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THIS was one of the scenes of jubilation shared by Brisbane City players (from left) JOHN COYNE, TOM McLEOD, IAN RATHMELL and ROBERTO ECHEVERRIA after winning last years Philips Cup. City will give their supporters some joy if they can open their account this Sunday against Footscray at Perry Park.

'GO SOCCER'

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Ipswich Bus Service

BRISBANE City is to provide a bus service from Ipswich to Perry Park for City's home games this season. Public transport between Brisbane and Ipswich is not always satisfactory on Sundays and thus City has decided to provide the facility. The coach will leave Duncalfe's Mens Store at 161 Brisbane Street at 1.00 p.m. Sundays. Fares (including entrance to Perry Park) will be Adults \$4 return and children \$2 return. As the ordinary bus fare is \$3.20 return and P.S.L. admission is \$2 there is a financial saving and no parking worries, no problem with Sunday drivers and no worry of the breathaliser should you have inadvertantly taken that extra drink.

Bookings are to be made at Duncalfe's Mens Store, where the telephone number is 281 3177. So why not enjoy carefree travel to and from Perry Park and see Brisbane City in the company of a few friends?

Travelodge Awards

THE best player in the Brisbane City side today, judged on all round effort and contribution to the team's performance will be named "Travelodge Player of the Week". His prize will be a Champagne Dinner for two in the Polynesian Room at Brisbane Travelodge.

Travelodge has further proposed an annual award to Brisbane's P.S.L. teams for a Best Young Player of the Season." The winner will be eligible for a Greyhound Bus trip for two and a full weeks accommodation at Sydney's Camperdown Travelodge. There will be a perpetual trophy on which the winner's name will be engraved and he will receive a miniature replica. Only players under 23 years at the commencement of the season (i.e. March 4th) will be considered and points will be awarded on a 3, 2, 1 basis by an

independent judge at all P.S.L. home fixtures. Progressive points will appear in GO SOCCER.

Brisbane City wish to thank Travelodge and Mr. Barrie Roberts of that organisation for their support for soccer in 1978.

Freixenet Champagne

FREIXENET (pronounced Friz-i-net) is a top quality champagne relatively new to Queensland. Originating in soccer mad Spain it is appropriate that the name be associated with the game here in Queensland. The Freixenet company has undertaken to supply the Brisbane City team with a case of one dozen bottles of their excellent product each time they take two points at home throughout the season. If you think City are sparkling this year you'll know part of the reason!

Comments on Footscray

FORD says "Last year Footscray impressed me as a team which was keen to play attacking football. They continually pushed forward, which must give their opponents some chances at the other end."

RATHMELL says "Last year we had some difficulty in handling their big men up front. If we can control them this time we will have a very good chance"

SAFTICH says "Cedo Cirkovic's Footscray is a team of great ability having a fine sense of possession and positional play. They will worry all teams, but will not achieve any great heights in 1978. They are one of the few teams that have retained their coach from 1977. City should win even though Footscray were one of the few teams to take four points from us last year."

MAX says "It's great to run on, but how come I never get to play with the ball."

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Cash for Goals

BELOW is a list of businesses and individuals who have pledged money to Brisbane City this year. For each goal scored each will donate the amount listed. If you would like to join Brisbane City's "Cash for Goals" scheme please contact either Dr. David Marshall (59 4473) or Mrs. Pam Simeone (266 9908).

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 \$1.00
- SOLARFILM PRODUCTS
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- Jonathan & Christopher Marshall, 31 Lawrence Rd., W. Chermside \$0.50

Adidas Shootout Competition

DURING half time at Brisbane City home fixtures this season a competition involving the recently formed Interschool Soccer Association teams is to be conducted. It is to be a knockout contest, the rules being as follows.

Each team to consist of five strikers and a goalkeeper. The ball to be placed thirty five metres from the goal line and the goalkeeper to be standing on the goal line. The referee will blow the whistle and ten seconds later blow it again. If the striker scores before the second whistle a goal is recorded. If he offends in any way which would normally lead to a free kick being awarded then no goal is awarded. If the goalkeeper offends in any way then a goal is awarded. In the event of a tie, alternate teams will continue to strike until the tie is broken.

The winning team at the end of the season will receive Adidah sporting goods.

Todays teams are representing the Brisbane Grammar School and Nudgee College.

This Game Last Year (City v Footscray)

THE Game was played on Sunday 18th September when the day was fine but the weather just warming up. The crowd of 5,500 were expecting big things from City following their recent 3 - 0 defeat of Olympic and close 2 - 3 loss away to Fitzroy. City dominated the first ten minutes but remained scoreless thanks to two outstanding saves from Boland and an easy chance missed. Experimentally Hermiston was in midfield and Echeverria was sweeping and gradually the City defence seemed to lose concentration and allowed Footscray to develop their precise short passing game. Vasic netted in the 35th minute and that was the score at half time.

In the second half coach Saftich substituted Caldwell and McLeod for Conner and Pimblett, both nursing minor injuries, but after 60 minutes Borzi made one of his rare mistakes in fumbling a cross from Kazi and Ristovski made it 2 - 0. City rallied and Coyne deflected home a neat header after 73 minutes and City pressed hard for the equalizer, but it was Palinkas who latched onto a long ball to slot it home and end the scoring.

It may have been that the City team had their thoughts on the forthcoming midweek cup tie with Lions. Whatever the cause it was possibly City's poorest home effort and one which was soon forgotten in the excitement and chaos of those three weeks of remarkable Philip's Cup football which was to follow. In any case Footscray, along with Western Suburbs and Canberra City was the only team to take four points from City in the 1977 season.

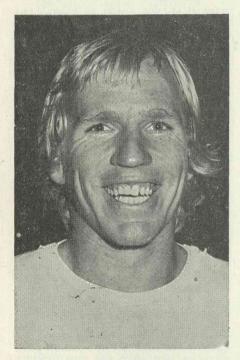
Last year's teams were:— Brisbane City - Borzi, Rathwell, Tokesi, Echeverria, Kibbey, Hermiston, Pimblett, Gaffney, Coyne, Johnston, Conner, reserves - McLeod and Caldwell.

Footscray — Boland, Parrott, Kriaris, Kondarios Kazi, Rujevic, Palinkas, Nicolaidis, Piciaone, Vasic, Ristovski, reserves Micic and Ilioski. Referee - D. Nugent.

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SPOTLIGHT ON CITY— PETER TOKESI

This is to be a regular feature in GO SOCCER this season each week Brisbane City has a home game. The first of the series is about a man who must be one of Brisbane's most popular and talented footballers and Brisbane City's 1977 Player of the Year, Peter Tokesi.



Full name Peter John Tokesi
Birthplace Brisbane
Birthdate
Height 6' 0'
Weight 13st. 7lb
Previous clubs Grovely
Married-wife- Thelma May, daughter-Amanda Ann
Car Holden wagon
Favourite player George Best
Favourite other team Manchester United
Most difficult opponent Dixie Deans
Most memorable match, Philips Fin. 1977

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Biggest thrill Scoring in Philips Cup Final 1977
Biggest disappointment A bad game
Best country visited Germany
Favourite food Wiener schnitzel
Miscellaneous likes Golf and parties
Miscellaneous dislikes Facing father after a bad game.
Favourite T.V. show Countdown
Favourite group Santana
Favourite actors Paul Newman and Steve McQueen.
Best friend "I have many"
Biggest influence on career "My father"
Biggest drag in soccer Losing
Honours Brisbane City player of the Year 1977, Queensland rep in 1977.
Personal ambition To play for Australia.
Professional ambition To make a million
If not a soccer player what would you do?

Not a Great Pipeopener

SATURDAY, March 4, the opening day of the Philips League season looked to have everything going for it — unusually perfect Melbourne weather and a crowd estimated at about 3,000 to watch Fitzroy United play at home at Middle Park to Brisbane City.

