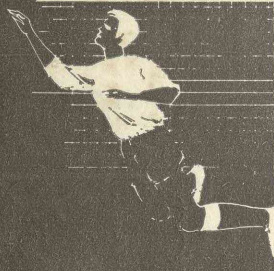




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*LOCAL lad Kevin Caldwell, seen here in action against Canberra City, gets his share of knocks from Brisbane supporters. Not a bad reply — performed in last two matches, with two goals against Lions and one against Adelaide City. Go get 'em Kevin.*

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

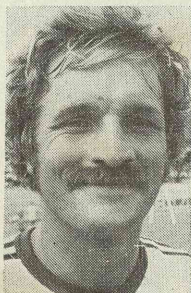
*"That's the best two bucks I've spent all season."*

—North Brisbane coach, Brian Addison,  
after City-Lions Cup match

## The Coach's Viewpoint

By  
Queensland  
Director of  
Coaching

DENIS FORD



MY first year as Director of Coaching in Queensland has been an exciting and fruitful one.

In co-operation with the Queensland Soccer Coaches' Federation, approximately 600 people have attended coaching courses for coaches during the year. These courses have been conducted throughout Brisbane and the rest of Queensland. Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Maryborough, Stanthorpe, Mackay, Toowoomba, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Sunshine Coast, Mt. Isa and Townsville have all requested and been sent coaches to run courses.

At present two courses are organised for the close season — a preliminary award course at Tallebudgera and a senior award course at Perry Park, where Jimmy Shoulder, the national coach, will be in attendance for most of the week. The rewards of the work being put into the coaching of coaches will not be seen immediately, but is something that will be visible in the playing standards of the years to come.

Another important change which has taken place during the season is the introduction of six-a-side Soccer for the under 7 and under 8s. This has been a controversial move but I believe a most worthwhile one. Far too many children are

reaching adolescence lacking in the basic body movements and techniques necessary to play this highly skilful game.

They have not got these skills partly because they have been playing 11-a-side, where either they stand about doing nothing or they chase the ball over long distances (30 yards is a long way for a seven year old to run), in the hope that they will get a kick. At least with six-a-side they have less distance to run, have an average three times more contact with the ball and have more chance of shooting and scoring a goal.

Certain rule changes are going to be necessary to improve the six-a-side. These changes are necessary, because in this game some people run children's sport for their own ego and not for the children themselves. They boast about the number of premierships and grand finals they have won instead of teaching the children the skills of the game, and allowing them to have FUN and ENJOYMENT.

Thank goodness these people are in a minority. Hopefully next season we will see a lessening of sideline abuse and destructive criticism of these young children. Club officials should NOT allow these archaics to continue. They should hold pre-season meetings with parents, coaches and managers and tell them the harm some of their shouting does to these kids.

The aim of junior clubs is not necessarily to win premiership trophies now but to ensure that their players are the senior players of the future. This is a DEFINITION of SUCCESS at junior level. On the senior side it has been a disappointing season, with the State side playing only one representative match. This was against the Australian Capital Territory, resulting in a 4-1 win.

There can be no doubt Queensland

can turn out a State side which would give a decent game to any foreign opposition. The Queensland Soccer supporters are used to turning up at Perry Park. I'm sure they would come and watch a top Queensland side play a top English club side. All in all it has been a good season for the code. The Philips League has given

it a tremendous boost so let's hope the success of this competition grows in the years to come. Next season should see the two Brisbane teams in the top half of the table. Let's also hope the proposed State League gets off the ground. Such a move would certainly establish Queensland as a top Soccer State in Australia.

## LINESMAN'S VIEW

TO all intents and purposes Philips League is over for the season. This week we would like to reflect, analyse and perhaps air our hopes and fears for the embryo idea that has finally manifested itself into reality.

### Success Factor — CROWDS

Whether the initial year has been a success or not is a very debatable point. If, in analysing the crowd dispersion, success can be measured, the league has been an outstanding success in Adelaide where crowds upwards of 8,000 have been regularly attracted. Brisbane has had good results in this area too with an average crowd of between 2500-5000 attending regularly but of course it could be argued that six years ago first division clubs could attract the lower amount of people to a double header so it would be more precise to say Philips League re-kindled interest in soccer in Brisbane

Melbourne had mixed results. Certainly at the time of the guest stars they were pulling their fair share of huge gates but as these expensive visitors returned overseas so did the crowds diminish once more. Sydney has been a failure. It is obvious that the entry of the five clubs with no apparent thought to what crowd attraction they have was a mistake.

Soccer in Sydney doesn't need crowds, that has been apparent for years as thousands of dollars have been spent yearly with no thought to the financial return on match days. The clubs have become the expensive toys of rich men and retain the ethnic ancestry of these men with the lame excuse that their "support" won't have it any other way. If these self same clubs had a "support" worth catering for it wouldn't be so had but most of them are flat out attracting 2,000 people on any weekend. In a city of almost 3,000,000 people this isn't good enough and the sooner something is done about it by the power men of Philips League the better for their "baby".

### PLAYING STANDARD

The playing standard has improved all round the country of that there is no doubt. The league which was mooted by some to be a "one horse race" in this case meaning Sydney domination, proved the cynics wrong. When one takes in the final league standings it is true that the top two teams are Sydney based but it would be wrong to say they completely dominated the league. Hakoah, the winners, stuck by their import policy but perhaps it would be honest to say that they did upgrade the standard of import.

