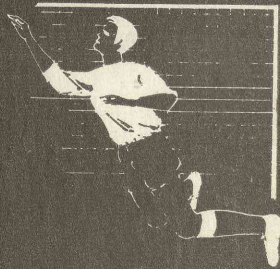




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Two of the certain stars of 1978. Lions JOHN NEALE does his level best to block a clearance from St. Georges international defender DOUG UTJESENOVIC at Perry Park during a match last year.

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Editorial

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GO SOCCER is back for the 1978 season, and as you can see, in a bigger and more robust form than last year. One of the few aspects of the magazine which hasn't changed is the price — 20 cents — and in comparison to other sporting publications of this nature we feel that is outstanding value for money.

It would be remiss of us not to first thank each and every club of the Queensland Soccer Federation. Simply, had the clubs not decided to support the magazine financially at last years annual meeting, it would have been impossible to carry on from last year.

The clubs will be in a position to help recover some or all of that outlay by placing an order for copies each week. It is, in every sense, YOUR magazine, and YOUR support will enable it to continue prosperously.

In the coming weeks, when all first and lower division clubs begin their fixtures, we hope to devote our extra space to match reports and club snippets from the clubs concerned. Now's the time to appoint a publicity officer and have your club news and match activities published every weekend.

Now that the excitement of the publication of Volume 3, No. 1 is completed we'd like to turn our attention to another form of excitement, or should we say optimism, that eventuated last week, which represents a real light at the end of the tunnel.

The event which gave us new hope occurred during Lions' formal announcement of Kentucky Fried Chicken as their sponsor for 1978 and possibly beyond. At the function, Ipswich United, Southside Eagles and Mt. Gravatt signed agreements making them "sister" clubs of Brisbane Lions. It was only last season that most clubs disassociated themselves from both City and Lions and the Philips League in general.

There was a general air of mistrust and suspicion of the two clubs and with a competition which, despite what some hard-headed officials might say, really helped to put Queensland Soccer on the map as far as the media is concerned.

The decision taken by the afore-mentioned clubs last week will be of tremendous benefit to themselves, Lions and the welfare of Queensland soccer in the eyes of the public. City and Lions hopefully are in the P.S.L. to stay. In fact we shudder at the prospect of either eventually being relegated.

Eventually the game will progress to such an extent that more Queensland clubs will be admitted to the League, but until that happens, we have TWO Philips League clubs. So any number of talented youngsters, with a pinnacle to aim for, would have to leave their current clubs to achieve that objective with Lions or City.

But the latest development means players with ability now have the opportunity to play in the League, for Lions if they're good enough — but at the same time they don't have to leave their club — whether it be Ipswich United, Eagles or Mt. Gravatt. The unison displayed in this project has been a tremendous step forward in casting aside the petty bickerings, jealousies and non co-operation that has existed for too long in the past.

We congratulate the principals in the current agreement and wish them success. They deserve it.

AN UNFORGETTABLE FAREWELL

Late last year, Pele, the greatest and best known Soccer player in the world, retired at the age of 37. Here is a graphic account of that momentous occasion in international sport.

East Rutherford, New Jersey,— It was an unforgettable day of tears in the rain, an appeal to love the children and one last display of those superlative footballing skills as the legendary Pele played his final game.

Pele the great, who stands at the pinnacle of Soccer as Shakespeare bestrides the literary world, will thrill the crowds no more.

He put on his boots for the last time on October 1 and played the first half with the New York Cosmos and the second half with Santos of Brazil, his only two clubs in a career that spanned 21 years.

The Cosmos, whom Pele helped win the North American Soccer League championship last year, won 2-1 in a game in which one moment stood out, the moment in which the Maestro crashed in his 1,278th goal.

With two minutes left in the first half, the Cosmos were awarded a free kick, some 30 yards in front of the goal.

Suddenly there was the ball spinning in the right hand corner of the net as Pele lashed a fierce, low drive with his lethal right foot past the diving Santos goalkeeper Ernani.

A jubilant Pele leapt into the air and ran towards the sideline, as excited as if he had just scored the first goal of his career. His Cosmos teammates caught up with him and clasped their arms around him. Others jumped onto the throng, and they collapsed onto the sodden artificial turf, a mass of sprawling green shirts.

The crowd of 75,646 in Giants Stadium across the Hudson River from the skyscrapers of New York City, let out a tremendous roar. So did the hundreds of newsmen from 25 countries in the press box. That goal cancelled out an earlier one by Reynaldo for Santos, and in the second half Pele's replacement on the Cosmos team, Ramon Mifflin, rammed in the winner from close range.

Pele, now in the white shirt of Santos, had several chances to score against the New York team, but missed them all. He said afterwards he only wished he could have scored one for each side to make the

result 2-2, then everything would have been perfect.

But the result for once didn't matter. This was a rare occasion when one man more important than the game. And he didn't let them down.

In skill he overshadowed every other player on the field, whether it was trapping the ball with his chest, anticipating and intercepting passes, heading the ball to a colleague under pressure, cutting the defence open with incisive passes, or his thunderous shooting.

And then there was Pele the man, an inspiration and an example to all in the game, and to all people, everywhere.

Standing on a rostrum in the middle of the field before the start of the match, he implored all present and all those watching on television in over 40 countries to love the children.

"I want to take this opportunity to ask you pay attention to the young of the world," he said in English in his deep, soft voice. "We need them too much."

His voice broke as tears came to his eyes, then he continued: "Love is more important than what we can take in life. Everything pass. Please say with me,, three times. LOVE."

The crowd, which included former



Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, President Carter's son Jeff, film stars Robert Redford, Barbra Streisand and Claudette Colbert, and World Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, could deny him nothing.

"LOVE." The response came rumbling back from the crowd., "LOVE", Pele said twice more and twice more he heard the echo.

An unusual message from a sports personality, but a most unusual man who despite his fame has not forgotten his humble beginning and the battle of a little boy to escape from poverty.

His first ball in his birthplace of Tres Coracoes, a little town in Brazil, was an old stuffed sock. But he couldn't play Soccer all the time. He also had to bring home badly needed money for the family.

After yesterday's match he smiled shyly as he heard his boyhood coach Waldemar De Brito, talk about the young Pele.

"His was a gift from God," said Pele's aging mentor, who through an interpreter said that during one youth tournament Pele scored 20 odd of his team's 83 goals and played brilliantly, but looked more tired than usual.

De Brito went to Pele's mother Celeste and asked what was the matter. He was told that when he wasn't playing, Pele was practising from dawn until past sundown, and when he wasn't practicing he was earning money as a shoeshine boy.

Pele hasn't forgotten the struggle.

Halftime came with heavy rain sweeping into the stadium, but no one went home. The crowd donned brightly coloured plastic raincoats and was entertained by a Brazilian Band and carnival folk dancers who seemed oblivious to the weather.

Inside the changing room Pele was saying farewell to his Cosmos teammates of the past three years, going to each and embracing him tearfully.

Then he ran onto the field again and ceremonially changed into the Santos shirt handing his number 10 Cosmos jersey to his father, Joao Ramos Do Nascimento, who himself played professional Soccer under the name of Dondinho. The jersey will eventually be displayed in a Pele museum in Tres Coracoes.

In the second half, Pele played once more with Santos, from whom he retired in 1974 after helping the club win numerous championships, but he failed to score that last one goal he so dearly wanted.

Then it was over. Pele pulled off his shirt, handed it to De Brito, and began a lap of honour, naked to the waist, his dark skin glistening under the floodlights and the rain.

The drenched crowd stood cheering and applauding as Pele ran past. From the public address system came the refrain of "Auld Lang Syne". Before Pele had run half the length of the field the two teams caught up with him and lifted him shoulder high. First a Cosmos player carried him, then a Santos.

