I actually meant it to be a pass for centre forward Jim Kenny, but it was somewhat misdirected and sped towards the goalpost. Jock May was playing for Pineapples at full back and moved back to the upright to cover the ball.

I'm sure he had forgotten for a fraction of a second on which side of the post he was standing, as he lifted his leg and allowed the ball to roll into the net — to my elation.

But when I read the press report, the goal had been credited to my team mate, the late Artie Edwards, hence my earlier remark about scribes — and it's taken me nearly 50 years to have it corrected.

Mt Gravatt gets it Together

MT. GRAVATT kept their fight against relegation going with two good results from their last weekend. After ending St. Helens unbeaten run the previous weekend they came away with a rather unlucky draw against Annerley last Saturday.

Jimmy Rogers has been brought back as coach after Billy Haigh stepped down to concentrate on his playing in an effort

to help Mt. Gravatt out of the relegation zone. With the recent signing of Ian Steele, there seems to be a lot more thrust in the Mt. Gravatt attack. It was only the magnificent effort of keeper Ross Jenkins that saved St. Helens from being embarrassed with more than two goals against them, two weeks ago.

The game against Annerley started off in the worst possible way. A loose ball was picked up twenty yards out and hammered home by Annerley within the first two minutes. But it was about their only decent shot at goal all day. Mt. Gravatt fought back well but the ball just would not go in the net. Half time came and Annerley led 1-0.

The second half started the same way. The first half ended with Mt. Gravatt encamped in Annerley's territory but the ball just would not run for them. John Ferguson put in a great header only to see it bounce off the back of an opponent's head for a corner. The equaliser finally came when John Stewart broke free with only the goal keeper to beat, but even then it looked like the goal would be denied him when keeper John Ferguson got down to smother the first shot. There was no mistake with the rebound and the ball finally hit the back of the net.

From then on it was all Mt. Gravatt but the jinx was still on Mt. Gravatt. Eric Thompson made a great run from his own half only to be brought down in the Annerley 18 yd box but no free kick.

Mt. Gravatt's new policies seem to be paying dividends and the way the boys have been playing over the past few weeks the Club will be in First Division again next year.

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The Philips League Through an American's Eyes

— by Jerry Lincoln — Extract from *American Magazine*, "Soccer Corner"

IF ever a sport has been stagnant and ready for dramatic promotional ideas it is soccer in Australia.

Which is why, after almost 20 years of intense lobbying, an Australian national Soccer league kicked off on April 2, 1977, hopefully providing a gleaming super-market atmosphere to replace the hotdog stand outlook of so much of the Club soccer scene in Australia.

Burdened and retarded by regional competitions ever since soccer was implanted in Australia as early as 1870 by English coalminers — well before most other organised sports — domestic soccer in Australia has been going down-hill fast. Although the national league is a huge gamble, it was the only course open to officials, who had to bury regional and local differences, petty jealousies and many uncertainties to implement the scheme.

While the national team has won a place for itself in the Australian sporting sun over the past decade or so with a string of excellent international results, including qualifying for the 1974 World Cup finals, club soccer, the bread and butter of any sport, has been stagnating in the confines of regional championships played in front of dwindling attendances.

The late 1950s and early 1960s marked the peak years of Australian club soccer. Ousted by FIFA for "poaching" players from Europe, the Australian Soccer Federation and its member clubs were able to lure top players to Australia, without having to pay transfer fees for them.

It was the Colombian situation of the early 1950s all over again, when that South American country, also suspended by the world body, brought in world-class players literally by the plane-load. The Australian public for the first time was able to watch players of true international class. Soccer, almost overnight, became a major spectator sport, with crowds of 30,000 turning out to watch foreign players the like of which had never been seen in local teams. This artificial boom came to a screeching halt in 1964 when Australia was readmitted as a member of FIFA — after duly settling its dues with the European clubs from which it had "borrowed" players. Unable to afford expensive transfer fees, Australian clubs

had to fall back on local players and on discards from the lower Divisions in Britain.

If rejoining the FIFA fold heralded Australia's return to international football and its World Cup debut, it also resulted in deterioration of local club standards. By the late 1960s, attendances had fallen off sharply all over the country, to the extent that in the 1976 season Sydney, the hub of Australian soccer, could only boast one club game that drew in excess of 10,000 spectators.

Poor to primitive facilities, indifferent playing standards, the proliferation of overseas soccer on television, alternative ways of spending a weekend afternoon in the Australian sun, and the attraction of youngsters to other sports are the principal reasons why soccer in Australia has yet to grow and prosper the way Aussie fans would like it.

Australia is poorly endowed with soccer stadiums. Of the grounds in use for major soccer matches, all but a handful are either too small or too uncomfortable, having no seating or cover. Many have only mediocre playing surfaces. Ironically, Sydney, which dominates Australian soccer at all levels, is worst off. Club matches in New South Wales, of which Sydney (population 3 million) is the capital, are played

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The least damaging of the five major reasons stated above is that of Australia's playing standards. However, only biased club officials or thin-skinned coaches will dispute that the majority of Australian Club matches offer little entertainment value. The fact is that Sydney, for example, hasn't got enough skilled or fit players for five teams, let alone the 12 that made up the pre-national league Sydney First Division championship. The mass invasion of fourth-rate players from overseas has had a predictably diluting effect. Most Australian teams lack colour and flair; individual talent is rare. There are also questions as to just how proficient some of the Australian coaches are at their jobs and to what extent their training routines differ from those used 20 or 30 years ago. Australia is one of the few remaining countries in the world where full and proper credentials are not demanded of a coach, even in some of the leading teams.

The third reason for declining crowds is the tremendous, once undreamed of, coverage of overseas soccer on Australian television. German, British and Italian soccer fill television screens eight hours a week, providing more than enough entertainment for even the most diehard fan. The standard of presentation and matches on these foreign films — usually only a few days old — is so high that

every comparison with local Australian soccer must be odious. Those who have only a marginal or occasional interest in soccer can have their curiosity fully satisfied with the televised games and therefore skip the "live" matches.

The fourth reason: Australia's vastly altered lifestyle. Attendances at all sports in Australia are falling: soccer has rugby, tennis and horse racing (the national pastime in gambling-crazy Australia) for company.

Nobody argues that racing crowds are down because of the "ethnic" names of some of the horses (ethnic names are part and parcel of soccer in Australia and no longer an issue) or that rugby attendances have slumped because that sport doesn't get enough press exposure. Yet these are the excuses made for soccer's poor crowds. Actually, the reason lies elsewhere. Almost all Australias' sporting facilities are third-rate by world standards (soccer's even worse). Yet, they are trying to attract people living in well-appointed, comfortable, if not luxurious houses. Increasingly, people are reluctant to leave their homes for the discomfort of sporting venues. Twenty or more years ago, newly-disembarked immigrants were glad to go and watch soccer *anywhere*; if was preferable to sitting cooped up in their rented little bare rooms or boarding house quarters. This is no longer the case.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S LEAGUE MATCHES

Sunday, July 24—

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

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W. Adelaide	15	4	8	3	26	20	16
St. George	15	4	8	3	24	22	16
Fitzroy	15	5	6	4	25	26	16
Sth. Melbourne	14	5	5	4	17	17	15
Syd. Olympic	15	5	4	6	18	19	14
Brisbane City	14	4	4	6	16	20	12
Footscray	15	3	5	7	16	23	11
Lions	14	3	3	8	10	26	9
Canberra City	14	2	4	8	11	23	8
Mooroolbark	15	2	4	9	17	35	8