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LIONS' John Neale, who played a major role in last weeks second goal against Western Suburbs with that blistering free kick, converges here on Terry Eaton and Socceroo captain Peter Wilson.

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THE END OF THE BEGINNING

NO this is not an Irishism just a statement of fact. Last weekend marked the End of the Beginning for Lions soccer team. This team has gone through mental agonies since the start of Philips League. I say team because truly their effort has been a team effort from the president down to the lady who washes the jerseys.

They have had knocks, kicks, laughs, criticism, some constructive, some not so constructive, thrown at them in a non-stop barrage and never once have they reacted in any other manner than that of the professional club.

Players have come and gone yet not a smear has appeared against the club concerning treatment and this in itself is a tremendous compliment.

Last Sunday marked for once and for all the end of all this rubbishing. Perry Park patrons were given a preview of what Philips League is going to be like, in the not so distant future as far as Lions are concerned. Their performance rates with Hakoah's of six weeks ago as the finest display of all-round controlled, possessive, attacking football we have seen in Brisbane.

Let's be honest, Wests were made to look like a team of labourers playing tradesmen with only Wilson, Stone and

Clive Eaton earning any sort of pass marks. Many Wests players were so obviously blaming the referee at the end of the game that Mike Laing must surely put question marks after a few of his "star" performers. Any team who plays the game away from home the way Wests normally do would not miss a "target man" the way any normal side would miss a player. Wests philosophy is defensive as their goal record shows having an average match score over fifteen games of 1\frac{3}{4}-1, so that in losing Norris, their defensive plays would not be affected.

This Lions team tore the Wests wall to absolute tatters and anyone who rates Col Curran as a comeback for Australia can forget it, Geoff Morris treated him like a novice. Murray picked space in the defence as if it were a sieve and seldom will Dave Harding spend as much time in his own half.

Lions were not perfect. The Man will fix that up, they have a ways to go yet. Discipline relating to the principles of the game will have to be tightened in some players but in the south a new ring will sound round the name Lions when it is mentioned in planning get-togethers.

The Beginning is over, the next stage has to be well worth seeing.

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FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES NEXT WEEKEND

ROUND 19, Saturday, August 6-

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

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The Premiership Action

ANNERLEY took the field minus the Blackall brothers but despite this, must have been reasonably confident of taking the points as Bardon have only one win for the season, a 3-1 demolishing of Spencer Park a few weeks ago. The attendance showed the importance of the occasion, we doubt if there were more than a hundred paying customers.

Both goalkeepers were idle for a long spell as the valiant midfielders attempted to gain control but it was Bardon's Hayes who was proving the biggest handful for Annerley's makeshift defence. He was mobile, winning everything in the air and had the midfield been supporting better goals would have had to come.

As it was he missed two sitters that he had created by his own industry but it was nice to see him gain reward when he hustled the defence into error and Ross Denny following up netted a loose ball.

Hayes then got his name on the sheet when he was left unmarked on the penalty spot and slid a shot into the corner. The referee halted the game for half time with Annerley just a bit fortunate to be only two down.

Half time Annerley 0, Bardon 2.

Bardon came out after the break and again coach Attwood appeared to have worked the oracle. In this mood their "Scottish jerseys" are well worn, they literally play football as it should be played. The ball was being moved in one and two touches all over the field with everyone backing up and the two front runners Hayes and Cruse moving aggressively to space for an attack. Cruse displayed the form that if only consistent would have Lions and City queued up at his door. He was everything a good, no great, centre forward should be, fast, strong, challenging every ball and defender, and above all he was deadly as his three goals testify.

The third was a great goal, a move built up on the right with three players involved and the final pass was perfection. Truse picked it up, casually brushed aside a challenge, accelerated, then from 20 yards blasted a shot past the hapless John Ferguson. In between he could have had at least another three, such was his dominance over Neil Lovell.

Bardon in this form are irrepressible. They play copy book soccer the simple

easy way. Annerley were unfortunate. Not a great footballing side they were made to look foolish in the second half. Maybe it was a blessing in disguise for Kenny Bass is no fool and will take action. They have enough points so they can afford to experiment. All the Bardon team played well, Cruse and Hayes standing out. For Annerley young Henderson gave his all and Rooney ran to a standstill.

Eagles did it again. On top of the League for one week then one of their most disappointing performances. But in fairness, credit must be given to Norths, who apparently have not suffered in any major way despite reported discontent among some players not so long back.

The man in the Norths boiler-room was the crafty Len Pollock, who indicated what Syd Tucker could expect with one early forceful run, followed up by a cracking ground shot which John Bennett did well to save. Eagles were also in things early with a long range boomer from McCabe which Barlow snaffled and another bobbing shot from Wilson. Eagles defence looks creaky at the back too often, and never more so than after 10 minutes when Pollock was allowed to swoop on a floated ball from the midfield, turn and beat Bennett with a neat angled shot into the corner. Ten minutes later Sam Niven's corner was poached by Pollock and he found the best "hit man" in the business Kas Biedak, who did the

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Pollock and Biedak again combined to give Bennet more trouble and Wayne Walker had two chances to make it 3-0 after Bennett had blocked his first shot. Brennan and Melbergs at last showed something for Eagles with a strong run but Gordon's good shot was brilliantly saved by Barlow, leaving Ian Tosh, a very consistent defender, to push the re-bound out for a corner. Then came the cruncher. Biedak's second goal after Pollock had again fed him, resulting from a bad slip up by Harry Stewart on the edge

Just after half time, Marszaleck, who had been pushed up front, had a shot blocked on the line and his consistent efforts were rewarded with a neat chip shot after Barlow and Giles muffed a goalkick. Eagles went close to making some more inroads through Norths, who did not really produce their powerful first half form, but that's usually the case when you're up 3-0.