And then he was gone. Down the tunnel at the east end of the stadium on the shoulders of Santos player Juary, who Pele later said reminded him of himself when he was starting out on his career.

A television commentator tried to interview him, but Pele was crying uncontrollably, almost incomprehensible. He took refuge in the only form of privacy close at hand, a gentlemen's bathroom — where his wife Rose stayed with him until he regained his composure to face the press.

"I died a little bit today." Pele said in Portuguese through an interpreter. "Now I'm going to begin another profession because life must continue."

He is to become a public relations, goodwill ambassador with Warner Communications, the company that owns the Cosmos and enticed Pele out of his first retirement three years ago with a 4.75 million (U.S. 4.23 million (Aust.) dollar contract, and the prospect of converting the unbelieving Americans to the cause of soccer.

Warner Communications is reported to have been trying to persuade Pele to postpone his retirement, but this time he is adamant.

He will be 37 in three weeks and believes now is the right time to call it a day after 1,278 goals and 1,363 games, after playing in 65 countries, and after appearing 111 times for Brazil, whom he guided to three World Cup victories in four attempts, and not least, after inspiring such interest in Soccer in the United States that it is now the fastest growing game in the country.

Cosmos captain Werner Roth could have been speaking, not just for himself and his team, but for Santos, for Brazil, for North America, and for Soccer fans throughout the world when he hugged Pele in the changing room at halftime and said:

"Pele, thank you, Pele. We will never forget you."

THE 1978 WORLD SOCCER CUP FINAL

Buenos Aires, The stage is set and only the finishing touches are missing for the greatest ever international event to be held in Argentina — The 1978 World Soccer Cup finals.

But for a time it was touch and go whether Argentina would be able to host the Cup finals, mainly because of political upheavels and guerrilla warfare which plagued this South American country in recent years.

It was not until June 1976 that Argentina got the green light to go ahead with preparations for the tournament.

This was disclosed here recently by Rear Admiral Carlos Lacoste, Vice President of E.A.M. 78 — The name of the state body in charge of organising the World Cup.

Admiral Lacoste told newsmen that until then there were serious doubts even in International Football Federation (FIFA) about whether Argentina was capable of organising the World Cup.

When Argentina was selected as the venue for the 11th World Cup in 1966, the event seemed a long way off with plenty of time to prepare for it.

Since then Argentina has seen three military coups, the advent and fall of a populist government which almost plunged it into bankruptcy, and an outbreak of guerrilla activity which brought it to the brink of chaos.

In the turmoil the World Cup appeared to have been forgotten.

It was only after the 1974 World Cup in West Germany that Argentines seemed to wake to the fact that their own World Cup tournament was in sight.

Venues had to be chosen, stadiums had to be built or reconstructed, Colour television had to be brought in, communications networks set up and there were thousands of other details requiring decision and attention.

But bickering within the Argentine Football Association then in charge of organising the World Cup, and attempts by the government of President Maria Estela Peron to have a major say in the preparations were delaying vital decisions.

This, added to fighting between left and right wing peronist factions as well as long series of kidnapping of foreign businessmen by left wing guerrillas, caused

the first doubts abroad about the 1978 World Cup.

The doubts sparked what appeared to be an orchestrated campaign against Argentina staging the finals. There were even suggestions that the tournament be moved to Spain, the venue chance four years later.

The organisation of the World Cup got a shot in the arm when Senora Peron's government was ousted in March, 1976, and the military took over.

The no-nonsense military set up E.A.M. 78 to centralise all aspects of organising the World Cup.

But the going was still tough.

Admiral Lacoste said that when FIFA Vice President Herman Neuberger came to Argentina immediately after the coup, we had to pressure him in favour of holding the World Cup here and asked him for a three-month period to prove that we were able to stage it.

"It was only in the following June that we were certain that the venue would not be changed," he added.

The Admiral said this was due to the support given to the Argentine stand by Herr Neuberger and FIFA President Joao Havelange.

The E.A.M. 78 Vice President said: "What made it more difficult was that we had to start from scratch with only two years to go."

In fact, some decisions had been taken already by the ousted Peronist government. The cities of Rosario, on the banks of the Parana River, Cordoba, in Central Argentina, Mendoza, nestling at the foot of the Andes, and Mar Del Plata, Argentina's main seaside resort, were chosen to join Buenos Aires as venues for the matches.

New stadiums were built in Cordoba, Mendoza and Mar Del Plata and extensive reconstructions were necessary for two stadiums in Buenos Aires and one in Rosario.

Construction work on the new stadiums only began in late 1975, raising doubts even among some Argentines about whether the Cup finals would be held here.

Architects at the various construction sites said the stadiums would be ready on time — providing the necessary funds

were forthcoming from the Federal Government.

Further doubts were raised when Argentina cancelled its formula one motor racing Grand Prix two years ago because of lack of Government Funds.

But the situation changed under the military and Admiral Lacoste said the construction of the new stadiums and work on the other three were progressing on schedule.

Asked when the stadiums would be ready, Admiral Lacoste said: "If one were to go by the records of Olympic Games and previous World Cups. I would have to say the day before or the very morning of opening day .

"But basically I estimate that the major part of the work will be ready by the end of March or early in April." he added.

The military also took a long-delayed decision on the television colour system Argentina would adopt.

Colour television will not be available to Argentines until the early 1980's. But

the decision had to be taken because Argentina was committed to providing colour television of the World Cup matches for viewers abroad.

This meant special equipment had to be imported and a colour standard converter had to be installed in the satellite ground station in Balcarce, near Mar Del Plata, to adapt the selected colour system to systems, or combinations of systems used in other countries.

The State telephone company Entel is also giving top priority to a telephone and telex network for the World Cup.

Entel has under way a five-year investment plan to improve the telephone system but improvements will not be felt by local subscribers until long after the World Cup.

Admiral Lacoste said the delay in starting preparations for the tournament had caused a great deal of overspending and needed almost superhuman effort, but that it had been worthwhile.

But the real test will come when the World Cup gets under way on June 1.

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CONSTITUTION: PURPOSE AND USE

MANY people will tell you that constitutions are "a pain in the neck", "a brake on progress", "a lot of hogwash" and various other descriptions depending on the mood, age, intelligence and vernacular of the speaker.

Yet, in complete contrast to these various derogatory opinions is the legal fact that in order to come into being any body must create, verify and live by a constitution. Why the wide gap between fact and opinion? We leave it for the reader to decide.

GO SOCCER would like to start the season by examining the uses and mis-uses of our Queensland bible, by not only the Management Committee, who can be forced into situations, but also by clubs, who are in fact the ruling body of Queensland soccer through the Council of Soccer Clubs.

"Constitution" —

Body of fundamental principles according to which a State is governed; a document embodying these.

This meaning from the Oxford dictionary, is extremely explicit in its meaning, if fact, had it said, "the laws by which a body must be run," it could not have been clearer. What happens if these fundamental principles are bent, twisted, broken, or ignored can also be made very clear, a gradual erosion of law and order and morality with the end result being inevitable, complete and utter destruction of the body concerned.

There are many students of the Queensland Soccer Federation constitution who feel soccer is well into the erosion stage. It is estimated that there would be no more than five copies of the present edition (1972) totally accurate due to lack of interest on behalf of club secretaries whose job it is to bring the constitution up to date after each A.G.M., or Special G.M. when it can be changed by notice of motion. How then can these self same clubs who govern soccer keep a controlling rein on the goings-on if they themselves have no accurate means of control?