Marconi's coach Rasic is quoted, rightly or wrongly, as saying his young strikers cost him the championship but has still to be admired for giving them a go. The

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Adelaide teams surprised everyone except themselves) they have been pleading for decentralisation for years) but it took a class import, Dixie Deans, to bring the team to fruition with his splendid goal contribution.

Fitzroy kept the "Olympus flame" burning by coming good in the second half of the season to finish a great third. Once again we find they had to do some shrewd buying to amass the necessary talent but at least they scoured the local scene in Melbourne to do so.

So in the case of the top four only one team, Marconi, stuck by their original eleven with a guest player from Italy ousting young Gary Byrne for some time. An examination of the other clubs will show an increase in overseas imports and in cases where money is tight, local talent being given a go. There are many cases where team performance has improved no end with the arrival of an import or two no better example than our own Brisbane Lions. Footscray are another example of this where an experienced striker acted as a catalyst to the team.

Playing standard has improved no doubt mostly by imports but the goal has been set for youngsters.

#### ADMINISTRATIONS

Club administrations have been severely tested by the innovation of Philips League mainly due to the professionalism involved. Most clubs still use the amateurish committee system or are affected directly by a committee but during the season there has been a swing towards professional management. In mid-season the League had to withstand an assault from within when coaches were given the axe at the drop of a hat. This was more apparent in the struggling clubs but that obviously wasn't the criteria as John Warren and Les Schienflug were two who retained their places. Mostly the sackings could be attributed to panicking administrators desperate for results but then again they get a great example set overseas by some of the supposed world greats.

How an administration can select a coach and then sack him as unsuitable seven weeks later is amazing.

#### THE FUTURE

Philips League can no longer appeal to the inquisitive instincts of the soccer fan. From this point on only one word covers what is required, improvements. If we take the three factors already discussed and make improvements in all of them the league will go from strength to strength. People are what the game is all about and to get them in we have got to examine the present strata of public

interest. People today are at their most populous in the middle classes. They have more money in their pockets than ever before and today it is no surprise to see your next door neighbour, who may be a bus driver, drive out of his yard on a Friday evening with his big car packed full with the family, towing a boat or caravan, off for the weekend. On the other hand he may not be the outdoor type and sit on his favourite lounge chair, with a few beers watching his large screen colour T.V. set. This is true competition and soccer clubs have got to compete or finish up like our Sydney P.S.L. clubs, huge incomes from clubs, huge club memberships, big name players (Australian standard) and winning teams, playing in front of 500 people at the weekend. We have got to become entertainment units, administrators have got to become entrepreneurs, players have got to become show business personalities and if this is done maybe, just maybe, with lots of hard work, dedication and salesmanship the crowd across Australia will be up to Adelaide standards. A top Sydney soccer man just back from a world tour wants to send someone to America to learn what it's all about. Wonder why he's taking so long to see the light, however better late than never. Roll on next season.

*Insideman.*

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## TOOWOOMBA SIDELINES

Toowoomba Socceros suffered another humiliation from Stanthorpe on Sunday, 18th September, on their own ground when Stanthorpe clubs, Ballandean and Carlton defeated top Toowoomba clubs, Willowburn and Wanderers, 5-1 and 3-0 in the first round of the Craven 'A' Shield Tournament.

High scores apart the games were not quite as one sided as it would appear. Each provided a full ninety minutes of determined effort by all clubs and plenty of entertaining Soccer for the spectators. However, the more mature and experienced Stanthorpe players benefited from their shooting ability whenever the opportunities were there, whereas Toowoomba's players were unable to control the ball sufficiently well within shooting range to capitalise on their chances.

Comparing the players of both Federations it must be admitted that youth and an abundance of energy are not the secret for success, alone. Accurate passing and the creation of scoring opportunities by drawing your opponents defence and opening gaps by a controlled build-up in attack are equally as important.

I think Toowoomba's young players will have learned from these games but the question is, will they have had sufficient time to benefit from the lessons in readiness for this week's return games at Stanthorpe when Wanderers meet Carlton and Willowburn meet Ballandean? They have big handicaps to overcome as a result of last Sunday's games. If they can overcome them, Toowoomba Soccer will never look back again.

A big disappointment for our potential representative stars came this week with the news that North Star and Logan Athletic have cancelled their intended visits to Toowoomba on Sunday, 25th September and 2nd October, respectively.

No-one of course, could have been more disappointed than the person who went to all the trouble of arranging for these visits, Mr. Reg Veacock. Players had been advised of the games, pitches had been booked and some publicity had already been made of the impending games through the local media. Toowoomba always looks forward to games against Brisbane clubs, no matter what the outcome may be, because it is generally recognised that Brisbane clubs do, in the main provide a more advanced level of Soccer competition than we can otherwise obtain.

Now the games are cancelled and our

credibility with the media has suffered yet another blow as disappointed players hang up their boots until 1978 season.

There is just one more chance for our players to let off steam now. This is provided by the annual Inter-City clash in Toowoomba, the second of a two round competition, between Toowoomba and our sole arch-rivals, Stanthorpe.

In the first round Toowoomba Colts soundly thrashed Stanthorpe's Under-21 squad whilst Stanthorpe's Seniors made up for their Under-21s by handing out another hiding, to complement their Ampol Cup win, to Toowoomba's seniors.

Toowoomba haven't developed the form to beat Stanthorpe in the senior grade since knocking them out of the Ampol Cup in May of '76 with a scoreline of 3-2 after extra time. That loss seemed to work miracles for Stanthorpe in subsequent games who haven't lost against Toowoomba since.