Down at the Maramba Stadium, it was big Glen McKeand's day, and according to Wynnum's Bill Bryant, he was the big difference between the two teams. He did all the talking at the back to really settle Saints down and their supporters would be interested to hear George Mylonas' comment on Sunday: "Whoever beats St. Helens will win the premiership."
Williamson opened up for Saints by scoring from a goalmouth scramble and then added a screamer from the edge of the box after the pass had been hooked over by John Dann.

Eddie Wilkins' penalty after the break following a foul on Dave Large gave Wynnum some hope but Saints sealed matters with a penalty when Col Amos ruled Mike Hoare had fouled John Dann (there's a switch). Wynnum's bright spot was provided by Peter Edwards, who, despite Williamson's two goals was given the following accolade by the Saints striker: "I didn't beat him once all day."

Leading Premiership Goalscorers

- 16 Goals-TONY BRENNAN (Eagles)
- 13 Goals-KAS BIEDAK (Nth. Brisbane) BARRY KELSO (Redlands)

- 11 Goals-KEN GORDON (Eagles) CHARLIE DENCH (Richlands)
- 10 Goals-IAN STEELE
- 8 Goals-RON MILLMAN (Redlands) BILLY FAGAN (St. George) BRIAN LAMPITT (Wynnum) RUSSELL GRIFFITHS (Merton) ALAN MARLEY (St. George)
- 7 Goals— ALAN MARSZALECK (Eagles)
- 6 Goals-KEVIN CALDWELL (Spencer Pk.) LEN POLLOCK (Norths)
 TREVOR CATCHPOLE (Redlands)
 GEORGE WILLIAMSON (St. Helens) WIM SPIEKERMAN (Mt. Gravatt)
- 5 Goals-JOHN DANN (St. Helens) JIM McCABE (Eagles) MAL BLAND (Merton)
 DUGALD CAMPBELL (Annerley) IAN LAWRIE (Richlands) ROSS DENNY (Bardon) RANDALL McKEAND (St. Helens) DAVE BLACKADDER (Mt. Gravatt)

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The Philips League Through an American's Eyes

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

AUSTRALIA was not properly geared or prepared for its first venture into World Cup soccer in 1965. The Aussies were well and truly burned in their baptism of fire in neutral Cambodia, where North Korea eliminated them in a two-match series by the aggregate scare of 9-2, with 6-1 and 3-1 wins at Phnom-Penh's Stade Olympique. The following year, Australia gained some consolation when North Korea proved their class in England by holding Chile to a draw and then beat Italy, 1-0, to reach the quarterfinals of the 1966 World Cup, where they lost a memorable game to Portugal, 5-3, having led 3-0 early in the

The 1970 World Cup series proved to be a marathon. The Australian team had to travel 20,000 miles to eliminate Japan, South Korea and Rhodesia, the latter in Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, before facing Israel for a place in the last 16 in Mexico. An own goal was enough to sink the Aussies in Tel Aviv, 1-0, with Aust-ralia's only hope lying in the return match one week later in Sydney. Israel played with superb composure to force a 1-1 tie. That sadly meant the elimination of Australia. Although some \$250,000 had been raised to prepare the national team better than ever before in its history, a lot of near-misses preceded the next elimination series and the solitary goal in Hong Kong on November 13 that finally set theseal on Australia's qualification for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

Australian fans were clearly disappointed with the team's performance in eliminating New Zealand, Iraq and Indonesia in a qualifying subgroup round-robin tour-nament in Sydney. In the next round, the Aussies won a squeaker against Iran to qualify for the Asian zone final on a narrow 3-2 aggregate (a 3-0 win in Sydney and a 0-2 defeat in Tehran). South Korea was the last hurdle and proved to be a handful. The over-confident Aussies had to concede a scoreless draw at home, then trailed 0-2 in the return game in Seoul, before rallying to force a 2-2 tie, and a play-off in neutral Hong Kong.

It was only in this last match that Australia played like worthy champions of the Asian region, proving to the world that their qualification was ultimately well earned. Dictating terms from the

very start. Australia scored the game's lone goal in the second half, but a threegoal win would have been well deserved. Still, after three attempts, Australia had qualified and the team returned home to a triumphant reception. World Cup fever swept the country and Australian Soccer players, for the first time, became national

An unfavourable draw put Australia in the same group with the two Germanies and tChile in the 1974 finals. Agains East Germany, Australia held out for an hour before losing 0-2. Against the ultimate World Cup winners, West Germany, the Australians could only play ultradefensively and were well pleased with the final score of 0-3. Australia shed all its complexes in its final World Cupouting to draw 0-0 with Chile in a match on a waterlogged pitch that they down and could have were with an analysis. ated and could have won with an ounce of luck. The team's performance in the World Cup earned the praise of most international observers and a poll of journalists covering the event placed Australia 13th, ahead of Zaire, Haiti and Uruguay. One Australian player, striker Adrian Alston, so impressed talent scouts that he promptly signed a contract to play with the then-First Division English Club, Luton Town. He subsequently was

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Australia's success in the 1974 World Cup induced big business to sponsor the 1978 World Cup campaign of the "Socceroos", as the national soccer team is called in Australia (as distinct from the Rugby Union "Wallabies" and Rugby League "Kangaroos"), to the tune of \$400,000.

Neither money nor effort is being spared to ensure Australia qualifies for next year's finals in Argentina, but Australia's task appears even more formidable than in 1973.

Australia first will have to eliminate New Zealand and Taiwan in Singapore, before linking up with teams of the calibre of North Korea, Kuwait and Iraq in a round-robin qualifying subgroup, the winner of which will take on the winner of another subgroup that includes Israel and Iran, among others. Most experts rate Australia, Israel, Iran and North Korea equal favourites to gain the Asian berth for Argentina, but Iran will be very tough to beat and must be favoured at this stage to qualify for 1978.