Because of this apathy there has been in recent years a growing number of abstention voters or voters who "follow the leader" rather than "true" voters who having consulted a true and accurate constitution can vote in a manner befitting the "fundamental principles by which a body is governed."

When this happens, the shoe slips on to the other foot and we have a manage-

ment committee, hamstrung by apathy or bad decision making, attempting to ride roughshod over constitutional steps in order to attain some measure of progress. When this happens trouble is only around the corner and recent happenings at top level may already indicate that we are in fact round the corner.

Let us examine the recent Jim Hermiston case. When Hermiston came to Brisbane and Grange Thistle a mammoth argument was ensuing as to the problem of dual registration, i.e. players in effect playing with two clubs, constitutionally forbidden. Lions and Brisbane City understandably were seeking dual registration and duly the constitution was bent a little to allow such a move to take place. Needless to say before seasons end the claims of "stacked" teams were commonplace culminating in the bitter Cup Final between City and Thistle. During this, Hermiston was allowed to play with two clubs and at seasons end it was no surprise to hear of him wanting a transfer.

Now followed the "coup de grace" for our constitution, Hermiston appeals against the transfer fee (the constitution says he must have a club make an offer before appealing), the appeal is accepted, given to the A.S.F. (the constitution says the player has the right to appear for a hearing in front of the Q.S.F.) and the A.S.F. discuss the matter in the players absence (the player obviously had no chance to deny or verify the evidence).

This is only a sample of what is happening week in week out in soccer and is cited only because of its "popularity". The time has come for a revaluation of these principles of government. It is a well known fact that there are people in soccer who would like to see total control given to the management committee and when one examines the apathetic outlook of most clubs at council there could be good arguments put for the case.

Conversely there are people who frown upon the dictatorial attitude sometimes displayed by the management committee and no doubt can point out the instances.

However if both parties can perch themselves on the fence and think deeply they will realise that the founder fathers of the Q.S.F. drew up a constitution to prevent these happenings on both sides. Only when the "Principles of Government" are updated, studied and applied, in a strict, but democratic; in a knowledgeable not ignorant, manner will the Q.S.F. prosper and forge ahead to its destiny.

Insideman

"KENTUCKY FRIED" TROPHY

In an unprecedented move, junior soccer in Brisbane has been given a berth in the "big time". Such is the concern for junior football shown by Collins International, the marketing organisation behind Kentucky Fried Chicken, Lions Sponsors, that one of the first points of discussion was a method of including kids in the Philips League euphoria. The following competition was the outcome.

The inaugural Kentucky Fried Trophy will be played for by 16 selected under 10 junior teams, eight from the north side, eight from the south. The competition will be run on the lines of the F.A. Cup, the draw being made and every week for eight weeks a first round match will be played immediately preceding the P.S.L. home match of Lions. The match will last 15 minutes each way and in event of a

draw, will be decided by "shoot-out". After eight weeks the winners will progress to the quarter finals with the same rules and conditions. The semi-finals and final will take place at season's end as they will coincide with Lions closing P.S.L. program. The excitement generated by them will be equal to a "Wembley final" the kids own Valhalla being stepping on to Perry Park. All the trimmings will be there, every youngster participating will be presented with a memento, the winners will receive the Kentucky Fried Chicken Trophy and their winners medals. That is as it should be, to the victors the spoils. Mr. David Young, managing director of Collins International, is so carried away by the prospect of this cup, that he insists it commences on the opening day of P.S.L. Up the Cup.

LA LING ON WING

AMSTERDAM — The most intriguing name in Holland's squad for the World Cup in Argentina this summer is likely to be that of Tschu La Ling, a 21-year-old winger.

La Ling has a Chinese father and a Spanish mother, but he was born in Holland and holds a Dutch passport.

He might not have made the grade as a footballer but for Cor Coster, father-in-law of Johan Cruyff who arranged his transfer to Espanol Barcelona after his career seemed in ruins with F.C. Den Haag.

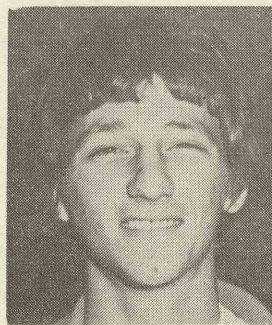
He developed with the Spanish club before returning to join Ajax Amsterdam on a three-year contract.

First known semi-finalists in the Dutch Cup are Excelsior Rotterdam who beat Veendam 4-2 on aggregate.

Ajax already 3-0 ahead in the first leg to Roda J.C. Kerkrade and A.Z. 67 Alkmaar, 2-1 winners in their first game with Wageningen, look likely to join Excelsior along with the winners of the Vitesse Arnhem-Sparta Rotterdam match which, like so many others, has already been postponed.



PAUL LASLO (Lions)



PETER SHARNE (Marconi)

GUESS WHO'LL BE AT THE SOCCER IN '78



WITH BRISBANE LIONS

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 1 — 4/5 MARCH, 1978

ST. GEORGE	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE	0
BRISBANE LIONS	v	MARCONI	0
ADELAIDE CITY	v	FOOTSCRAY	1
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	1
FITZROY UNITED	v	BRISBANE CITY	0
CANBERRA CITY	v	WEST ADELAIDE	0
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	WESTERN SUBURBS	0

ROUND 2 — 11/12 MARCH, 1978

MARCONI	v	FITZROY UNITED
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	BRISBANE LIONS
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
WEST ADELAIDE	v	ST. GEORGE
BRISBANE CITY	v	FOOTSCRAY
CANBERRA CITY	v	ADELAIDE CITY

ROUND 3 — 18/19 MARCH, 1978

WEST ADELAIDE	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
BRISBANE CITY	v	ADELAIDE CITY
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	FITZROY UNITED
FOOTSCRAY	v	MARCONI
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
ST. GEORGE	v	CANBERRA CITY
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	BRISBANE LIONS

ROUND 4 — 25/26 MARCH, 1978

BRISBANE LIONS	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	CANBERRA CITY
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	WEST ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY	v	ST. GEORGE
MARCONI	v	BRISBANE CITY
FITZROY UNITED	v	WESTERN SUBURBS

ROUND 5 — 1/2 APRIL, 1978

WEST ADELAIDE	v	BRISBANE LIONS
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	FOOTSCRAY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	FITZROY UNITED
BRISBANE CITY	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
MARCONI	v	ADELAIDE CITY
CANBERRA CITY	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	ST. GEORGE

ROUND 6 — 8/9 APRIL, 1978

FOOTSCRAY	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	MARCONI
FITZROY UNITED	v	WEST ADELAIDE
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	BRISBANE CITY
BRISBANE LIONS	v	CANBERRA CITY
ST. GEORGE	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
ADELAIDE CITY	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ROUND 7 — 15/16 APRIL, 1978

NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
MARCONI	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
WEST ADELAIDE	v	FOOTSCRAY
CANBERRA CITY	v	FITZROY UNITED
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	ADELAIDE CITY
BRISBANE LIONS	v	ST. GEORGE
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	BRISBANE CITY

ROUND 8 — 22/23 APRIL, 1978

ADELAIDE CITY	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
ST. GEORGE	v	FITZROY UNITED
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	BRISBANE LIONS
CANBERRA CITY	v	FOOTSCRAY
BRISBANE CITY	v	WEST ADELAIDE
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	MARCONI

ROUND 9 — 29/30 APRIL, 1978

ADELAIDE CITY	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
MARCONI	v	WEST ADELAIDE
BRISBANE CITY	v	CANBERRA CITY
FITZROY UNITED	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
FOOTSCRAY	v	ST. GEORGE
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	BRISBANE LIONS

