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It's two against one here as Canberra City's Roy Stark is in the minority against Brisbane City's Brian Kibbey and Frank Pimblett, who will be in action against Footscray this Sunday at Perry Park, their last home match of the season.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Do not ignore First Division Soccer next year because without it you will not have P.S.L. First Division Soccer is here to stay.

—Mt. Gravatt publicity officer, Paul Lonton

I HAVE THE CURE CLAIMS DR. SPORT!

LONDON. — The man in charge of Britain' only sports degree wants to show England how to win the World Cup.

Sports scientist Dr. Vaughan Thomas, aged 42, says: "England haven't a chance of getting to Argentina. But I believe I know how to qualify — and have a good chance of winning next time."

Dr. Thomas, who heads the physical education department at Liverpool Polytechnic, has spent the past nine months watching 200 goals being scored. Over and over again.

By the end of the summer, he will have seen and analysed every goal scored on BBC television last season.

"The BBC has given us the tapes of all these goals they are the best source of information on what is really going on in English Football.," he told me.

Dr. Thomas is not a footballer. But F.A. coach George Wilkinson, who has watched the goals with him, has provided the technical expertise.

Said Dr. Thomas: "We can't claim to have reached any firm conclusions yet—except that the TV pundits are almost always wrong. It's just not possible to understand what's going on by seeing a goal once or twice.

"One thing that's quite clear is that the obsession many teams have with midfield possession of the ball is a waste of time and effort.

"It's what I call 'below-knee-level' football, and it very rarely leads to goals. There's too much cross-field passing.

It's the adventurous, sudden frontal attack that gets goals. Liverpool proved that quite clearly when they won the European Cup.

"The said thing is that the really spec-

tacular goals that stick in everyone's mind aren't much help. They're all exceptions to the rules, and they could probably never be repeated.

"But a team that wins, however boring, will always have more support and produce more enthusiasm than a team that plays beautiful football — and loses."

Dr. Thomas will hand over the results of his research to anyone who is prepared to learn from them.

"I didn't send them to Don Reive. There was no point in trying to influence people who simply didn't want to listen. Perhaps his successor will be more willing to take notice.

"Other countries have all come to accept that sports scientists have something to offer their national teams. Sooner or later it must happen here.

"What I want to do next — and it will need money and support — is to take a team of researchers to the World Cup in Argentina, film every game and analyse how they do it.

"That evidence could make sure that an England team never again fails to qualify."

He insists that the World Cup should not be taken lightly. "Our performance has a huge impact on national morale. For that reason alone it should be taken seriously."

Dr. Thomas believes firmly that science and sport must work together. Before taking his degrees — one in ergonomics and another in human biology — he was an international in athletics, basketball and cycling.

He has already proved — against the opposition of academics and civil servants — that a degree in sports science can work.

LIONS 2 v SOUTH MELBOURNE O

IT would be nice to say this was a great victory in the best traditions of Lions recent form but that would be a lie, after 30 minutes it was a big yawn. In recent weeks we have seen 2 teams visiting Brisbane looking for one point and we have seen these teams criticised unmercifully by everyone in soccer, surely an indication of what the public thinks of "defensive" soccer.

Lions disappointed every fan in Perry Park last weekend when, after playing brilliantly for 25 minutes and taking a two goal lead they threw away the initiative, closed up shop in the very best professional manner and in doing so chased about four or five hundred people out of the ground long before the final whistle, no doubt more than a few vowing never to return.

What has happened to soccer these days, must a team win at all costs, must a team have what is holds, when a team plays well enough to take an early lead must they subject a crowd to all this technical mumbo jumbo, holding possession, zonal defence, tight marking, etc., etc., etc. At present in Australia we can well do without the Chapman dogma, Herrera's cattenaccio, chessboard football.

People just don't want to know, they want to be entertained and the only measure of success in Philips League has to be the numbers attracted by the standard of entertainment offered. In any game there has to be a winner and a loser and the public at Philips League don't really care as long as both teams are playing vital attacking football.

Technically last Sundays encounter had all the makings of a great match. Both sides are on a par in League position, both have their share of excellent players and yet after a bright and immensely entertaining 25 minutes it all fell flat, the excuse being that Paul Laslo had to leave the field and Lions lost an irreplaceable forward. This is a load of rubbish, Lions philosophy in the opening half hour was excellent. They attacked with skill and imagination, unafraid to try the unexpected and the crowd rose to them

Spearrit and Murray were utilising Fagan's running ability with neat flicks and shrewdly laid balls, Morris was being spoon fed on the left, Wilkinson and Bennett quickly sorted out their understandable strangeness to snuff out the twin threat of internationals Cummings and Ollerton.

When Murray and Laslo scored two excellent goals it was no more than Lions brand of soccer deserved for allied to the score was the fact that Reilly had made three or four top class saves.

Everything and everyone was functioning, even young Ogden was contributing after a quiet start.