Australia's team for the elimination matches will only include a few of the players who won through to Germany three years ago. Several of the key players of 1974 have retired from international football, some have lost their form, others have moved out of the country. Of the players who actually took the field in West Germany, only captain Peter Wilson, fullbacks Doug Utjesenovic and Harry Williams, midfielder Jim Rooney and forwards Attila Abonyi and Peter Ollerton have retained their places in the current "Socceroo" team. At this stage, it is unknown whether Tampa Bay will release Alston to play for Australia in the upcoming qualifying rounds.

Coach Jim Shoulder, an Englishman who replaced Rale Rasic in 1976, did gain some valuable international experience for his young, untried players on a world tour last year, which took in Asia (including a historic "first" to China) and Europe, but he has stated that he needs at least another six matches for his team before the World Cup elimination games slated for mid-1977. The Australian Soccer Federation will grant him his wish as plans are already well under way to bring several teams to Australia as "sparring partners" for the "Socceroos" early in the year.

Australia's team for this year's World Cup games is likely to come from the following players:

Goalkeepers: Todd Clarke (Hakoah-Sydney); Alan Maher (Marconi-Sydney); Defenders: Doug Utjesenovic (St. George-Sydney); George Harris (St. George-Sydney); Harry Williams (St. George-Sydney); Jim Tansey (Slavia-Melbourne); Peter Wilson (Western Suburbs-Sydney); Col Bennett (Apia-Sydney).

Midfield: Dave Harding (Western Suburbs-Sydney); Agenor Muniz (Hakoah-Sydney); Jimmy Rooney (Apia-Sydney); Gary Byrne (Marconi-Sydney); Gary Marocchi (Perth).

Forwards: Attila Abonyi (St. George-Sydney); Murray Barnes (Hakoah-Sydney); John Kosmina (Polonia- Adelaide); John Nyskohus (Lions-Adelaide); Peter Ollerton (Hellas-Melbourne); Mark Jankovic (St. George-Sydney); Terry Butler (Apia-Sydney).

All but seven of the national squad members are Australian-born. Harding and Rooney are native Scots, Wilson, Tansey and Ollerton were born in England, Muniz in Brazil and Utjesenovic in Yugoslavia. Like its predecessors, the current national team can be expected to play a distinctive "Australian" style, which combines the traditional characteristics of the English and Continental schools, thereby reflecting the ethnic melting pot that is Australia in the 1970s.

Australian soccer teams have borrowed from the British the rugged, aggressive and physical traits of the game. This is especially evident in defence where the Aussies play it tough and are never scared of "mixing it" — a ploy that invariably pays dividends against smaller, Frailer Asian opponents. The Aussie players' height advantage allows them to score freely from headers against Asian opponents, who find it difficult to cope with high crosses. From Continental Europeans, Australians have acquired a decided liking to "walk" the ball into the net instead of taking their chances from a fair distance as English players would. The Australian style of football may not be the most attractive to watch, but it has proved effective in regional Asian en-

The new breed of Australian player, like Kosmina, Abonyi and Nyskohus still in their early 20s, is technically more polished, and displays the flair and imagination of its central European forebears. At times the clash in ethnic backgrounds, styles and personalities creates problems in Australian teams, but Rale Rasic was able to come up with an exciting mix during his tenure as Australian coach and there's every indication that Jim Shoulder will carry on in the same vein.

The Gold Coast Soccer Association

GO SOCCER

DOLPHINS defeated Palm Beach 4 goals to 2 in their match last weekend, but the true end result will not be known until after the Disciplinary Committee this Thursday night as 3 players were sent off during this fiery encounter.

Carlos March, Dolphins midfielder, Lex Gibb, Dolphins winger and Trevor Sanders Palm Beach defender, will face charges of allegedly persisting in misconduct and serious foul play.

The fireworks started 10 minutes into the game when there was a clash between a Palm Beach forward and Frank Donohoe the Dolphins goalkeeper, with the result Donohoe had to leave the field to seek hospital treatment.

The win consolidated Dolphins position as second on the premiership ladder but to add to their troubles their coach/team manager Dave Blake has to face the Disciplinary Committee for receiving his third caution.

Nerang travelled to Beaudesert and arrived with only 9 men. They did well to hold Beaudesert to 1-1 with only ten minutes to go.

Lee Jackson scored one of his rare goals for Nerang with a 30 yard goal.

For the current woodenspooners they are showing remarkable form and depending on the actions of the Disciplinary Committee could frighten Dolphins when they meet this weekend.

The Southport "Leprechauns" have continued to slip after it seemed to everyone that they were going to force their way up the ladder.

They didn't really get into the game against City and were defeated 4-0.

A sudden loss of players and internal politics appears to be their problem.

The local derby match at Musgrave Hill, between Athletic and Dynamoes, seemed to be a one-sided affair by the score — 6-1 to Athletic, but the players and spectators would soon disagree.

The match was evenly contested and it was only Athletic's better finishing that made the difference as Dynamoes had their chances.

The second division clash between United

and T.S.S. was deferred until Monday evening due to school commitments.

T.S.S. ran out victors 3 goals to 2 with the winning goal coming in the last seconds of the game.

The second division season has now finished and the Palm Beach are the minor premiers.

Only goal difference separated the other members of the four and it is fortunate for the others that United and Wanderers will meet in the semi-finals anyway, otherwise there would have had to be a rushed play-off as these two teams were tied.

On the Brisbane scene, Gold Coast United and Nerang did nothing to dispel fears of relegation whilst Twin Towns make hard work of defeating University.

United had a great opportunity to pull three points clear from other bottom teams but throw a point away against Sunnyside by conceding a foolish penalty six minutes from time. It being the only goal of the game.

Nerang turned in an equally disappointing performance against North Star going down 1-0.

They had ample chances but frittered them away by controlling the ball with their hands instead of their chest when in a shooting position.