ROUND 10 — 6/7 MAY, 1978

CANBERRA CITY	v	MARCONI
WEST ADELAIDE	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	FOOTSCRAY
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	FITZROY UNITED
BRISBANE LIONS	v	ADELAIDE CITY
ST. GEORGE	v	BRISBANE CITY

ROUND 11 — 13/14 MAY, 1978

BRISBANE CITY	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
ADELAIDE CITY	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
MARCONI	v	ST. GEORGE
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	CANBERRA CITY
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	WEST ADELAIDE
FITZROY UNITED	v	BRISBANE LIONS

ROUND 12 — 20/21 MAY, 1978

CANBERRA CITY	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
BRISBANE LIONS	v	FOOTSCRAY
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	BRISBANE CITY
ST. GEORGE	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
WEST ADELAIDE	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	MARCONI
FITZROY UNITED	v	ADELAIDE CITY

1978 FIXTURE LIST

ROUND 13 — 27/28 MAY, 1978

SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	CANBERRA CITY
FOOTSCRAY	v	FITZROY UNITED
BRISBANE CITY	v	BRISBANE LIONS
ADELAIDE CITY	v	WEST ADELAIDE
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	ST. GEORGE
MARCONI	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED

ROUND 14 — 3/4 JUNE, 1978

FITZROY UNITED	v	MARCONI
BRISBANE LIONS	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
ST. GEORGE	v	WEST ADELAIDE
FOOTSCRAY	v	BRISBANE CITY
ADELAIDE CITY	v	CANBERRA CITY

ROUND 15 — 10/11 JUNE, 1978

SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	ST. GEORGE
MARCONI	v	BRISBANE LIONS
FOOTSCRAY	v	ADELAIDE CITY
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
BRISBANE CITY	v	FITZROY UNITED
WEST ADELAIDE	v	CANBERRA CITY
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ROUND 16 — 17/18 JUNE, 1978

SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	WEST ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY	v	BRISBANE CITY
FITZROY UNITED	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
MARCONI	v	FOOTSCRAY
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
CANBERRA CITY	v	ST. GEORGE
BRISBANE LIONS	v	WESTERN SUBURBS

ROUND 17 — 24/25 JUNE, 1978

SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	BRISBANE LIONS
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	FOOTSCRAY
CANBERRA CITY	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
WEST ADELAIDE	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
ST. GEORGE	v	ADELAIDE CITY
BRISBANE CITY	v	MARCONI
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	FITZROY UNITED

ROUND 18 — 1/2 JULY, 1978

BRISBANE LIONS	v	WEST ADELAIDE
FOOTSCRAY	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
FITZROY UNITED	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	BRISBANE CITY
ADELAIDE CITY	v	MARCONI
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	CANBERRA CITY
ST. GEORGE	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ROUND 19 — 8/9 JULY, 1978

SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	FOOTSCRAY
MARCONI	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
WEST ADELAIDE	v	FITZROY UNITED
BRISBANE CITY	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
CANBERRA CITY	v	BRISBANE LIONS
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	ST. GEORGE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	ADELAIDE CITY

ROUND 20 — 15/16 JULY, 1978

SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	MARCONI
FOOTSCRAY	v	WEST ADELAIDE
FITZROY UNITED	v	CANBERRA CITY
ADELAIDE CITY	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
ST. GEORGE	v	BRISBANE LIONS
BRISBANE CITY	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE

ROUND 21 — 22/23 JULY, 1978

NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	ADELAIDE CITY
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
FITZROY UNITED	v	ST. GEORGE
BRISBANE LIONS	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
FOOTSCRAY	v	CANBERRA CITY
WEST ADELAIDE	v	BRISBANE CITY
MARCONI	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE

ROUND 22 — 29/30 JULY, 1978

WESTERN SUBURBS	v	ADELAIDE CITY
WEST ADELAIDE	v	MARCONI
CANBERRA CITY	v	BRISBANE CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	FITZROY UNITED
ST. GEORGE	v	FOOTSCRAY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
BRISBANE LIONS	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED

ROUND 23 — 5/6 AUGUST, 1978

MARCONI	v	CANBERRA CITY
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	WEST ADELAIDE
WESTERN SUBURBS	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
FITZROY UNITED	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
ADELAIDE CITY	v	BRISBANE LIONS
BRISBANE CITY	v	ST. GEORGE

ROUND 24 — 12/13 AUGUST, 1978

SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	BRISBANE CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	ADELAIDE CITY
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	FOOTSCRAY
ST. GEORGE	v	MARCONI
CANBERRA CITY	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
WEST ADELAIDE	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
BRISBANE LIONS	v	FITZROY UNITED

ROUND 25 — 19/20 AUGUST, 1978

WESTERN SUBURBS	v	CANBERRA CITY
FOOTSCRAY	v	BRISBANE LIONS
BRISBANE CITY	v	NEWCASTLE UNITED
EAST. SUB. HAKOAH	v	ST. GEORGE
SOUTH MELBOURNE	v	WEST ADELAIDE
MARCONI	v	SYDNEY OLYMPIC
ADELAIDE CITY	v	FITZROY UNITED

ROUND 26 — 26/27 AUGUST, 1978

CANBERRA CITY	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
FITZROY UNITED	v	FOOTSCRAY
BRISBANE LIONS	v	BRISBANE CITY
WEST ADELAIDE	v	ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	EAST. SUB. HAKOAH
ST. GEORGE	v	WESTERN SUBURBS
NEWCASTLE UNITED	v	MARCONI

Team of Yesteryear — ST GEORGE SOUTHS (1969) (formerly Hellenic)



Back Row (from left) — NANA DVORNICICH, DON BOWERS, MATT JACKSON, ANDY TSOUMBARAS, LANCE PETIE, GORDON MACKIE, GRAHAM McMILLAN, JOHN TAYLOR, RON ROSS.

Front Row (from left) — CHAS MATTERS, ALAN MAY, COL KITCHING, BRIAN "Chooky" VOGLER, TREVOR LONG, CON PETRIDIS.

AMPOL CUP — 1978

Preliminary Knock-out Series

COUNTRY ZONES

THIS year we have altered the format only in respect to the Country series to provide a Round Robin Tournament, where all Federation Representative Teams in the one zone play each other to determine the zone winner.

There are two reasons for the change, the first is to ensure that all four teams meet, rather than instant knockout in one match. Secondly and most importantly, the high cost of travel in the country areas does become evident, and a burden, when a team travels to the first game and after winning, find they need to travel to another area for the final game.

To have four teams from the one zone meeting in the one location for the long weekend in May of each year, will produce an 'Ampol Carnival' to be held in that area once every four years.

Using the Northern Zone for example, should Mackay host the Carnival in 1978 then 1979 could be Townsville, 1980 Cairns, 1981 Mount Isa and in rotation each year thereafter. The sequence for each Zone can be decided upon by the four Federations when they meet at the initial Carnival in May, 1978.

As in past years the three zone winners will share equally the prize money allocated to this section of the Ampol Cup 1978.

OVERALL PROPOSAL

Final Sixteen Knockout Competition

The final sixteen (16) teams will comprise the following:

Twelve First Division Clubs	12
Three Country Zone Winners	3
One Second Division Team	1
Total	16

These sixteen (16) teams are seeded to play from the initial draw to the winner. The order to determine the seedings is as follows:

First Division

The points table at the completion of the round played May 21st 1978 determines the seedings of the First Division teams.

Second Division

At the completion of the round played May 28th 1978, the team leading the points table will represent the Second Division in the final sixteen.

Country Zones

The three winners of the Country Zone series will represent the Northern, Central and Southern areas in the final sixteen.

DRAW — KNOCKOUT SIXTEEN

Commencing June 3rd, 1978

Round 1

1 v 16 — 5 v 12 — 3 v 14 — 7 v 10
8 v 9 — 4 v 13 — 6 v 11 — 2 v 15.

