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ST. GEORGE'S Soccerroo fullback Harry Williams bears down on Lions' midfielder Eddie Spearritt during their Phillips League match at Perry Park. Lions take on West Adelaide this Sunday, while St. George face Fitzroy United.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If these outside appointments continue, we will consider withdrawing our referees from Philips League activity."

—DES MILES, A.S.R.F. (Qld. Div.) President

LINESMAN'S VIEW

A WEEK past Tuesday the most important gathering in soccer was held at Perry Park when the presidents of all clubs were invited to gather in order that the future of the code be discussed. The meeting was a disaster, no other word could describe the outcome, such was the lethargy and lack of contribution shown by the people involved.

As most readers of this magazine will know, for sometime now concern has been shown by certain people as to where the code was going at all levels. This meeting should have been the launching pad for ideas, or even a master plan, whereby every club in the Queensland Soccer Federation could become involved in making this game the most progressive in the State.

Instead, it turned into another forum for every minor club and club official to air his views in what was wrong at his particular club level, the usual hotch-potch of complaints, experiences and good old fashioned whinges, all concerning their own small part in the overall scheme of things.

There is no doubt that in the Brisbane area we have more prospective Philips League clubs than anywhere in Australia. Almost every club official at a lower level loves to give the impression that they are only one or two seasons away from challenging Brisbane City or Lions for their national league spot. Now that a State League is being talked about the "disease" has become worse, for you can practically see the T.A.A. signs flashing in everyone's eyes at the mention of its name.

Who do these people think they are kidding, what sort of image do they have of themselves and their clubs, can't they see the forest for the trees, for, if

ever Brisbane soccer needs a good shake up it is now, and if it is not forthcoming soon there is no doubt that the Queensland Soccer Federation will be facing an almighty crisis in the near future probably the biggest since Federation fifteen years ago. That was the purpose of the meeting. Soccer in this State is at a crossroads. Strong measures are needed if anything is to be saved from the wreckage that exists below the standard of Philips League. To hear Clubs from fourth and fifth division ask how they can get into State League is absolutely ludicrous at this stage.

These clubs, many of whom have battled gamely to achieve their present status appear to feel that the unlimited exuberance they have undoubtedly shown, is enough to take them to the highest echelons of the game. They give no thought whatever to the fact that their present "set-ups" are based on a mostly amateur, fun loving philosophy with seniors and juniors all "mucking in" to make a success of the local team in a new suburb. Little do they realise the shattering impacts before them when they begin to deal with coaches and players who consider themselves good enough to be paid.

Little do they realise the feelings of "junior parents", who are members of the committee, when suddenly \$10,000 of their hard-earned income is spent on a team that can barely draw a 'gate' of 200 people on any normal weekend. With a yearly income from that team of say \$4,000, i.e. gate money, raffles, doubles and canteen they are literally being asked to vote \$6,000 down the drain. This they just won't do. Players, in their present team, loyal, true, fun loving amateurs will become hard and grasping, giving total effort if everything is to their liking, moving on if not.

This is the lot of the present first division team and it was very obvious listening to these self same clubs last Tuesday that they have little or no experience of soccer at this level.

Clubs are sending representatives along to these meetings who contribute nothing or use the occasion to get in a plug for their club. They appear to have little or no foresight beyond the lintels of their Club room doors and in doing so they are holding the game of soccer in complete and utter contempt.

There are a few devoted people in the game in Brisbane and to watch their faces as the meeting unfolded was to watch the faces of despair. One of them, Terry Brown of St. Helens, attacked the meeting twice with the challenge to look to neighbouring clubs with a view to uniting and in the unison gaining the strength and following that would enable them to compete at a higher level. For all the good he did he could have been addressing a ladies meeting in the local church hall at Ebbw Vale.

Ray Despot, Redlands president suggested that clubs, his included, were lacking in professional management. Most people looked around accusingly at someone else! Unfortunately that was the tone of the meeting, no interest unless it involved our club directly. The reader may well wonder why it is that in two and a half hours discussion the presidents of all clubs and the management committee cannot come up with something constructive. He does not wonder alone.

At the end of 2½ hours the President of the Q.S.F. finally put everyone out of their misery by turning the clock back two years. He personally elected a Steering Committee that operated two years ago. In their operating period they accomplished nothing and to be honest about the whole idea, no one in their right mind can see them accomplishing too much this time either.

Cynical? maybe, honest? yes. The men required to make a steering committee like this are not on the committee. To know what is required for the cure of soccer, men of knowledge, experience and know-how have to be co-opted so that all ideas can be applied to all levels of the code. Of the men elected there are at least four who between them could not amass sixteen years of experience in the game at one level never mind at all levels.

Just in case the reading of this paragraph appears to be an attack on individuals, it is not, it is simply aimed at the fact that the majority of the men elected

could not even begin to understand the problems besetting the code at all levels so no matter how well intentioned they are they must struggle from the word "go" and when the petty jealousies and self esteem that appear to exist in every club surfaces in voting power, no progress is practically guaranteed.

In analysing the committee it must be told that nominations were not called. The President selected the majority, one of his selections not even being present, one nomination was received from the floor, and one member asked to be elected. During all this one club stood up and complained there were too many first division representatives on the panel.

You will note that there appears to be no thought as to the "quality" of committee members based on the person's experience in the game, the level of his experience, the criteria appears to be what level of soccer is represented. Once again the thinking of the super cynical.

One of the elected members saw fit not to contribute one word to the whole proceedings yet Terry Brown who spoke so deeply, and well, wasn't considered.

That sums up the meeting that was to lay out soccer's destiny. It is to be hoped that the men of the Steering Committee will overcome their own lack of experience and be inspired and motivated to come up with some course of action that will benefit all. They have a thankless task and not too much time to accomplish this almost impossible job. For the good of soccer they have to succeed.

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THE SEMI-FINALS

ONCE again the QSF saw fit to try Saturday night as a soccer attraction and a goodly crowd of around 1,000 turned up to see the top four do battle. All camps excepting St. George appeared to have their little group of faithful supporters but once again the marginal, or neutral, spectator was conspicuous by his or her absence.

