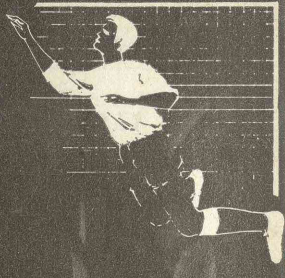




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One of the lighter moments during last Sundays local derby was this "confrontation" between Lions' skipper George Potter and Brisbane City's Frank Pimblett, while a bemused Lions' keeper Phil Dando looks on.

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AMPOL CUP ACTION

THE Q.S.F. took somewhat of a gamble by switching the Thistle - St. Helens and Redlands-Spencer Park Cup semi-finals from Saturday afternoon to Saturday night. Then again it was probably a gamble in which they had nothing to lose.

As things turned out it was the right move, with one of the best Club crowds of the season rolling up in chilly weather to watch some good, typical Cup-tie action. Thistle fielded a reshuffled side from the norm through the suspensions of Bailey and Aponas, while Saints had their usual lineup on the park, seeing Williamson escaped a spell on the previous Wednesday night. The only notable change to the Saints formation was the inclusion in goal of youngster Greg Donnelly in place of Ross Jenkins, who reportedly asked Coach Al Warren to leave him out as he was not happy with his own form. A refreshing attitude in this day and age.

At any rate, Donnelly proved himself a very capable youngster and it was left to see if Saints could repel the strong second division push from Thistle, currently enjoying their best season, from a publicity point of view, for some time. Much of this of course has been due to the exploits of Hermiston, who had to move from midfield to defence and also the notable signings this year of Dolan and Patterson. Thistle have a strong youth outlook, judging by their treatment towards the suspended Aponas, and the inclusion of midfielder Swan and striker Clunas.

As it turns out, George Pagan's faith in this policy paid handsome dividends when Clunas headed home Pike's corner for the eventual winner in the shadows of half time. Breen kept Saints firing from the midfield and had some strong support from allies Johnston, Nielsen, Brian Kathage and the tireless Williamson. There was a little bit of needle always necessary if not inevitable in Cup football and Patterson did his block when he was hacked down by Williamson. The incident kept the Scot on the boil for quite some time, and he was particularly lucky later when he had a go at Jeff Dann, but it

was unnoticed by Dave Nugent. Linesmen not paying attention again.

Gee, aided by Lazenby, Hermiston, Jones and Allison kept Thistle intact at the back as Saints, to their credit, did not take their departure from the competition without a decent fight. There was similar stubborn work performed at the back of the Saints combine by Dann boys, Warren and the always consistent Glen McKeand. But hang on Thistle did, and their Cup final clash, now that they have made history already, against Spencer Park next week, should be a classic.

The second semi between Redlands and Spencer Park did not produce the same type of free-flowing stuff, but it was a good solid encounter if only because it was in doubt almost until the end.

Extra time specialist Deiter Klose looked certain to do the trick again until newcomer McLeod, who displayed plenty of skill in a great debut, took advantage of an Ian Johnston corner, to leave Dick Karreman helpless for really the only time during the game he looked like getting into that situation. The Catchpole boys again were absentees from the Redlands side so Meagher and his young offside Chris Hill did enough to make it a fair claim that they did not deserve to be on the losing side. The obvious highlight was the brilliant front-running effort from Barry Kelso, who many would like to see get a chance one day in Philips League. He gave Herdle, Perry and Schneider plenty to think about and his powerful running ended with at least three almost certain goals, until Kim Wishart decided he wanted to play in the Cup final.

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REFLECTIONS ON THE LOCAL DERBY

THE score is now one game apiece and the scene is set for the big one, the first round of the Philips League Cup when once again we will have all the tension and ballyhoo of the local derby. If last Sundays game is to be taken as a measure the match will be worth waiting for.

Back to last week and what did we get. First of all Lions must be congratulated for securing the sponsorship which allowed them to entertain a little bit more than usual and Tool City have to be thanked for their participation.

The England v. Australia game showed that the older Australian players were quite capable of holding their own and the kids loved it when they, the two teams, gave away their "caps". The girls giving out the Minties when they did, soothed down the tension and when the Brisbane City funeral parlour put on their funeral show it really set everyone at ease for what was to come.

The game itself turned out like most local derbies, just a little bit of an anticlimax. All the ballyhoo that had gone on during the week was put to the test and when the teams ran on to the field it must have appeared to the average

punter that the odds on Lions would lengthen when it was seen Murray and Henderson were not to start and Bennetts' successful stand-in, Wilkinson was also on the bench, his place and Murray's being filled by Drinkwater and Lawrie respectively. City were at full strength and in the first twenty minutes looked as if they were going to cash in on this advantage, but even at this early stage it was noticeable the Lions were far further into "professional" tactics getting up to nine men behind the ball when the pressure was on and yet still managing to pressure in numbers on the quick break.

Peter Tokesi cashed in on the obvious weakness in Lions defence when he outjumped a diminutive defence to put City in the lead but this only appeared to get the Lions running faster and it was no surprise when Lions prince of goal getters Geoff Morris latched on to the last pass from a very good move involving Fagan and Neale to send a low grounder past Borzi from 16 metres. Morris was again involved when Lions took the lead when he speculated with a long lob cum cross which found the City defence "away for the day" and Paul

GRANGE - THISTLE v. SPENCER PARK UNITED

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Laslo showed skill, and coolness by running through, collecting the ball cleanly and wasting no time in putting it past Borzi to score his third goal for the season and I doubt if he'll score a more important goal this season.

After half time, when we were once again highly entertained by Brisbane City's penalty competition for youngsters, the game began to deteriorate not so much by usual standards but by its own first half standard. Balls began to be tried long and to be honest there are still too many players on both sides to whom the passing of a long ball is still a skill to be mastered.

The score remained the same until full time but there were still enough goalmouth incidents to keep the crowd entertained.

Individually the game was a success for Dendo, Potter Drinkwater, Spearritt and Morris for Lions and Hermiston, Tokesi, Caldwell all excelled for City with McLeod showing he'll be a real asset during his short spell on field.