Twin Towns had to work hard for their two points against University, but eventually ran out winners 2-0.

POINTS TABLE

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FIRST DIVISIO	N						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CITY	14	12	_	2	50	20	24
DOLPHINS	14	11	_	3	72	22	22
PALM BEACH	14	9	2	3	51	21	20
ATHLETIC	14	9	1	4	38	22	19
BEAUDESERT	14	5	1	8	29	27	11
DYNAMOS	14	4	1	9	28	53	9
SOUTHPORT	14	2	1	11	15	59	5
NERANG	14	1		13	16	75	2
SECOND DIVIS	SION						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PALM BEACH	8	6	-	2	24	22	12

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TOOWOOMBA SIDELINES

TOOWOOMBA's season has now reached the stage where you couldn't get in a bigger sweat about its outcome if you were sitting in a sauna. A time when, dramatically, the 'el supremos' of the local scene are being shown as not so 'el supremo' as local fans have been led to believe.

Leaders in 1st and 2nd division have both been beaten this week by their closest rivals for the premiership honours but none more dramatically than our 1st division leaders, until this week, Willow-

Willowburn have sat atop the 1st division all season and, until last week, undefeated, then — boom, boom, they fell. First to Wanderers by 1-0 and then to a revitalised Rockville 3-2. Two wins in a row by Wanderers who this week trampled Kingaroy, yet again, by 8-1, have let Wanderers rise to top spot and two clear points ahead of Willowburn.

With only one game remaining in our top premiership battle it is still anyone's guess as to who will be premiers. Exciting!

In the last game Willowburn ran out favourites against Dalby, whereas Wanderers face up to Rockville. After this week's results Wanderers cannot be deemed favourites in what should be our Match of the Day, on Rockville's home ground at the McGregor Street Oval. If the boys in blue can down Willowburn, there is every reason to believe they can pull off a win against Wanderers too.

I won't be placing any odds on either team at this stage, I'm afraid. The local scene is too unpredictable.

Further down the 1st division table, Rangers are also making an end of season bid for a higher spot in the ratings downing nearest rivals for fourth spot, Dalby, by 3-2. This result puts Rangers two points clear of Dalby but all final placings for these teams depend on the last premiership game of the season, next

The mighty unbeaten Toowoomba United in 2nd division also suffered defeat this week, but for them it was a first, when a very much improved St. Albans dealt United a 3-1 blow to their morale. This result has almost ensured Saints of the runners-up trophy for that division but, here again, their position is not that secure and won't be until the final whistle of the final game in our premiership run.

Only two points ahead of Wanderers, who only managed a draw against Willowburn in 2nd division, Saints must win their final game to stay in second spot.

Meantime, in 3rd division Rockville Rovers march on almost undefeated and certain of the premiership trophy in 77, following their 7-0 hammering of Lockyer and St. Albans, 5-3 victory over Wanderers, this week.

Altogether a very exciting end of season run by local teams and sufficient to keep local fans interested right to the bitter end.

Equally exciting is the performance of our teams in the Q.S.F. premierships, even though slightly depressing for two of our three teams.

First the good side. Q.S.F. 3rd Division St. Albans continue to make their bid for the top four with a fine win over Booval of 4-1. This result puts Saints in a very interesting position. By my calculations, although equal on points with The Gap, Saints lead by 0.26% on goal averages and, with their goal average and only one point difference with Pine Rivers, are breathing down the neck of that team having, at this stage a 0.3% better goal average than Pine Rivers. Terrific!

Naturally we wish our Saints every success in their remaining fixtures. They've done a terrific job this season.

Unfortunately we cannot say the same for our other 3rd division side, Willowburn. As I've stated before, Willowburn have been top club for so many years on the Toowoomba scene that it has become traditional, almost, for Willowburn to be top of something.

The fact that they currently sit within one point of bottom place in the S.Q.F. 3rd division, is hard to accept. Their 2-1 loss to Newmarket leaves them in a very precarious position at this stage.

All eyes will be on the Willowburn -St. Albans game this weekend in Toowoomba. Both teams need the win.

Last time out Willowburn won by a hotly disputed goal on their own ground. This time they will be playing on Saints' Ruthven Street oval where Saints have a fine record to uphold. This local clash always draws a good deal of attention and this week will be no exception.

In O.S.F. 5th division we are also experiencing disappointment with St. Albans just keeping their head above water, following their 3-2 loss to Taringa last week. This leaves Saints and Taringa on equal points with, once again, the goal average making all the difference between second and third bottom placings. Saints are presently a mere 0.14% ahead on goal averages. Too close for comfort if Saints aspire to remaining in 5th for '78.

On the GO SOCCER scene we are more than pleased to notice Toowoomba is getting a mention in a few spots through the magazine. Great for our morale and we thank 'An Under 18 Fan' who, in the 8th July issue, stated his preparedness to travel to the mountains to see the Queenalsnd Under 18 side play our Under 18s. Now that is a fan.

Thanks for the article on the 'American Soccer Setback'. It made for extra interest in a magazine that is full of good comment and news. Especially now that at least two country federations are contributing (says he with tongue in cheek!), and I agree wholeheartedly with Linesman's View, of that issue.

Let's build an overall plan for Queensland Soccer. The sooner the better.

Toowoomba Sideliner

up a dangerous Thistle movement. In this period, Stelfox had Souths' supporters hearts in their mouths but Topping backed up to clear for a corner. Just after, Stelfox made amends when he brilliantly saved a thundering drive from Bailey. Halftime, Thistle led 2-1.

The second session provided better football, hard tackling and anxious moments for both sides. The play by Thistle's Jones, Aponas and Lazenby and Souths' Topping and Slater was outstanding. Then from a free kick Roney crossed to Spence, who scored to level the scores. Thistle applied the pressure and forced a corner, from which Patterson scored his second to make it 3-2. Souths were able to produce three consecutive corners, which unfortunately amounted to nil. Thistle's experience eventually told and goals from Hermiston and Taylor pushed them ahead 5-2.