Whatever the result of the games on Saturday, 1st October, spectators can be certain of seeing two good games to round off this 1977 season.

Local readers of GO SOCCER have asked that the final league table be printed so that they all have an idea of how they finished the season. As GO SOCCER is the only Soccer publication they read that goes to the trouble of setting out the tables properly I hope readers will bear with me in presenting these results.

#### FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WILLOWBURN	15	13	1	1	93	15	27
WANDERERS	15	13	1	1	69	25	27
ROCKVILLE	15	7	1	7	50	36	15
RANGERS	15	6	1	8	33	61	12
DALBY	15	3	2	10	26	61	8
KINGAROY	15	—	1	14	17	91	1

#### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
T'MBA UTD.	14	11	2	1	102	19	24
ST. ALBANS	15	10	1	4	55	23	21
WILLOWBURN	15	8	1	6	68	49	17
WANDERERS	15	7	3	5	38	38	17
DALBY	14	4	1	9	31	49	9
RANGERS	15	0	0	15	6	118	0

#### THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R'VILLE ROV.	14	12	1	1	74	22	25
WANDERERS	14	8	2	4	46	21	18
T'MBA UTD.	14	5	2	7	33	27	12
ST. ALBANS	14	4	1	9	27	32	9
LOCKYER UTD	14	1	0	13	10	88	2

Incidentally, if any club officials reading this magazine wish to play games

against any of our clubs, or even our representative teams, between now and the start of next year's fixtures, please contact our Toowoomba and District Soccer Federation secretary, Syd Matthews, Tasman Building, Ruthven Street, Toowoomba 4350, or telephone: 076-329171, between 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. any day of the week. He'll then be able to put

you in touch with the club of your choice.

This invitation includes ladies' teams, too. It seems as though Toowoomba will definitely witness the first Toowoomba Womens' Soccer Association league next season as most clubs have now raised ladies' teams in readiness for 1978.

*Toowoomba Sideliner.*

## PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday night posed a question for all the top men in soccer to think about. Where have all the Greeks gone? St. George, this season's premier winners usually so well supported, couldn't have mustered 100 fans at this game. The few who were there were completely dominated sound wise by the very vocal Redlands followers who had travelled the 30 kilometres to cheer on their favourites. The crowd, around 500, set the tone for the match itself, Redlands dominating proceedings and a very lethargic St. George fortunate to escape with a 4-1 drubbing. The score at half time should have been 4-1 and by the end of extra time Redlands could have pushed their lead to double figures if they had capitalised on their superiority and their chances.

The game was too one sided to ever be classed as a good match and only the fact that the score remained close for so long kept the excitement factor high. Redlands were Redlands, the team we all know, fit, hard, no-nonsense football with the ball being kept up to Millman and Kelso who play on percentages, if you can "hit" often enough, something has got to give. They, the team, know what they have to offer and that's what they give, it's up to the other side to come up with the answers. However, against Annerley in the prelims, and late in this game, Redlands also showed an ability to play the short ball game very effectively. If coach Pattison can bring this out over the ninety minutes the variations in the play will cause no end of trouble to Eagles in the Grand Final to be played this weekend.

Where did St. George go wrong then a team of experienced players, their young right winger excepted they fell into the trap of doing exactly as their opponents would have wished. The team lacked a sense of purpose it was as if they expected Redlands to let them win, there didn't appear to be any set plan to combat the twin threat of Millman and Kelso and their one aim seemed to be playing

through Alan Marley who spearheads their attack. This is where they made their first error, the two centre backs, the experienced Catchpole and Meagher never had to go looking for the ball it came to them all the time. With Meagher close marking Marley some time far too closely for the good of the game, Trevor Catchpole had an easy task providing the essential cover necessary with a player like Marley. St. George's wingers both the ball playing variety were too indirect on the night to be of any great value, by the time they had shown the ball to the fullback and beaten him everything was closed down in the middle. In the mid field St. George are using three players who have all reached a stage of their careers at the same time and are so similar in style as to be negative to each other. Docherty, Fagan and Knott are all trying to play football and be creative, only trouble is in doing so they are not supplying the essential balance where it counts most in the engine room. They are caught square with each other very

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often, a dangerous game at any time, but positioned thus they make very slow progress even if their passes are pin pointed to each other, and on Saturday evening this certainly wasn't the case. However it was at the back that St. George were found out. To combat fast direct front runners it is absolutely essential to play with a deep lying sweeper. St George play with two stoppers one of whom has a "weakness" in his play for going forward whenever the chance arises. This "weakness" isn't really a fault for he does it tremendously well and it really should be used to advantage. On Saturday it was fatal and St. George were punished mercilessly.

Is this being wise after the event? no, as was said before Redlands don't change, they offer a challenge and it has to be combated with tactics. Allowing that the same men be used as played in the game

we would like to have seen St. George line up with Docherty playing sweeper behind Schofield a position he has excelled in with Bardon, Edwards moving into midfield where his tremendous aggression would have played havoc and added a missing dimension, Murtagh playing at centre forward and Marley on the left wing for no other reason than giving Redlands two centre halves an immediate problem to solve. How to mark a man who isn't where he should be? That's what tactics are all about and the warning was sounded in the preliminary final when Eagles "did the deed" with ten men. However that's what soccer is all about and one thing we are guaranteed this weekend we'll have a "race meet" with three of the fastest strikers in the game in opposition. Who'll be first past the post? We'll leave that to the punter.

## BRISBANE CITY v LIONS

The Philips League Cup got off to a flying start a week past Wednesday. Due to printing deadlines we were unable to cover the game in our last issue, but here are our views somewhat belatedly.