However the vocal groups gave the place an atmosphere it has lacked for weeks and Redlands and Annerley provided the entertainment first up for the right to make progress to the Preliminary Final.

The early game proved to be a bit of a flop, not so much due to lack of effort, it was just too one sided with the threat of Millman and Kelso's speed and aggression and the ball skills of ex Annerley's favourite John Deegan always playing havoc with Annerley's defensive set up. Annerley are a quandary of a side.

They are not over endowed with players of "star" quality and yet they have reached third place in the League. This performance says a lot for the tactical ability of coach Kenny Bass for without players like Rooney and Ferguson they would be a very ordinary side.

However, with Redlands pushing forward all the time the crowd were guaranteed excitement plus and that they were given with generous helpings from Kelso who, if taken in hand, could be a threat in any company. Ronnie Millman is one of the tragedies of the Brisbane system, he is fast, dangerous, a good mover on and off the ball, has his priorities all in the correct places and yet the number of times he "misses out" in a game because of a lack in the basic skill of ball control is tragedy indeed.

Deegan, Morris and Catchpole who all seem to have been around for ever played their parts admirably and the only time Dick Karreman, another veteran, was in trouble was when Gary Lovell boomed in a thirty yard free kick and was Dick in trouble, he never saw the ball. Other highlights, a tremendous hook shot from young Chris Hill with an absolutely stupendous save from Ferguson. Forgettable moments. The defensive marking when Hill scored with his header, and the attempt to clear off the line when another bounce ball sneaked into the net. Annerley will want to forget it, Redlands might just be finding form at the right time. Some of their football was bordering on the classy with quite a few moves being built up from the back instead of the usual booming long balls. St. George had

better not treat them lightly on this form.

The second game was in the true semi final tradition. St. George and Eagles lined up at full strength and Eagles even went as far as trying a bit of promotion work with some junior kids leading the players between a team of pretty young cheer leaders.

At the other end of the field? ho hum just another game to St. George, why worry about making it a big occasion. The game itself rocketed from the word go and was a credit to the conditioners of both teams. Both goalkeepers were kept busy and that's the sort of thing the fans want to see, action in the penalty box.

However it was amazing to see people leaving the ground even as early as the first half, we must assume they were diehard Annerley or Redland supporters they certainly didn't enjoy a game of soccer for the two teams were really dishing up the goods out on the field.

All around the field individual battles were taking place, Mylonas and Cochrane were having a rare old contest, in mid field Docherty, Fagan and Knott were perhaps just shading McCabe, Marszalek and Eagles new Irish import. The first half belonged to St. George who in the main dominated things taking the lead and then unluckily losing it to a rather tame penalty. However at half time Matt Carson changed Marszalek and the other Irish boy and right away Eagles began to fire.

The game now became a real ding dong affair and if any criticism has to be given it must be that everyone was trying to do everything just a little bit too quickly. Of course that's what cup ties are all about and after the extra time period was all over Eagles stood as winners.

The difference between the sides was perhaps that in losing a man early Eagles drew upon extra reserves of strength and will-power. St. George on the other hand never capitalised on the extra man, both full backs refused to commit themselves to the overlap and this meant Eagles could perform quite adequately with two front runners, Brennan's speed and mobility equating the loss of McCabe.

Marley and McCabe are both far too long in the tooth to be sent off for their retaliation act. Mind you John Woods could have lined them up and given it to them good and proper for their retaliatory kicks didn't cause any serious injury.

Congratulations to both teams, a highly entertaining game, hope the next one is as good.

TOOWOOMBA SIDELINES

Toowoomba's season, as far as premiership fixtures and grand finals for all our clubs are concerned, is over, including also a determined 'fight' by Wanderers and Rockville to reverse an executive decision over a game between Rockville and Willowburn which resulted in Wanderers losing their chance of their first premiership win in some years.

Coincidentally, Rockville were guilty of much the same offence as a club that played our own St. Albans in the Q.S.F. 3rd division, namely, the playing of a suspended player. Wanderers, through Rockville appealed against the executive decision which brought the matter before the Council of the Toowoomba and District Soccer Federation at their September meeting. The Council upheld the Executive Committee's decision and, finally, Willowburn were safe in the knowledge that they were, after all, Toowoomba's 1977 1st division Premiers.

After the storm Willowburn and Wanderers share Toowoomba's 1st division honours with Wanderers qualifying as Grand Final Champions after hammering Willowburn in a full of action Grand Final by 4-1. A great game and a fitting end to a good season for Wanderers.

For those readers who are interested in the outcome of the Toowoomba season our final results read: 1st Division Premiers — Willowburn; 1st Division Grand Final Champions — Wanderers; 2nd Division Premiers and Grand Final Champions — Toowoomba United; 3rd Division Premiers — Rockville Rovers; 3rd Division Grand Final Champions — St. Albans; and Consolation Cup winners — Dalby (1st Division).

As you can see the honours are pretty well shared among most of our clubs with Rangers, Lockyer United and Kingaroy the only clubs to miss. Well, not entirely. They will be presented with the wooden spoon awards for their individual divisions.

Following the end of the premierships and grand finals we have entered a month where Soccer has gone mad. In qualification of that statement I refer to the fact that more mid week soccer is being scheduled now than at any time in the season, as well as representative games over weekends.

Traditionally we have our annual Country versus City rounds which, already, have been played. In the first round, played at Dalby, Country held City to a draw in the senior game and put one over the City Under-21 side by winning 4-3. Come the second round City made sure of not losing again — or drawing — by beating Country 3-0 in the senior game and also in the Under-21 game by 3-2.

In between these games our juniors represented Toowoomba in games against Bankstown teams, under floodlights at the Bridge Street Oval, followed by ladies' games played by four ladies teams from Toowoomba and then a Toowoomba Colts game against St. Helens' Colts. A very varied programme highlighted by an exiting Colts game, played at a very fast pace and won, at the finals whistle by Toowoomba's Colts with a score of 5-4.