City's Gaffney, Pimblett and Echeverria are still committing the cardinal error of mid field play, they all have a rest at the same time, a fatal mistake for it means the forwards suffer as well and no team can play down six men. Ian Fagan is covering an immense amount of ground in his ball winning and carrying forages but still has a tendency to give away possession by mis-passing a difficult ball when the easy one is "on."

Ian Lawrie found the pace a bit much for him and one must question his future as a mid fielder in this grade. Everyone knows he possesses a tremendous shot but not once in 90 minutes did he find himself an opportunity to use this potentially lethal weapon. Such is the difference between Philips League and Brisbane First Division.

Lions full backs perhaps shaded City's on the day, the battle between Niven and Caldwell tremendously interesting until Caldwell's supply of ball dried up. Park stuck to the task well and handled Connors as well as he can be handled, John Coyne having one of those days doing brilliant things interspersed with over anxious mistakes.

However he and McLeod looked as if they could strike upon understanding.

Paul Laslo is an enigma. Used as a central striker against Tokesi the man was behind the eight-ball from the start in the air but on the ground he more than looks after himself his trickery and

speed on the turn causing the larger defenders all sorts of problems. This marks Paul down as a true winger, but he certainly gives his all for Schienflug in his makeshift position.

Probably Lions deserved their narrow victory, if we analysed the scoring chances created by both sides Lions would be far ahead, City were always dangerous but before McLeod came on there was always a touch of desperation in their attempts rather than controlled build up.

The true star of the match however was the referee Boskovic who gave an absolutely superb exhibition of controlled and understanding refereeing.

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GOLD COAST NOTES

DOLPHINS have returned to the top of the Gold Coast First Division following their trouncing of Southport and City's shock loss to Athletic.

City ran to a comfortable 2-0 lead over Athletic at halftime through goals by J. Malkin. However it was a different Athletic that took the field in the second half and they shook a lethargic City completely by scoring three times to win by 3 goals to 2.

Eddie Horsnall took control of the mid field. Con Pizzol livened up the attack and Ken Smith marshalled the defence.

Athletics goals came from a Lloyd Janefski blockbuster, a penalty and C. Pizzol.

In returning to the top of the table, Dolphins scored their 100th goal of the season in thrashing Southport 11 goals to 1.

Southport were never really in the game and Dolphins seemed to score at will.

A Dolphins spokesman was heard to say that they are now back in their rightful position and will be very hard to defeat from here on.

The other major surprise of the round

was the 5-0 caning that Beaudesert handed out to full strength Palm Beach team.

Beaudesert have been promising to do this for some time and all goes well for next season.

It would be very hard to single out a single Beaudesert player in a great team except to say that the score flattered Palm Beach.

The other game played was between Dynamos and Nerang and in an uninspiring performance Dynamos ran out winners 5 goals to 4.

Even though the final four teams are settled, the positions within it are not as all the top teams still have to play one another.

Dolphins are "cock-a-hoop" after returning to the top of the table but in the remaining matches they face Beaudesert, City, Athletic and Palm Beach.

City have slipped over the past couple of weeks and appear just to be going through the motions. Coach Mick North will have to think of something new to get them firing again so that they do not

lose the double chance. In the remaining matches they face Palm Beach, Dolphins, Dynamos and Southport.

Palm Beach are the mystery side of the moment for as one of last seasons Grand Finalists they are playing nowhere near their top form. They do not seem interested in what they are doing and Ron Taylor appears to have an uphill battle to get them into top gear for the Finals. Their remaining matches are against City, Athletic, Nerang and Dolphins.

Athletic are looming as dark horses for a Grand Final berth and if they continue their good form of the past two weeks they could finish on top of the ladder. Their remaining games are against Nerang, Palm Beach, Dolphins and Dynamos.

It was a great disappointment to Gold Coast Colts the other night when Denis Ford the State Director of Coaching, was unable to attend a training session as planned, due to a bout of flu.

The boys all hope he is soon over it so that he can pay them a visit.

On the Brisbane scene Gold Coast

United are now in the remarkable position of having a distinct possibility of making the Final Four after a narrow win over Taringa.

One wonders where they would be if they had shown this good form a lot earlier in the season.

Twin Towns are now only a couple of points away from promotion to the Fourth Division and with the traditional match against old rivals Goodna coming up interest is ripening.

Nerang will have to pick up 80% of the points left for the season or there could be a local derby match on the Gold Coast next season.

POINTS TABLE

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
DOLPHINS	17	14	—	3	102	24	28
CITY	17	13	1	3	60	27	27
PALM BEACH	17	11	2	4	57	26	24
ATHLETIC	17	11	2	4	47	26	24
BEAUDESERT	17	6	2	9	37	34	14
DYNAMOS	17	5	1	11	33	71	11
SOUTHPORT	17	2	1	14	16	77	5
NERANG	17	1	1	15	24	91	3

IT'S A HARD ROAD

MELBOURNE — Australia faces an uphill battle all the way to the 1978 Argentina World Cup Soccer finals following its 0-1 loss to Iran at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Australia failed for two reasons. They could not capitalize on the opportunities they managed to create and they also suffered a severe attack of World Cup nerves.

It was the second sector that upset Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder more than anything else.

"The pressure that was on us in this match was a crucial factor," Shoulder said.

"We had players who two weeks ago in the World of Soccer competition involving Celtic, Arsenal and Red Star Belgrade played brilliant football against far better players than the Iranians.

"The big difference was that in that tournament we were the outright underdogs — we weren't given any chance.

"But yesterday too many of the players let the pressure get to them. Too many were lethargic and hesitant and you cannot afford to be like that in World Cup matches.

"They ought not to allow this sort of thing to get to them."

"The Socceroos found it hard to crack the tightly packed Iranian defence but still managed to create half a dozen scoring chances.

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Australia came undone at the most vital moment — just before half time when Dave Harding scooped a penalty shot over the crossbar.

And as so often happens in top level football, Iran, who would have been delighted merely with a draw, scored a goal against the run of play in the 70th minute that gave them a bonus victory.