Floodlit soccer can be gauged against weekend fare during these last weeks of the season for we are having a spate of floodlit fixtures at Perry Park. So far the response has been good with crowds growing steadily but this game really caught the imagination and the best floodlit crowd for years turned up. The game was only minutes old when Roberto Echeverria, brought back to his true position as mid-field schemer, took a free kick from 20 yards. The ball simply scorched its way into Dendo's top right hand corner but the keeper could be excused for no-one could have stopped this shot. So the fat was in the fire for Lions, and City couldn't have wished for a better start. City's mid-field Pimblett, Gaffney and the Argentinian rocket launcher began to play the way we know they can and for ten minutes George Potter and Col Bennett were put through the hoop and it was noticeable at this time they were anything but their usual calm collected selves. However City's forwards couldn't do the needful though Conner was showing Niven what attacking wing play is all about. The City defence with keystone Hermiston in place was performing admirably and Saffick's inspired choice of fullback, Tom McLeod was doing all that was asked of him and more.

Lions are used to all this however and with the lack of goals in their opponents make up they began to push forward playing some delightful one touch football and it was no surprise when, after a particularly nice piece of interpassing Eddie Spearritt got on the end of a bouncing pass and masterfully hooked it on the volley into the roof of City's net. Twenty minutes gone and here was the gauntlet being thrown down to City. One goal each and off we went into a rip-roaring, ding-dong old fashioned cup-tie.

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Echeverria was showing the crowd what ball skill was all about in the middle, Pimblett, Murray and Spearritt were passing beautifully weighted balls all over the park and Fagan, Gaffney, Morris and Conner buzzed and sparkled all over the place. The crowd rose to all this superlative football and though both keepers were doing their fair share of work it was Lions who came closest to scoring when Paul Laslo raced away through a slightly square defence and cannoned a rising drive off Borzi's crossbar with the big man praying to the heavens. That brought us to half time and everyone looked at each other amazed, we haven't seen soccer like this for years.

#### HALF TIME City 1 v Lions 1

After the break a new dimension came into the game in the shape of Kevin Caldwell who had been having a reasonably quiet time in the first half. He moved off the wing and began to run at Bennett and Potter and there are those among us who feel this is big Cols' one weakness. The Lions' defence, which had settled to its usual steady game once again began to look shaky and when George Potter, usually a master of positional play, let an apparently harmless through ball run past him, he must have been appalled to find Caldwell ghosting behind him with Ian Park playing him on side. Kevin simply tapped the ball away. Error one

had been punished and City simply threw themselves forward into attack looking for more. Strangely enough, Lions mid-field faded completely and for twenty minutes we witnessed a Lions backline being pressurised into all sorts of errors and from another of these, when Bennett wildly sliced a ball, "Johnny on the spot" Caldwell again poked the ball into the empty net. City now had a two goal lead and were looking like increasing it when suddenly we were again subjected to two substitutions that changed the face of the game entirely. Schienflug brought on Henderson who immediately began to cause a little panic at the back, but the other substitution was amazing when Caldwell who by this time was causing all sorts of bother in Lions defence area was replaced by Coyne. Lions mid-field never again dominated proceedings, but with City's trio fading and the easing of pressure at the back they now began to creep back into the game and Neale fastened on to the end of a dangerous cross to bring Lions back into the picture. That finished the scoring but to the end Lions had City going and with an ounce of luck could have snatched an equaliser. The best player on the field in the last ten minutes was the man who had started all the action, Echeverria. Tired, almost stopped, he positioned himself in front of Tokesi and the number of Lions attacks that he stopped had to seem to be believed. He completely dominated the Lions mid

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field in the air so that although lacking in movement he still controlled the game while assisting his defence.

So the best game of soccer seen in Brisbane this year came to a close.

Criticisms were few, Lions midfield loses a lot of mobility when Fagan departs the scene, Henderson perhaps could or should have been used earlier, especially when City's left back choice was known. Ian Johnson hasn't the sharpness to play as a front runner, but how he would go in the out of form Gaffney's spot is worth thinking about. Caldwell on this form is a more than useful centre forward but still does a lot of strange things when

the simple move is "on". Cure this Kevin and you can make the grade on your own talent.

However all this is hindsight, that great gift that is the prerogative of report writers. A tremendous performance from both sides with the score just about right. City have a truly great cup record, wonder if it can still work the oracle.

*P.S.—While wondering how Ian Johnson would go in mid field with his thunderous shooting think how Larry Gaffney would go at outside left the area where he shows a natural talent for going past defenders. He also picks up most of his goals at the far post.*

## LIONS v WEST ADELAIDE

Lions, our Philips League "shooting star" team played last weekends' match with a distinct possibility of finishing seventh in the placings, a fifty percent improvement on the half way position. Unfortunately they chose to play as if they were having a training run and the result shows it, a 1-4 defeat. It could be that Westad are Lions bogey team for their victory was accomplished with a considerably weakened side, due to injuries and suspensions. No one in Brisbane who saw the cup game between Lions and City would have thought there was a three goal better side in the competition but to be honest there was a spell in the game when the Adelaide boys could have scored goals at will.

What went wrong with Lions? We feel their impetus has gone, for weeks they were soldiering on winning games with modern skilful football albeit very technical and proper. Now the base of that technical skill, the defence organisation is shading off form and Lions weakness is being highlighted. This weakness is a tendency for the midfield work rate to drop off. Both Spearritt and Murray are very good and experienced players who like to go forward but they are both players who are finding getting back very difficult. This could be due to our Brisbane conditions of course for these same players are receiving rave reports in the cooler south. When both these lads "rest" the mid field job is left to Ian Fagan who can only do so much and the tragedy is that Ian still has a tendency to give away possession too often.