Another mid week programme of soccer is planned for this week by the Willowburn Club which will feature Willowburn's Q.S.F. 3rd Division side playing Toowoomba's Colts and 2nd Division premiers Toowoomba United pitting their skills against our 1st Division premiers, Willowburn — all under floodlights. Also over both recent weekends the Toowoomba Junior Soccer Association has been busy with the Allgas knockout tournament for juniors. A memorable tourna-

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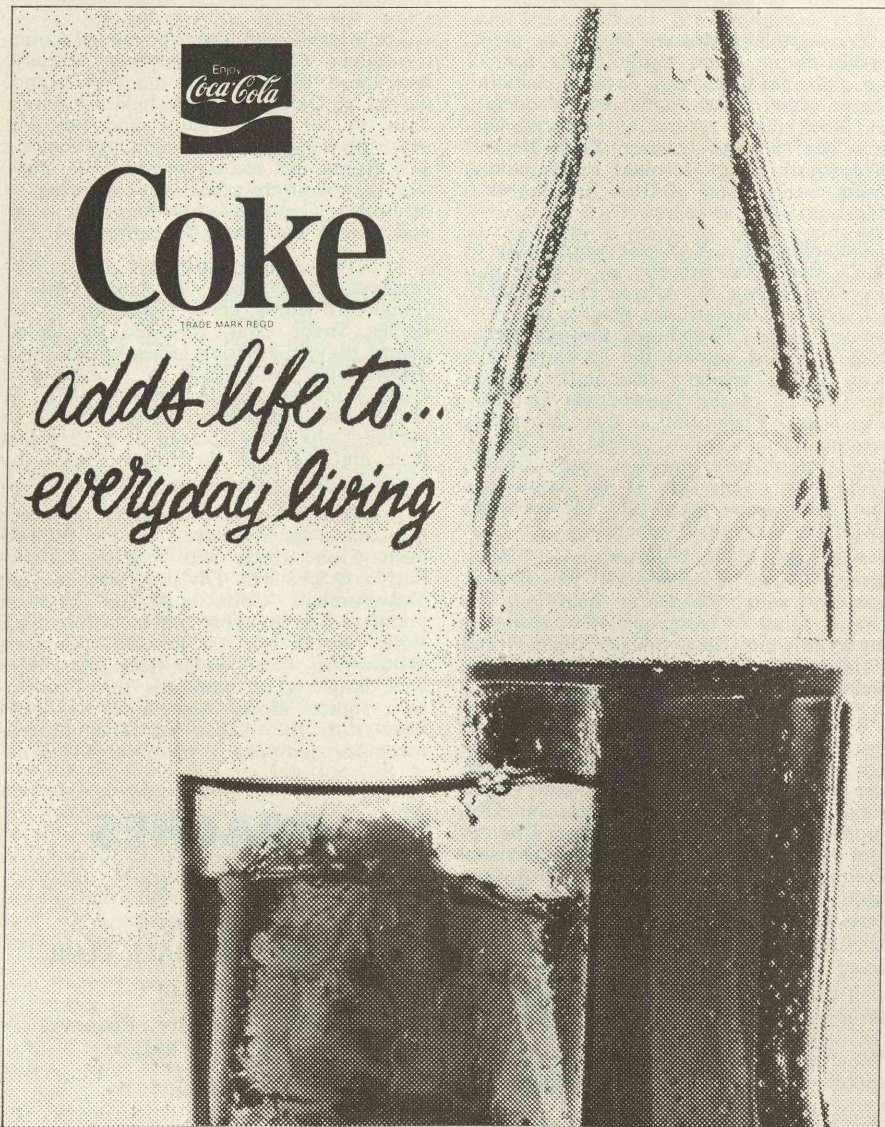
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ment which always seems to bring out the best in our junior players and this year was no exception. Unfortunately for our juniors the event didn't produce the 'gate' it did last year — probably due to the strong, cold winds blowing but for those who did attend, the juniors showed Allgas their sponsorship was not wasted.

Allgas have also entered the senior field with sponsorship and, last week, presented Toowoomba's Colts with a brand new playing uniform bearing, of course, the Allgas name on shirts and socks. A big step forward for us because Toowoomba is not noted for its sponsorship of soccer—despite the hundreds who now play the game in this area of Queensland.

Still to come in our 1977 season are the Craven 'A' Shield games between Toowoomba's top 1st Division Clubs, Willowburn and Wanderers and Stanthorpe's top Clubs, Ballendine and Carlton. This competition will see each team from Toowoomba playing each team from Stanthorpe. The team with the most points, or the most goals for, to goals against, will win the shield.

The first round will be played at Bridge Street Oval on Sunday, 18th September, in Toowoomba and the second round at Stanthorpe on the 25th September. Planned also is a Toowoomba representative game against North Star seniors, colts and juniors on the 25th and against Logan Athletic on the 2nd October, whilst on the 25th the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education's Amateur Soccer Club will be staging their own 6-a-side tournament and on the 1st October Toowoomba meet Stanthorpe in the final round of their two round Inter-City clash.

As stated earlier, a month in which soccer has gone mad — and pleased I am to be able to boast of it. A halt has to be made sometime, of course, and I don't think that is too far away even though there is plenty of talk about of trying to run a summer competition, in the evenings. With Christmas barely three months off I'll believe that when I see it.

During the off season our newly formed branch of the Queensland Soccer Coaches Federation will be kept busy satisfying requests for Soccer coaching courses, particularly in the country areas. A successful course was run last week for Dalby's juniors and Toowoomba's chief coach and branch president, Dave Ferguson and Stan Mills have been requested to return prior to the start of next season for a further spell of local

assistance. This weekend they are off to Roma and then, later on, Charleville. Next year, early on, the plan is to run a series of courses in Toowoomba for senior and junior coaches in an effort to update their coaching methods.