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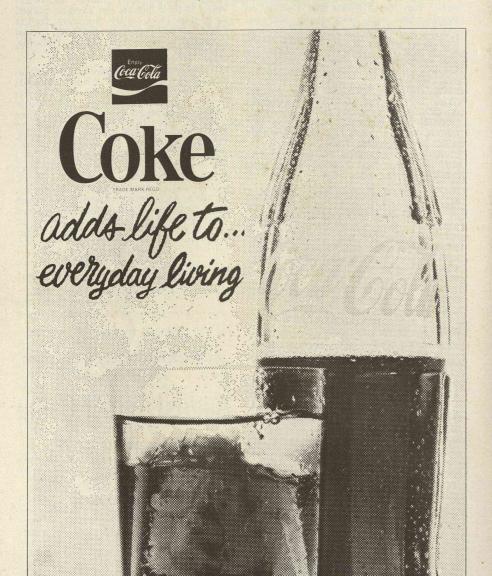
THISTLE STILL UNBEATEN

GRANGE-THISTLE retained their unbeaten run towards promotion from the second division with a 5-2 win over Souths United. The result would indicate the match was a walkover for Thistle, but this was not so. It was a good spectacle to watch and officials from both clubs indicated this after the game.

Play opened at a lively pace and Peter Gee was tested by a shot at the end of a Souths attack. Thistle counter-acted and a mixup between Souths 'keeper Stelfox and his defence enabled Bailey to go in for Thistle's first goal. Thistle maintained the pressure and it brought a just reward when Patterson added No. 2. South took up the attack and played well enough to score their first goal.

Dolan played well in the midfield for Thistle, and looked dangerous with one strong run, until he was dispossessed by Knight with a well timed tackle. Topping and Knight held Souths defence together and Slater also lent a hand by breaking

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COCA-COLA PLAYER OF THE MONTH

THE Choice of this month's winner was an extremely hard choice. Although the award had to go to a Lions player because of the club's dramatic return to form this month, which has produced recent victories over Canberra City Mooroolbark, Footscray and Western Suburbs, the picking of one man from the Lions lineup was a formidable job.

Midfield worries have been on coach Les Schienflug's mind since the beginning of the season, but they now seem to be solved. Things started to look up immediately after the arrival of midfielder Eddie Spearritt, who played in England with Ipswich Town and Carlisle United before joining up with Lions.

He had a particularly outstanding match recently against Footscray when Lions won 2-0 and last Sunday was again a driving force in the midfield when Lions hammered Wests 4-0.

So our monthly award winner for July is Eddie Spearritt,, who will receive his attractive Coca Cola bag just before this Sunday's match against Fitzroy United.

WEEKEND REFEREES

ST. HELENS v. EAGLES Referee: Jack Wood Linesmen: Deiter Klose, Mike Brine

NORTH BRISBANE v. RICHLANDS
Referee: Dave Nugent
Linesmen: Fritz Prass, Bill Turkington

REDLANDS v. BARDON Referee: John Adams Linesmen: Pete Murray, Leon Lewandowski ST. GEORGE v. MERTON Referee: Des Miles Linesmen: Alwyn Jones, John Folling

MT. GRAVATT v. WYNNUM Referee: Ron Richmond Linesmen: Bill Monteverdi, Geoff Brabrook

SPENCER PARK v. ANNERLEY Referee: Col Amos Linesmen: Charlie Morandin, Barry Such

LINESMAN'S VIEW

SADLY it has happened, the day we have all been dreading, the day Lady Luck stopped smiling and withdrew her sponsorship from our pride and joy, Brisbane City. Unfortunately for the lads it happened on a day when they could least afford it and the result was inevitable.

City's tale of woe actually commenced many months ago when a soccer circus was booked into Australia and programmed to take advantage of the drawing power in three major cities.

Sydney, a deadly Saturday crowd pleaser was given Celtic v. Arsenal on Sunday, 24th July and immediately our Philips League matches were switched to suit.

Many critics castigated this, pointing out that the "circus match" could easily have been played under lights in midweek, but one has to suspect a bit of pressure was exerted to ensure good financial return, so that our premier competition was made to play second fiddle.

City now checked their fixtures and no doubt found to their horror Grange Thistle were scheduled to play Souths United, an unspectacular if workmanlike second division side. The Brisbane public has not been kept informed as to the goings on between Thistle and City, probably both clubs feeling it was not the public's business (a very debatable point), but that same public and no doubt Brisbane City were suddenly told that Hermiston, the meat in the sandwich, would not be available for the next three Philips League fixtures. The excuse given being

that Thistle wished to cement their grip on the second division.

This excuse is not plausible, nor is it acceptable to the Brisbane soccer public in general who are far more concerned with Philips League than they are in second division. The excuse lacks plausibility for, if Thistle care to check the record books they will find that no club can "cement its grip" on the second division.

The great Latrobe side who broke every record in the book in 69 were not sure of promotion until three games from the end just because Wynnum pushed them all the way.

So also will Coalstars and Sunnyside chase Thistle for a long time yet, of that they can rest assured. Some reporter has taken the absolutely ridiculous step of asking Hermiston what he thinks. This is like asking someone if they would like to win the casket. Hermiston, as a professional, has played his heart out for City and Thistle and suddenly, when City is looking settled and strong he is robbed of the opportunity of performing where any true professional would like to perform — Philips League.

This is no choice and it is to the players credit he has apparently taken it so philosophically.