Knockout Seedings

- No. 1 First Division 1 on points table
- No. 2 First Division 2 on points table
- No. 3 First Division 3 on points table
- No. 4 First Division 4 on points table
- No. 5 First Division 5 on points table
- No. 6 First Division 6 on points table
- No. 7 First Division 7 on points table
- No. 8 First Division 8 on points table
- No. 9 Second Division Team
- No. 10 Country Southern Zone
- No. 11 Country Central Zone
- No. 12 Country Northern Zone
- No. 13 First Division 9 on points table
- No. 14 First Division 10 on points table
- No. 15 First Division 11 on points table
- No. 16 First Division 12 on points table

PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

Provided by Ampol Petroleum Q'ld. Pty. Ltd.

Winner —	\$1,800.00
Runner-up —	\$800.00
3rd Position —	\$600.00
4th Position —	\$300.00
Country Zone winners (3) —	\$1,000.00
TOTAL —	\$4,500.00

Semi-final losers play the early game to the final in order to determine third and fourth position.

WORLD CUP HOLDERS STILL CONFIDENT

WEST GERMANY — holder of the World Soccer Cup, goes to Argentina to defend its title without five of its best players. Yet the German public seems to take it for granted their team will win again.

A strange feud between the West German Soccer Federation and some of the country's top stars, which started after the 1974 final, has considerably weakened the team. But Germany is rich in talent and newcomers have filled the ranks.

Not on the team roster are "Kaiser" Franz Beckenbauer, who left the country to play for New York Cosmos, Uli Stielike, who is under contract to Real Madrid, Paul Breitner, who returned from Spain this season but has been at odds with the German Federation for years, and Gerd Mueller and Juergen Grabowski, who quit the team after disputes with Federation officials during and after the 1974 World Cup.

Beckenbauer, Stielike, Breitner and Grabowski would clearly be assets to the German team, as their places are being disputed by newcomers who are still trying to prove themselves. But coach Helmut Schoen was always reluctant to include players under contract to foreign clubs in his team and Beckenbauer and Stielike are no exceptions.

Breitner and Grabowski on the other hand belong to the breed of players which lifted West Germany to world class by winning the 1972 European Cup. They are individualists who go their own ways, like Guenther Netzer, Wolfgang Overath and some others who have faded from the scene.

The German Federation, however, is building its team more on disciplined workers who are craftsmen rather than artists and who will not make headlines by disagreeing with any official, no matter what his position in the hierarchy.

After all this, West Germany must be considered top favourite at least in Group Two, where it will compete against Poland, Mexico and Tunisia.

Of those three only Poland is considered a difficult opponent, although the Poles seem to have lost a lot of the class which carried them to third place in 1974.

Not surprisingly, the German public almost unanimously sees its team as the strong favourite for the title.

After losing the European crown in a penalty shooting match against Czechoslovakia in Belgrade in 1976 the team was rebuilt. Only four players, most likely only three, will be left from the team that beat Holland 2-1 in the Munich World Cup final in 1974.

Goalie Sepp Maier is still rated the nations No. 1, although he has conceded more than 40 goals in League matches so far this season.

The defence is led by team captain Berti Vogts, who together with Maier, Rainer Bonhof and Bernd Hoelzenbein played in the World Cup team four years ago.

The midfield poses something of a problem. Bonhof plays defensively and Heinz Flohe feeds the attack with passes and ideas. But the third slot is vacant and Breitner and Grabowski, the two best midfielders in the German League, are out of the running.

Schoen still has time to experiment in the three warm-up matches remaining before the World Cup, but a clear cut choice has not emerged.

The attack probably will be built around centre-forward Klaus Fischer whose goal scoring ability is well known.

He gets his crosses from Ruediger Abramczik, playing on the right wing, but there is no left winger.

Several players have been tested, with Hoelzenbein proving the most effective. But for his club Eintracht, Frankfurt, Hoelzenbein is an offensive midfielder and it will not be easy for him to adapt to the wing position. But he is still first choice, with two or three others waiting for a chance.

Although Schoen has not yet announced his selection, the following team can be considered West Germany's and is likely to be fielded if no dramatic developments such as injuries, occur.

GOALKEEPER — Sepp Maier (Bayern Munich);

DEFENCE — Berti Vogts (Borussia Moenchengladbach), Manfred Kaltz (Hamburger SV), Rolf Ruessman (Schalke 04), Bernhard Dietz (M.S.V. Duisburg);

MIDFIELD — Heinz Flohe (FC Cologne), Rainer Bonhof (Moenchengladbach), Hans Bongartz (Schalke 04);

ATTACK — Ruediger Abramczik (Schalke 04), Klaus Fischer (Schalke 04), Bernd Hoelzenbein (Eintracht Frankfurt).

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE FOR CLOUGH

from DOUG CONWAY of A.A.P.

NOTHING, it seems, is impossible for Brian Clough in English Soccer this season — not even the “impossible treble.”

Clough is the enigmatic maestro who in 12 months has transformed Nottingham Forest from unspectacular second division material into the most successful team in the country.

Last February Forest were eighth in the second division, and even when they went on to gain promotion most people considered they would do well just to survive in the first division.

Just a year later Nottingham Forest are not only run-away leaders but are storming their way towards the “impossible treble” victory in the three major domestic competitions.

Never before has the treble — League championship, F.A. Cup and League Cup — been achieved. But Nottingham's swelling ambitions have forced even the cynics to concede them a fair chance to break through the barrier.

Clough has piloted the Midlands side to a six-point lead in the first division, guided them into the last 16 in the F.A. Cup, and virtually assured them of at least one Wembley appearance already in the League Cup final.

Clough's revered ability to motivate his players is regarded as one of the prime reasons behind Nottingham's transformation.

Welsh international Alan Durban, now manager of third division Shrewsbury, was a member of the Derby County team which Clough steered to the League title in 1971-72.

“Clough has a total self-confidence and it rubs off on his players,” Durban says. “That's what is happening at Forest now.”

England centre-half Roy McFarland, captain of that Derby team says: “The great thing with Brian is that he always spelled out exactly what he wanted. Not every player liked him, but without exception they respected him.”

Clough has often been prepared to put his own neck on the chopping block. Derby were 18th in the second division after his first season as manager there in 1968, but he offered no excuses.

“If Derby don't do better next season they ought to look for a new manager,” he proclaimed with a hint of the many outspoken statements to come.

But there was no need for concern. Derby ran away with the second division championship.

A year after taking over at Nottingham Forest in January, 1975, Clough made a promise he is now fulfilling when he said: “Forest are a happy club — and I intend to make them happier.”

Referring to his earlier success with traditional rivals, Derby he said: “It may be only 15 miles down the road to Derby. It could be 515 for all I care. We don't aim to live on memories. We must live and breathe Forest.”

Clough's relationship with his players is difficult to fathom. Described as ruthless, arrogant and outrageous, he has imposed fines on his players for talking out of turn to the press while having plenty to say himself.

He has always been ready to share a drink with them yet is careful to keep a social distance.

“I talk to the players, shout at them, fine them and have a few beers with them on a Friday,” says Clough, adding: “Yes a Friday, I am dealing with sensible adult people.”

Current Forest skipper John McGovern has played under Clough at Hartlepool and Derby in his brief and fiery spell at Leeds United and now at Forest.

“I've played for him for 10 years yet I am now no closer to Clough than when I first met him at the age of 16,” he says.

“I believe that's the way it should be. It's a good relationship.”

There is another side to Clough too.