It was one of Iran's rare scoring opportunities but they made the most of it.

Striker Hassan Rowshan gathered a rebound off Australian goalkeeper Alan Maher and coolly pushed the ball past Maher for the easiest of goals.

Iran now has five points out of a possible six in three away games in the Asian World Cup qualifying competition and must be strong favourites for a place in Argentina.

Australia has only two points from two home matches in the five nation tournament.

It is now an absolute must for the Soccerroos to win both of their two remaining home matches to have any chance of qualifying for the Argentina finals.

TOOWOOMBA SIDELINES

WILLOWBURN, Toowoomba's 1977 1st Division Premiers are now also the 1977 winners of the Ian Winstanley Memorial Shield, having beaten a very spirited and hard working Toowoomba United by 5-1.

As high as the score may appear, it barely reflected what was a final full of Soccer and continued pressure from both sides. Willowburn excelled because they had more accurate strikers than Toowoomba United and strikers that shot from well out of the goal area. United's strikers suffered from too much enthusiasm when near the goal and less ability in retaining complete control of the ball when in the area.

This stage of the season brings a certain sadness with it. The premierships have been decided and there is no league table to record with the possibility that teams have altered their positions by a mere fraction of a percentage. In fact, I find the wrap up session, as it could be called, quite depressing and look forward, once again to the resumption of the next Soccer season.

They play South Korea on August 27 and Kuwait on October 16. Both matches are in Sydney.

Asked about Australia's chances of reaching Argentina, Shoulder said: "Obviously we haven't done ourselves any good — not only by dropping two points but also by letting Iran pick up two points.

'But there is a long way to go yet.

"We've got six matches left and there are still 12 points going begging

This is a hard group and Iran are not home and hosed by any means," added Shoulder.

The Australian performance with only one or two exceptions, was like flat beer.

The Soccerroos showed little of their recent aggression and particularly in the closing stages only left back Harry Williams appeared to be as sharp as some of the Iranians.

Midfielder Jimmy Rooney had an uncharacteristically bad day with many of his passes going astray, although he ran all day and kept plugging away.

Not that we have finished with Soccer in Toowoomba. Far from it!

Our top Toowoomba clubs, Willowburn and St. Albans, are much happier this week following Sunday's 3rd Division Q.S.F. games where, just for a change, no local team lost.

St. Albans only managed to draw with Pine Rivers and are still, therefore, only one point ahead in third place and only one point ahead of The Gap. This obviously makes Saints position that bit more precarious and they will have to be even more determined to win their remaining games. Willowburn, following their defeat of Booval the previous week, came up with, for them, a rare double in winning for a second week when they downed Nerang by 4-3. A good result for The Magpies who need every darn point they can get to remain in 3rd Division. In 5th Division Saints produced one of those miracles they are capable of when defeating third placed Pine Rivers by a handsome 4-1. A good win for Saints who, like Willowburn in the 3rd Division, need every point they can get to stay in 5th for 1978.

As the T.D.S.F. premierships are over more attention is being paid to our teams in the Brisbane competition and, so far, they are keeping local fans happy with their performances. We hope they keep up the good work.

Last night, Tuesday, our Colts finally met Denis Ford's Under 16's in the holy of holies of Queensland Soccer, Perry Park. Unfortunately I couldn't get to the game but, from what I have heard, our lads put up one of their best ever performances, even though they were beaten by 3-2. Colt's coach, Dave Ferguson was more than pleased with the performance of his lads and feels that, with just the slightest share of luck, Toowoomba would have won that game. However, it has left us feeling more confident for the future and look forward to accepting any, or all challengers in that age range. In fact, I feel our lads wouldn't do too badly against older players, even. Any challengers?

This week we start the preliminary rounds of our Grand Final series which should produce some lively games.

Top Clubs Willowburn and Wanderers meet in both 1st and 2nd Division, whilst Rangers and Rockville fill the other 1st Division slot and Toowoomba United and St. Albans the other 2nd Division slot.

Noted for their unpredictability at this stage in the season it really is anyone's guess as to who will feature in the Grand Final of these Divisions. My guess is a final tussle between Willowburn and Wanderers in 1st Division and between Toowoomba United and St. Albans in the 2nd.

After a relatively trouble-free season, administratively, our executive committee is now faced with an end-of-season appeal by Rockville Rovers against the executive's decision to uphold a protest by Willowburn following their last game of the season. Rockville, who had played a player still under suspension were deprived of their two points for a win, with the points being awarded to Willowburn. Those points all but gave the premiership to Willowburn, robbing Wanderers of the honour at the conclusion of the competition. By the constitution this appeal has to be heard by the Council at their next meeting on 5th September. It will be interesting to hear how they decide. Until that decision has been made there seems little point in satisfying a recent request from a local Club for the final tables to be published in GO SOCCER. We shall endeavour to remember to catch up with that request in September.

Toowoomba Sideliner

LINESMAN'S VIEW

THIS week we would like to pay tribute to the most maligned men in soccer, the men in black, the men who can never be correct in their difficult decision making, the men without whom there can be no game, the referee. The man we wish to pay tribute to is a man who has reached the pinnacle of his profession, a man who must surely be in the running for the greatest of all competitions, the World Soccer Cup in the Argentine next year.

Tony Boskovic is the name. Last weekend he treated our potential bomb like a damp squib, so much so that we often wondered if he was about to drop off and have forty winks out in the middle.

What makes this man tick? he was in stature the smallest man on the field yet he dominated the proceedings as would a giant, a colossus, with no more fuss and bother than the local clergyman would have at his annual tea party.

He was a walking, living textbook example to every experienced or novice referee and any of our Brisbane officials who could have, and didn't, watch him should be made to explain why.

What did we see in Boskovic that we don't see every week. First of all was the relaxed confidence of the man, at 1.30 p.m. when he could have been "lording it" up above in the boardroom the man was stretched along a bench in the referee's room enjoying a cat nap while all around him the frantic build-up to the local derby, the match of the year, was taking place. He spoke quietly and amicably with everyone who addressed him and never once did he look to be in any other frame of mind other than that of an official going out to handle a junior match.