The first half was a cracking affair, featuring some flowing leadup work with quick forward bursts by the home and more cautious, but effective forward advances from City.

Young Kim Wishart appeared so nervous before the match that he let three or four shots trickle through his fingers during the warm-up session, much to the delight of a rat-bag element behind the goals who specialise in the "sporting" harrassment of opposition goalkeepers.

They would have been very quiet later when Wishart produced the best display of goalkeeping at Middle Park for many years, earning spontaneous applause from the home supporters and plaudits from pressmen. Wishart's performance was enough to earn him nine points from a

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possible 10 in the Melbourne Soccer Action player of the year award.

Wishart's confidence was boosted considerably by the ability of Perry, Tokesi, Rathmell and Lavelle to constantly break up dangerous raids from Buljevic, Cole, Micevski and Bozikas, who almost put City behind the eight ball early when he raced clear from what looked an offside position. But Perry as usual gave pursuit and upended him with a perfect sliding tackle. Despite City's promise, they didn't cause Blasby much concern, except for one boomer from Gaffney which almost whistled into the right hand corner.

Blasby could only get his hands to the shot and Caldwell should have taken much better advantage of the loose ball. Wishart began his magnificent display by diving like a cat to shove a thunderous shot from Micevski round the post in the 17th minute. Even Micevski acknowledged the effort. Shortly after, Taylor hit the crossbar for Fitzroy, but the adds are Wishart would have reached it had the ball been only centimetres lower. Wishart was again in action early in the second half when he brilliantly dealt with another Taylor shot and minutes later had to back pedal to tip a spinning ball over the bar after Tansey's shot had richocheted off Pimblett's leg. City almost made a disastrous blunder at the back which gave Buljevic a clear shot and with Wishart left helpless, Gaffney retreated in time to hook it off the line and

wasted no time in signalling to the linesman that it had not crossed the line.

Campbell replaced Micevski for Fitzroy and the busy midfielder began to shake up his team which looked more content to knock the ball around at the back amongst Bannon, Provan and Tansey. City's push up front was almost non-existent in the second half, mainly due to a dormant midfield, but they looked to have weathered the Fitzroy aggression and a point to take home until 12 minutes from the end.

Lavelle was too casual with his back pass to Wishart, Campbell pounced, crossed and Bozikas did the rest. Overall the game was a disappointment. After the bright first half, the second session resembled a trial run and either side, while not deserving to win, would have been considered unlucky to lose. This time the bad luck was with City, probably a carryover from the chain of events which stretched their Brisbane-Melbourne trip the day before to six hours.

The teams were: Fitzroy — Blasby, McMillan, Provan, O'Reilly, Tansey, Bannon, Taylor, Micevski, (Campbell), Bozikas, Cole Buljevic.

City — Wishart, Rathmell (Kibby), Tokesi, Perry, Lavelle, Pimblett, Echeverria, Gaffney, Conner (Marley), Coyne, Caldwell.

Referee — Stuart Mellings, who produced a thoroughly consistent display.

BRISBANE CITY v FOOTSCRAY

THIS weekend sees Brisbane City make its 1978 debut in Perry Park and one thing is for certain the new stand which should be ready on time will be packed to capacity for this match.

One thing has emerged from P.S.L. football and that is the fact that the Brisbane public will turn out in their thousands if there is a remote chance of good, exciting soccer being played. City, having gained a reputation for producing the goods at home will do exactly what is required of them and we have no doubt that if the two new Argentinians show up at training as well as their reputations indicate Denis Ford will waste no time in pushing them into the squad, if not the team, for even allowing for

the closeness of last weeks loss, a defeat is still a defeat and will not be tolerated for long by City supporters. As if the debut of the new season, and the new coach, and perhaps the new players were not enough to ensure a bumper crowd the opponents supplied are also a draw card in their own right.

Footscray, who place a great emphasis on skill in their game, almost guarantee the soccer connoisseur a match of magnificent show. Whoever can forget the game they turned on last year on TV against an Adelaide City inspired by Dixie Deans, when, despite leading well they refused to close up shop and attacked non stop to go down 3-4 to a last minute goal. Last weekend they turned the tables

and beat Adelaide City 1-0 in Adelaide so they are still a force to be reckoned with for that is no mean feat.

In retaining most of last years talented players coach Cirkovic has almost guaranteed an improved performance on last years creditable eighth position, creditable even more when one considers the youthfulness of the players. Players to watch for this weekend are striker Vasic from

Red Star Belgrade, the young exciting wingers Palinkas and Piciaone and Zoran Ilioski in midfield.

These guys can make a ball talk and are not coached in fear, they know they are good and are not afraid to try out their skill in direct challenge. All the ingredients are there for a top line show, turn up early and don't be disappointed.

Insideman

1st DIVISION KICKS OFF NEXT WEEK-END

THE First Division premiership, with a new-look as far as match days are concerned, gets underway next weekend, starting with two night matches — at Lanham Park and the Lions Stadium.

Absent are last years two tailenders Wynnum and Bardon-Latrobe and in their place come Grange-Thistle and Sunnyside United, who make their first division debuts.

The competition begins with last years premiership runners-up, Southside Eagles at home for the first time at their new "headquarters" at Richlands against Merton East.

Newcomers Thistle take on the 1977 premiers St. George-Souths under lights at the Grange and the 1977 grand champions Redlands United are away to Mt. Gravatt. Sunnyside's first outing is against St. Helens.

The expanded Colts competition, with a record 28 teams involved, begins in conjunction with the first division and all

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other divisions are scheduled for an April 1 start.

Here are the fixtures for the three divisions (first five rounds) which kick off next weekend -

FIRST DIVISION

3.00 p.m. Kick-off - Perry Park (P.P.) unless otherwise stated.

2.45 p.m. Kick-off — Other grounds unless otherwise stated.

17/3 EAGLES v MERTON - 8.30 p.m.

17/3 THISTLE v ST. GEORGE - 8.30 p.m.

18/3 NORTH BRISBANE V RICHLANDS

19/3 SUNNYSIDE v ST. HELENS

19/3 MT. GRAVATT v REDLANDS

19/3 SPENCER PK. v ANNERLEY - 1 p.m. P.P.

ROUND 2

25/3 RICHLANDS v SUNNYSIDE - P.P.

26/3 MERTON v NORTH BRISBANE

26/3 ANNERLEY V GRANGE THISTLE

26/3 REDLANDS v SPENCER PARK

26/3 ST. HELENS v MT. GRAVATT

27/3 ST. GEORGE v EAGLES - P.P.

31/3 THISTLE v REDLANDS - 8.30 p.m.

31/3 EAGLES v ANNERLEY - 8.30 p.m.

1/4 N. BRISBANE v SUNNYSIDE - 8.30 p.m.

2/4 MERTON v ST. GEORGE

2/4 MT. GRAVATT v RICHLANDS

2/4 SPENCER PK. v ST. HÉLENS 1.00 p.m. P.P.

ROUND 4

7/4 RICHLANDS v SPENCER Pk. - 8.30 p.m.

8/4 SUNNYSIDE v MT. GRAVATT

8/4 ANNERLEY V MERTON - P.P.

9/4 REDLANDS v EAGLES

9/4 ST. GEORGE V N. BRISBANE

9/4 ST. HELENS v THISTLE

ROUND 5

14/4 EAGLES v ST. HELENS - 8.30 p.m.

14/4 THISTLE v RICHLANDS -8.30 p.m.

15/4 N. BRISBANE v MT. GRAVATT

16/4 MERTON v REDLANDS

16/4 ST. GEORGE v ANNERLEY

16/4 SPENCER PK. v SUNNYSIDE

COLTS A

12.45 p.m. Kick-off — unless otherwise stated

ROUND 1

17/3 THISTLE v MITCHELTON - 6.30 p.m.