This is a facet of his game that he needs to work on. Most of the seven goals scored against Lions in the last two matches have been defensive errors even Phil Dendo is beginning to be affected by "dropsy". With George Potter, Ian Park and Alan Niven all showing signs of indecisiveness, goals are only a matter of time away during the game. The forwards who were scoring regularly are now blasting shots netwards when placements would do. All in all the players will be pleased the season's over.

Henderson has satisfied his mind on his injury, his run and cross and Spearritt's placement were the Lions high point of the game. John Neale will never hit the woodwork as often again. Thanks for a great second half league run Lions.

Onward to next season. Last week is best forgotten as one of those days.

## GERMANS WALTZ IN

Vienna East Germany beat Austria 6-1 in a European soccer championship under 21 match here.

Half Time: 3-0

Scorers: East Germany — Kuehn (three) Jarohs (two), Terletzki.

Austria: Jurtin (penalty).

Attendance: 25,000.


Team **REDLANDS UNITED**


Coach—Eric PATTISON

Reserves—David BARTON, Steve BRADLEY, Jeff LOWE


2 Don BOWERS 

1 Dick KARREMAN 

3 Graham MEAGHER 

4 Trevor CATCHPOLE 

5 Jim QUINN 


6 Alan MORRIS 

7 Steve WHITE 

8 Chris HILL 


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11 Barry KELSO 


11 Tom KENNY 


10 Jim McCABE 


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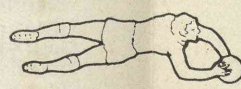
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6 Brad AHEARN 

5 Harry STEWART 

4 Alan MARSZALECK 

3 Alan SINCLAIR 

1 John BENNETT 

2 John COCHRANE 

Coach—Matt CARSON

Team **SOUTHSIDE EAGLES**

Reserves—Ritchie WILSON, Ivars MELBERGS, Greg NEWELL

## READERS' FORUM

Dear Sir,

Insideman's report (GO SOCCER ed. 30) of the last president's meeting must cause deep concern to the people who do not seem to matter in any of the recent decisions made at Perry Park, i.e. the players and coaches.

Decision 1: Next year all players will be on \$15 a week. That includes the Hermistons, Dolans, Marleys, Edwards and many more of our better known players.

Question 1: What about contracts between players and clubs?

Question 2: If club breaks contract will player be released from club (free)? If not, why not? You can't have it every way.

Players from clubs other than my own have been asking me to lead a players' revolt. In other words, organise and hire a solicitor paid for by the players and challenge the validity of the Q.S.F. contract and any breach which may occur.

Sorry fellows, I'm not available. If I coach Eagles next year my interest is in their cause, and I'll fight for the best deal for them.

Decision 2: State League. Theoretically a good idea. Geographically I don't know as Queensland is a very big State and it will take huge sponsorship to get it off the ground. Again, it is unfortunately a bit like Philips League, as only a few clubs can measure up to the requirements.

As far as the country teams are concerned, home grounds would be well supported and would be good for these areas. I don't know how the Brisbane public would react, but I would give it a go.

The above points seem to be the main talking points amongst the players and coaches I've talked to. Other points causing concern are promotion, publicity, referees, coaches, unskilled players, committees.

Something drastic obviously has to be tried so the report about the presidents' meeting does cause a lot of concern. The Steering Committee should take great care about their task, because I don't want my future decided by a person or persons who are not "aware" of the big problems associated with our so-called pro. Soccer.

Matt Carson, Southside Eagles

Dear Sir,

I have been reading GO SOCCER each week and many references are made to poor attendances and general support in First Division games, about which I must agree.

As manager of the Acacia Ridge 2nd Division team I have no doubt in my mind the support we receive for our three senior teams would shame most First Division clubs. Not only do we have the support in numbers, but they are a very vocal bunch to say the least. This I feel is the most important thing of all.

The fans really get behind the teams by chanting and singing and by doing this they must lift the players' game and enjoy themselves too. I have seen a lot of the PSL games this year at Perry Park, and though the support in numbers has been very good, the vocal side has been almost non-existent. Except when the home teams score or have a near miss, after that they go back to sleep again and wait for the next goal or near miss.

Ask any player what he would prefer, 2000 sitting down like dummies or 200 vocal supporters willing their team to win. So Soccer supporters of Brisbane get off thy bottoms and let your team know you are there in voice and not just volume of numbers and enjoy the game.

Congratulations for providing the Soccer public of Brisbane with such a well laid out magazine. GO SOCCER is a good 20 cents worth of reading. Having spoken to many members of other codes they pay twice the amount as we do for a magazine that contains very little news, if any, and only the league tables of the premier division. Thanks GO SOCCER.

Mike Collins, Annerley

**FOOTNOTE** — After a letter like that, we're sorry Acacia Ridge was relegated, but very pleased they won the Cumberland Cup.

—Editor

## DRINK

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## POINTS to PONDER

WHEN will referees learn? In the St. George v Redlands game a free kick was awarded to Redlands on the edge of the six yard box.

Technically Dave Nugent had every right as there was no doubt that Peter Roberts took three steps changed direction and took another three. Before the sixth step Dave had reacted to the desperate appeals of the Redlands players and awarded them a kick which could only be described as the next best thing to a goal. With the score at 0-0 it could almost be described as a gift. Technical foul? yes; but was he wasting time? No way. That's what the ruling was brought in to do Dave, and in the end you are expected to rule by your own discretion. Somehow we think you were conned.