When the game started he was very quick to point out to John Neale that he was in no frame of mind to stand any nonsense when Neale fouled Hermiston right in front of the Italian "gallery."

The yellow card was produced in a manner that let everyone see it and yet it was not flouted into the players face as a badge of authority.

No doubt the quietly but firmly spoken words contained the necessary inflection for this effect, but Neale was the only one to hear them. Just as quickly as

he was at the scene of the "crime" so did he quickly withdraw and continue to control this game in a manner befitting Australia's top referee. The man obviously knows his football you note the use of the term football — not "rules of football" and it was quite amusing to see him blowing up a foul, and upon being faced with a suitably irate player putting on the big act, quickly and quietly signal a hand ball offence (supposedly on the referee's blind side) and shake his head, turn away and wave play on. It would probably be correct to say that inside 15 minutes every player on that field knew that this was one not to be trifled with and as a result the game flowed back and forth for minutes at a time without a stoppage.

The man uses logic such as the time when, with Lions leading 2-1, Geoff Morris decided to do a bit of 'professional' time wasting by slowing his usual dash down the wing to something less than walking pace. When dumped unceremoniously and just as professionally by Hermiston's hip, Boskovic just shrugged his shoulders to Morris's appeal and waved Hermiston into attack. Needless to say Geoff didn't try that trick again.

Logic, although technically Hermiston maybe committed a foul, Morris probably deserved what he got and it certainly wasn't a dangerous foul so why stop play. A classical piece of top refereeing this and one that certainly put a stop to the time wasting. Result, mission accomplished.

Boskovic has developed his physical aptitude to a high degree. With the ball flying from end to end he could have been excused for lagging behind a bit, but we doubt if the man even broke sweat during the ninety minutes. He delegates a tremendous amount of responsibility to his linesmen, a move which no doubt endears him to his fellow officials, but we would bet that in the minutes preceding the match and the first few minutes of performance this shrewd operator sizes up his co-officials and delegates accordingly. It is to the credit of both linesmen last week that he appeared to accept their every signal without question and yet never once were we subjected to the usual barrage of abuse that is the usual lot of our weekly line officials. Another sign of the man's overpowering authority.

Does the man have a weakness? On last weeks display we doubt it very much, he is a referee without par in Queensland and it is suffice to say that as he quietly left the field he still found time to smile and talk to a youngster who spoke to him.

Tony Boskovic, on behalf of GO SOCCER thank you for a tremendous experience. Come back again any time, you are a true aid to the entertainment value in soccer.

Insideman

UNDER 16 SQUAD

THE following players have been selected in the Under 16 squad to participate in the National Titles to be held in Sydney from August 27th, 1977.

STEPHEN ZELLER: Goalkeeper, Willowburn (Toowoomba)
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 RUSSELL NARRACOTT: Redcliffe
 CALVIN DAUNT: Oxley United
 GARY BIDDLECOMBE: Rochedale Rovers
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 PAUL BURNS: Lions
 TONY STEELE: Annerley
 ROSS SWANN: Grange Thistle
 JIM McINTYRE: Townsville (Nth. Qld.)
 MATTHEW SCOTT-YOUNG: Townsville (Nth. Qld.)
 ROBERT LAWSON: Townsville (Nth. Qld.)
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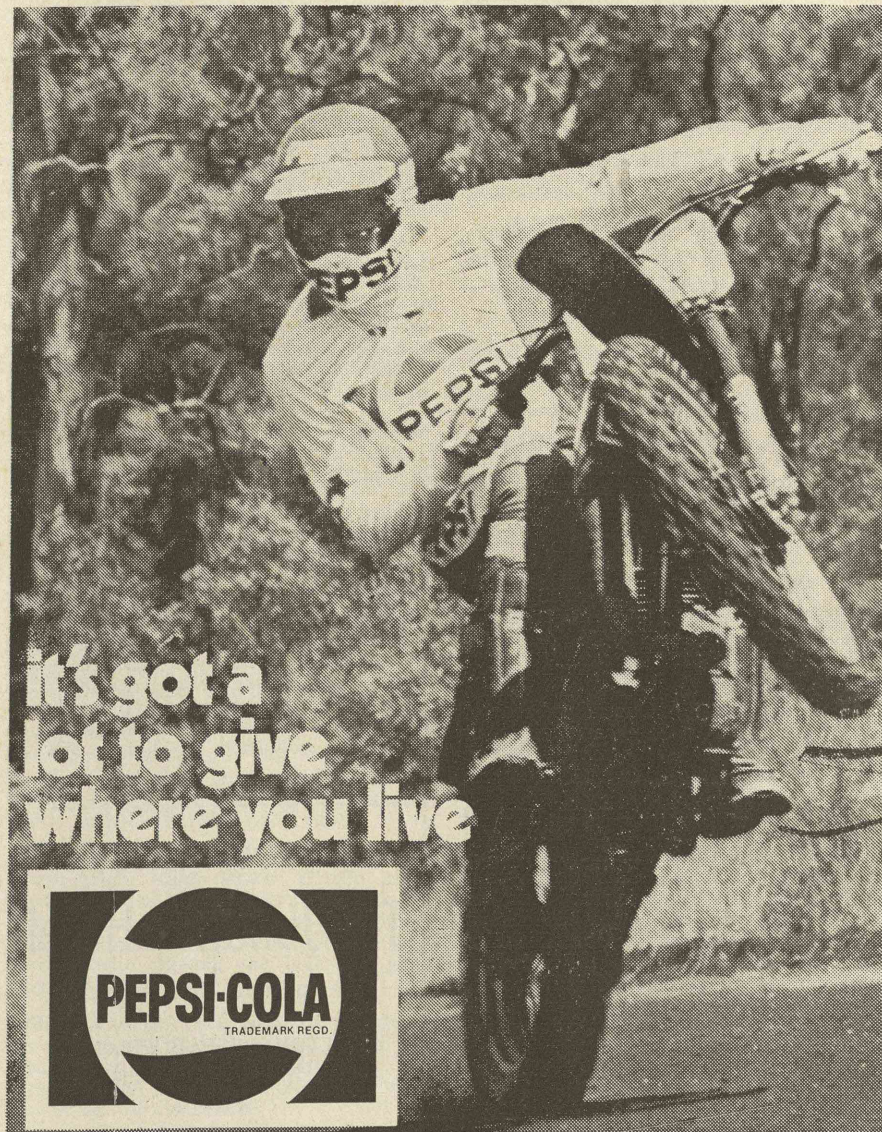
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Dear Sir,

In all my 72+ years I have never seen such an exhibition of blasphemous vulgarity as that supplied by Brisbane City supporters before the match on Sunday; and I hope never to see its like again in Brisbane or anywhere else.