18/3 P. RIVERS v SALISBURY - 2.45 p.m.

18/3 N. BRISBANE v ACACIA R. - 1 p.m. P.P.

18/3 ANNERLEY v NORTH STAR - 2.45 p.m.

18/3 COALSTARS v RICHLANDS - 2.45 p.m.

GOLD COAST v MERTON - 2.45 p.m.

REDCLIFFE v MT. GRAVATT - 2.45 p.m.

ROUND 2

25/3 RICHLANDS v ANNERLEY - 1 p.m. P.P.

26/3 MERTON v P. RIVERS

26/3 MT. GRAVATT v GOLD COAST - 2.45 p.m.

27/3 NORTH STAR v THISTLE

27/3 MITCHELTON V N. BRISBANE

ACACIA RIDGE V REDCLIFFE

27/3 SALISBURY v COALSTARS

ROUND 3

31/3 THISTLE v RICHLANDS - 6.30 p.m.

1/4 P. RIVERS v COALSTARS - 2.45 p.m.

1/4 N. BRIS. v NORTH STAR - 6.30 p.m. P.P.

2/4 ANNERLEY v SALISBURY

2/4 MERTON EAST v MT. GRAVATT

2/4 GOLD COAST v ACACIA R. - 2.45 p.m.

2/4 REDCLIFFE v MITCHELTON - 2.45 p.m.

ROUND 4

7/4 RICHLANDS v N. BRISBANE - 6.30 p.m.

8/4 ACACIA RIDGE v MERTON - 2.45 p.m.

9/4 MT. GRAVATT v P. RIVERS - 2.45 p.m.

9/4 COALSTARS v ANNERLEY - 2.45 p.m.

9/4 SALISBURY v THISTLE - 11.00 a.m. 9/4 MITCHELTON v GOLD COAST - 2.45 p.m.

9/4 NORTH STAR v REDCLIFFE - 2.45 p.m.

ROUND 5

14/4 THISTLE v COALSTARS - 6.30 p.m.

15/4 N. BRISBANE v SALISBURY - 1 p.m. P.P.

15/4 MT. GRAVATT v ACACIA R. - 2.45 p.m.

16/4 P. RIVERS v ANNERLEY - 2.45 p.m.

16/4 MERTON EAST v MITCHELTON

16/4 GOLD COAST v NORTH STAR - 2.45 p.m.

16/4 REDCLIFFE v RICHLANDS - 2.45 p.m.

COLTS B

12.45 p.m. Kick-off — unless otherwise stated.

ROUND 1

18/3 SPENCER PARK v IPSWICH CITY

18/3 REDLANDS V THE GAP

18/3 ST. HELENS v THISTLE

19/3 S. UNITED V NEWMARKET

19/3 BARDON LAT. JNR. v N. BRISBANE

19/3 VIRGINIA v ST. GEORGE

19/3 WYNNUM v INALA CITY

ROUND 2

25/3 THISTLE V VIRGINIA

25/3 N. BRISBANE v SPENCER PARK

27/3 SOUTHS UNITED V WYNNUM

27/3 ST. GEORGE v NEWMARKET - 1 p.m. P.P.

27/3 THE GAP v ST. HELENS

27/3 IPSWICH CITY v REDLANDS

27/3 INALA CITY V BARDON LAT. JNR.

1/4 WYNNUM v BARDON LAT. - 2.45 p.m.

1/4 NEWMARKET v GRANGE THISTLE

1/4 SOUTHS UNITED v ST. GEORGE

1/4 SPENCER PARK v INALA CITY - 2.45 p.m.

1/4 REDLANDS v N. BRISBANE - 2.45 p.m.

2/4 ST. HELENS V IPSWICH CITY

2/4 VIRGINIA V THE GAP

ROUND 4

- 8/4 GRANGE THISTLE V S. UNITED
- 8/4 N. BRISBANE v ST. HELENS 9/4 ST. GEORGE v WYNNUM
- 9/4 THE GAP V NEWMARKET
- 9/4 IPSWICH CITY V VIRGINIA
- 9/4 INALA CITY V REDLANDS
- 9/4 BARDON LAT. JNR. v SPENCER PARK

ROUND 5

- 15/4 REDLANDS v BARDON LAT. 2.45 p.m. 15/4 ST. HELENS v INALA CITY - 2.45 p.m.
- 16/4 NEWMARKET V IPSWICH CITY
- 16/4 SOUTHS UNITED v THE GAP 2.45 p.m.
- 16/4 ST. GEORGE v THISTLE
- 16/4 VIRGINIA V N. BRISBANE
- 16/4 WYNNUM v SPENCER PARK

"KENTUCKY FRIED" TROPHY

LAST weeks first game in the Kentucky Fried Trophy gave the Perry Park crowd an insight into the good work being done in junior football by many dedicated people. The kids, meticulously turned out for their big occasion were a treat to work with and extremely obliging on a day when things were being run to an extremely tight schedule. No sooner were they on the field than they were lined up ready to go and when the young female cadet referee got the game away it had taken them 2 minutes to get organised.

The game itself was a tremendous advert for junior football at this level. Gone are the days of kick and rush football that used to be so prevalent and in Craig McColl, Stephen Miller and diminutive Chris Clark the Gap have three boys well along the way to soccer stardom. Stephen Millers ball skills in control, and passing skills in attack were the rock that Annerley perished on. With Craig McColl using his height and strength to effect in winning lots of ball and immediately passing to Miller, the die was set for the execution of goals and so it was to be.

This right wing trio tore Annerley's stubborn defence apart and McColl blasted a shot on to the crossbar, but they came back immediately to engineer a beautiful move on the right and it was left to Cameron Pierce to side foot home a Clark cross giving Gap the lead. Up to now Tony Bollino, Annerley's superb little keeper had defied all attempts to beat him with some good diving saves.

HALF TIME GAP 1 — ANNERLEY 0

The second half saw a continuation of the story with Annerley drawing everyone back to try and stem the tide. By this time Chris Clark had won over the 3,000 crowd with his great running and when he sidestepped a defender, played a one-two and ran through to the box the crowd held their breath. Cool as a cucumber he wiggled his hips and in the true Best style walked round the hapless Ballino to slot in the second. Annerley were not out of it vet and in a sudden break Duncan Alexander raced away through a stretched and eager Gap defence but blasted his final shot just wide. That ended the game and Gap now go into the next round. Thanks to both sides for an excellent game.

GAP 2 — ANNERLEY 0

Mini-Man

'UP' THE CUP

THE draw has been made and by the time you are reading this the first game will have been played and one young team of players plus a few "hardened" adults will know the joy and euphoria surrounding the winning of a cup tie in front of a huge crowd, and conversely another batch of kids will be faced with another long wait before they can try again.

That is the way of the Kentucky Fried Trophy the new competition for under 10 junior teams being played in front of Lions home P.S.L. matches. The competition is the talk of the junior world and such was the way the idea was accepted not one refusal was received by the organisers, in fact the opposite was true, junior officials were falling over themselves to help get the competition off the ground at short notice.

Mrs. Ann Boeghiem made the draw for the first round, and as any good cup draw should, threw up some real corkers for the public to enjoy. Here is the draw and the dates on which they will be played. 2 5th March — The GAP v Annerley

26th March — Kingsridge v St. Helens 9th April — Mt. Gravatt Clairvaux Coll. 2 young mind. 16th April — Rochedale v North Star (SH) UP THE KENTUCKY FRIED CUP! 7th May — Slacks Creek v Newmarket 21st May — Kenmore v Grange Thistle 4th June — Pine Rivers v Redcliffe 18th June - Lions v Brisbane City

As the reader can see some of these "ties" are made to be seen. The last one is "a natural" and the Pine Rivers v Redcliffe clash is a local derby of the highest calibre. Annerley have already been established as favourites by Mr. Don Look who isn't a local bookmaker, he is the Annerley secretary, but I suppose a few others may have something to say about Don's opinion. The competition, the brainchild of Lions new promotions and marketing committee needs only one more thing to make it a huge, roaring success and that is a huge roaring crowd urging on their choices to victory. It is up to you, the public, to make this occasion one never to be forgotten in the minds of these youngsters. Southerners say we need a bomb in our midst to make us show emotion, let's prove them wrong, with a big crowd, a big noise, a big sponsor becomes a big occasion in the

ANNERLEY WARMING UP

ANNERLEY'S first division side has been playing trial games and results so far have not been outstanding. However, trial games they are - sometimes friendly, sometimes not.