Toowoomba Sideliner

SOCCER LOSS

BRISBANE soccer and Wynnum in particular lost a good friend last Saturday evening when the popular George Fowler passed away in his sleep. George, a club worker of the old style, only knew one way to help his first love Wynnum, that was to get his sleeves up and in the colloquial language of his native England, get mucked in. He represented the club for many years as a Council delegate and though he would sit quietly most of the time he was not afraid to voice an opinion when he thought it necessary. However one had to visit Hemmant to see George in his element, he would tackle any job on the ground, be it taking gate money or serving a beer to a thirsty fan.

George's death came as a shock to most people who knew him and not only will he be sadly missed by all his friends in the soccer world but the Wynnum club will search long and hard to come up with such a dedicated worker. A gentleman of the old school we salute him in his passing. GO SOCCER's thoughts go out to his friends and relations in their bereavement.

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GOLD COAST NOTES

DOLPHINS marched straight into the Grand Final on September 25th after an exciting 3-2 win over near rivals City in the major semi-final after extra time.

At the time of writing, the result of the Preliminary Final is unknown but whether their opponents are City or Athletic a big crowd is assured and local officials are enthusiastic about the prospect of a bumper day.

Radio station 2MW is doing a direct broadcast of the game and soccer followers believe this to be a great step forward and something to be envied as they do not know of another area where this will be done including the capital city.

A full programme of curtain-raisers is planned for the day and it includes matches between various groups of referees. "This will give the public a chance to see how the game should be played." — a local prominent referee was heard to say.

One thing that amazed the spectators at the semi-finals was that Dolphins commenced the game with only ten men.

City went to an early lead when McKenzie put Malkin away and he lobbed the ball gently over the advancing March.

They held this lead until half time and

shortly afterwards went further ahead when McKenzie got clear and on the breakaway gave March, in the Dolphins goal, no chance.

At this stage with City leading 2-0 everyone expected them to close the game up and run out easy winners but again the unexpected happened.

Wally Kitching got one back for Dolphins. Then from a free kick on the edge of the penalty area Eddy Dwight got the equalizer and from that moment on all spectators were on the edge of their seats as both sides desperately tried for the winner.

The scores were level at the end of the regulation 90 minutes and shortly after being on the extra twenty minutes Gilbert Dufaux put Dolphins ahead and the score remained 3-2 until the end.

There were many post mortems on the game but the majority agreed a side leading 2-0 should win the game.

The knock out semi final saw another win for the still improving Athletic team over the hapless Palm Beach.

Athletic went to an early lead and then Terry Haase got a quick equalizer for Palm Beach.

From that point on the game saw from end to end until shortly after half time when Con Pizzol scored twice to give Athletic a lead that Palm Beach could not overtake and thus ended their 1977 season.

One of the most interesting soccer carnivals played was at Hunt Park last

weekend when twenty teams of girls competed for the Kev Bassett trophy.

The attitude that the girls showed and the skills that they displayed were a credit to the game and they showed a refreshing approach the men would do well to follow.

BRISBANE CITY v FOOTSCRAY

THOSE of us who are addicted to TV soccer whether it be British or our own Philips League brand knew that last Sunday was a test day for Brisbane soccer.

During the week we had seen Footscray and Adelaide City playing a classic game of football with only Dixie Dean's opportunism deciding the issue in Adelaide's favour. Footscray, a team of football purists who many say lack the necessary "dig" up front came to Brisbane and all discerning eyes knew that only one of City's better displays stood between them and a hiding.

It wasn't to be and though the score shows 3-1 in Footscray's favour there the "closeness" ends, for if ever a team were outclassed, out-thought and out-paced in every facet of the game it was at Perry Park last Sunday. Footscray were superb, a tribute to their club, their coach and themselves. The manner in which they clinically executed City bodes well for their future in Philips League and sounded out a warning for City that better be heeded, or else.

The difference in the two teams was considerable. Footscray had eleven tradesmen pushing the ball around from man to man with such assurance that it reminded the spectator of some of the games played by overseas sides against our local Queensland battlers. They moved all over the field in little triangles constantly aiding and abetting each other very seldom, if ever, being caught in possession and if so certainly not in the danger area.

Their "slack" moments could be counted on one hand, twice in the first half when Larry Gaffney found himself completely unmarked, dead centre in front of goal and played the ball right into goalkeeper Boland's arms. In the second half, when leading 2-0 they eased off and began to hold the ball and it was then City scored. This lone counter acted like a sting and very quickly the two goal lead was restored by some beautiful football and it

was now the Perry Park crowd began to show spontaneous applause for mid field play of the highest calibre, the first time it's been heard for years.

Thank you Footscray, soccer is a simple game when played well, only the players add the degree of difficulty. No one starred in the Melbourne team, they were all top class team men.

What about City? Everything has gone. From the most exciting Brisbane team for years they have deteriorated into a group of individuals. "Kesson's marauders" have become "Saftich's loners" they don't look like a team, don't play like a team and what is worse they are deteriorating to such an extent that they are no longer attractive in defeat.

Echeverria, who was probably the most gifted mid fielder to come to Brisbane ever is being absolutely wasted as a sweeper. Any player who has an above average ability can perform as a free back but a good sweeper must have the ability to organise a defence. This Roberto does not have but he has the ability to create the unexpected and therefore must be played in mid field. Hermiston on the other hand has all the attributes and experience of a top class defender and also the talent to bring out the best in other lesser players around him.

Pimblett is a great playmaker and as such should never be out of a team, Gaffney is the perfect foil for these two, buzzing and backing up the attack when called upon.

These three made up one of the finest mid fields in the country sixteen weeks ago, but a man with two cork eyes could tell you that since then the boys have changed. The blunt truth is they don't appear fit and it is a pity for these three could have taken on any mid field trio in the country.