—OO—

IT'S the Irish in him. Tony Murtagh ran on to the field last Saturday to substitute for Neil Docherty. As he ran on he watched Redlands score their third goal Tony immediately reacted and in view of the application of technicalities, was he justified? A substitute has to report to the referee before play can restart. Did this happen??

—OO—

COMMENT from a very observant lady fan after a tremendous goalmouth melee in the Prelim Final. "They're like a bunch of nine year olds chasing around." Even the ladies are noticing?

—OO—

STAN JACKSON Eagles President just back from U.S.A. trip. One of Stan's moans, just missed by one day the magic Cosmos who played in Seattle before 58,000 people the day before Stan arrived. Who knows, Stan may have managed a few games out of Pele?

—OO—

COSMOS, who are touring in Japan and China are drawing 70,000 crowds everywhere they play. What happened to Australia, in these days of jet travel a next door neighbour of the two. Bob Menzies was telling Australians that forty years ago and yet we have administrators who today see it as a hurdle. Oh well!!

—OO—

FOLLOW up to our request a few weeks ago we have received information from

the juniors that proves all facets of our game do not hibernate. The juniors have formed a forum of all the coaches of the rep-sides who travelled to the national championships. The managers are also included with State coaching director Denis Ford, and Freddy Robbins of the Coaches Federation co-opted for their knowledge and know how. Out of these gatherings it is hoped to pool information, exchange ideas, and come up with a formulation that will ensure continuity for the youngsters who are dedicated enough to work hard at the game. Great Stuff.

—OO—

DIXIE DEANS won the goal scorers prize even though his team Adelaide City lost their final match 2-1 to our Brisbane City. Good to see City maintaining their cup form, not many teams go to Adelaide City and take two points. We may yet see City doing their great cup act. They meet Western Suburbs from Sydney next round, that should be a cracker.

—OO—

WEST ADELAIDE must be Lions bogey side. In two games this season they amassed a total of nine goals for, and had two scored against. Easily Lions most "fearsome" opponent in Philips League.

—OO—

HAKOAH did what we all suspected they would do from the time they visited Bris-

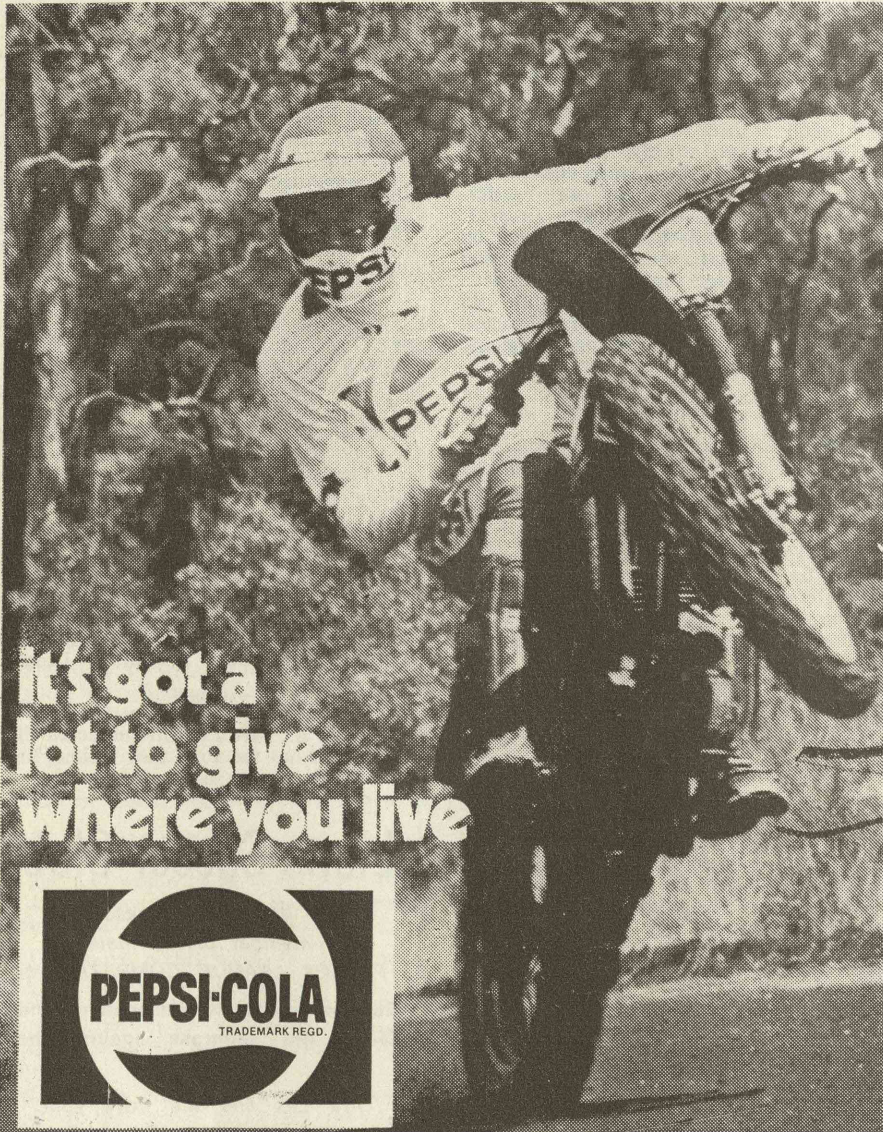
## Lions Soccer Club

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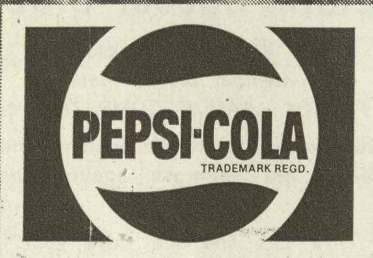
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bane on the eve of Philips League. Hakoah make no bones about their philosophy, they play in a professional league and they use professional players, and play professional football. It is a hard to swallow fact but their first team contains only three "home grown" players and that includes the goalkeeper. The break up is five Scots, three Australians, one Irishman, one Englishman and a Brazilian. Every one of the overseas players has had top grade experience in his home