In any event, they are necessary for players to find form and for coaches to try different players, positions, etc. On Sunday March 5, Annerley were hosts to Acacia Ridge for three matches. The main game was a dull affair until an incident in the second half, when following a tackle, an Annerley player was felled by an opponent.

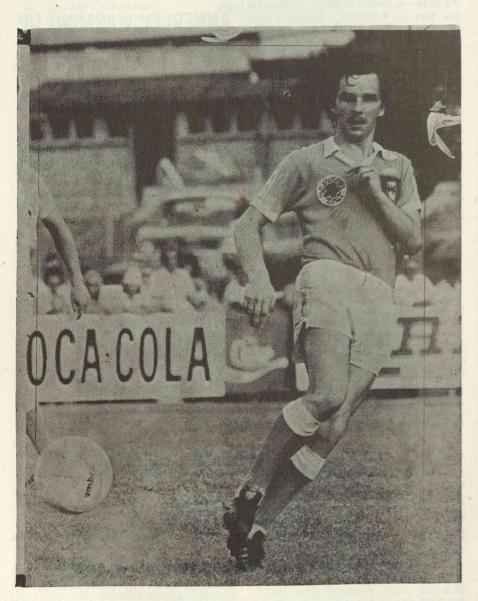
The referee sent the offending player from the field, the Annerley lad went off injured and was not replaced. With 10 men on each side, Annerley seemed to be inspired and in the remaining 30 minutes, managed to score four goals. All club supporters hope that the better form shown is an indication of things to come.

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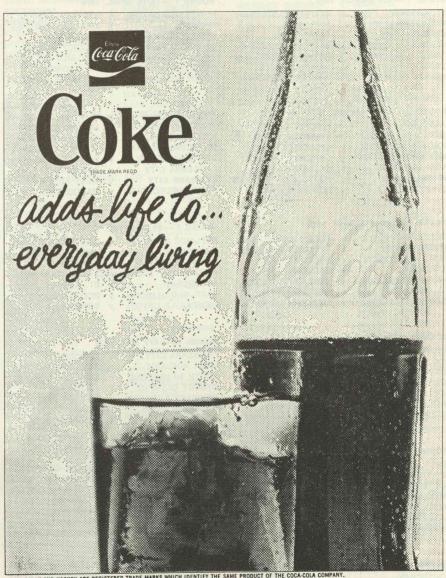
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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 1 - 4/5 MARCH, 1978 V SOUTH MELBOURNE

ST. GEORGE O BRISBANE LIONS ADELAIDE CITY NEWCASTLE UNITED

MARCONI

v MARCONI v FOOTSCRAY V EAST. SUB. HAKOAH FITZROY UNITED V BRISBANE CITY CANBERRA CITY v WEST ADELAIDE SYDNEY OLYMPIC

EAST. SUB. HAKOAH V BRISBANE LIONS

SOUTH MELBOURNE V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

v WESTERN SUBURBS

v FITZROY UNITED

v NEWCASTLE UNITED

v ST. GEORGE

v FOOTSCRAY

V ADELAIDE CITY

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NEWCASTLE UNITED V SYDNEY OLYMPIC v WESTERN SUBURBS MARCONI v FOOTSCRAY WEST ADELAIDE

ROUND 7 - 15/16 APRIL, 1978

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 WESTERN SUBURBS ST. GEORGE SYDNEY OLYMPIC CANBERRA CITY BRISBANE CITY SOUTH MELBOURNE

v NEWCASTLE UNITED V EAST. SUB. HAKOAH V FITZROY LINITED V BRISBANE LIONS v FOOTSCRAY V WEST ADELAIDE v MARCONI

ROUND 3 - 18/19 MARCH, 1978

ROUND 2 - 11/12 MARCH, 1978

WEST ADELAIDE BRISBANE CITY EAST. SUB. HAKOAH FOOTSCRAY SOUTH MELBOURNE ST. GEORGE

WESTERN SUBURBS

WEST ADELAIDE

CANBERRA CITY

BRISBANE CITY

v SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ADELAIDE CITY v FITZROY UNITED v MARCONI v NEWCASTLE UNITED v CANBERRA CITY WESTERN SUBURBS V BRISBANE LIONS

ROUND 9 - 29/30 APRIL, 1978

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

ROUND 4 - 25/26 MARCH, 1978

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

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Jeam of Yesteryear -

..QUEENSLAND, 1965 (versus Torpedo Moscow)



Back row (from left) — JOHN PARKER, ERIC PATTISON, BILLY HAIGH, GRAHAM KRUGER, ROSS KELLY, GARY CATCHPOLE, MATT HOSIE, BILLY WEBB.

Front row (from left) — DAVE HARTLEY, KEN RUSK, RAY RICHARDS, DEREK ROBSON, GRAHAM McMILLAN, SYD TUCKER.

LIONS v MARCONI — An Opinion

THOSE of us who have attended recent Lions trial matches have been filled with not a little trepidation at their inept performances. On paper this eleven are one of the most experienced squads in P.S.L. but that's where the thought dies, as, so far, nothing has been shown on the field of play to justify the paper theory.

Sunday last brought Lions to their "acid test." The draw had not been kind to them, pitting them against the most likely team in Australia, put together painstakingly by arguably the best coach in Australia, Rale Rasic. Rasic, knowing he had a good side last year, replaced the errant Campbell with a younger, faster Jankovic and bought the vastly experienced Vieri to fill the retiring Richards place in the mid-field. With John Russell also procured last year to cover a suspect Hucker, the team if anything has been improved with a little more finesse replacing some brawn. So the "new" Lions knew what they were up against, of that there is no doubt, and one would have expected a great deal of thought and planning had gone into the controlling and perhaps overthrow of this formidable

Let's go back to the start of the day and examine the thought and planning that went into making this a day to remember for the people who turned up to be entertained. With Highland dancers prancing out a Scottish welcome to the skirl of the pipes, an excellent singing group, the Wayfarers, getting the crowd into a foottapping, hand-clapping mood the scene was set for good football. The Kentucky Fried Trophy got away to a great start, the under 10's from the Gap playing some great spontaneous soccer to defeat Annerley and that whetted the crowd's appetite for the main attraction. When Marconi and Lions took the field one of Lions best ever "home gates" was ready and willing to cheer them on and for ten minutes they did just that and then the rot set in. Marconi's brand of man to man first time passing, their ability to move the ball quickly and accurately, and just as important themselves likewise, began to show up Lions to such an extent that by half time most of the Lions old guard supporters were mouthing the same old complaints from last year. By full time the Sydney team's domination had reached such a level as to make the game a test of endurance for those people who had remained to the bitter end.

Where do Liions go from here? Not

being sarcastic they can only improve for a team of such "name" players could not possibly get worse. In retrospect it may have been a blessing in disguise that their deficiencies were highlighted so soon and what lessons were to be learned by watching and no doubt playing against Marconi. Their game is simple, uncomplicated, seldom if ever, giving their opponents any opportunity of winning possession in the middle or back thirds of the playing area. Their work in defence is of top quality, men scurrying back behind the ball whenever it has to be won back, and then, when it is won, such is their understanding of the principles of one and two-touch soccer and their utter belief in running off the ball to assist their team-mates, that it is only a matter of time until they are in the opponents danger area once again.