Remember what they did to Rooney, Richards and Byrne when Kesson threw them in at the deep end first game of the

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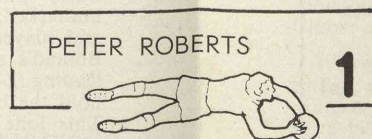
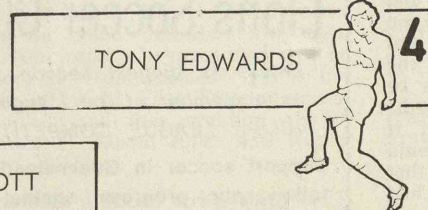
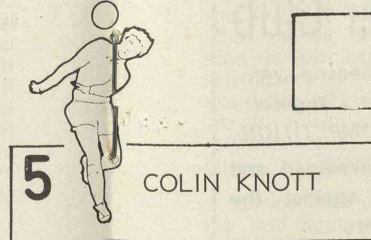
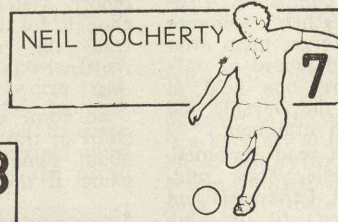
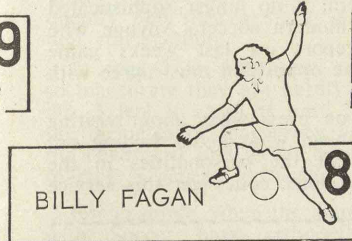
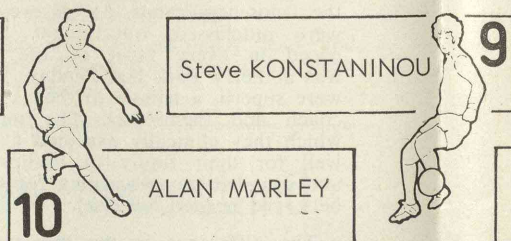
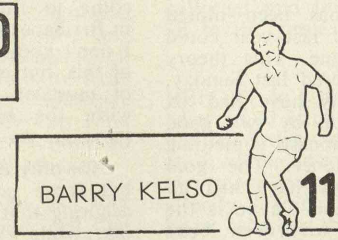
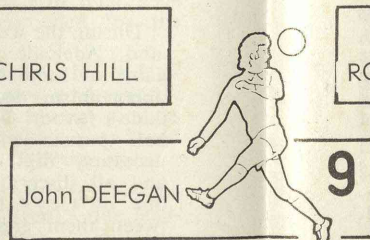
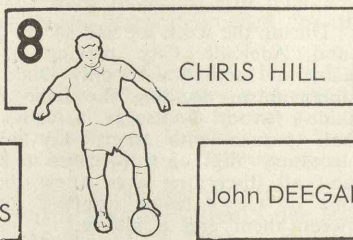
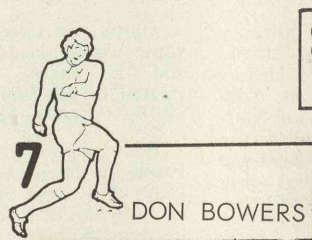
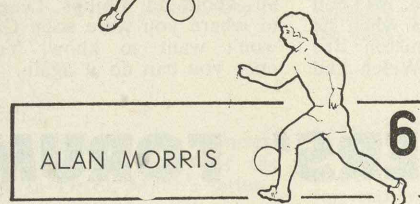
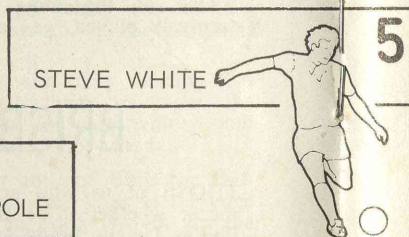
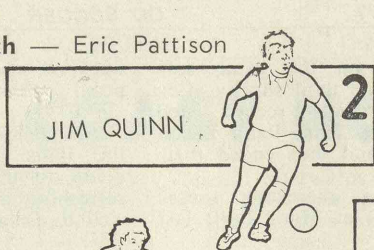
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season. It is four or five weeks since it was suggested that City's problem may lie at the training field and Sunday's game did nothing to dispel this thought.

Coyne ran his guts out on Sunday, Hermiston tried very hard, but the man is the best sweeper in the country and that's where he should be played. McLeod showed the professional touches when he came on. Tokesi misses Hermiston like any man would miss Racquel Welch and

Echeverria is a mid fielder playing out time as a sweeper. Larry Gaffney had his worst game of the year and one need go no further.

City, disjointed, disorganised and playing like a kickabout team in the street were given a lesson on what soccer is all about in Philips League. Get back to where you were soon City or the fans won't want to know. You've done it once you can do it again.

READERS' FORUM

Dear Sir,

In recent weeks it has been hinted that City's "old team" of last year could perform in Philips League. This theory was well and truly shattered last Sunday. In the last fortnight City have had six goals scored against them by two good footballing sides so obviously something is wrong with the defence. The goal scoring problem that they have had all year is still with them and Coyne is the only forward they have who even looks the part. Their great midfield of seasons start is shattered anyway so if Nereo Saftich had any ideas of competing "Brisbane players" against their southern counterparts he'd better forget them after last weekend. Their proud record of only having conceded at most one goal at Perry Park has gone by the wayside and with it any more foolish argument.

City's back line should read Rathmell, Hermiston, Tokesi, Lavelle. Their midfield should read Pimblett, Echeverria and Gaffney and if they aren't fit the club management should ask why. The forward line should read Conner, Coyne and McLeod with Caldwell and Johnson on the bench. With a performing defence and active midfield the onus would be on the forwards to come up with the goals or else. The two substitutes are forwards! That speaks for itself. Next season is only one game away and a drive should be made for new players in order that pressure be created. Who knows if it had been done mid season, Kesson may still have been there, City may still have been Brisbane's best and may even have been in the top four of a nation-wide tournament. Oh, well, this is the stuff that dreams are made with.

John Williamson,
Goodna

Dear Sir,

Having read 90% of the newspaper reports on the First Division matches

and fixtures this season, I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the press in Brisbane is biased towards certain clubs, I don't know whether the press are aware of this, but in my opinion and the opinion of most of the soccer supporters I talk with, the bias does exist and is not paranoia on my part.