Yours faithfully,

Thoroughly Disgusted

P.S.—Even though neutral, my cheers were for Lions.

—oOo—

Dear Sir,

Rarely do I taken pen to paper upon reading the jaundiced views of many of today's informed? writers. However, the incredible remarks in Linesman's View of July 29 cannot be accepted by any thinking person, soccer fan or no.

The urging of players to consider their home Club needs as last priority, the encouragement to richer Clubs to dollar "deal" their way roughshod to the pick of any talented player they might fancy, and the attempt to justify this with a mythical tragedy to Queensland soccer and soccer fans if they can't get their own way, must be the complete reverse of all the ethics the game is built upon.

Added to which, Insideman, from his own pen cancels his own argument that in the Grange Thistle/Brisbane City problem, Hermiston's own Club don't really need his services by saying no Club can "cement their grip" on the second Division. Surely this is the very reason that Hermiston is essential to Grange Thistle, and there can be no argument or excuse for any Club to blunt its own progress in the sport, frustrate its other players, members and supporters, to pander to the temporary needs of a rival Club.

If Insideman is to be a credible commentator to the Soccer public at large, he had better practise a wider and wiser viewpoint than one from the narrow confines of Philips League play only.

Yours faithfully,

Ron Peebles

Dear Sir,

It was with amazement that I read the article in your August edition signed by Mr. Ian Rasmussen. It seems obvious that Mr. Rasmussen wrote that article with complete ignorance as to the true facts of the matter. It is my opinion and the opinion of the Directors of the Brisbane City Soccer Club that most of Mr. Rasmussen's comments were unfounded and in most cases untrue.

Mr. Rasmussen is obviously not aware that Brisbane City paid the sum of \$9,000 to Grange Thistle for the privilege of using Jim Hermiston for Philips Soccer League matches. Mr. Rasmussen obviously also did not know that it is a condition of the contract between my Club and Grange Thistle that the latter have first call on Jim Hermiston's services. Should there be a clash between Philips League matches and Grange Thistle Second Division matches.

Most of the comments made by Mr. Rasmussen do not warrant any comment and I am treating some of his comments with the contempt that they obviously deserve. In particular it amazes myself and my Club generally as to how Mr. Rasmussen can make such wide-sweeping statements in relation to alleged 'stand over tactics' by the officials of this Club relative to Jim Hermiston. To my knowledge the only time that Jim Hermiston has been contacted at home was on

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MT. GRAVATT v. RICHLANDS

Referee: John Folling

Linesmen: Garth Goodwin, Barry Such

ST. HELENS v. MERTON

Referee: John Adams

Linesmen: Alan Kibler, Mike Brine

NORTH BRISBANE v. BARDON

Referee: Geoff Brabrook

Linesmen: Tom Davis, Ron Richmond

ST. GEORGE v. REDLANDS

Referee: Dave Nugent

Linesmen: Kel Fisher, Barry Fry

WYNNUM v. ANNERLEY

Referee: Fritz Prass

Linesmen: Pete Murray, Doug Fisher

Premiership prospects in all Divisions beginning to sort themselves out. First Division still uncertain and reserves battle rests between North Brisbane, Redlands and St. Helens. Thistle look certainties in Second Division, and Club, with a game in hand has a top chance in the Reserves.

several occasions when the Coach contacted him by telephone to discuss match arrangements and one can hardly interpret such actions on the part of the Coach as being 'stand over tactics.'

Generally I am not concerned with Mr. Rasmussen's allegations in relation to what he calls 'nasty type tactics' as I confirm that it is obvious Mr. Rasmussen is completely ignorant of the true facts and has based his article on nothing more than hearsay and general gossip, which we all know exists not only in our code but in all other sports.

Yours faithfully,

G. Canale

A WINDY DRAW

THE Second Division Souths United-Acacia Ridge match was played in a boisterous westerly wind and the match as a spectacle was not helped by the wild kicking of both sides.

Ridge had the advantage of the wind (and sun) in the first half but could not capitalise because of the desperate defence provided by Souths' trio Wright - Slater - Whitehead.

Souths' keeper had a number of anxious moments but kept his line clear to contribute to a blank scoreline at halftime. Souths, with wind advantage in the second half started confidently but like Ridge in the first half, did not take advantage of the conditions, although their goalkeeper Davis pulled off many good saves.

In one attack, Souths had a lucky escape when Ridge striker Griffin hit a hard drive, and the ball struck under the crossbar but screwed out, much to the disappointment of the Acacia Ridge supporters, who thought the ball had gone over the line.

Both sides had their share of the attack for the rest of the game but could not break down the respective defences. The game finished up as a scoreless draw with Souths on the defensive.

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CANBERRA CITY CLUB HISTORY AND INFORMATION

CANBERRA City is as new as the League itself — it, too, started from scratch

Twelve months ago a group of Canberra citizens — public servants, business men, and journalists among them — met to consider entering a team in the League.

And today the team is a reality.

Canberra City is not the League's strongest team — but it is likely to be one of the best-balanced, a promising mixture of experience and youth, and of local and imported talent. Leading the task of recruiting and training a whole new team is manager coach, Johnny Warren, 33, M.B.E. — Australian soccer's most famous native son.

Over 40 times capped for Australia Warren's signature on the dotted line was a great coup.

Warren is no stranger to challenges and leadership responsibilities — he captained Australia in 1967 to 1971. But he considers his task with Canberra City his greatest challenge.

His strategy is to form a "solid foundation" in the first season and build on that. To do this he has collected a cosmopolitan squad. That is appropriate because Canberra, with a quarter of its 200,000 people having migrant origin, is the most international city in Australia.

Canberra City players are drawn from Australia, Argentina, Britain, Hong Kong, South Africa and Fiji.

But the Club has a solid native appeal, too. It is the only Club in the League with an Australian President, Australian Secretary and Australian-born manager-coach.

What's more 14 of its squad of 32 players are also Australian born, and they can polish and improve their skills under the watchful eye of Warren's assistant coach and former St. George stablemate, Vic Fernandez, in Canberra soccer's First Division.

Fernandez, of course, throughout the 1960s as a St. George player was known to Sydney soccer fans as "Mr. Football"

Canberra does not have the big-city budgets of teams from the other capitals,

so Warren and Club executives David Dillon, president and Hal Leslie, secretary have been spending carefully. The team's chief sponsor is Brian Pollock (Ford) and other local financial help has been arranged.

The most expensive and promising signings so far include goalkeeper Ron Tilsed (Arsenal, Portsmouth and England's mini-World Cup team), Brian Stoddart, South Africa's leading goalscorer last season and his brother John, Jock Brown, a Scot who also starred in South Africa.

Also signed from a top South African Club is Tony Henderson, 23, an Englishman and centre half, 6ft 2inches tall who plays the game hard and tough.

Local signings include Ivan Gruicic, from Croatia who was previously with South Coast United and Essendon Lions, and former A.C.T. captain and last years player-of-the-year, Mike Black.

For the first season of the Philips League Canberra City play home games at the Manuka Oval — at present Canberra's premier oval and the place where last year Australia played Hong Kong.

But next year the so-called "Cinderella" team expects to play on the finest soccer ground in Australia.

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POINTS to PONDER

Citys game against West Adelaide on 5th August definitely not for the purist. West Adelaide obviously a much better footballing side than City, but a side completely lacking in punch, despite boasting Australia's top striker John Kosmina. Only trouble Borzi was ever in, was of his own making.

—oOo—

Kosmina didn't make any friends on his first visit to Brisbane. Met a guy called Hermiston who treated him with utter contempt. Tried the middle and both wings but showed nothing of his supposed class. Knocking back a kid who asked him for his autograph at the end showed his lack of maturity. Grow up son, you're not God's gift to Australian soccer.

—oOo—

In recent weeks both Australia's central strikers have been in Brisbane and to GO SOCCER's mind none of them hold a candle to young Gary Cole of Fitzroy.

—oOo—

Old crowd pleaser returned to Perry Park recently and turned in a performance best described as "magic." George Fraser, formerly "Magic Feet", turned up playing with Mitchelton Colts, and youngsters appreciated every minute of the show, not to mention a few of soccer's severest critics, the men in "coaches' corner" at Perry Park. The spectators can only sigh and wonder what the game would be like if every player had this man's skill.

—oOo—

Who'd have the job? Ken Payne takes Sunnyside through the season, losing four games in the League, one in the Cumberland Cup, and with four matches to go and almost certain promotion gets the old heave-ho. Such is the life of a soccer coach. New man in charge rumoured to be Eddie Carrigan ex Bardon, Redlands, Merton and Oxley player and sometime coach who has been out of the game this season.

—oOo—

Referees doing an excellent job controlling international series. Suspect they enjoy

handling games where no pressure is being exerted and they can join in the fun. Bet Pete Murray was surprised when Syd Tucker showed him a red card during altercation between himself and Tucker who is now nicknamed "Offside" by his team mates. After showing Tucker yellow card three times Pete nearly choked when he was asked if he had a "full house".

—oOo—

Ipswich cunning! Pommies played against twelve men for ten minutes before linesman pulled referee's attention to fact. Needless to say linesman came from England.

—oOo—

Graham Kruger reckons Ronnie Webber who is nearer fifty than forty looks every inch a footballer. Have to agree.

—oOo—

Amazing how there can be a shortage of match officials on a Saturday when so few matches are played, particularly when important games are concerned. Last Saturday's second Division battle between Coalstars and Trident was short one linesman, so the job was done by City's Philips League striker Kevin Caldwell. Job for the second Division reserves game was performed by Stars' secretary, Eric Evans, who we are told "walked" NOT ran the line.

—oOo—

Change of staff in the Second Division ranks where former State man Eddie Carrigan has taken over job at Sunnyside who now face big job making up lost ground in premiership race after dropping two points to Trident. Upcoming clash with Thistle should be a beauty. Hope new job doesn't interfere with Eddie's commitments with Scotland's 'international' side.

—oOo—

Former Queensland 'keeper and Richlands Colts team manager Mark Walker secured late clearance for Gladstone youngster A. Murray for last Sunday's Colts game with The Gap. Lad shows a ton of potential and could face a bright future, as Les Scheinflug ready to give youth a go with his inclusion of Johnny Ogden in last Wednesday's PSL match against Adelaide City.

Lions' international Willie Henderson joining the ranks of professional speakers, following on in Jim Hermiston mould. Willie is due to entertain guests at Taringa Rovers' sportsman's night at their Club on August 26. Ring John Simpson at the Taringa Club for details.

—oOo—

NOT the Campbells are coming — one is going. This Saturdays match against Wynnum will be Dugald Campbell's last for Annerley before returning to home town Oban in Scotland. In his short stay, Dughie proved a big asset both to Club and the game. All supporters of the Blues hoping he will return next season.

—oOo—

Eagles anxiously awaiting clearances for two new Irish players, who they hope will lift the Club past St. George and onto the premiership title. Both players had a run recently against Lions in trial match and one of them scored a great goal. Scheinflug very impressed so we hear. Names of players incidentally not yet released by Eagles.

—oOo—

Darra unlikely to make a slip in Division 3 after being in front for so long and Salisbury look to have Fourth Division parcelled up. Fifth Division is a real cliff-hanger with Goodna and Twin Towns locked together on points, with the former only marginally ahead on goal average. Matters should be sorted out at last this weekend when the two Clubs meet. Hope three match officials are in attendance.

—oOo—

Kingsridge should take out the Sixth Division and the Seventh looks a match in two between Adams Park and RAAF. Annerley certainties in Division 8 and in the Colts, Coalstars trail North Brisbane by a point and have an important two matches in hand.

—oOo—

Prominent First Division coach recently rumoured to be at odds with his Club over statements made to the press. Hope for all concerned matter is settled amicably. Mt. Gravatt's Jim Rogers in a real sweat after last Sundays international against Australia. Arrived at the boardroom after the match looking very re-faced and re-

lieved to find his lost car keys had been handed in.

—oOo—

Good to see Grange-Thistle are on their way back to the First Division, if their crowd support during Ampol Cup semi-final is any indication. Most of the big crowd appeared to be comprised of Thistle supporters and it was a change to see people provide some sort of atmosphere. Let's hope they turn up again for the Cup final.

A MIXED U.K. OPENING

LONDON — It was a new-look Liverpool who tried, and just failed, to get revenge over Manchested United in the Charity Shield — the traditional curtain-raiser to the English football season — here last weekend.

The European Champions drew 0-0 with the side that beat them 2-1 on the same Wembley pitch in the Cup final three months ago.

But their side showed four changes from that match and the arrival of 440,000 sterling (abt. 690,000 Aust.) buy Kenny Dalglish in place of Kevin Keegan marks the start of a new era in Liverpool Soccer.

Dalglish scored the winning goal for Scotland against England last season, when he was still a Celtic player, and

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showed enough fire and flair on his Liverpool debut to suggest he will be a very fine replacement for Keegan.

Certainly, the Liverpool supporters thought so. They were chanting his name long before the finish.

Liverpool were a shade unlucky not to turn their territorial advantage into goals, but for once, no one was too worried about the result.

United, playing under new manager Dave Sexton produced enough pleasing touches to suggest they will once again be a force for a man with a reputation as a believer in bright, attacking soccer.

But there was a disappointment for

Sexton when striker Jimmy Greenhoff hobbled off with a twisted knee. He could miss the start of the League programme.

There was refreshing news from the Football League Cup when Wimbledon, newly elected to the Fourth Division, began their career as a League Club by drawing 1-1 with Third Division Gillingham.

But in other respects the mixture was much as before following the shortest summer break ever. Rival gangs of supporters fought pitched battles on the approach roads to Wembley

And at Rochdale, Jimmy Lawson of Halifax and the home sides David Esser were both sent off.

AMPOL CUP ACTION

Saturday, 27th August, 1977

PERRY PARK

6.00 p.m. Play-off for 3rd and 4th positions

ST HELENS v. REDLANDS

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8.00 p.m. Final

GRANGE THISTLE v. SPENCER PARK UNITED

Prizemoney — 1st, \$1800 2nd, \$800

AMPOL CUP ACTION

POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ST. GEORGE	19	11	4	4	36	20	26
EAGLES	19	11	3	5	47	31	25
RICHLANDS	19	8	5	6	36	26	21
NORTHS	19	8	4	7	35	26	20
ST. HELENS	19	8	4	7	30	28	20
ANMERLEY	19	5	10	4	26	25	20
REDLANDS	19	9	2	8	38	38	20
MERTON	19	8	3	8	26	25	19
S. PARK UTD.	19	8	2	9	33	30	18
WYNNUM	19	4	8	7	25	37	16
MT. GRAVATT	19	6	4	9	24	38	16
BARDON	19	2	3	14	20	52	7

RESERVE GRADE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTHS	19	13	3	3	52	18	29
REDLANDS	19	11	6	2	42	24	28
ST. HELENS	19	13	1	5	52	32	27
EAGLES	19	10	4	5	37	29	24
ANMERLEY	19	9	1	9	43	34	19
S. PARK UTD.	19	8	3	8	28	40	19
RICHLANDS	19	7	3	9	44	37	17
MT. GRAVATT	19	5	7	7	27	30	17
WYNNUM	19	7	3	9	29	35	17
MERTON	19	6	2	11	26	37	14
BARDON	19	4	1	14	26	58	9
ST. GEORGE	19	3	2	14	18	50	8

SECOND DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
THISTLE	18	14	4	—	73	18	32
SUNNYSIDE	18	13	1	4	47	16	27
COALSTARS	19	10	5	4	40	29	25
TRIDENT	19	9	3	7	33	31	21
TARINGA	19	8	4	7	29	34	20
GOLD COAST	19	8	2	9	27	31	18
SOUTHS	19	6	4	9	33	41	16
FORT. VALLEY	19	7	1	11	39	64	15
REDCLIFFE	19	6	2	11	32	42	14
AC. RIDGE	19	4	5	10	26	45	13
OXLEY	19	4	5	10	22	41	13
MITCHELTON	19	4	4	11	28	37	12

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
THISTLE	18	12	3	3	43	20	27
AC. RIDGE	19	12	1	6	48	41	25
GOLD COAST	19	10	3	6	45	31	23
MITCHELTON	19	11	1	7	35	31	23
SOUTHS	19	10	3	6	40	37	23
TARINGA	19	8	6	5	28	22	22
SUNNYSIDE	18	9	2	7	41	25	20
COALSTARS	19	7	5	7	48	42	19
REDCLIFFE	19	6	2	11	34	46	14
TRIDENT	19	4	3	12	28	54	11
OXLEY	19	3	4	12	32	45	10
FORT. VALLEY	19	3	3	13	25	53	9

THIRD DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
DARRA	19	14	3	2	76	26	31
ROVERS	19	13	2	4	39	20	28
THE GAP	19	10	4	5	35	24	24
PINE RIVERS	19	10	4	5	50	39	24
ST. ALBANS	19	10	3	6	43	25	23
GROVELY	19	6	6	7	41	38	18
NEWMARKET	19	8	2	9	34	35	18
NORTH STAR	19	6	4	9	26	30	16
ANMERLEY	19	7	1	11	32	47	15
WIL'BURN	19	4	4	11	26	50	12
NERANG	19	4	3	12	23	54	11
BOOVAL	19	3	2	14	20	57	8