In contrast to this Lions were completely devoid of the same ideals. The mid-field was completely outplayed and one must question the lack of marking on the slight, slow, but oh so clever Roberto Vieri. Full Backs Hermiston & Niven could not afford to overlap as did their opposite numbers, the work horse Jones and thoroughbred Degney, such was the flood of players coming through on the back four. Up front Barrie Fairbrother played a lone hand throughout, Alan Hughes and Paul Laslo making no impact whatsoever, in fact Laslo looked to be completely disinterested in the proceedings. This Lions 'eleven' lacks a basic spirit which all teams have to have if they are to perform at this level. If anything the team's attitude seems to have worsened since last year and this is amazing when one considers the fact that two of the biggest names in soccer have joined them, Hermiston and Fairbrother. The team lacks fight and bite, players are going for the ball with half hearted attitude that does not bode well for the future, in fact Brian Daykin would have a real job on his hands were he to pick this weeks team on last week's form.

As it has never been Go Soccers philosophy to criticise for the sake of criticising we would like to make some suggestions as to how this teams play could be improved. Knowing the players by attitude and reputation we feel a side along the following lines could perform far ahead of last weeks team. A team has to be selected playing to it's strengths and covering upon its weaknesses. This is a principle of soccer selection that should be adhered to no matter what level of play. Obviously Roddie McKenzie has to play as he could

only be faulted with the first goal last week and it was harsh punishment for a slight error in positioning. He more than amply made amends later in the day. The most glaring weakness in last Sunday's team was in mid-field and it is not really surprising when one considers the players used are not midfielders. Eddie Spearitt has played most of his football in the back four and it is here we feel his brain could be used to greatest advantage. Eddie's lack of pace in our sunny climate makes him very vulnerable to a fast breaking side hence our thinking of moving him to sweeper behind Col Bennett. Another player who has loads of natural atacking aggression and looks frightened to use it is Alan Niven who again shows a slight weakness in defensive work. Steve Amos, newly bought from West Adelaide played all his soccer there as a full-back and last Sunday looked just that, a full back playing in mid-field. Switch the pair of them making Amos more comfortable and taking strain off the defence by having Niven in a position where he can attack. This scribe has always admired George Potter's abilities and feel he could make a real contribution in mid-field having greater mobility than Spearitt and yet retaining the cool brain to cover should Hermiston go on flank runs. Up front John Neale has to be tried in his "true" position of right winger where last-week he raised our hopes with a few dashes in the first ten minutes. With Paul Ontong, a natural left winger with Mooroolbark, fit again Barrie Fairbrother wouldn't feel like "little boy lost" up front. We are left with one position to fill and, at the risk of raising a few hackles somewhere, we again suggest Geoff Morris be recalled to the squad. Morris is one of the few players Lions have with a flair for the unexpected and his sitting in the crowd last week was a shocking waste of resource. O.K. he may be needing discipline but this is not the way when players of his talent are in short supply. We feel a managers job is to make a player toe the line and Brian Daykin should be experienced enough to do that without resorting to the transfer list unless the transfer list suits him and at the moment it certainly doesn't appear to. We'd like to see this side given a mid-week run against local opposition, we feel the changes appear drastic but feel also that something drastic is needed to change this shuffling, lead-footed, Lions team into the swift-striking hard unit we know it can be.

McKenzie Hermiston Spearitt Bennett Amos Potter Morris Niven Neale Fairbrother Ontong

We feel this side has balance, "brains" and brawn in their correct positions, and men who are most likely to get goals in the most likely spots to get them. Give it a go Lions and get a bit of oomph into your play. The people who are planning and working behind you, and more importantly the people who pay to see you deserve better than you gave last week. There is no disgrace in losing 3-0 to a side like Marconi it is the manner in which a team loses that can be the disgrace.

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PRE-SEASON TRIP 5th Division News DUTTON PARK UNITED

ON the weekend 25/26 February this club made its annual trip away to Hervey Bay where we played a game on Saturday afternoon and another on Sunday morning against Maryborough first division side Hervey Bay United.

The Saturday game was a triumph for us, with the final result 2-0 in our favour with goals coming from Darryl Garvey, and another from the magic boot of Doug Carningham. The Sunday game however was a different result altogether. With a very hung-over Dutton Park going down 5-1. The only consolation was a goal by Gary Carter.

The facilities at Hervey Bay are 100% and if any club is looking for a trip away then this is the place to go. Through this magazine we would like to thank the president Mr. Bob Smith, Secretary Mr. Bob Larter, the officials and the players of Hervey Bay United for a great week-

Westside — On the move

Westside soccer club formerly known as Grovely Soccer Club has made a positive move towards winning promotion to second division. They have purchased four Bardon Latrobe players John Cooper, David Spencer, Gilbert Rowan and Mark McDonnell all of whom have had first division experience. In addition to this have signed some promising players who have had first and reserve grade experience with Bardon Latrobe. Stuart Dedman has been appointed Coach and at the time of writing the team has had one trial game against Redlands losing 2-0.

POINTS TO PONDER

HEARD off the cuff that a very good centre was seen scoring goals galore for Southside Eagles last weekend. Name Pattison rings a bell and it could be that the man has gotten the urge again. Can he do it, from the look of his condition we'd say yes.

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OLD Lions favourites Darryl Wilkins and Ben Mollee still knocking in goals in sixth division turned up at Perry Park last Sunday but were so disgusted they went for a training run round the bar. Both reckon they may make a comeback to the big time but "not next week." (Lions visit Sydney to play Hakoah).

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ALL sorts of rumours flying around about players moving. Have no official verification of the rumours but here they are anyway. Maybe when they read them the clubs concerned will give us a ring and

get some publicity! Tom Lavelle has joined ex Lions P.S.L. squad man Ricky Mangan at the Gold Coast? Ian Perry, ex Brisbane City favourite is training at Mitchelton? Gary Clifford has joined Tony Lowndes at Valleys? Ron Kidd will be going to North Brisbane in exchange for Bob Barlow who has already joined City? Chris Carrol appeared on bench for Lions P.S.L. squad, is he a Merton player or isn't he? John Wilkinson has returned from whence he came, Sunnyside, after knocking back Lions signing offer? Iain Young the ex Bardon player has made the peace with Mitchelton and played in successful trial against Redlands? Redlands duo Chris Hill and Barry Kelso who were trialling with Brisbane City have returned to the fold?

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YOU'D never believe it but all these stories were picked up in a walk around Perry Park bar. Not one single item was rung

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CITY officials all "ga ga" over the arrival of two Argentinian players. Roberto Echeverria reckons one of them is a household name in the Argentine and the other is a top grade player. Interesting, for next Sunday, though not a word has been released to the press as yet.

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GEORGE FRASER, the master of repartee as all soccer players know, was struck dumb recently when sitting on the bench for Sunnyside at Lanham Park tournament. Spectator leaned forward and shouted "Hey Fraser, will sitting there not affect your pension?"

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ANOTHER on the come back trail is yesterdays "Mr. Dynamo" Matt Jackson who now, as "Mr. Battery" is having trials with Redlands first division side.

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NOTICED two weeks ago that St. George have two goalkeepers back in harness, Geoff McCreadie and Peter Roberts. It has been said earlier that both McCreadie and Roberts were retiring, Jeff returning to England and Peter to concentrate on work. Hope both lads are back to stay as the game can ill afford to lose capable goalkeepers.

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NORTH Brisbane repeated their victory of last year in winning the Gino Arquilla trophy out at Lanham Park. St. Helens were runners up and Thistle came third knocking over Sunnyside to take the larger share of the prize money.

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ExBARDON manager of many years, Jim Binnie, has taken new lease of life in coaching top squad of amateurs over at Taringa. Reckons players are the keenest squad of workers he's ever had and that covers a few players. One player has

reported coach as being slightly mad, such is the work load being placed upon them but so far no knockbacks, only guts and effort.

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BOB Hogg who at one time was one of the most popular guys on the soccer scene firstly as a reporter on GO SOCCER, then as President of Bardon Latrobe in that clubs heyday and then as a management committee member, is back in the game. Bob, who kow tows to no man is an ideal choice for the incumbent disciplinary committee. Players can rest assured they will get a hearing from this guy.

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WE love seeing media photographers at Perry Park but surely these guys could show a little bit more in good manners. Despite having all the field to operate on one guy last week just had to take pictures in front of Lions bench, obstructing the coach's view. Come on lads, you're very welcome, but use a bit of common sense.

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PERRY Park cover is going to be a real boon in the future. Last Sunday a few people looked skywards at the dark clouds but once again our luck held. The noise generated will give the place tremendous atmosphere.

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BOB Buchanan, ex Channel Seven, is negotiating with another channel so we may yet get another "spread" in soccer publicity.

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GRANGE Thistle again running their super duper Cup Final raffle. Using adverts on soccer programmes to get maximum coverage. Good thinking.

NATIONAL PSL ROUNDUP OF THE OPENING WEEK-END

NEWCASTLE, Champions Eastern Suburbs handed out a rugged initiation to newcomers Newcastle with a 4-1 win at the Newcastle International Sports Centre.

A Philips League record crowd of 15,067 turned up to watch the newcomers make their debut.

But it was the composure of the 1977 champions which won the onfield battle.

Easts were initially frustrated by some tenacious Newcastle defence but when a chance fell for Joe Watson against the flow of play in the 37th minute, he streaked through unopposed to beat United's Goal keeper Phil Dando with a clever chip shot.

United attacked one minute later with a dribbling run by Newcastle striker Ken Roden

His run was checked at the edge of the East's penalty area by a crunching tackle which resulted in referee Peter Rampling showing the yellow card to Steve O'Connor.

After the interval Easts provided glimpses of their championship winning form, and in the 64th minute winger Hilton Silva finished off some clever spade work by Ernie Campbell to score.

Two minutes later Silva again rocked Newcastle by slotting home his second goal after Campbell's attempt had been parried by Dando.

With the visitors well in command Newcastle introduced World Cup fullback Col Curran to replace teenage Neal Endacott in the 68th minute.

The large home crowd gained some compensation for its patronage in the 76th minute when the terrier-like Boden was fouled in the Easts penalty area.

He took the kick himself and sent Todd Clarke the wrong way to pull the score back to 3-1.

Murray Barnes then found more room to move midfield and Easts resumed control with the World Cup midfielder ramming home the fourth goal as he stole through a flat footed defence in the 82nd minute.

Despite the defeat Newcastle's officials

declared their first promotion a major victory for the P.S.L. campaign.

"We've shown we have magnificent support and I believe we have the makings of a good side," United's manager-Coach Alan Vest said after the game.

UPSET BY WESTS

SYDNEY, Western Suburbs exciting 18 year old striker, Allan Fisher, paid back Sydney Olympic's new defender Stuart Markland for an early professional foul in Wests' 1-0 win at Arlington Oval.

Fisher was upset in the eleventh minute when Markland's two handed shirt pull robbed him of a clear shot just outside Olympic's penalty box with only goalkeeper Gary Meier to beat.

The payback came with the sides locked at Nil-All with 15 minutes remaining.

A sudden long ball down the centre from Wests defender Warren Turnbull caught Markland napping.

Fisher ran on to cleverly round Meier and struck the ball home.

Olympic's Mike West made plenty of unconverted chances.

Former Dundee winger Derek Laing, who only arrived from Scotland four days ago, faced a similar situation to Fisher's winning effort in the 53rd minute.

He beat Wests' Socceroo skipper Peter Wilson for sheer pace, but saw his placement run half a metre outside the post.

Although Laing also bombed a close shot in the 18th minute, he has all the attributes to become a much feared striker as soon as he settles down.

Wests had another great opportunity to

Rod Skellern, the 17 year old who appears destined to be a very worthy successor to Col Curran at right back, made ground and in the final stroke a great diving save by Meier cut off Dave Harding's header in mid air.

Referee Jim Reeves of Newcastle appeared yellow card happy, cautioning Olympic's Paul Luckett, Dave McIntosh and Markland, and Wests' Bob Noble and talented newcomer Brian O' Donnell.

Fisher's clincher for Wests came when he outpaced Olympic's newly recruited Scottish centre back Stuart Markland and dribbled the ball around goal keeper Meier.

Laing, just missed two scoring chances but showed enough class to suggest he will be one of the league's most dangerous strikers this season.

FOOTSCRAY'S STRONG START

ADELAIDE, Footscray issued a strong challenge for the title with a decisive 1-0 win over Adelaide City.

Footscray, turning on the brand of Soccer which could take it to the top, tumbled Adelaide City, with some explosive attacking moves.

Elusive striker, John Nicolaidis, secured the two points for Footscray with a brilliant 28th minute goal.

Footscray dominated the first half while Adelaide City struggled to find the rythmn that made it one of the best teams in the League last year.

With Dixie Deans yet to return from Scotland, Adelaide City struggled in their forward line and it was left to blond defender Robert Marwe to come forward and initiate their attack.

Footscray looked tentative in the opening minutes but were moving into top form when Nicolaidis outplayed City captain Frank Lister and hit a crisp ground shot into the far corner for the first class goal.

City made two changes in the second half but they had little effect, while Footscray moved from strength to strength.

However, the South Australians came close to scoring in the 51st minute when Marwe hit a pile driver from 10 metres which Footscray goalkeeper Mike O'Hara stopped brilliantly.

Moments later Brian Northcote tried a ground shot but again O' Hara was on the spot to keep the ball out of the net.

That was the end of City's resistance and the last 30 minutes were all Footscray.

Nicolaidis almost scored again in the final minute with a header but the ball was cleared off the goal line by a City defender.

SAINTS DAMPENED

SYDNEY, St George's elation at the opening of their \$300,000 plus new ground at Barton Park was dampened by a 2-0 defeat at the hands of South Melbourne.

Preliminary activities involved the arrival of both captains at the ground by helicopter as well as an opening address by Mr. Ken Booth, State Minister for sport and recreation.

After the pre-game excitement at the opening of the impressive new venue, Saints fans must have been disappointed at the lack-lustre display of their side.

They finished the first half two goals down after a session of unimaginative attack and hesitant defence.

South Melbourne, on the other hand, adapted to the windy conditions much better, using their wingers Duncan Cummings and Chris Kent to great effect.

Their attacks always looked more well organised and faster, causing panic in St. George's defence.

In the 21st minute a long cross from Kent was mis-judged by the Saints' sweeper Brendan Grosse, allowing Cummings to chest the ball down and score from one metre.

South Melbourne continued on their hit and run style of game which was paying off against an uncreative St. George.

However, after half time, Rudi Gnavi came on for Carlos Mendez and there was more life in St. George, and chances began to flow.

But South Melbourne scored their second goal from another defensive mistake when Bill Rogers scored in the 49th minute from close in.

St. George's game drastically improved after this setback, the team realising that catastrophe was staring them in the face.

The promise of things to come appeared in the 55th minute when George Harris dashed upfield to unleash a shot which cannoned onto the cross bar and was scrambled away.

Following this, the woodwork was South Melbourne's best defender alongside their keeper Johnny Hansen, and these "two" stopped at least five great shots.

The best of these was a fine header from Robert O' Shea off a cross by Phil O'Connor, which thudded onto the post with Hansen stranded.

The defeat is a blow to St. George, although their second half performance showed there is hope for the future.

CANBERRA'S FIGHTBACK

CANBERRA, A converted penalty just eight minutes from time gave a 10 man Canberra City side a 1-1 draw against West Adelaide at Canberra's five million dollar National Stadium.

The City deserved to share the points.

Rocked by a dismissal of striker Brian Stoddart in the 32nd minute for alleged violent conduct, City weathered first half West Adelaide pressure to go into the dressing room at half time with a 0-0 score line.

City Coach, Johnny Warren gambled on attacking tactics for the second stanza and it paid dividends. And the home side really showed their fighting qualities.

From the 45th to the 67th minute, despite being the man down, City lifted their game and it was West Adelaide who looked ragged and disjointed.

Twice in this spell City came close to scoring.

Then from a breakaway move an Ian MacGregor chip, striker Graham Morris took his opportunity brilliantly and ran the ball past Canberra's 'keeper Ron Tilsed in the 68th minute.

Canberra came back again, something they were forced to do as West Adelaide tried to put up the shutters and coast home to a solitary Goal win.

It looked like paying dividends as the minutes ticked away.

But City equalised minutes from time after teenage fullback Danny Moulis had a centre handled near goal.

Referee Ken Allen had no hesitation in pointing at the spot from where Ivan Gruicic sent Adelaide keeper Martin Crook the wrong way with his spot kick.

In the dying seconds, West Adelaide got the ball into the net only to have it disallowed for offside.

The crowd of over 5,000 was the biggest to watch a soccer game in the National Capital for nearly a decade.

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1 Goal —
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PETER SHARNE (Marconi)
DUNCAN CUMMINGS (Sth. Melb.)
BILLY ROGERS (Sth. Melb.)
JOHN LICOLAIDES (Footscray)
ALLAN FISHER (Western Suburbs)
JOE WATSON (Eastern Suburbs)
MURRAY BARNES (Eastern Suburbs)
KEN BODEN (Newcastle)
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GRAHAM NORRIS (West Adelaide)

COCA COLA'S CONTRIBUTION

LAST Monday night at Perry Park an excellent evening was put on by the Coca Cola staff involved in the promotion of soccer. Out of our vast soccer fraternity about fifty or sixty lucky people turned up to see, and listen to, the story of Coca Cola's sponsorship to soccer on a world wide basis. Surprisingly the evening turned out to be extremely interesting to those who attended and perhaps it would be true to say they came out of the session an awful lot wiser than they went in.

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A slide show and talk was given by Mr. Peter Bent, who travels around Australia setting up such things as the Skills competition and most people were surprised to hear that like the game itself this competition is truly international transcending all boundaries whether political or ethnic. We were also given an insight into the organisation behind the World Youth Cup a competition sponsored by Coca Cola and won last year by U.S.S.R. This tournament run along the same lines as the "big" World Cup must surely become the goal for every youngster playing in Australia such is the opportunity for travel and an experience never to be forgotten.

The highlight of the evening was the showing of a coaching film, 17 minutes long, made in England featuring English boys and a German coach of the highest quality. The basic coaching skills and playing skills to be learnt from this one film was worth the jaunt to Perry Park alone. When one considers it is only one

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Thank you for a great evening Coca Cola, the obviously extensive and expensive work that has gone into your world wide planning cannot help but bear fruit in the future, and can only be described as the greatest aid possible to a backward national sport such as Australian soccer.



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ARGENTINA'S HUGE WORLD CUP TV OUTLAY

BUENOS AIRES — About one in ten of the 500 million dollars (440 million Aust.) Argentina is spending on this years World Cup will go towards providing live colour television broadcasts to Soccer fans abroad.

The high cost of providing colour programmes — Argentine viewers will have to be content with black and white — has already incurred the wrath of one prominent and budget-conscious Government official. But Cup organisers say that without a commitment to provide colour TV, Argentina would not have been in the running to stage the 1978 Soccer championship.

Colour television coverage has become a must for international sporting events such as the Olympic Games and the World Cup, and the military government which took power here in March, 1976, had to pledge to provide it.

In the wake of the Military coup, the International Football Federation (FIFA) was under pressure to change the venue of the 1978 championships, and hesitation on the colour TV question could have tipped the balance against Argentina.

With this in mind the Military set about creating a State colour TV production company, Argentina 78 TV, within six months of taking power and laid the foundation stone of a sprawling television centre just north of the Buenos Aires city centre.

Eighteen months later the final coats of paint are being applied and critics have started to question whether the 40 million dollars (35.2 million Aust.) the centre is estimated to have cost was really worth it.

Treasury secretary Juan Alemann, who recently launched a one-man campaign against alleged over-spending on the World Cup, claims the new centre is an ostentatious luxury.

The centre is spread over almost three hectares (six and a half acres) of former parkland and contains all the latest electronic gadgetry available to colour producers.

A78TV has chosen the West German PAL System for its World Cup coverage, but will also be able to transmit to receiv-

ers of the NTSC system used in the United States.

For aesthetic reasons, the architects were ordered to produce designs for a one-story structure. They have got around the problem by putting the working innards of the new centre under the vast sloping roof — eight metres (25 feet) at its highest point — which is covered with lawns and trees.

Four concrete blocks containing the centres eight recording studios thrust through the sloping roof and are accessible from both levels.

Impressive — but extravagant, would be Senor Alemann's comment. He complains that the centre has been built in one of the noisest corners of this noisy city and that the additional sound-proofing required is an unwarranted expense.

The centre is squeezed between a main railway line and the city's north-south highway and stands directly in the flight path of the municipal airport. To combat the noise, the architects have fitted the studios inside a concrete skin and supported them on rubberised foundations.

Senor Alemann says the additional cost could have been spared by building the centre somewhere quieter, but he also questions the need to build it at all.

He claims the World Cup matches can be relayed quite successfully from outside broadcast centres at the grounds and that the production centre will provide little more than working space for visiting radio and television journalists.

Three of the Centre's studios will be in operation for the World Cup, and foreign journalists will be able to draw on studio TV monitor and video tape facilities to broadcast their individual pre and post match cut-ins.

FIFA has signed the 10 million dollars

(8.8 million Aust.) broadcasting rights of the actual matches to a consortium of the European Broadcast Union (EBU), The Ibero-American Television Organisation (OTI) and the International Radio and Television Organisation (OIRT).

Everything is on hand for the smooth

running of the World Cup broadcasts but Senor Alemann's criticisms are based on what will become of the centre when the soccer circus has packed up and gone home.

Argentina does not have a domestic colour television service and does not expect to introduce one before the early 1980s.

The directors of A78TV, who include representatives of the three ruling armed forces, hope to recoup the State's investment by producing colour programmes for abroad.

Critics of Argentina's generally poorquality black and white productions believe the standards of the local industry must improve before foreign markets can be attracted. The major demand after the World Cup is still likely to be for colour coverage of major sporting events.

In this field A78TV has already proved itself. It received plaudits from abroad for its first-ever production, the World Cup draw on January 14, and for its first outside broadcast the next day on the Argentine Formula One motor-racing Grand Prix.

Officials at the State company say they hope that colour television, both during and after the World Cup, will give the outside world a better understanding of Argentina.

Senor Alemann is doubtful and contrasts the luxury of the new centre with the austere standards of most of the countrys hospitals and schools.

FOREST STILL CRUISING

LONDON — Nottingham Forest are taking a two week break from English League Football with the cushion of a six-point lead at the top of division one.

The prospects for the clubs still trying to catch Brian Clough's tearaway team were gloomy enough before last Saturdays matches. Now Forest look unstoppable.

They have a game in hand over their nearest pursuers Manchester City and Everton and two over fourth-placed Arsenal. And if they carry on at their present rate, Forest could even start to threaten Leeds United's record points total of 67, set nine years ago.

Saturdays win — a 2-0 victory over strugglers West Ham — was nothing special. It took Forest 80 minutes before David Needham and John Robertson (with a penalty) scored twice in a 90 second burst.

What is remarkable is the way that the players seem to be unaffected by the intense pressure their success has created. This was Forest's sixth game in two weeks yet most of their football was as carefree and refreshing as at the start of the season.

The forthcoming break may include a holiday. Manager Clough who has just come back from Spain himself, is reported to be thinking about flying his players over there for a few well-earned days in the sun.

But then it will be back to business. This Saturday Forest go to West Bromwich Albion to battle for a place in the Football Association (FA) Cup semi-finals and a week later they play at Wembley for the first time since 1959 against Liverpool, in the final of the less important League Cup.

Clough and his players will have been encouraged by Manchester City's results as much as by their own win. City, with 17 points out of the previous nine games, were destroyed by an Arsenal side weakened by the absence of stars Malcolm Macdonald and Graham Rix.

Goals from Alan Sunderland, Willie Young and David Price ensured City's first defeat since December 13.

With Everton being held 3-3 at home in a lively scrap with Queens Park Rangers and Liverpool losing 3-1 to Chelsea, there was little for anyone's comfort except Forests.

Liverpool were outplayed by Chelsea's talented young team after Phil Neal had put them ahead with a penalty just after half time. Steve Finnieston scored two for Chelsea and Tommy Langley one.

The champions' problems were increased by news that England international goalkeeper Ray Clemence has a hamstring injury and may miss the League Cup final with Forest.

While Clough enjoys his team's continued success, another of English footballs most famous managers Sir Alf Ramsey is having a hard time.

Sir Alf stayed on the sidelines for four

vears after being sacked as England manager then five months ago agreed to take over Birmingham City. After an initial spurt. Birmingham have slid down the table and the fans chanted for the clubs directors to be sacked as Birmingham slumped 4-0 at Coventry.

Mick Ferguson scored three of Coventry's goals and Birmingham's troubles started early. Ferguson's first came after only 25 seconds.

Rangers, whose march to the Scottish League title has been almost as convincing as Nottingham Forest's progress south of the borner, were beaten 3-0 at home by Aberdeen — the only team who could possibly overhaul them.

Aberdeen, who had a fine win over Hibernian last week, were in superb form and cut Rangers' lead at the top to four points. Steve Archibald scored two of the goals.

Rangers' old rivals Celtic, had a better day, ending a run of five successive defeats thanks to an own goal presented by Dundee United defender David Narey.

Celtic moved one place up the table to fourth bottom position but are still in peril of relegation, an idea which is almost unthinkable. If Celtic did go down it would be a disaster not only for them but for the whole of Scottish football, since it would rob the game of its biggest moneyspinner — the regular Celtic versus Rangers battles.

Celtic have won the championship ten times in the last 12 seasons. These days, they seem to have little going for them except perhaps a bit of luck. Until Narey made his mistake, Celtic hardly looked like scoring.

TOP U.K. MARKSMEN

LONDON — Leading scorers in English Football League after last Saturdays matches:

DIVISION ONE

23—Bob Latchford (Everton)

19—Ian Wallace (Coventry) 18-Tony Brown, (West Bromwich), Trevor Francis (Birmingham),

Bill Rafferty (Wolverhampton)
17—Peter Withe and Tom Woodcock (both Nottingham Forest), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Mick Ferguson (Coventry), Malcolm Macdonald (Arsenal).

DIVISION TWO

22-Bob Hatton (Blackpool), Peter Kitchen (Orient)

19—Mike Flanagan (Charlton)
16—Steve Taylor (Oldham),
Neil Whatmore (Bolton)
15—Gary Rowell (Sunderland),
Peter Ward (Brighton)

DIVISION THREE

27-Dixie McNeil (Wrexham)

24-Alex Bruce (Preston), Alan Buckley (Walsall)

22—Alan Biley (Cambridge United)

21—David Kemp (Portsmouth) 18—Peter Foley (Oxford United), Bobby Shinton (Wrexham)

DIVISION FOUR

21—Jim Lumby (Scunthorpe) 20-Alan Curtis (Swansea),

Derrick Parker (Southend) 19—Steve Phillips (Brentford) 17—George Reilly (Northampton)

WORLD SNIPPETS

NAPLES, ITALY, Italy and France will meet here in a friendly Internationa Soccer match that is anything but a runof-the-mill encouter.

Drawn against each other in group one of the World Cup finals, they will clash again in earnest when they open their Cup campaign in Argentina on June 2.

Both countries will field strong teams to probe each other's strengths and weaknesses and learn as much as possible about their World Cup opponents.

BLACKPOOL, ENGLAND, Blackpool players have accused directors of the English second division Soccer club of "Dictatorial Methods" following the dismissal of manager Allan Brown.

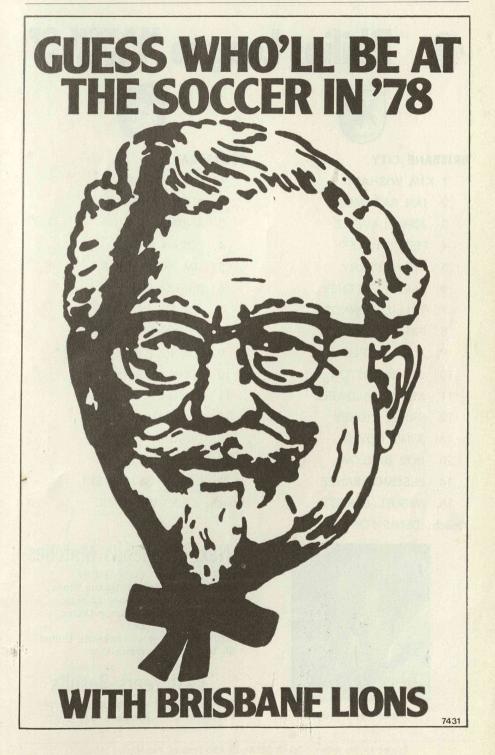
Brown was sacked for what club chairman Bill Cartwell described as "mis-

Before leaving the club Brown said he was considering what action to take over his dismissal. "I have not been offered any compensation and have just been given a days wages," he said.

LEEDS, Gordon McQueen, Leeds United's Scottish International centre half, has rejected a move to Tottenham Hotspur.

Leeds and Spurs had agreed terms which would have meant Spurs paying 500,000 sterling (850,000 Aust. Dollars) for McQueen.

McQueen had talks with Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw, but Leeds Ross Jimmy Armfield said: "McQueen will not be joining Spurs. It seems that he only wants to go to Manchester United."



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Philips League MATCH OF THE DAY



BRISBANE CITY

- 1 KIM WISHART
- 2 IAN RATHMELL
- 3 JOHN LAVELLE
- 4 PETER TOKESI
- 5 STEVE PERRY-
- 6 LARRY GAFFNEY
- 7 WILLIE CONNOR
- 8 FRANK PIMBLETT
- 9 ALAN MARLEY
- 10 IAN JOHNSTON
- 11 KEVIN CALDWELL
- 12 BRIAN KIBBEY
- 13 JOHN COYNE
- 20 BOB BARLOW
- 14 ELSEBIO IBANEZ
- 16 MIGUEL MULETT

Coach: DENIS FORD



Steve Perry (City)



FOOTSCRAY

- 1 MIKE O'HARA
- 2 ALAN PARROTT
- 3 ANDREW KAZI
- 4 ZORAN ILIOSKI
- 5 JIM KONDARIOS
- 6 MIRKO RUJEVIC
- 7 JOE PALINKAS
- 8 MENDO RISTOVSKI
- 9 JOE PICIOANE
- 10 JOHN MARTIN
- 11 JOHN LICOLAIDES
- 12 ANDRIJA RISTIC
- 13 DRAGAN VASIC
- 14 JIM KRIARIS
- 20 LARRY OSTROVSKI

Coach: CEDO CIRKOVIC

Next Weekends Matches

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

Last Years Results

Brisbane City 1 — Footscray 3 Footscray 2 — Brisbane City 1