Not only does there appear to be a bias but some newspaper reports are so inaccurate that they are hardly worth reading, while realising that the two dailies do not employ a large soccer reporting staff, I think that the "you send us your report" system, is no longer sophisticated enough for modern soccer. Anyone who reads the report on last weeks game written by the opposition must agree with this.

So come on press what about visiting clubs at training, what about finding out about some of the personalities in the game. If the other codes get this service

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why can't soccer, maybe more staff are needed for a service that is essential. If the soccer scene has to change to survive then so will those who report it.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Mann, Gailles

EDITOR'S REPLY

As the Soccer writer for The Courier-Mail, I take exception to many of the comments made in Derek Mann's letter.

He claims there is a strong feeling that the press in Brisbane is biased towards certain clubs. I for one do not have any special leanings towards a particular Club or Clubs, but felt it only fair to write stories on occasions about Southside Eagles and Wynnum, the only two First Division Clubs which regularly contacted me personally with team information.

From memory, Derek Mann has contacted me only once this season, and that was very recently when he replied to comments made in The Telegraph by Matt Carson. The Courier-Mail subsequently published a story as a result of that conversation.

In regard to newspaper reports being so inaccurate they are hardly worth reading, I feel it again is only fair he state the incidents of inaccuracy and to name the newspaper and writer concerned when making a general criticism of the press.

For example, when the many concerned with Soccer have criticised the First Division standard this year, they don't specifically mean St. George, or any other Club, is the main offender. The "you send us your reports" system may not be satisfactory or "sophisticated" but is unavoidable when 12 First Division teams are involved, and that situation applies to coverage of Aussie Rules and Rugby Union in Brisbane.

Having been a Soccer writer since 1965, the last eight years on a fulltime basis, I feel I am well versed in the various personalities who comprise the First Division competition, without having to visit Clubs at training.

It's worth remembering, thanks to the Philips League, we have managed to promote some personalities this year, who have become recognisable names to those outside the Soccer sphere. I refer to the Hermistons, Bennetts, Fagans, Spearritts, Gaffneys, etc. even though the usual

complaint from Soccer people is that they are sick of hearing about those particular players.

Mr. Mann is quite right. The Soccer scene has to change, but so too does the attitude of those closely connected with the game, whose responsibility it is to promote a better liaison between it and the press.

Bruce Waddell

CONGRATULATIONS to Billy Fagan, winner of the Courier-Mail Best and Fairest Award. Billy, who in the past was far too volatile for his own good has quietened down to a cool, calm and collected mid fielder who contributes his all to the game. A well deserved award.

—oOo—

REPORT in southern papers investigating what could happen or rather should happen in Sydney concerning the amalgamation of the five clubs and others to form two super teams. With two Sydney clubs already leading in present league don't know whether this is a good idea. However no doubt they'll have to do something with Wests drawing an average crowd of 700. Croatia in first division regularly play to 2,000 people.

—oOo—

GRANGE THISTLE accomplished their 'mission' in the best way possible. Undefeated in the complete round of fixtures is a hard act to follow, but makes another bit of history for the club. It's been done before in first division but back in the days when there were only eight teams.

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POINTS to PONDER

CUMBERLAND Cup finished with success for Acacia Ridge who beat Oxley. Strange thing about this competition was that although second division clubs were introduced this season to add interest in fact it was three out of the bottom four who reached the semi finals and finals. Darra, newly promoted from third division couldn't beat any of the second division clubs, losing their play off to Redcliffe.

—oOo—

THE game served up in recent Channel 0 Philips League Soccer, Footscray v. Adelaide City should be shown to every coach in Australia. This was classic entertainment from two teams dedicated entirely to attack. Seven good goals were scored, innumerable chances were created, both teams led at one time or other and wonder of wonders both coaches were interviewed after the game and none of them were whingeing. Main thing, neither was the crowd, who must have loved every minute of this classic.

—oOo—

RACE is on for \$500 in Philips League goal scorers. Dixie Deans of Adelaide City is showing the way scoring seven goals in two games recently to take over as front runner. Deans and Terry Smith his nearest challenger both scored a single last week to stay as is, with one game to go.

—oOo—

SATURDAY night football is a winner, Grange Thistle, Spencer Park, Redlands, Annerley, St. George and Eagles can now vouch for this fact. Wonder why some enterprising club (are there any?) didn't latch on to this at the seasons beginning.

—oOo—

LAST weeks GO SOCCER reported an enthusiastic reaction to news of a reserve team championship victory. Find it very hard to believe anyone other than the players and coach involved enthusing over that piece of news. Most "reserve" teams wouldn't even carry a player who could challenge for a place in the top team. In fact this is the area that should be under scrutiny by the powers that be for most clubs choose to ignore it as a necessary evil.

TWO of Brisbanes' most experienced players probably did themselves out of a preliminary final or a Grand final spot last Saturday night. Alan Marley and Jim McCabe both got their "marching orders" for the same offence, deliberately kicking a player from behind. Retaliation maybe. Justified maybe. One thing for sure they didn't leave referee Woods with any alternative. Wonder if the Disciplinary Committee will "see the light." Doubt it very much, though kicks didn't do any lasting damage.

—oOo—

COACH Carson obviously very pleased when Marley "copped it." Wonder why? An eye for an eye, or just plain old fashioned relief as Marley was very obviously a "thorn in the side" of his defence.

—oOo—

GOOD to see clubs like Mt. Gravatt electing a keen Publicity Officer who sells the club. Club obviously doing sterling work in the area with their Garden City promotions and local "watering hole" appearances at the Newnham Hotel. Only one thing Paul, we all know first Division is here, it's been here for a while. It's how long it'll last that worries us if the standard of soccer doesn't pick up very soon. It's easy to have a first Division. Whether it is doing its job as a feeder for Phillips League is another story!

—oOo—

LIONS have West Adelaide at home this weekend and a win will mean the team has amassed 18 points from a possible 26 during the second half of the season. This is a splendid performance and it's to be hoped they carry it over to next season.

—oOo—

ADELAIDE is now without doubt soccers' leading city in Australia. Last weekend a massive 10,000 people paid to watch the two local teams play a 2-2 draw and when they last met they were watched by 18,000. Australia drew 20,000 when they played there so the men in the ivory tower in Sydney must be wondering. CITY will have to watch their P's and Q's this weekend. They visit Adelaide to meet the Dixie Deans inspired Adelaide City who will be all out to ensure Dixie claims

his goal scoring prize. Wonder how Hemmiston will treat his old adversary for there is no doubt he'll be back at centre back. Should be an interesting tussle.

—oOo—

RUMOUR doing the rounds that Brisbane City have "fixed up" a coach for next season. Rumour has it he is a Sydneysider, Italian, presently understudy to top Sydney man. Still no official verification, but story is very strong.

—oOo—

LES Schienflug being quoted as firm

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favourite for plum southern job of South Melbourne. Les, who is just beginning to see the fruits of his labours at Lions would be a sore loss to Brisbane soccer but as a full-time professional he must go where "the loot" is greatest.

—oOo—

FUNNY how Greek clubs, reputedly the big spenders of Australian soccer can't get it all together to form a winning combination. Must be a worry to Philips League administrators as a winning "Greek" side would add thousands to the weekly turnover.

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CALL FOR CURRAN

SYDNEY — Col. Curran, the socceroo's most wanted man for the demanding World Cup matches ahead, will be available for the remaining Asia/Oceania elimination matches.

A release request by National coach Jimmy Shoulder to Curran's employers, Gretley Colliery, a division of Peko Wallsend Mining Group, has been approved.

Curran is delighted with the prospect of again playing for the National team.

"I will be available for selection in both away trips in late October and November," the forceful fullback said.

"It is up to Jimmy Shoulder when he needs me, with the Australia-Kuwait game coming up on October 16 as well."

Curran's return to the National scene became a must when trainee physical education teacher, Harry Williams, became unavailable for the away trip to Hong Kong and Seoul next month due to examinations.

However Williams has been cleared for matches in Kuwait City and Tehran on Saturday 19 and Friday 25 November.

Informed opinion feel that nowhere on the Australian horizon is there another left back with the prowess of either Curran or Williams.

Curran also possesses the ability to completely handle the right back position as demonstrated for Western Suburbs this season in the Philips League.

This should mean that both he and Williams could appear in defence on the second trip.

In addition, Curran can play as a forceful defensive mid fielder with a testing shot.

Certainly his availability has increased Australia's chance of being in the finals in Argentina next June, although Iran are ahead by one point from an equal three games at this stage.

Jim Shoulder returned to Sydney from Perth on Tuesday after assessing under 23 International, Fauro Iozelli for a defensive place.

Already in his squad is Adrian Alston,

who will be fighting hard for a forward place in the final team.

Since returning temporarily from the United States, Alston's big problem has been how to show his wares in better company than struggling Canberra City.

In the past, his rocketing shots have been a great advantage to the Australian team, but it is unlikely that Shoulder will select both he and Peter Ollerton in the one line-up.

Marconi striker, Ernie Campbell is in doubt for the next squad now that Alston has been added.

Shoulder is not believed to be satisfied that outstanding defender Doug Utjesenovic could handle the World Cup stresses following a long recovery period from his knee operation.

Shoulder has few illusions about the after effects of surgery, after a knee problem ruled him out from a continued full time career in English professional soccer.

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WEST ADELAIDE SOCCER CLUB

Club History & Information

THE West Adelaide (Hellas) Soccer Club was founded in 1949 by Adelaide's Greek Community and was known as 'Olympic.'

1964—WON the Ampol Cup and the Federation Cup

1966—STATE League Champions

1967—WON the Federation Cup

1968—STATE League Champions and Ampol Cup Winners

1969—STATE League Champions

1970 AMPOL Cup Winners and Coca-Cola Challenge Cup Winners

1971—STATE League Champions and Ampol Cup Winners

1972 AMPOL Cup Winners

1973—STATE League Champions

1974—COCA-COLA Challenge Cup Winners

1975—AMPOL Cup Winners and Coca-Cola Challenge Cup Winners

1976—STATE League Champions and Ampol Cup Winners

West Adelaide has been South Australia's most successful Club over the past 10 years. It was first admitted to the State League in 1962 and promoted to the first Division in 1964. Patron of the Club is Premier Don Dunstan and the home ground is Hindmarsh Stadium. The Club has recently moved into its administrative headquarters in a \$1m complex in Adelaide.

BIG MONEY MEN

LONDON, Those who have questioned the wisdom of spending 440,000 sterling (695,200 AUST. DOLLARS) on a football player need only look at the rise of Kenny Dalglish, now of Liverpool, and the decline of his old club Celtic for an answer.

Dalglish who signed for that huge sum at the start of the English soccer season to replace Kevin Keegan in the Liverpool attack, looks set to repay every penny Europe's top club paid for him.

He scored Liverpool's only goal — a brilliant dipping shot over seven opponents — in the tough 1-1 draw away to Ipswich on Saturday to take his tally to six in seven matches and keep the champions locked together with Manchester City at top on the first division table.

In contrast Celtic of Glasgow, the team Dalglish led to the Scottish League and Cup double last season, have been in the doldrums since his departure. They have taken only one point from five League matches and after their defeat against leaders Aberdeen, they are placed second from bottom on the Premier Division Table.

Manager Jock Stein will no doubt want to spend some of the Dalglish fortune to find new talent.

Manchester City, the English League Leaders on goal difference, have also been

big spenders — Mick Channon cost them 330,000 sterling (521,400 AUST.) from Southampton — and they consolidated their title bid with a 1-1 draw away to Queens Park Rangers.

Considering that City have never won at Loftus Road in the First Division, the result was a good one for them. But much of the attention was focused on Rangers' midfielder Gerry Francis, whose career has been hampered by injuries for the past 15 months.

Playing before England's caretaker Manager Ron Greenwood, Francis was constantly impressive and scored the 35th-minute equaliser from ten yards. The former England skipper must have convinced Greenwood that he is ready for an International Recall.