Frank O'Farrell recalls the day he was sacked as Manchester United manager and his wife, Ann, received a big bouquet of flowers from Clough.

“I didn't know Brian that well yet that gesture gave me a big boost at a time when I was feeling low,” he says.

Clough's success with Forest also owes much to his shrewd purchases, notably

goalkeeper Peter Shilton from Stoke last September for \$A459,000.

Shilton is one of the main reasons for Forest's extraordinary defensive record this season — a miserly 15 goals conceded in 27 League matches.

A continuation of this form will see them finish with the best defensive record by any first division side this century.

“Brian is happiest when his side has

not conceded a goal,” says Derby star Colin Todd.

Clough who admitted two years ago that he had “delusions of grandeur” and thought he was “the best manager since sliced bread” is well aware of the price of failure.

His philosophy is: “When you are dealing in really big money you have to be right. Any manager who lays out hundreds of thousands of dollars must expect the chop if his hunches don't pay off.”

1977 PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	Aggregate					Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P
1 Easts-Hakoah	26	13	11	2	52 28 37	13	8	3	2	30 16 19	13	5	8	—	22 12 18
2 Marconi	26	15	7	4	42 21 37	13	7	4	2	15 8 18	13	8	3	2	27 13 19
3 Fitzroy	26	12	8	6	41 34 32	13	8	2	3	26 20 18	13	4	6	3	15 14 14
4 Adelaide City	26	12	7	7	50 31 31	13	7	3	3	29 13 17	13	5	4	4	21 18 14
5 Western Subs.	26	11	7	8	38 29 29	13	5	5	3	21 12 15	13	6	2	5	17 17 14
6 St. George	26	7	14	5	39 35 28	13	5	7	1	21 13 17	13	2	7	4	18 22 11
7 West Adelaide	26	8	10	8	38 32 26	13	3	5	5	18 20 11	13	5	5	3	20 12 15
8 Footscray	26	9	6	11	36 39 24	13	6	3	4	24 20 15	13	3	3	7	12 19 9
9 Brisbane Lions	26	9	5	12	27 41 23	13	6	3	4	18 17 15	13	3	2	8	9 24 8
10 Brisbane City	26	8	6	12	30 35 22	13	6	3	4	16 10 15	13	2	3	8	14 25 7
11 South Melbourne	26	7	8	11	27 35 22	13	3	5	5	12 13 11	13	4	3	6	15 22 11
12 Olympic	26	7	7	12	25 38 21	13	5	3	5	16 17 13	13	2	4	7	9 21 8
13 Canberra	26	5	7	14	22 39 17	13	3	3	7	13 19 9	13	2	4	7	9 20 8
14 Mooroolbark	26	5	5	16	31 61 15	13	2	5	6	17 24 9	13	3	—	10 14 37 6	

1977 PSL RESULTS

	Adelaide City	Brisbane City	Brisbane Lions	Canberra City	Easts-Hakoah	Fitzroy	Footscray	Marconi	Mooroolbark	South Melbourne	St. George	Sydney Olympic	West Adelaide	Western Suburbs
Adelaide City	●	1-2	0-0	2-0	1-2	1-0	4-1	1-0	10-3	2-0	1-1	3-0	2-2	1-2
Brisbane City	1-0	●	3-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-3	0-1	3-1	2-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	0-1
Brisbane Lions	1-1	2-1	●	0-1	0-4	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	0-2	1-4	4-0
Canberra City	1-1	2-0	1-2	●	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-2	2-2	4-0	1-3	0-3
Easts-Hakoah	6-1	3-1	2-0	2-1	●	1-1	4-3	2-4	3-0	0-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	2-1
Fitzroy	1-0	3-2	4-1	2-0	1-3	●	2-0	1-8	2-0	5-2	1-2	2-0	0-0	2-2
Footscray	3-4	2-1	4-2	3-0	2-2	1-3	●	3-4	1-0	2-2	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1
Marconi	0-4	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	●	1-0	3-0	3-1	0-0	2-1	3-0
Mooroolbark	1-3	1-1	0-1	3-2	2-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	●	2-4	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-2
South Melbourne	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-2	2-0	●	2-3	1-1	1-2	2-0
St. George	0-2	3-2	0-0	2-0	1-1	2-2	2-0	0-0	5-1	1-1	●	3-3	1-0	1-1
Sydney Olympic	3-1	4-0	1-0	2-2	2-2	3-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-2	2-0	●	0-4	0-3
West Adelaide	1-4	3-3	5-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-2	1-1	3-3	1-0	●	0-1
Western Suburbs	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-1	3-4	0-1	0-0	1-1	5-0	2-0	3-2	0-2	1-1	●

AND SO WE GROW?

This season sees many changes to the status quo. The state league has not eventuated despite getting the required number of applicants but it is to be hoped the idea does not follow in the footsteps of others. How have we really progressed in the close season?, it is a question well put and deserves examination so that despite all the gossip and rumour a clear picture can be formed to evaluate our progress.

At the top of the tree, P.S.L. Mooroolbark have gone and from all reports are probably better out of the big money game that is the Philips League. Their demise highlights the need for tight control on the emotions of people who picture themselves as soccer club supremos, when thousands of dollars are involved it is better to have a financial brain in control, than a self styled Sir Alf Ramsay. Newcastle, from their well prepared brochure have done a tremendous amount of spadework in getting ready and will surprise if they do not establish themselves in top company. Locally, Lions go on their steady march towards professionalism, in their usual competent manner. They suffered badly from "growing pains" last year, hiring and firing players willy-nilly, fighting local clubs indirectly, because of their suspicions, and in the process over spending on their budget. However even without the aid of a sponsor they survived and now with the influx of new brains into the higher reaches of the club and an ever widening horizon in policy that already has embraced three first division clubs there is no doubt we are witnessing the birth of an organisation that given the time, will become a great power in Australian soccer. Kentucky Fried Chicken have backed a winner here and when Mr. David Young, the managing director of Collins International is watched carefully it is obvious the man knows he is a good punter, such is his enthusiasm for the task ahead. City are City, they entertain a public hungry for entertaining soccer, and are a tremendous source of enjoyment to their supporters who no longer can be identified by the accent on their tongues. It would appear they may have lost their sponsor (at the time of writing) and this will make growth difficult, in a competition that absolutely demands improvement. In the area of promotion they made some headway but in top management the "Nesti" affair did not reflect projected thought,

rather a hit or miss attitude that can be fatal in soccer. No doubt they will again survive the season due to their attraction at the gates but with ever expanding costs and standards this will not be enough in the long term. The hiring of Denis Ford as part time coach will be looked upon by many as a shrewd way of cutting costs but others may look upon it as an admission of failing to keep up with the big boys. No matter how it is viewed there will no doubt be grumbings from other sources from now until next November when Denis can once again roam the country doing the job he was hired for, that of coaching coaches in Queensland.

At first division level the \$15 legislation has caused all sorts of confusion, suspicion and in some clubs unexpected calm and peace. There is no doubt that this calm and peace is the quiet before the storm when players start yarning over a bar to each other and talk through a "few beers" that's when the fun will start. From reports it can be assumed St. Helens, Eagles, St. George and the promoted Sunnyside and Thistle will have reasonable sides. Annerley do not appear to be any worse off than last year but whether Kenny Bass can work his magic with the same squad remains to be seen.

Merton and Mt. Gravatt appear to be a mixture of last year's campaigners and new young blood and from pre-season trials are going to experience the headaches that such mixtures bring on. North Brisbane are hinging their future on State League, if they get early confirmation, they have players ready for importation, if not, one must wonder, they will again be a workmanlike side, nothing more.