Dual registration does not work, and cannot work, human nature being what it is. Many knowledgable people in the game stated this at seasons beginning and then



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sat back to see the business gents trading in players with only one outcome possible, the clash when priorities came into opposition. This is the reason for Hermiston's retention, should we say sentence, in second division football for three weeks. The only people besides Jim Hermiston who are really being made to miss out are the thousands who have been following City in their Philips League attempt.

That's what makes it unacceptable. Adding fuel to this fire is the rumour going around concerning the amount of money that changed hands for Hermiston's loan arrangement. Thistle cannot have their cake and eat it. The management committee of the Q.S.F. should state right away the position concerning a player being loaned for a fee. That player should be available for one club and one club only and for the sake of soccer in general it would be hard to imagine any decision other than the one that would benefit the soccer public. The fee paying club should have first call on the player's services.

Back to City's dilemma. Drawn to play the best footballing side in the PSL—Hakoah Eastern Suburbs they now had to travel to Sydney minus their defence linkpin and inside ten minutes they had lost their key midfielder Roberto Eche-

verria with thigh trouble. Then Lady Luck again frowned and Brian Kibbey, who had been playing very well copped a shot, and the rebound on the solar plexus and face and soon had to be replaced. City now degenerated into an ordinary side and ordinary sides get punished in Philips League, especially by the one-two experts, Hakoah.

Discerning critics have dreaded all these things happening to City. Ian Kesson and Harold Watson have performed miracles with this squad but it is ironic that only last issue GO SOCCER posed the question "What will happen if City lose a key player."

Last week they lost two, with the result, trouble with a capital T. From all reports the same may happen next match unless City can do a "Kissenger" with Thistle and Watson work his magic. If not it will be truly sad to see this highly entertaining side suffer ignominy in defeat.

Mind you, the City management is not blameless. The obvious problem has been there for weeks but this is not the time to say "Told you so." Maybe now they will take the action required to allay the deficiencies in their squad. Drastic action is needed and for the sake of the game and the public, we hope fervently something can be done.

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WE TALK TO JOHN FRANK

GO SOCCER

ON behalf of GO SOCCER, Karen Grega interviewed John Frank in Sydney, just before making his first trip to Brisbane, since the League began, last weekend.

KG: When are you coming to Brisbane and why haven't you been here before to see more games?

JF: I intend to visit Brisbane on July 24, when Lions play Western Suburbs and will be there to see more games in the future. While in Brisbane I will meet with PSL club presidents to give them the opportunity to discuss their clubs' specific problems, or other issues arising, on a face to face basis. This will also be done in Adelaide. The main reason for the private meetings is to give more individual attention to clubs, because general meetings are not conducive to dealing with such individual problems. It is also a more relaxed atmosphere — over a few drinks. I will also spend time with the media, including Channel 0 (Philips Top

Soccer). There have been a few basic reasons for my not coming to Queensland before.

1 My basic responsibility in the PSL is the formation of the competition and promotion of it. I haven't done much as far as the latter is concerned as I firstly wanted to make sure there was something worth promoting. i.e. make sure the competition was running smoothly in the administration and playing side.

2 There have been a number of air strikes and washed out games down south. This has meant it was necessary for there to be a co-ordinator or contact to be in a central position for clubs to be able to phone and find out what was happening in these situations. I don't want to use these as excuses but hope people realise, as this is the first year of the competition, many problems have arisen and there has been a great deal of paperwork to tie me down.

KG: With PSL interest highest in South



JOHN FRANK

Australia and Queensland, per head of population, has consideration been given to television coverage in these States?

JF: It was originally hoped in 1976 that coverage be given to one main game in each State every weekend and then on Monday night in Top Soccer a segment from each of these games in the various States be shown. Ron Archer (Brisbane) and Bill McKenzie (Adelaide) at this stage talked of the expenses involved in such outside broadcasts.

However in 1977, when Adelaide generally responded so incredibly to both of its PSL teams (in Adelaide, PSL has overtaken Australian Rules. They have gone from a maximum crowd of 5.900 at a First Division match in 1969, to an average 8,500 now), the local TV station spent more time on Soccer and got the local rights for the Adelaide Derby, City v. West Adelaide, and were also looking to other dates for Adelaide local coverage. In Brisbane, Channel 0 didn't get so excited and unfortunately the PSL cannot force them to do so. What is recommended is that all local games be recorded — the full 90 minutes. This could be then married into a 15 minutes segment on a national coverage. However the impetus in Brisbane will need to come from Channel 0 itself, for Queensland to get a cover of its games.

KG: When will the PSL realise it has

to appeal to a broader spectrum base and eliminate the notion that Soccer is played by and only for ethnic groups. e.g. copy in Soccer Action refers to South Melbourne, Fitzroy and Footscray as Hellas, Alexander and J.U.S.T.?

JF: Sir Arthur George stated as a policy of the ASF that the aim of PSL was to improve Soccer and make it grow and develop on the basis of quality and better standards — not ethnic names. Sir Arthur has written to newspaper editors asking them to call us the Philips League, not National League and to call clubs by their new and not ethnic names. Many papers call us Philips League but the main problem rests with The Age, whose resources are used by Soccer Action and editor Laurie Schwab. Soccer Action has a circulation of 60,000.

Soccer Action already has various articles for ethnic people and the editor believes the absence of ethnic names could affect circulation. Even though the PSL has asked him to change his attitude, they are not pressing the point this year because they don't want a withdrawal of any co-operation of the past from those people concerned. Next year the problem will be looked at and hopefully definite

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Rumours rife that First division clubs want to revert back to Sunday football next season. If they do they will be cutting their own throats as well as Queensland's Philips League activities. With the job hard enough to get sufficient coverage on Monday morning of PSL game, wonder where they think coverage of First Division games will be fitted in.

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KG: What is the future of the programme Top Soccer. General comment is that reduction of coverage to one game is detrimental to the show's presentation?