country. There has to be a moral somewhere. Out of 26 games they lost two and drew eleven and ask anyone who knows and they'll tell you that's what wins leagues. If you can't win them don't lose them and yet no one can accuse them of being defensive for they also headed the "goals for" list. Well done Chaldi and the Hakoah Eastern Suburbs side. You are the best looking football side in Australia and fully deserved your win.

## Manchester Madness

CROWD problems around the world are dwarfed by the incidents threatening to destroy English Soccer.

With Manchester United kicked out of Europe last week and Manchester City facing similar treatment next week, football's hooligans have seriously damaged their sport already this season.

If Manchester United's appeal against their European ban fails, it is estimated it will cost them around half a million pounds sterling.

They had gained a 1-1 draw in France against St. Etienne after their fans had been involved in violent riots with home spectators and baton-charging police.

They were expected to stroll into the second leg with the support of a 58,000 crowd, to march further along the money-spinning way through Europe.

A few miles away, Manchester City are waiting to count the cost of an incident in their European Cup game against the Polish side at Widzow Lodz.

The Polish team's skipper was forced to defend himself with a stiff hand-off when a youth ran onto the pitch during their Cup tie.

These events are scarring the face of the season in which Soccer crowds are already showing a sickening average weekly fall-off of well over 100,00 fans.

Half a dozen First Division clubs have now decided to ban Manchester United fans, who it was revealed this week have brought in remarkable record receipts for their club.

United's profit for last season has been calculated at slightly over half a million pounds sterling — an increase of a quarter of a million pounds on the previous season.

Their players have averaged 15 thousand pounds sterling in wages, with former manager Tommy Docherty receiving a 50,000 pounds golden handshake when he left to take over at Derby.

But now United are ready to take steps to ban their own fans from supporting them outside their Old Trafford home.

Manager Dave Sexton says: "It seems a fantastic situation when the behaviour of the club and its players is immaculate and yet both have to suffer."

St. Etienne's players went out to celebrate when they heard the news of the ban.

Their trainer Guy Brief said: "I don't mind admitting I have been frightened about the prospect of going to Old Trafford for the second leg of our Cup tie."

"We in St. Etienne are not used to being expected to die for the sake of a football game."

That may be the typical over reaction from the French, but it certainly makes the incidents of beer-can throwing at some Sydney Rugby League grounds pale into insignificance.

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## UNDER-16 TOURNAMENT

### A SOUND EFFORT

*Under 16 tournament:* The tournament was originally scheduled for Newcastle, but owing to accommodation problems the venue was switched to Sydney. This was a setback as far as the quality of football was concerned as the grounds, the teams had to play on were way below standard for a tournament of this kind.

Along with the poor playing surfaces, one of the pitches had white poles (no flags) for corner flags and on another pitch there were holes in the nets. At a rough estimate, \$20,000 is spent on the tournament — air fares, accommodation etc. It was a source of amazement to all the coaches and managers involved that better quality playing facilities could not be provided.

Queensland finished in fourth position. Our results were — v. New South Wales 2-5; v. Northern New South Wales 1-3; v. Victoria 2-1; v. South Australia 0-1; v. Western Australia 2-0; v. A.C.T. 2-0; v. Tasmania 4-1.

The overall finishing order was New South Wales, Northern New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia,

South Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania.

Allowing for the poor playing conditions, the Queensland side played some excellent football, especially against Victoria and Western Australia. The disappointing performance was against South Australia. Queensland was by far the better team and should have won the game quite comfortably. Five under fifteen players were included in the squad. One of these didn't play a match owing to injury but the other four were regulars and performed exceptionally well.

We were the only squad to include more than one under 15 and this fact augers well for the future. Congratulations must go to Glen Huntley, the captain of the squad, who turned in some excellent performances and was selected for the Australian under 16 squad.

Thanks also go to manager George Roberts, for all his efforts, which were voluntary and unpaid. Last but not least thanks to all the squad members for their attitude and discipline and the way they responded during the week.

**FOOTNOTE:-** The senior award course to be held at Perry Park from November 5-13 inclusive will be staffed by national coach Jim Shoulder — Denis Ford.

## UK ROUND-UP

London, Liverpool manager Bob Paisley was not pleased that it took his team of champions and European cupholders 80 minutes to batter down the under-strength defence of Derby last Saturday.

"The supporters are killing the players with kindness," Paisley said. "People want to see them with their cups at factories and clubs all the time."

Terry McDermott's late goal kept Liverpool bracketed at the top with Manchester City and Nottingham Forest.

Derby manager, Tommy Docherty, was impressed with his new club. "Their passing was excellent and we could easily have had a point," he said.