The two P.S.L. reserve sides are just that this year, breeding grounds for youngsters and that is the way it should be. Whether they will survive is an interesting thought projection. Redlands have lost so much in the way of staff that question marks must be placed against their ability to perform.

Billy Webb has an unenviable task in front of him but who knows, this may be the time to embark on bringing in new blood. It is hard to be honest and say with conviction that the first division will improve. Legislation and last years poor standard tend to make the observer

feel that an interim period of adjustment and rebuilding is being embarked upon. How long it will last is another story.

Lower divisions are in the boiling pot caused by the abolition of reserve grade football and the subsequent placement of the teams into lower grades. This was a necessary step but the confusion caused will take about four or five seasons to correct itself.

The total picture is of an organisation now too unwieldy for proper administration and as long as the lower division clubs remain apathetic towards their own destiny so will it continue. Harry Davis in the Australian stated a few weeks back that the monthly council meetings were boring. Surely this is the greatest understatement of alltime. These meetings are a constitutional necessity but in fulfilling

their requirement as a policing of policies and goings-on they are nothing short of a farce.

Finally we must sum up. Progress is no doubt being made in the top echelons of the game in the middle order there is a general marking of time with a few exceptions, notably St. Helens and Grange Thistle who appear to be gearing up for the future. At the bottom is a disorganised chaos of young players seeking experience, older players seeking a kick at a ball and somewhere in the morass a burning hope and ambition that someday, sometime, the "big-time" will be attained.

It is in this area that work has to be done immediately if the soccer step ladder is to be complete and safe for the debutant junior to make his way.

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SEARCH FOR A COACH

FORMER World Cup coach Jim Shoulder's replacement as Australian National soccer coach will be an overseas "big name" if the Australian Soccer Federation has its way.

The A.S.F. executive meeting in Sydney today authorised President Sir Arthur George and Secretary Brian Le Fevre to search for suitable men when they attend the World Cup in Argentina next June.

"We will enquire there and everywhere we can," Secretary Le Fevre said today.

There is obviously no chance of an appointee being drawn from within Australia.

Today's meeting decided that Greece's match in Adelaide on June 14 will be the only full international of the tour.

Australian elevens will provide the opposition in Sydney and Melbourne on June 11 and 17 respectively.

Jim Shoulder will be in charge for the matches. Tommy Docherty will be in Australia for the fourth time when Derby County tour in May.

The famed manager first came with Chelsea in 1965 and again with Manchester United in 1967 and 1975.

Derby County will be opposed by State

teams which will include Philips League players.

The revised dates are Sydney May 14, Adelaide May 17 and May 21 in Melbourne.

Derby's teams of \$12,000 per game were accepted although two of their internationals, Bruce Rioch and Don Masson, will be absent due to Scotland's participation in the World Cup finals.

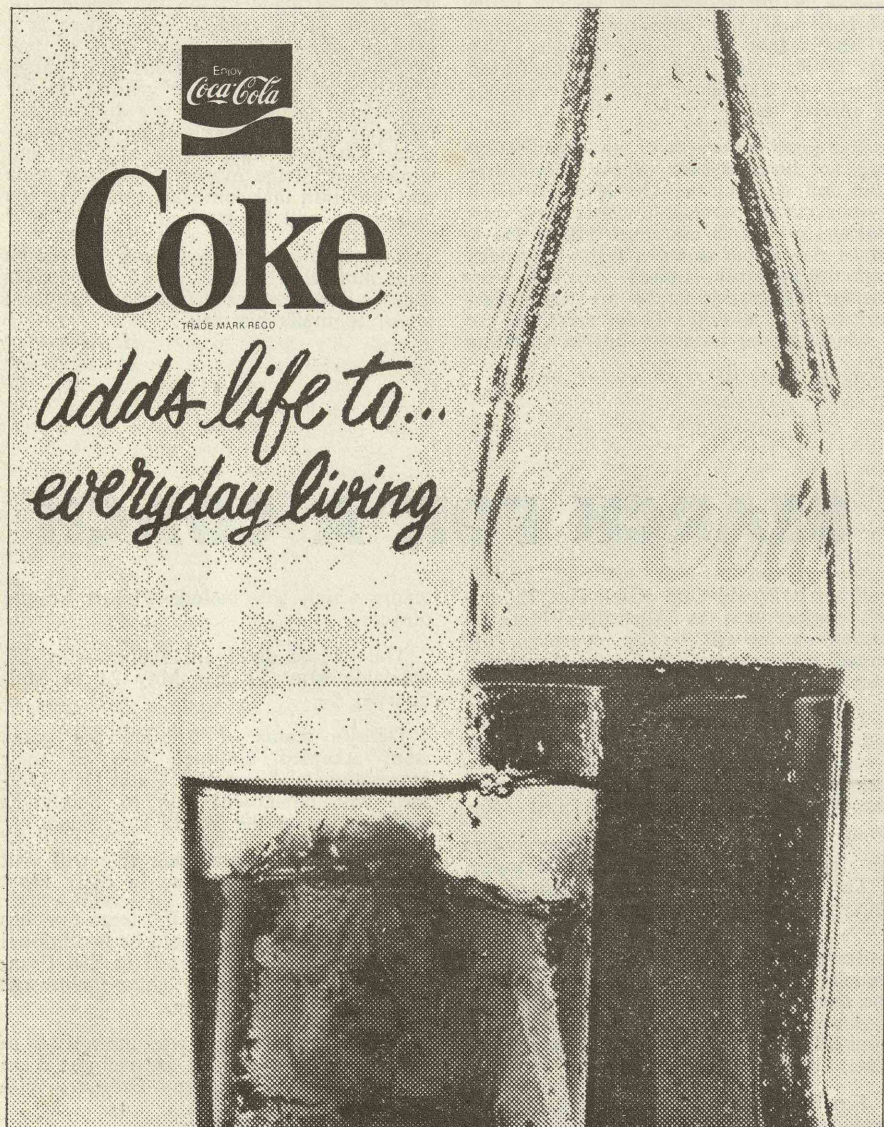
Bobby Charlton's all star side will visit Newcastle and Melbourne in early May.

The proposed English FA team matches in Brisbane and Perth could be conditional upon games being arranged in San Francisco and Hong Kong to lighten the present fee of \$15,000 per game.

The Philips League was authorised to arrange for the visit of an overseas team between November 1 and February 28th in any year.

The Federation also approved the wide ranging player insurance scheme proposed by R. E. Bott, Brokers of Melbourne.

The insurance will cover the National team, interested Philips League Clubs and the States, many of whom have decided to enter.



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POINTS TO PONDER

Usual rumours and counter rumours flying around just like a few "name" players who have been doing the same thing chasing the almighty dollar.

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Strange sort of competition run by Grange Thistle through the auspices of Gino Arquilla. Noted player played with two different teams in same competition. Step further on than the dual registration of Hermiston no doubt. Where does it all end?

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Gino Arquilla been through massive operation. Good to see him back on the rails again looking heavier than we remember him pre-op. Must be all that looking after by attractive ladies. Look after yourself Gino and get well soon. You may be needed again to appear for Italy in veteran's internationals.

Some noted players passed their senior course at Tallebudgera and had Denis Ford raving about high standard. Ian Steele, Eric Thompson and Chris Carrol to name but a few of successful participants.

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Big names up from south to enjoy Charity Final between City and Hakoah were P.S.L. manager John Franks and his lovely Queensland wife Angela and National Director of Coaching Eric Worthington.

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Grange Thistle hope to be making a start on clubhouse soon out Lanham Park way. George Pagan just back from overseas trip where he reckons first two days in London cost him enough to pay for foundations.

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Coaches moving around again, last years St. George coach, Derek Mann, turned up at Lanham Park with Mt. Gravatt. Jimmy

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Rogers is now manager and reckons system working out well.