Suddenly Laslo was injured. For a few seasons past soccer has seen fit to allow substitutes so that this sort of happening doesn't rob the public of an evenly matched spectacle. Most coaches carry a forward, a defender and a goalkeeper on the bench and Lions saw fit here to make two changes for one.

Roy Drinkwater a big strong play anywhere type was brought on and put into midfield where he has played recently quite successfully with the accent on defence. The move immediately gave the Lions defence a "Queen Street at lunch time" look and the inevitable happened, the game deteriorated. If it is to be assumed that Murray was expected to play centre forward it takes a bit of understanding for its like asking Jimmy Connors to play with New York Yankees.

The man is a natural playmaker, and sometime feeder on loose balls, neither having the physique nor the inclination to take on two big defenders in physical combat. The Lions machine ground to a halt because it lacked a central striker and why Drinkwater wasn't told to go

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on and enjoy himself at centre forward we will never know.

Remember Lions had a two goal lead and the psychological advantage of knowing they were playing well. With the substitution South Melbourne had the pressure taken off them, pushed Lions back into defence and the game finished a nonevent, taking one hour to die.

Entertainment is all the Perry Park faithful want. Statistically of the four thousand regulars who have been attending, one thousand or maybe fifteen hundred are die-hard fans of the respective Brisbane Clubs. The remainder don't really care who wins as long as they are

being shown really good, fast, exciting attacking soccer.

No doubt if a Brisbane team can do this and win it's even better, but last weeks game was a complete inversion of this desire. Lions opened well, playing all that is good in the game of football and yet finished up an ordinary, struggling side desperate to save two points.

The "experts" will tell us the defence was well organised, well marshalled under pressure by so and so and all the other technical garbage. Tell it to the ones who won't be back they are the ones that have to be convinced.

GOLD COAST NOTES

CITY came from behind to win the First Division minor premiership in totally unexpected fashion last weekend as they and Dolphins were both expected to have relatively easy wins but the contrary happened.

Dolphins played Palm Beach at Broadbeach Oval and for the second successive week were defeated by the odd goal, and as a consequence lost the minor premiership.

Palm Beach scored first when Terry Haase was flattened by the Dolphins goalkeeper inside the penalty area and resultant spot kick was netted.

Ron Taylor replaced Haase who was suffering from a badly cut mouth and almost immediately put them further ahead.

Dolphins got one back and then Palm Beach had the opportunity to seal the match when Shane O'Conner brought down an advancing Palm Beach forward inside the penalty area but they missed the penalty kick.

The game continued on a very even balance and Palm Beach ran out narrow winners 2 goals to 1.

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CITY went to Hunt Park to play Southport and very lethargically went through the motions to win by 1-0,

The Southport side were somewhat rejuvenated at the prospect of knocking off one of the top teams and as the game went on that prospect seemed more likely.

However the "Leprechauns" wilted to 1 but it once again showed the estab-

under pressure shortly before the end and gave away the goal that handed City the minor premiership.

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DYNAMOES showed a remarkable return to form after last weeks debacle at the hands of City and actually led near neighbours, Athletic, 2-1 at half time.

Athletic came back strongly in the second half to overtake them and win 5-2.

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THE other game played was out at Nerang, between the home side and Beaudesert.

It was a fairly uneventful encounter with Beaudesert winning comfortably 4 goals lished forces that Beaudesert will be a force to be reckoned with next season.

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ON the Brisbane scene a local derby match in Brisbane fixtures is now assured.

Nerang were relegated from the Third Division after being defeated 4-2 by Pine Rivers. They were a little unfortunate as they scored first and Pine Rivers only got their winning goals late in the second half.

Most of those present could not help thinking that with a little more resolute defence they would have won.

They are not too despondent about their relegation and already have big plans for team building and the 1978 season.

Twin Towns made sure of promotion from Fifth to Fourth Division when they took two points from Industrial United on a forfeit.

It is unexplainable and inexcusable, for a team to forfeit on Sunday afternoon and something the Q.S.F. will have to clamp down on.

Twin Towns utilised the time to the best advantage and unearthed a mystery star for forthcoming tournaments.

Gold Coast United spoilt their chances of making the finals by being defeated at Valleys.

The biggest news at a local Association level is that the Grand Final will be

broadcast live on a local commercial radio station.

This is a great shot in the arm for the game and is something that even the capital cities can't achieve.

POINTS TABLE

FIRST DIVISIO	N							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
CITY	21	16	1	4	88	31	33	
DOLPHINS	21	16	_	5	115	31	32	
ATHLETIC	21	15	2	4	62	33	32	
PALM BEACH	21	13	2	6	65	33	28	
BEAUDESERT	21	9	2	10	52	42	20	
DYNAMOS	21	5	1	15	37	111	11	
SOUTHPORT	21	4	1	16	26	85	9	

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GO SOCCER

MELBOURNE — Fitzroy striker Gary Cole scored three goals in the Phillips League Soccer match at Middle Park — two for Fitzroy and an own goal for Brisbane City.

Fitzroy won 3-2 but the margin should have been greater.

After being hampered by close marking in the first half, Fitzroy shook off their opponents and made scoring look easy.

However, Brisbane City surprised by holding Fitzroy to a scoreless first half.

Brisbane City had most of the attacking play and their central striker, former international Ian Johnston, was unlucky not to score with at least one of four powerful shots.

Fitzroy did not come into the game until late in the half, their best scoring chance to this stage was a header by Branko Buljevic that bounced in front of goal keeper, Osvaldo Borzi, but went over the bar.

Strikers Cole and Branko Buljevic, midfielders Ken Taylor and Pat Bannon, and attacking full back Arthur McMillan were the masterminds of Fitzroy's victory to come.

Pat Bannon opened the scoring in the 58th minute by heading the ball into the top corner ofter a cross from McMillan.

Jim Campbell was put through with a fine pass by Cole and could have scored, but John Lavelle held Campbell by the shirt and was shown the yellow card by referee Stanley.

In the 62nd minute Taylor sent a long ball into the path of Buljevic, who cut

it square to Cole, who scored Fitzroy's second.

Two minutes later Cole made it 3-0, heading powerfully into the net after Buljevic had ducked to let the ball go to Cole.

Brisbane City replaced Frank Pimblett and Willie Connor with Tom McCleod and John Coyne, while Joe Tront and Nick Rakovalis came on to replace Fitzroy's Jim Campbell and Ken Taylor.

Bribane City reduced the leeway in the 73rd minute when Ian Johnston goaled with a spectacular 30 metre drive.

Johnston deserved a goal as he had come close to scoring three times in the first half.

Cole's own goal came as he tried to clear a free kick from Lavelle on the left wing.

SYDNEY — Marconi drew level with Hakoah at the top of the table with a 2-0 win over Sydney Olympic at the Sydney Sports Ground, after the match was nearly abandoned early in the second half.

Already leading by an easy 2-0 margin at half time, Marconi looked set to run riot against a hesitant and badly organised Sydney Olympic when the incident occurred.

In the first minute of the second half, referee Richard Lorenc, sent Olympic mid-fielder, Don Allan from the field for "Persistent Misconduct", after he appeared to interfere with a throw-in from Ray Richards.

According to Lorenc, he had already warned Allan in the first half that he was not allowed to jump up and down with his arms held high in front of a player taking a throw-in.

However, Allan persisted and Lorenc was left with no option but to send him off.

This immediately sparked an incident amongst the already morose Olympic supporters, who encroached upon the playing area and threatened the referee.

The first half had begun promisingly enough with both sides putting together some crisp moves, but Marconi always looked the more dangerous.

In the first ten minutes their speedy winger, Peter Sharne had three glorious chances to score, but managed to waste all of them.

In the 18th minute, it was Olympic who could so easily have gone into the lead when Ray Botham let fly with a superb shot from fifteen metres only to see Marconi's socceroo goalkeeper, Alan Moher pull off a magnificent save.

Marconi finally scored in the 17th minute when a series of neat passes in mid-field culminated in Ray Richards sending a long through ball to Jimmy Rooney, who drew the keeper before Jabbing the ball home from ten metres.

Olympic never looked like recovering after this setback, with Marconi becoming ever increasingly dominant, pinning Olympic in their own half for long periods.

A second goal looked inevitable and it came when Peter Sharne scored from close in, in the 41st minute.

Another piece of magic by Richards sent Gary Byrne into the penalty area where he shot fiercely to the far post for Sharne to race in and gently tap the ball over the line.

The second half was a sheer disaster with both sides showing no interest in playing football after the 46th minute incident.

Marconi occasionally had spasms in which they were revitalised but their forwards made only half hearted attempts on goal.

SYDNEY — Magnificent goalkeeping by Western Suburbs veteran Terry Eaton lifted his side to a 3-2 victory over St. George at Englefield stadium, Dural.

Wests almost let the game slip from

their grasp after holding a commanding 3-0 lead at the 30 minute mark.

Saint's revival was largely due to the flawless control and shooting power of their veteran mid-fielder Willie Hamilton.

Replacing out of touch Rudi Gnavi in the 31st minute, Hamilton netted twice and then hit the cross bar in the 75th minute.

His display all but gained St. George a draw at very least, but the other factor that foiled them was Eaton's Wizardry in goal.

Over the final fifteen minutes he stood between St. George and victory as he saved scorching shots from Peter Hensman and Phil O'Connor.

West's performed wonders in the first half, responding superbly to a Graham Norris goal from a left foot flighted drive that followed a downward header from Clive Eaton.

Their second goal had an element of luck.

Warren Turnbull, playing a powerhouse game in mid-field, took his shot and the ball clipped Eaton's heel for a diversion into the far end of the net, well away from St. George keeper Martin Coe.

Socceroo Dave Harding made it 3-0 in the 30th minute, selecting his spot for a placement after Saints' defence had left him completely uncovered.

As it turned out, the game was won in the first half on St. George's inability to read the signs.

Wests played the ball wide with Lloyd Hardes and Col Curran excelling and Saints failed to read the situation.

Eighteen year old Hardes, improving every game, hit the crossbar in the 36th minute and generally worked well as did West's Australian squad mid-fielder Peter Stone

The other factor which all but reversed the result was the strength of Saints Neville Morgan, who replaced Mark Jankovics six minutes after the break.

Saint's coach Ilya Takac did not use him at the start to avoid breaking last week's winning combination against Canberra, but Morgan's aerial work was sorely missed until he assumed the central striking role.

MELBOURNE — Adelaide City came from two goals down to beat Footscray 4-3 at Olympic Park, in one of the best

Philips League games seen in Melbourne this season.

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Footscray looked set to annihilate Adelaide as they raced to a two goal lead, scoring through Joe Picioane and Dragan Vasic.

Footscray took only three minutes to grab the lead as John Nicolaides fed an inspired pass to Joe Picioane who "spirited his shot past Roger Romanowicz."

Picioane was also involved with Footscray's second goal 11 minutes later when Romanowicz could only turn away Picioane's shot to Dragan Vasic, who whipped the ball into an empty net.

But their failure to play to the whistle allowed "Dixie" Deans in to put City back into the game.

The goal was typical of Deans' magic, and the first of a remarkable hat-trick, which took his tally to seven goals in seven days.

However Footscray had rarely looked in trouble to this stage and could have gone further ahead if Romanowicz had not just managed to get his fingers to a shot by Joe Palinkas.

Then another Footscray defensive blunder, just after the break gave Brian Northcote a chance to score City's vital equaliser.

The biggest factor in City's remarkable recovery was the replacement of David Leane by Aggie Muniz.

Muniz thrashed Footscray in mid-field, and laid the foundation for their come back.

Five minutes later a second penalty awarded by referee, Chris Bambridge allowed Mendo Ristotovski to put Footscray on level terms.

Their joy lasted less than two minutes with Deans scoring one of the goals of the year for victory.

Mooroolbark scored the upset of the season when they beat West Adelaide 2-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide.

Two goals within a minute late in the game by Pat Lowrey and Barry Fairbrother saw the Barkers home after Dave Pillans headed West into a twenty second minute lead.

Mooroolbark played well above last week's form when they were thrashed 10-3 by Adelaide City, but did not deserve to win.

West Adelaide dominated the match

for long periods and only indecisive play from their strikers enabled Mooroolbark to snatch the game.

The Mooroolbark bench were elated with the victory and the pro-south Australian crowd gave the Victorians a standing ovation after the match.

West Adelaide coach Billy Birch said before the match that his side would attempt to score a similar victory as Adelaide City achieved last week.

However, West Adelaide never looked like scoring a convincing win although they had their chances in the first half.

Lanky mid-fielder, Dave Pillans put them ahead in the 22nd minute with a fine headed goal.

The move was started by Australian striker John Kosmina, who found Barry Reynolds with a defence-splitting pass and the tall defender then tapped the ball to Nick Pantelis, who crossed to Pillans.

West Adelaide should have gone to a 2-0 lead moments before half-time, but captain Peter Boyle hit the side netting from only five metres with Kosmina unmarked in an ideal position.

Although Kosmina has scored eleven goals this season, he has been given very few opportunities by his team-mates and in today's match he was given only one chance to add to his tally.

The incident came mid-way into the second half when Ian McGregor sent a powerful cross into the goalmouth which Kosmina just failed to connect.

Having survived the first half, Mooroolbark grew in confidence and looked good enough to snatch a draw.

However McGregor almost put his side 2-0 ahead but his powerful shot was well saved by goalkeeper Paul Wilding.

With the match appearing to end in a 1-0 victory to West Adelaide, Mooroolbark exploded with two goals in the 32nd and 33rd minutes.

Mid-fielder Pat Lowrey equalised when his high lob dropped just over the fingertips of West keeper Martin Crook and into the top lefthand corner of the goal.

And just one minute later, Barry Fairbrother finished off another crisp move when he slammed a grand shot past Crook from close range.

Fairbrother almost got another seconds later, but this time he kicked wide from a good scoring position.

LINESMAN'S VIEW

LAST weeks GO SOCCER contained a quote of the week behind which we feel lies a story. We refer to the words attributed to Pat Blackall the Annerley Club Secretary who also doubles as the Club's first choice fullback. Pat's words were "One week of good publicity won't compensate for what the First Division has missed out on this year."

These words, from a dedicated, hard working Club official should carry a great deal of weight except for the tragic fact that they hint slightly of sour grapes.

What has First Division missed out on this year that cannot be directly attributed to those self same Clubs and officials who control the game through the Queensland Soccer Council? Nothing, it has what it spawned. For years now, not the years of an old man's reminiscing but the last seven to ten years, soccer in Brisbane has been beset by problems These problems can be isolated into the following groups.

1. Falling attendance

Falling standard of play Rising costs

The first problem coincidentally began with the start of televised football in Brisbane. Previous to 1962 crowds of 15,000 could be expected at a grand final. With the coming of television suddenly people were being induced to stay in their homes for entertainment and when suddenly overseas football began to be shown, our standard of soccer was shown up to be what it was, lagging behind in professionalism.

Around this time Sydney Clubs began to "import" players and were soon followed by a few Brisbane counterparts, notably Latrobe and Grange Thistle. This made good press and for a while attendances held their own and no doubt players like young Ray Richards, Keith Jones, Syd Tucker, Matt Jackson, Bob Buchanan and Gordon Mackie certainly contributed to lifting the standard of soccer in Brisbane to a new "high". Clubs now took advantage of this "easy" way to procure players and for a while soccer became known as a migrant's game despite having originated in Australia in the late 19th century. Then in 1970 the Government began to slow down the flow of migrants and this led to our second problem.

With this "drying up" of ready made players suddenly Clubs began to look

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around the local scene for players and what did they find — local kids, for years playing second fiddle to ready made players had lost interest in the game and a insurmountable gap had been created.

Certain Clubs, like Coalstars and St. Helens had managed to maintain an Australian image and for a while Coalstars even managed to perform admirably, young players like Ian Johnson and Kevin Caldwell shining brightly in a dismal scene. However as usual money beckoned and with the loss of these two players, Coalstars began a slide which has ended in the present Second Division.

Then some one decided we should have a larger First Division, ostensibly to make it easier for young lads to get a game in the First Division. This was legislated for and amazingly the next year another two were added.

This in fact created 44 new places to be filled in a Division where Clubs were already frantically searching for players locally, overseas or even in each others players lists. Good players were also moving to the "goldfields" of southern Clubs so we had a situation where our standard of soccer was under assault from various fronts, greater demand for good players by more Clubs, financial incentives from rich Sydney Clubs and some undercover work by local financial 'giants'.

Arguments raged, coaches federations and junior federations promised local youth would rise to the occasion but the blunt truth was that this was a myth and it wasn't until 1976 we began to get the necessary organisation in both these areas that could probably get us out of trouble in the foreseeable future.

With the advent of Philips League in 1977 the public suddenly gave everyone in soccer a warning, people turned up in thousands to watch this new concept, they stayed away in droves from the fare that had been served up as our top soccer. Clubs found themselves in the midst of financial catastrophe and this was blamed on problem three, rising costs.

Costs in an inflationary economy can be expected to rise but only the most naive of club officials would blame rising costs for their present predicament. Unfortunately many appear to be doing just this. What most club officials refuse to recognise today is that soccer is competing for the dollar customer with a multitude of other weekend interests. People with more money in their pockets are demanding to be entertained or else, and refusal to admit this has found clubs trotting eleven players on to the field every weekend hoping that a good game results, if not, too bad, they, the fan will come back next week.

Without any fear of argument all clubs in the top Divisions have failed in the entertainment field. So if we add to rising costs, falling income and an almost suicidal policy of overpaying players and paying inflated transfer fees, we come to the real reason for the falling financial status of many clubs.

Many Clubs are prolonging the agony by using money earned outside the game but they are surely kidding no one but themselves with this ploy.

So in summing up all this evidence of decline in our game it would be correct to say that this year First Division got what they deserved, a real kick in the pants from the public who have been conned for years by all the promises of a bright future. For the last three years the writing has been on the wall for all to see but as usual those who should see it are usually the last to do so.

We cannot sympathise with Pat Blackall his Club had an opportunity to entertain the Brisbane soccer public, more than they have had the chance to do all season yet as usual they chose to ignore these people, the lifeblood of the game, and in doing so marked up par for the course.

This sort of thinking has brought us to where we are, luckily we cannot go any further, or can we? We leave you to ponder.

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Dear Sir,

May I on behalf of Brisbane City thank the competitors, ball boys and especially Danny Williams and Ross Kelly who have taken part in our Penalty Competition and offer our congratulations to today's winner.

Yours Faithfully, David Marshall.

Dear Sir,

As an Annerley supporter, I would like to comment on our Club's decision not to play the final premiership game as a double header at Perry Park.

Firstly I doubt if there were any overall benefits to the game beyond providing an interesting double header.

Secondly as far as advantages/disadvantages to the various clubs are concerned I believe for St. George only a change of time involved from Saturday afternoon to Saturday night. For Norths, only time change, but possible advantage in bigger gate. For Eagles the advantage of playing at Perry Park (their home ground) instead of at Annerley's Elder Park and for Annerley, the disadvantage of losing a home match.

This was an important game as Annerley could drop out of the final four and you don't give away home ground advantage lightly in this sort of situation. Reserve grade games also would have had to be re-scheduled or played pointlessly at original times and locations.

As far as Annerley were concerned, maybe (and it's a big maybe) the Club may have made some money by going to Perry Park. It depended on an indefinite gate, split two ways, less expenses, and no bar trade at all. At our home game, we had a good crowd, ran our raffles and doubles and had a barbecue and our bar trade.

More important than this, and what I believe was the major factor in the Club's decision was loyalty to our regular home ground supporters. These are local people who attend our home games and many of whom are financial members of our supporters Club, which admits them to the ground. To ask these people to attend Perry Park and pay again to see the last "home" game of the season was

considered unreasonable and personally, I agree.

Unfortunately we lost the match to Eagles, but kept our table position due to other results, so we will be at Perry Park on Saturday 17th September, to contest the finals.

Bill Williams, Annerley

66 TO NIL

GOODNA U/10c — a team that surely must go down in the record books as one of the most successful teams of the 1977 season. To date they have won the premiership with a goal tally of 66 for and 0 against.

Their last game in the premiership table finished with a score line of 0-0 away to Capalaba. After the game I spoke to three of their forwards, when asked what went wrong, the reply was, we had a bad day.

Although we must give credit to the Capalaba boys for holding the Goodies to 0-0. Throughout the season the team has been engaged in the Cup competition, and again not one team has scored a goal against them. The Grand Final to be played at Oxley on 17th September.

They have also been successful in Carnivals. Won 1, 2nd in another, but went down in the Mt. Gravatt carnival when drawn against 3 A Grade teams. I may add that each of these games were drawn and the fighting Goodies went down on corners.

Good luck to Harry and the boys in the Grand Final.

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SEASON ENDS ON WINNING NOTE

THE season ended for Mt. Gravatt with a 3-nil victory over Bardon Latrobe at Dittmer Park last weekend. It was the end of a great second half at the season to finish in equal fifth place on points and only one win out of the final four.

The day started with a final personal appearance at Garden City for the First team squad doing interviews and demonstrations of ball skills. From there they went to the Newnham Hotel for a steak lunch with the Club Patron, Pat Reilly.

On behalf of the management and players of the Mt. Gravatt Soccer Club, I would like to thank Pat, his wife and the staff of the Newnham Hotel for their co-operation and support during this season.

Shortly before kick-off, the Mt. Gravatt team came onto the Park and demonstrated their appreciation of the support given to them by the followers of the team. The supporters were treated to free champagne by the First Team Squad.

As was expected the game did not start at a furious pace, in fact the most exciting thing in the first 30 minutes was the popping of champagne corks. Mt. Gravatt finally broke through from the boot of John Ferguson and then it was only a matter of how many goals Mt. Gravatt would score. Wim Spiekerman, playing in probably his last game for Mt. Gravatt scored No. 2 after Ian Steele did his usual good lead-up work.

Substitute striker Mike Preston scored No. 3 after beating the Bardon Latrobe keeper to a loose ball. Final score Mt. Gravatt 3 — Bardon Latrobe nil. At this stage I would like to clarify a point made earlier.

Wim Spiekerman is leaving Mt. Gravatt to return home to Holland (sorry Lions). If he does return to Australia, it will be to Mt. Gravatt.

To all the people associated with First Division Soccer, congratulations for your efforts, it was an interesting season if nothing else. I would like to finish this article with a personal thought for Q.S.F. management, press, etc. etc.

Please do not ignore First Division Soccer next year because without it you will not have P.S.L. First Division Soccer is here to stay . . .

Paul Lonton, Mt. Gravatt

1977 Leading Premiership Goalscorers

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ALAN MARLEY (St. George)
ALAN MARSZALECK (Eagles)

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8 Goals— LEN POLLOCK (Norths) WIM SPIEKERMAN (Mt. Gravatt)

7 Goals—
TREVOR CATCHPOLE (Redlands)
JIM McCABE (Eagles)
ROSS DENNY (Bardon)

6 Goals—
KEVIN CALDWELL (Spencer Pk.)
NEIL DOCHERTY (St. George)
GAVIN JOHNSTON (St. Helens)
DUGALD CAMPBELL (Annerley)
GEORGE WILLIAMSON (St. Helens)

5 Goals—
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Printed below is an entry form, on which you can try to pick who this year's medal winner will be.

As the winner will be announced on Wednesday night, September 28th, all entries in the Competition will have to be forwarded to the address listed on page 2 of Go Soccer by 9 am on Monday, September 26th.

For the winner, Go Soccer will present half a dozen bottles of champagne from

the wide variety of wines available at the Soccer club.

Remember players who have been suspended during the season are ineligible so you'll have to jog those memories.

Previous winners have been Kevin Caldwell, Mickey Rooney and Wim Spiekerman and for a guide, here is a player from each club who could well be in the reckoning:

St. George-Colin Knott; Eagles-Jim Mc-Cabe; Annerley- Mal Oakes; Richlands-Ian Lawrie; St. Helens-Glen McKeand; North Brisbane-Kas Biedak; Merton- Russ-ell Griffiths; Redlands- Ron Millman; Spencer Park-Gary Clifford; Mt. Gravatt-John Stewart; Wynnum-Peter Edwards; Bardon-Sam Mancini.

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PERRY PARK, 6 p.m.

ANNERL	EY	REDLAN	D\$
	JOHN FERGUSON		DICK KARREMAN
·	GREG STEEL		STEVE WHITE
	NEIL LOVELL		GRAHAM MEAGHER
	PAT BLACKALL		TREVOR CATCHPOLE
	MICHAEL BLACKALL	9 (dal.l	JIM QUINN
	MAL OAKES		ALAN MORRIS
	DAVID GRUNDY		RON BOWERS
	STAN DUNLOP		CHRIS HILL
·	WENDELL HENDERSON		JOHN DEEGAN
	MICKEY ROONEY	4	BARRY KELSO
	GARY LOVELL		RON MILLMAN
	MICK BAKER		ERIC PATTISON

Referee — Dave Nugent; Linesmen — Des Miles, Geoff Brabrook.

PERRY PARK, 8 p.m.

ST. GEORGE EAGLES PETER ROBERTS JOHN BENNETT BRIAN BARNES JOHN COCHRANE TONY EDWARDS HARRY STEWART GREG JACKSON IVOR SCHOFIELD NICK KRITIKOU ALAN SINCLAIR ALAN MARSZALECK BILLY FAGAN COLIN KNOTT RITCHIE WILSON NEIL DOCHERTY GERRY LINDSAY JIM McCABE RICKY BOW IVARS MELBERGS STEVE KONSTANINOU ALAN MARLEY TONY BRENNAN PAUL MYLONAS KEN GORDON

Referee — Jack Wood; Linesmen — Col Amos, Deiter Klose.

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THIS WEEKENDS LOWER DIVISION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

Second Division postponed match-

Sunnyside v. Thistle, Ashover Road, 2.45 p.m.

First Division reserves semi-finals-

St. Helens v. North Brisbane, Elder Park 2.45 p.m.

Redlands v. Eagles, Elder Park, 12.50

Division 6 semi-finals-

Kingsridge v. Bayside, Maramba Stadium, 2.45 p.m.

Rochedale v. Dinmore, Maramba Stadium, 12.50

Division 8 postponed match —

Adams Park v. St. George, Adams Park, 2.45

Colts Division postponed match-Coalstars v. St. George, Bundamba,

SUNDAY:

Division 2 Reserves semi-finals-

Thistle v. Gold Coast, Heath Park, 2.45

Acacia Ridge v. Souths, Heath Park, 12.50

Division 3 preliminary final-

Rovers v. Pine Rivers, Ebbw Vale, 2.45.

Division 4 preliminary final-Salisbury v. Acacia Ridge, Ebbw Vale 12.50

Division 5 preliminary final-Twin Towns v. Wynnum, Darra, 2.45.

Division 7 preliminary final— RAAF v. Salisbury, Darra, 12.50

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1950 WON International Cup, Premiership, 3rd Division.

1951 WON Dockherty Cup, Premiership 2nd Division.

1955 WON Sun Cup

1956 WON Sun Cup

Division.

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1963 WON State League Premiership

1966 WON Ampol Cup (Victoria)

1968 WON Armstrong Reserve Cup

1969 WON State League Premiership

1961 WON Juniors Premiership, 29 times.

1970 WON Juniors Cup, 21 times.



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Secretary, A.S.R.F. Qld. Division c/- 63 Bellamy St., Acacia Ridge 4110 Applications should be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 14th October, 1977.

POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION									
	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts		
ST. GEORGE	22	13	4	5	41	24	30		
EAGLES	22	13	4	5	54	36	30		
ANNERLEY	22	7	10	5	33	30	24		
REDLANDS	22	10	3	9	43	41	23		
RICHLANDS	22	8	6	8	37	30	22		
MERTON	22	9	4	9	29	28	22		
ST. HELENS	22	9	4	9	32	33	22		
MT. GRAVATT	22	9	4	9	32	40	22		
NORTHS	22	8	5	9	39	33	21		
S. PARK UTD.	22	8	5	9	35	32	21		
WYNNUM	22	5	8	9	31	45	18		
BARDON	22	3	3	16	23	57	9		

	TH	IRD	DIVIS	ION			
	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
DARRA	22	15	4	3	80	31	34
ROVERS	22	14	4	4	43	23	32
PINE RIVERS	22	13	4	5	57	41	30
ST. ALBANS	22	12	3	7	47	26	27
THE GAP	22	10	4	8	36	28	24
GROVELY	22	8	6	8	46	40	22
NEWMARKET	22	9	3	10	41	39	21
NORTH STAR	22	8	5	9	31	32	21
ANNERLEY	22	7	2	13	34	54	16
WIL'BURN	22	4	6	12	30	56	14
NERANG	22	5	4	13	29	61	14
BOOVAL	22	3	3	16	21	64	9