JF: The second half of the fixtures have been altered, resulting in there being only one match scheduled on some occasions in a particular place. This has been brought about by four World Cup matches and some postponed games.

Where clubs have a certain number of players unavailable because of inclusion in the national team, they can request a postponement. Therefore, while PSL feels a two-game content is necessary for Top Soccer, this will not always be possible for the remainder of the season for these reasons.

KG: Are any other stations interested. In Brisbane, Channel 7 has a better coverage than 0. Have QSF petitions fallen on deaf ears and can the PSL approach Channel 0 about changing the late time slot?

JF: The PSL cannot actually change the time slot. It can only make suggestions. To answer the first part, at this stage no other station has shown any interest. Other stations will be looking for the interest the public shows and ratings, before making any enquiries and commitments on their part.

I have received no petitions from the QSF about the time slot but those should be forwarded directly to Channel 0, along with a recommendation from the PSL that the time slot should be altered to cater for youngsters and old people.

While a contractural agreement was reached between both parties, it was left to the local stations to choose actual viewing time. Adelaide has a 10 p.m. time slot on a Thursday night, with no adverse reaction from the people there.

KG: What is happening about the subject of relegation and promotion in PSL. Will the numbers remain the same or will the League be expanded?

JF: Promotion and relegation policies (as stated in the outlined policies of PSL) will be in operation at the end of the 1979 season — year 3 of the PSL. However, before the end of 1977 the method to replace the two teams relegated must be decided. Also what happens to the two teams going out. i.e. will they be replaced geographically, or on the basis of suitability or finance. There is

nothing to say the 14 team League won't be increased but the League must be able to accommodate any additional teams financially, in regards to travelling expenses, etc. Any Club is free to place an application. If any of the 14 teams wishes to drop out because of finance troubles or if two clubs wish to amalgamate, applications will be considered.

The first season has proved that some clubs were not as prepared for the competition as first appeared. This has resulted in the PSL in future looking at applications more carefully. A feasibility study is carried out to first see if the Club is genuinely ready for the PSL, and if it is financially capable of taking part. The aim is for quality not quantity. The first season has determined the criteria necessary for a club to apply. Western Australia has applied but what must be considered are travelling times, distances and the fact that it may become necessary to pay players for days they cannot work because of the trip to Perth. At this stage I can't see the need for any more teams. I doubt if Brisbane and Adelaide could sustain 3 teams. But at all times the PSL will remain flexible.

KG: Will there be an eventual limit on imports to give more local players the chance?

JF: After watching some of the imports, George, MacDonald, etc. I commented to Jim Shoulder that they didn't shine as people expected them to. His reply to this was that perhaps the local boys aren't as bad as some of us think.

I backed up my initial statement by pointing out how Col Bennett "stuck" to Charlie George when Lions played St. George and marked him out of the game. When footballers here show that the standard has improved to such a level that they can consistently compete against the overseas imports, then consideration will be given to limiting imports, and bringing them here only for special promotions. However no time limit has been set for such a decision. It will be a natural progression resulting from the improved standard of the game overall, as well as individuals within the teams.

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POINTS to PONDER

Rumour has it secret training camp being set up somewhere in Ipswich. ex-Australian players Warren, Vogler, Sander, Wilkins, Pitcairn, Kitching, Kruger, McCrae and Bunny Nunn, to name a few, reported to be in attendance. Story has it there is to be an international between Australia and England and Aussies determined real internationals will take part wearing the green and gold once again. Will be the first "international" ever between the two countries.

Money must be getting really tight. Some worries reported at prominent second division club especially when team loses and wages have to be paid. Wonder how some of the others are making ends meet. Funny how these problems always surface after June 30th, — the transfer deadline.

Brisbane muse be getting reputation in the south. Two players sent packing in two consecutive Philips League matches. Last weeks resulted in some very unsporting gestures by Wests players at the end of the game. Centre half Noble would have been better employed self examining his own marking ability than clapping (sarcastically) referee Dave Nugent. Any team with Wests defensive record who concede four goals and blame the loss of a centre forward have their priorities mixed up.

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Lions coach Schienflug has very pleasant

Lions coach Schienflug has very pleasant problem, a team that beats the league front runners 4-0 while player of Willie Henderson's abilities on the sidelines injured. Coach Kesson would love same problem.

By the end of last weeks PSL game many fans thought Les Schienflug had taken "the pledge". As the game progressed his consumption of cigarettes (normally extremely high in recent weeks) had decreased considerably. Wonder if score had anything to do with it. Rumour that he is now spending time in Caledonian Club with Murray and Henderson not true. Nor is story that he is going around wearing tartan tie since last week.

Weekends crowd tales continuing with 250 at Perry Park Saturday to see two top four teams. Annerley attracted 100 at home when playing Bardon. Obvious answer has to be forthcoming at seasons end.

Tommy Murray never had more auspicious debut. Hat-trick in first home game is a hard act to follow. His second reminiscent of Pele's goal in Brazilian's first World Cup Final. Poetry in motion.

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Another old favourite has surfaced. Ron Piper has taken over coachs' job at Mitchelton and so far has a record of played 3 won 2 and lost the other narrowly to Coalstars by odd goal. Included in scalps is Sunnyside so helped other district club Thistle: Keep up the good work Ron. Always did have good relationship with Bardon coach Derek Attwood when both played in top class North Brisbane side.

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Tony Lowndes also getting Valley into stride after having disastrous take-over. Team now clicking and putting away valuable points.

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Peter Stone of Wests showed all the qualities of a future Australian star despite his teams whitewashing by Lions. Lad has ball winning ability, a tremendous change of pace and if any weakness visible it is ability to strike ball hard and true. This can be cured with practice and then he'll be a real threat to opposition.

—oOo— Curtain Raiser for Sunday's PSL fixture SCOTLAND v. ENGLAND No more need be said. Fun 'n Games guaranteed.

—oOo— EVERYONE really thrilled with Lions great win over Wests and first on the spot was second division Trident's secret-

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ary Nick Hrechka. Big Nick asked GO SOCCER to publish official congratulations on behalf of his club.

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Sydney teams must only have ten minutes for half time judging by way they beat referee Nugent back onto field last Sunday then sarcastically clapped Lions players as they re-appeared. Eddie Spearritt had the right answer with equally sarcastic

bow to mock applause. Guess who had the last laugh!

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GO SOCCER

Quite obvious lower division football next season must be programmed at much earlier time slot on Sundays. QSF Office is flooded with calls every weekend with enquiries about PSL result. Could be many more thousands would come to Perry Park on Sunday if given the opportunity.

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POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION												
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ST. GEORGE	17	9	4	4	32	19	22					
EAGLES	17	10	2	5	44	29	22					
NORTHS	17	8	4	5	34	23	20					
ST. HELENS	17	8	4	5	26	21	20					
ANNERLEY	17	5	9	3	23	21	19					
RICHLANDS	17	6	5	6	29	22	17					
MERTON	17	7	3	7	24	22	17					
REDLANDS	17	8	1	8	35	36	17					
S. PARK UTD.	17	7	2	8	30	27	16					
MT. GRAVATT	17	6	2	9	23	37	14					
WYNNUM	17	3	7	7	23	36	13					
BARDON	17	2	3	12	20	50	7					

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PINE RIVERS	16	9	3	4	45	34	21	
ST. ALBANS	16	9	2	5	40	21	20	
THE GAP	16	8	4	4	30	21	20	
NEWMARKET	16	7	2	7	30	31	16	
GROVELY	16	4	6	6	33	35	14	
NORTH STAR	15	4	3	8	21	25	11	
NERANG	15	4	3	8	20	35	11	
ANNERLEY	16	5	1	10	27	43	11	
WIL'BURN	16	2	4	10	18	44	8	
BOOVAL	16	3	2	11	19	50	8	

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BOOVAL	16	3	2	11	19	50	8

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SUNNYSIDE	16	12	1	3	42	14	25
COALSTARS	16	9	4	3	35	24	22
TRIDENT	16	7	3	6	29	26	17
TARINGA	16	7	3	6	24	30	17
FORT. VALLEY	16	7	1	8	34	52	15
SOUTHS	16	6	2	8	30	34	14
GOLD COAST	16	5	2	9	20	27	12
OXLEY	16	4	4	8	19	36	12
MITCHELTON	16	3	4	9	22	30	10
REDCLIFFE	16	4	2	10	24	35	10
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PINE RIVERS	16	11	2	3	45	23	24
NTH. STAR	16	7	3	6	31	23	17
PADUA	16	7	3	6	33	39	17
WYNNUM	16	6	4	6	31	34	16
INDUSTRIAL	16	7	2	7	27	34	16
UNIVERSITY	16	5	3	8	26	25	13
TARINGA	16	5	2	9	15	33	12
ST. ALBANS	16	4	2	10	23	37	10
EAGLES	16	3	3	10	20	37	9
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SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KINGSRIDGE	15	12	2	1	83	18	26
BAYSIDE	13	10	2	1	41	17	22
ROCHEDALE	14	10	1	3	59	17	21
DINMORE	14	9	3	2	39	17	21
GROVELY	15	6	1	8	34	41	13
NORTHSIDE	15	5	3	7	38	64	13
MITCHELTON	15	5	2	8	35	36	12
MT. GRAVATT	14	6	_	8	31	37	12
WACOL	14	4	1	9	26	45	9
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SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ADAMS PARK	16	11	2	3	57	32	24
RAAF	16	10	3	3	39	15	23
SALISBURY	16	. 11	1	4	60	34	23
RICHLANDS	15	9	_	6	59	40	18
SOUTHS	16	7	3	6	33	25	17
ALBANY CK.	16	7	3	6	39	37	17
GOODNA	16	7	2	7	33	39	16
NORTH STAR	16	7	1	8	32	41	15
NEW WORLD	16	6	2	8	42	39	14
NTH. BRIS.	16	6	1	9	25	30	13
THE GAP	16	2	3	11	26	46	7
NORTH PINE	15	1	1	13	7	74	3

EIGHTH DIVISION

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- 7 IAIN FAGAN
- 8 PAUL LASLO
- 9 JOHN NEALE
- 10 TOM MURRAY
- 11 ALAN HUGHES
- 12 IAN LAWRIE
- 14 ALAN VENABLES
- 15 IAN PARK
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Coach: LES SCHEINFLUG

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- 2 VINCE BANNON
- 3 BOBBY PROVAN
- 4 MIKE GLYKOKALMOS
- 5 NICK RAKOVALIS
- 6 PAT BANNON
- 7 KEN TAYLOR
- 8 JIM CAMPBELL
- 9 ANDREW BOZIKAS
- 10 JIM O'REILLY
- 11 BRANKO BULJEVIC
- 14 JIM TANSEY
- 15 JOE TRONT
- 16 GARY COLE
- 17 ARTHUR McMILLAN
- 20 BILLY WHITESIDE

Coach: JOHN MARGUERITIS

NEXT WEEKEND'S LEAGUE MATCHES

ROUND 19

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

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W. Suburbs	17	8	5	4	28	19	21
W. Adelaide	17	5	9	3	27	20	19
Fitzroy	17	6	7	4	27	27	19
St. George	17	4	10	3	25	23	18
Sth. Melbourne	17	6	5	6	19	21	17
Syd. Olympic	17	6	4	7	19	20	16
Footscray	17	5	5	7	19	23	15
Brisbane City	16	5	4	7	19	23	14
Lions	16	4	3	9	14	27	11
Canberra City	17	2	5	10	13	29	9
Mooroolbark	17	2	4	11	18	38	8