FOURTH DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SALISBURY	19	15	1	3	54	18	31
INALA	19	12	3	4	56	24	27
OLYMPIC	19	12	3	4	60	32	27
BRIGHTON	19	12	3	4	53	35	27
AC. RIDGE	19	12	2	5	54	26	26
DARRA	19	11	1	7	53	32	23
THE GAP	19	7	3	9	40	32	17
UNIVERSITY	18	6	3	9	41	42	15
TOOWONG	18	4	5	9	30	33	13
ROVERS	19	5	3	11	25	51	13
NEWMARKET	19	2	1	16	22	49	5
LOGAN	19	1	—	18	10	124	2

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FIFTH DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GOODNA	19	15	2	2	62	15	32
TWIN TOWNS	19	15	2	2	69	19	32
PINE RIVERS	19	12	3	4	50	30	27
WYNNUM	19	8	4	7	43	39	20
INDUSTRIAL	19	8	3	8	29	41	19
UNIVERSITY	19	7	4	8	31	28	18
NTH. STAR	19	7	3	9	34	29	17
PADUA	19	7	3	9	35	52	17
EAGLES	19	5	4	10	28	38	14
TARINGA	19	6	2	11	20	38	14
ST. ALBANS	19	5	2	12	28	44	12
TOOWONG	19	2	2	15	15	71	6

SIXTH DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KINGSRIDGE	18	14	3	1	96	27	31
ROCHEDALE	17	12	2	3	72	24	26
BAYSIDE	16	12	2	2	45	18	26
DINMORE	16	10	3	3	43	18	23
NORTHSIDE	17	6	4	7	45	69	16
MITCHELTON	18	6	3	9	36	40	15
MT. GRAVATT	17	6	1	10	41	50	13
GROVELY	17	6	1	10	36	48	13
WACOL	17	5	1	11	34	57	11
OLYMPIC	18	4	2	12	28	56	10
ST. MICHAELS	17	1	2	14	12	81	4

SEVENTH DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ADAMS PARK	19	14	2	3	66	32	30
RAAF	19	13	3	3	56	16	29
SALISBURY	19	12	1	6	67	37	25
RICHLANDS	18	11	—	7	64	43	22
ALBANY CK.	19	8	4	7	51	45	20
GOODNA	18	9	2	7	37	41	20
SOUTHS	19	8	3	8	44	34	19
NTH. BRIS.	19	7	2	10	35	35	16
NEW WORLD	19	7	2	10	45	50	16
NORTH STAR	19	7	2	10	34	56	16
THE GAP	18	2	4	12	28	49	8
NORTH PINE	18	1	1	16	12	101	3

EIGHTH DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANMERLEY	19	16	1	2	92	20	33
REDCLIFFE	19	12	4	3	63	20	28
ROCHEDALE	19	13	1	5	65	26	27
MERTON	18	12	2	4	64	20	26
ST. GEORGE	17	10	4	3	42	18	24
BRIGHTON	19	12	—	7	49	41	24
INALA	19	8	1	10	34	57	17
POLICE	19	3	6	10	33	60	12
PINE RIVERS	19	4	3	12	37	65	11
ADAMS PARK	18	4	3	11	26	52	11
SALISBURY	19	3	3	13	26	69	9
BAYSIDE	19	—	2	17	17	100	2

COLTS DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH BRIS.	26	19	2	5	73	31	40
COALSTARS	24	17	5	2	105	32	39
THISTLE	26	16	6	4	81	24	38
MERTON	26	16	4	6	54	32	36
GOLD COAST	26	13	5	8	76	45	31
RICHLANDS	26	13	5	8	69	43	31
MITCHELTON	26	13	5	8	52	43	31
NEWMARKET	26	11	5	10	64	61	27
ST. HELENS	24	11	4	9	56	46	26
REDCLIFFE	26	10	6	10	63	54	26
MT. GRAVATT	26	6	9	11	32	43	21
REDLANDS	26	7	4	15	46	75	18
ST. GEORGE	24	8	2	14	40	80	18
THE GAP	25	4	3	18	25	90	11
ROCHEDALE	26	4	1	21	40	108	9
VIRGINIA UTD	25	2	2	21	33	102	6

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- 8 FRANK PIMBLETT
- 9 LARRY GAFFNEY
- 10 IAN JOHNSTON
- 11 KEVIN CALDWELL
- 12 TOM McLEOD
- 13 WILLIE CONNER
- 14 JOHN LAVELLE
- 15 JIM HERMISTON
- 16 ROBERTO ECHEVERRIA
- 18 CRAIG WALLACE
- 20 KIM WISHART

Coach: NEREO SAFTICH

CANBERRA CITY

- 1 RON TILSED
- 2 DANNY MOULIS
- 3 JOHN BROWN
- 4 TONY HENDERSON
- 5 NICK BOSKOV
- 6 STEPHEN HOGG
- 8 IVAN GRUICIC
- 9 BRIAN STODDART
- 10 ADRIAN ALSTON
- 11 MIKE BLACK
- 12 ALAN BOURKE
- 14 JIM CANT
- 18 ROY STARK
- 19 DAVE O'CONNOR

Coach: JOHNNY WARREN

NEXT WEEKEND'S LEAGUE MATCHES

Sunday, August, 28 —

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

PHILIPS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	19	11	6	2	32	16	28
E. Suburbs	20	9	9	2	42	26	27
W. Suburbs	19	9	6	4	31	19	24
Adelaide City	19	9	5	5	30	19	23
W. Adelaide	19	6	9	4	28	21	21
Fitzroy	19	7	7	5	30	29	21
St. George	20	4	12	4	28	27	20
Footscray	20	7	5	8	24	26	19
Sth. Melbourne	20	6	7	7	21	24	19
Syd. Olympic	20	7	4	9	22	28	18
Brisbane City	20	6	5	9	22	27	17
Lions	19	6	3	10	20	33	15
Canberra City	20	3	5	12	17	32	11
Mooroolbark	20	3	5	12	20	40	11