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16	23	57	9	

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	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
ST. HELENS	22	16	1	5	59	32	33
NORTHS	22	13	6	3	55	21 -	32
REDLANDS	22	12	7	3	44	28	31
EAGLES	22	13	4	5	44	31	30
ANNERLEY	22	11	1	10	48	37	23
S. PARK UTD.	22	9	4	9	34	44	22
MT. GRAVATT	22	7	7	8	35	36	21
RICHLANDS	22	8	4	10	50	42	20
WYNNUM	22	8	3	11	33	41	19
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SALISBURY	22	17	1	. 4	60	20	35	
OLYMPIC	22	15	3	4	73	38	33	
AC. RIDGE	22	15	2	5	60	28	32	
INALA	22	13	3	6	59	31	29	
BRIGHTON	22	13	3	6	55	44	29	
DARRA	22	12	1	9	56	36	25	
UNIVERSITY	21	9	3	9	49	43	21	
THE GAP	22	8	3	11	46	39	19	
TOOWONG	21	6	5	10	35	37	17	
ROVERS	22	6	3	13	28	55	15	
NEWMARKET	22	2	1	19	26	59	5	
LOGAN	22	1	_	21	12	129	2	

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
THISTLE	21	16	5	_	84	19	37
SUNNYSIDE	21	15	1	5	51	20	31
COALSTARS	22	10	5	7	42	43	25
TRIDENT	22	10	3	9	38	39	23
TARINGA	22	9	5	8	33	37	23
GOLD COAST	22	8	4	10	31	37	20
FORT. VALLEY	22	9	1	12	47	70	19
SOUTHS	22	6	6	10	37	47	18
OXLEY	22	6	6	10	26	42	18
REDCLIFFE	22	7	3	12	37	47	17
AC. RIDGE	22	6	5	11	33	47	17
MITCHELTON	22	4	6	12	32	43	14

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WYNNUM	22	10	4	8	51	41	24
NTH. STAR	22	10	3	9	45	35	23
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PADUA	22	8	4	10	41	59	20
EAGLES	22	7	4	11	40	42	18
TARINGA	22	8	2	12	29	43	18
INDUSTRIAL	22	7	3	12	30	47	17
ST. ALBANS	22	7	2	13	30	50	16
TOOWONG	22	2	2	18	15	84	6

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SIXTH DIVISION

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KINGSRIDGE	20	16	3	1	116	28	35
BAYSIDE	20	16	2	2	59	18	34
ROCHEDALE	20	15	2	3	96	27	32
DINMORE	20	11	4	5	54	27	26
NORTHSIDE	20	7	4	9	49	81	, 18
MITCHELTON	20	7	3	10	41	47	17
MT. GRAVATT	20	7	2	11	45	85	16
GROVELY	20	6	3	11	40	56	15
WACOL	20	5	2	13	41	76	12
OLYMPIC	20	4	2	14	29	70	10
ST. MICHAELS	20	1	3	16	14	96	5

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RAAF	22	16	3	3	75	20	3
ADAMS PARK	22	16	3	3	73	33	3
SALISBURY	22	14	1	7	71	40	2
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GOODNA	21	9	2	10	41	56	2
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NTH. BRIS.	22	8	2	12	39	39	1
THE GAP	21	3	4	14	36	58	11
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BRISBANE CITY

- 1 OSVALDO BORZI
- 2 IAN RATHMELL
- 4 PETER TOKESI
- 6 BRIAN KIBBEY
- 7 JOHN COYNE
- 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
- 20 KIM WISHART

Coach: NEREO SAFTICH

FOOTSCRAY

- 1 DENNIS BOLAND
- 2 ANDRIJ RISTIC
- 3 ANDREW KAZI
- 4 JIM KRIARIS
- 5 JIM KONDARIOS
- 7 JOE PALINKAS
- 8 FRANK MICIC
- 9 JOE PICIOANE
- 10 ZORAN ILIOSKI
- 11 MENDO RISTOVSKI
- 12 MIRKO RUJEVIC
- 16 JOHN NICOLAIDES
- 17 DRAGAN VASIC
- 20 MIRO LITVIN

Coach: CEDO CIRKOVIC

NEXT WEEKEND'S

- Canberra City v. Mooroolbark 4
 Fitzroy United v. St. George
- 3 Footscray v. Marconi 4
- O Sydney Olympic v. Eastern Suburbs O
- 2 Western Suburbs v. South Melbourne of
- / Brisbane Lions v. West Adelaide 4
- Adelaide City v. Brisbane City

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Marconi	24	14	6	4	38	18	34	350
E. Suburbs	24	12	10	2	50	27	34	36
Fitzroy	24	12	7	5	40	32	31	32
Adelaide City	24	12	6	6	47	27	30	31
W. Suburbs	24	10	7	.7	35	27	27	27
St. George	24	6	13	5	34	31	25	26
W. Adelaide	24	7	9	8	32	29	23	24
Footscray	24	8	6	10	30	34	22	24
Sth. Melbourne	24	7	7	10	26	32	21	22
Lions	24	8	5	11	25	37	21	23
Brisbane City	24	7	6	11	27	31	20	20
Syd. Olympic	24	7	5	12	22	35	19	20
Canberra City	24	5	6	13	19	34	16	17
Mooroolbark	24	4	5	15	27	58	13	13
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