If they had, the credit would have gone to goalkeeper Colin Boulton, whose string of brilliant saves had kept the game open so long. By an irony, Docherty had 24 hours earlier signed England under-21 goalkeeper John Middleton from Forest, an assumed replacement. So Boulton may have set his new chief an early problem.

Liverpool at least have breathing space before beginning the defence of their European Cup — They have a bye into the second round.

For the two Manchester clubs, the position is different. City are off to Poland this week to resume their Uefa Cup Match with Widzew Lodz, left 2-2 after the English leg. United are keeping fingers crossed that their banishment from Europe will be modified on appeal. Otherwise the recent 1-1 draw in France against St. Etienne will be their only taste of the European Cupwinners' this Season.

City beat Bristol City 2-0, even without Scotland's Willie Donachie. The referee ruled that a plaster cast on his injured wrist might endanger other players.

Peter Barnes endangered the Bristol defence en masse, scoring the first goal and hitting the bar six minutes later. His fitness had been in doubt till an hour or two before the game.

Cross-City neighbours Manchester United were at Leeds where players — apart from three who got themselves booked — and fans were on their best behaviour.

Police arrested 32 fans whose best wasn't good enough, but said the haul was halved compared with last year. The 500 special Police had riot shields and headgear ready to discourage any lapse into bad habits.

As for the match, it ended 1-1, a seemingly diplomatic result. But Leeds manager Jimmy Armfield scorned the arts of the diplomat: "Manchester were the luckiest team alive," he said. "We were all over them and we could have had three or four goals."

Newcastle still propping up the first division after their sixth defeat in seven League Matches, found Coventry's red-headed Scot, Ian Wallace, too hot to hold.

A goal in each half took his team to a 2-1 win and made himself top marksman for division one — Eight goals.

Leicester manager Frank McLintock was so shaken by his club's 3-0 home defeat by Forest that he said he may re-register himself as a player. Leicester are two points and two places above Newcastle. "We badly need experience in our defence," McLintock explained.

### MONDAY MEETING

THERE will be a meeting at Perry Park on Monday, October 3 at 7.15 p.m., for all northside coaches, managers and parents interested in six-a-side Soccer for under 7, 8 and 9s. The meeting will be chaired by Queensland Regional Director of Coaching, Denis Ford.

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## WHAT A RECORD

CHAS MATTERS is a well known figure on the Queensland Soccer scene and so he should be.

Chas has been playing First Division since 1962 when Les McCrea and Col Kitching took him down to the Hellenic Club from St. Helens juniors. He played with Hellenic from 1962 until 1973, when he left for a year with Merton East, followed by a year and a half with St. Helens.

However his true feelings lay with Hellenic (St. George) and he moved back to them in 1975. Chas is the longest serving First Division player in Queensland Soccer. He has represented Ipswich for approximately 10 years and has played for Queensland's full State team on 11 occasions.

He has probably won more honours than any other player in Queensland. Seven premierships, seven grand finals (winning four), 12 semi-finals and five Ampol Cup finals.

This kind of record speaks for itself and has demanded dedication to the game

both in training as well as playing. It is the type of dedication that will ensure Chas has quite a few more years of Soccer at the top level.

## BRISBANE CITY CLUB NEWS

BRISBANE CITY is celebrating its Silver Jubilee with a dinner dance at the Crest Hotel on Saturday, November 19th. This is a chance for all past and present players, members and supporters to meet again and talk about the past, discuss the inaugural year of the PSL, meet the present players, enjoy a good meal and generally live it up. A player of the year award donated by Living Insurance will be presented. A great night is guaranteed for all. Details appear in the advertisement in this issue of GO SOCCER.

Spectators at the Brisbane City vs. Western Suburbs match should retain their tickets as there will be a lucky gate prize of pizza from LA CAPANNINA PIZZA BAR, Lutwyche Shopping Village.

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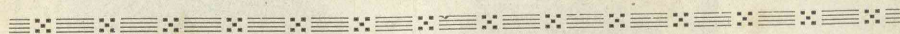
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**Coach:** NEREO SAFTICH

## WESTERN SUBURBS

- 1 TERRY EATON
- 2 COL CURRAN
- 3 STEVE PERRY
- 4 BOBBY NOBLE
- 5 PETER WILSON
- 6 DAVE HARDING
- 7 LLOYD HARDES
- 8 PETER STONE
- 9 GRAHAM NORRIS
- 10 CLIVE EATON
- 11 ALAN AINSLIE
- 12 WARREN TURNBULL
- 13 MARK SAMUELS
- 14 ALAN FISHER
- 20 WALLY LACHOWICZ

**Coach:** MIKE LAING



TUNIS—Tunisia and Nigeria drew 0-0 here in a World Soccer Cup African qualifying match.

Tunisia, Nigeria and Egypt are taking part in a play-off to decide who represents Africa in next years finals in Argentina.

### PHILIPS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
E. Suburbs	26	13	11	2	52	28	37
Marconi	26	15	7	4	42	21	37
Fitzroy	26	12	8	6	41	34	32
Adelaide City	26	12	7	7	50	31	31
W. Suburbs	26	11	7	8	38	29	29
St. George	26	7	14	5	39	35	28
W. Adelaide	26	8	10	8	38	32	26
Footscray	26	9	6	11	36	39	24
Lions	26	9	5	12	27	41	23
Brisbane City	26	8	6	12	30	35	22
Sth. Melbourne	26	7	8	11	27	35	22
Syd. Olympic	26	7	7	12	25	38	21
Canberra City	26	5	7	14	21	39	17
Mooroolbark	26	5	5	16	31	60	15

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