Nottingham Forest, who joined the spending spree in midweek by forking out 270,000 sterling (426,000 AUST.) for former England Goalkeeper Peter Shilton, remain among the early pace-makers on their return to the First Division.

Forest jumped to third place on the table with a comfortable 2-0 home win against Aston Villa, although Shilton was hardly tested on his debut by an out-of-touch Villa, sadly missing Scottish International Andy Gray.

Sir Alf Ramsay, the man who guided England to the World Cup in 1966, saw

Birmingham win their second successive match under his temporary management as they overcame a struggling Newcastle 3-0.

Ray Graydon, signed from Aston Villa at the start of the season, scored his first two goals for Coventry in their 2-1 home win against Middlesbrough, while Tom Richie was another two-goal marksman as Bristol City gained a morale-boosting 3-2 win over Westham.

Malcolm MacDonald scored his first League goal of the season for Arsenal, who won 2-1 at home to lowly Leicester, and Chris Garland chalked up his first for 21 months as Chelsea silenced a 54,000 crowd at Old Trafford with a surprise 1-0 win over Manchester United, so impressive against St. Etienne of France the previous week.

Bolton and Tottenham Hotspur, respective 2-0 winners away to Sunderland and Blackpool, make the pace in the Second Division where newly-promoted Crystal Palace still surprise. Palace, continuing the benefit from the goal-scoring exploits of the explosive Rachid Harkouk, are 3rd on the table after beating Sheffield United 2-0 away.

DOCHERTY WITH DERBY

LONDON, Tommy Docherty, who led Manchester United to triumph in the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup Final in May, became manager of Derby County — only two days after it was reported that he had agreed to join Norwegian Champions Lillestrom as chief coach.

Docherty was sacked by United during the summer following publicity about his relations with the wife of the club's physiotherapist.

Derby, who were English League Champions two years ago, have made a disastrous start this season, and are 21st of the 22 teams in the first division. Their 2-2 draw at home with Leeds was Derby's sixth game of the season without a win.

There has been speculation for some time that their young manager Colin Murphy would be replaced.

Derby's Chairman George Hardy said: "We have offered Tommy Docherty a three-year contract."

Docherty arrived at the ground after last Saturday's match to complete the details, but Murphy may stay with Derby. "Tommy has expressed an interest in keeping him on as his assistant," Hardy

Derby appointed Murphy "caretaker" last December when Dave Mackay left the club, but shortly afterwards Mackay's predecessor Brian Clough was asked to

return. Clough decided to stay with Nottingham Forest whom he guided to promotion from first division two last season.

Docherty said on radio that Lillestrom had agreed to release him from his contract.

"When I phoned them to explain I would rather stay in England they agreed to tear up the contract immediately."

PAYING HIS WAY

LONDON, Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool's 450,000 sterling (711,000 Aust. Dollars) close season signing from Glasgow Celtic, is joint leading scorer in the English First Division following his goal in the 1-1 draw at Ipswich last Saturday.

LEADING SCORERS:-

DIVISION ONE:

6 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Ian Wallace (Coventry City), Peter Withe (Nottingham Forest.)

DIVISION TWO:

7 John Duncan (Tottenham Hotspurs)
6 Rachid Harkouk (Crystal Palace)
5 Michael Flanagan (Charlton Athletics),
Vic Halom (Oldham), Bob Hatton (Blackpool), Jimmy Husband (Luton).

DIVISION THREE:

8 Bob Gough (Colchester), Danny Westwood (Gillingham)
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For the winner, Go Soccer will present half a dozen bottles of champagne from

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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 McCabe; Annerley- Mal Oakes; Richlands-Ian Lawrie; St. Helens-Glen McKeand; North Brisbane-Kas Biedak; Merton- Russell Griffiths; Redlands- Ron Millman; Spencer Park-Gary Clifford; Mt. Gravatt-John Stewart; Wynnum-Peter Edwards; Bardonia-Sam Mancini.

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- 3 GEORGE POTTER
- 4 COL BENNETT
- 5 ALAN NIVEN
- 6 ROY DRINKWATER
- 7 IAIN FAGAN
- 8 PAUL LASLO
- 9 JOHN NEALE
- 10 JOHN OGDEN
- 12 IAN LAWRIE
- 14 ALAN VENABLES
- 15 IAN PARK
- 16 GEOFF MORRIS
- 17 EDDIE SPEARRITT
- 18 TOM MURRAY
- 20 PHIL DANDO

Coach: LES SCHEINFLUG

WEST ADELAIDE

- 1 MARTIN CROOK
- 2 STEVE AMOS
- 3 BARRY REYNOLDS
- 4 NEIL McGACHEY
- 5 LUCKY VAGIANOS
- 7 JOHN KOSMINA
- 8 DAVID JONES
- 10 PETER BOYLE
- 11 IAN MCGREGOR
- 12 NICK PANTELIS
- 13 TED DE LYSTER
- 14 GORDON McCULLOCH
- 16 ALEX ZERVAS
- 20 SAM SERVICE

Coach: BILLY BIRCH

WHAT A HIDING

LONDON — Sporle Youth Club set a new record in their Norfolk Youth Soccer League when they were beaten 43-0 by neighbouring Melton Constable, last weekend.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
E. Suburbs	25	13	10	2	52	28	36
Marconi	25	14	7	4	38	18	35
Fitzroy	25	12	8	5	40	32	32
Adelaide City	25	12	7	6	49	29	31
W. Suburbs	25	10	7	8	36	29	27
St. George	25	6	14	5	37	34	26
W. Adelaide	25	7	10	8	34	31	24
Footscray	25	9	6	10	33	35	24
Lions	25	9	5	11	26	37	23
Sth. Melbourne	25	7	8	10	27	33	22
Brisbane City	25	7	6	12	28	34	20
Syd. Olympic	25	7	6	12	25	38	20
Canberra City	25	5	7	13	20	35	17
Mooroolbark	25	4	5	16	27	59	13