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At St. George Gordon Mackie is being aided and abetted by Ian Fagan who has returned at the end of his loan period as player coach. Must be youngest coach of senior club in Australia!!! Old faithful Tommy Devine lurks around keeping an experienced eye over all.

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Tony Lowndes, who was to have been at St. George according to newspaper ad still at Valleys due to contract arrangements.

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Syd Tucker, former Latrobe and North Brisbane favourite as player and coach now in charge at Mitchelton.

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Billy Webb, another old time favourite has taken the reins at Redlands who, on paper appear to have had their premier-ship side decimated. Full back Don Bowers has gone to Rochedale as player coach, Trevor Catchpole and Ronnie Millman have rejoined Matt Carson at Eagles, and from all reports Chris Hill and Barry Kelso are finished with the club, not surprising when one considers the whacking great \$15,000 requested for both their signatures.

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Brian Addison is still to be seen on North Brisbane's bench with his Helmut Schoen "bunnet" on, and Mal Bland continues to call the tune with Mertons youngsters from mid-field. Eddie Carrigan and Bill Bryant are still holding the hot seat at Sunnyside and Wynnum respectively so the story that coaching is only a one season job is definitely not true, for if you add Gyula Vincze and Dave Neal from the two P.S.L. reserve sides quite a few have held their jobs.

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Complaint of players not putting anything back into game brings us to look at eleven first division coaches (Mal Bland still playing). What a team this could have been a few years ago, dare I say ten.

Dave Neal (Spencer Park), Kenny Bass (Annerley), Barry Dann (Grge. Thistle), Gordon Mackie (St. George), Brian Addison (North Brisbane), Billy Webb (Red-

lands), Eddie Carrigan (Sunnyside), Gyula Vincze (Richlands), Ian Kesson (St. Helens), Matt Carson (St. Eagles), Jimmy Rogers (Mt. Gravatt)

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Changes in Channel Seven's Sports scene saw Bob Buchanan quietly, very quietly, replaced by Perry Park publicity man Neil Rudd, so joining racing favourite Rod Gallegos on the sidelines of the show. Obviously some quick work behind the scene or should we say screen. Neil, an experienced radio man from way back comes over well on the small screen with his hard sell approach to facts and figures. However wonder how he'll go interviewing players or coaches about the game of soccer?? We'll wait and see.

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Big stouch put on by Lions in the roof of Brisbane, the Panorama room at Cloudland, to announce plans for forthcoming season. Sponsor has been secured and new committee formed to "market" the club to Brisbane public. Another step in the right direction by our Inala friends.

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Perry Park was like scene from 007 movie on Charity Cup Final day with whispered conversations being held in corners all over the room. Brisbane City officials talking to Queensland Soccer Federation officials, then to Denis Ford, and back to Federation official, then interrupted by another City official who is shuttling back and forth between top City men and the bar, where popular Lions player, who is very unhappy, happens to be standing. All these goings on have the stamp of professionalism a la Queensland style. Just imagine Brian Clough slipping up behind Archie Gemmill in a Derby bar saying "Psst, wanna buy a watch, oh I mean join my club".

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Reports of constitution being ignored once again when group of players approached Federation Management Committee re legality of registration. Time another solicitor was elected to replace former gentleman who is now a judge. Someday soon these spats are going to blow sky high unless some control is made over constitutional matters. Suggest a legal mind be made available for reference, someone outside the code who does not get involved in the bum fights.

Jim Hermiston coaching in the Telegraph. Good piece of marketing because "Tele" has never been renowned soccer paper. Sunday Sun doesn't appear to know such a game exists.

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A.B.C. reported to be negotiating for full World Cup coverage from Argentina. Who knows, may see big Borzi in the stands or even Jacob Shane playing on the field!!! Some games in P.S.L. are to be filmed at Perry Park this year for national viewing on T.V. Another forward step.

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Do you think it's worth 50 cents to sit in a covered grandstand. If so, don't complain about the charge to enter the covered stand at Perry Park because the 50 cents is being used exclusively to finance the project.

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Alan Marley has joined Brisbane City on loan for the season and this is the best piece of work done by City officials since P.S.L. inception. Marley who proved against Australia last November that he can play in any company, deserves to be given a chance in the showcase of Australian soccer.

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"Friendly trial" at Richlands two weeks ago was a disgrace to both participating clubs Lions and City. The arrangement between both clubs was obviously to play a home game each, and by calling it a P.S.L. trial fleece the public of \$2.00. The

first game at Spencer Park was a reasonable exercise with all name players playing but at Richlands, City trotted out six recognised reserves and one trialist with Lions fielding two trialists (one obviously not fit) and one youngster from the reserve bench. The resultant mayhem was a disgrace to the game of soccer and if the P.S.L. Man. Comm. had any muscle at all it would ensure both clubs did not try this gag on the public again. A cheap exercise in dollar gathering turned into an unprofessional blot on the game at this level. Referee Nugent was lenient, dishing out four cautions and one send off!!! How much better had both clubs approached their preparation professionally by playing "up" through the ranks until one week before P.S.L. and giving their final selections a run seven days before the "big off". Perry Park would have been packed to capacity, but then again the clubs might have lost a little bit on çanteen sales??? "Public relations"? never entered into the heads that mattered!!!

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Reports of Gordon Mackie resigning at St. George. Such is the life of the football manager.

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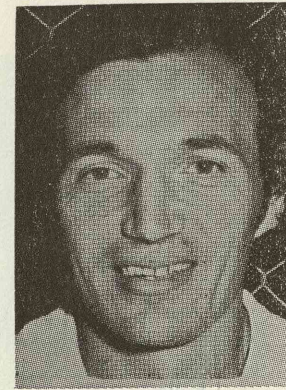
Tony Edwards now officially a St. George player, transferring from Lions for what we imagine would be the maximum \$2,000. No verification from publicity conscious State League nominees.

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Another "quiet" move Greg Jackson of Eagles now in the tangerine and black of Thistle. No more news.



COL. BENNETT (Lions)



IVO PRSKALO (Marconi)



Philips League **MATCH OF THE DAY**



BRISBANE LIONS

- 1 ROD McKENZIE
- 2 JIM HERMISTON
- 3 GEORGE POTTER
- 4 COL BENNETT
- 5 ALAN NIVEN
- 6 EDDIE SPEARRITT
- 7 PAUL ONTONG
- 8 STEVE AMOS
- 9 JOHN NEALE
- 10 BARRIE FAIRBROTHER
- 11 ALAN HUGHES
- 12 PAUL LASLO
- 13 IAN LAWRIE
- 14 JOHN WILKINSON
- 15 JOHN OGDEN
- 20 CHRIS CARROLL

Coach: BRIAN DAYKIN

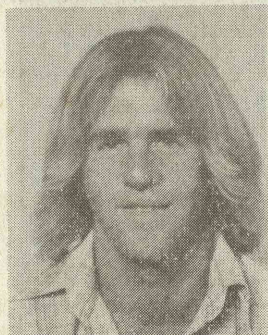


JOHN NEALE (Lions)

MARCONI

- 1 ALAN MAHER
- 2 BARRY JONES
- 3 PAUL DEGNEY
- 5 IVO PRSKALO
- 7 GARY BYRNE
- 8 ROBERTO VIERI
- 9 JIMMY ROONEY
- 10 BERTIE MARIANI
- 11 PETER SHARNE
- 12 RITCHIE WILLIAMS
- 13 STUART SELVAGE
- 14 MARK JANKOVICS
- 15 PETER BROGAN
- 20 FAVIO FABRIANISI

Coach: RALE RASIC



MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi)