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LIONS midfielder JOHN NEALE has the task ahead penetrating the Marconi resistance of IVO PRSKALO and JIMMY ROONEY during the opening 3-0 loss at Perry Park. Since then Lions have trounced Eastern Suburbs 3-1 and this Sunday clash with second top team South Melbourne. Marconi clash with Brisbane City in Sydney.

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# 'GO SOCCER'

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# NATIONAL PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

at the top of the Philips Soccer League table — outclassing Footscray 2-0.

The in-form Sydney team were clearly superior in the "Festival of Football" match at Junction Oval Fitzroy.

Marconi completed a hat trick of victories without conceding a goal.

Yesterdays win came hard on the heels of the 3-0 victory over Brisbane Lions and the 4-0 victory over Fitzroy.

"That's 207 minutes without a goal against us - very satisfying," said coach Rale Rasic.

Marconi survived a couple of shaky moments early before asserting clear superiority over the Melbourne team.

Footscray's Joe Palinkas had goalkeeper Allan Maher at full stretch with a shot in the first few minutes and, turning in a near faultless display, blocked every shot that Footscray could muster in the 90 minutes to keep his goal intact.

Marconi, looking more dangerous, took their chances with a goal in each half.

The first came in peculiar fashion after half an hours play. The Footscray defence got into terrible trouble when full back Jim Kondarios slipped as he tried to retrieve a back pass by Alan Parrott.

Marconi striker Peter Sharne, left in the clear, took the ball almost casually downfield.

Parrott gave chase and caught Sharne inside the penalty area.

But his attempted clearance wrongfooted goalkeeper Mike O'Hara and trickled in slow motion into the left-hand

Marconi wrapped it up nice and tight soon after half-time.

The half was only three minutes old when Sharne's short pass gave Bertie Mariani an open goal.

Marconi 2 (Mariani, Parrott own goal), Footscray 0.

MARCONI continued their unbeaten run MELBOURNE-South Melbourne retained second place in the Philips Soccer League by defeating Newcastle 3-0 at Middle Park.

After holding Souths to a single goal lead for most of the game, Newcastle fell apart in the last 20 minutes, conceding two more goals.

Souths struck the front after 14 minutes with a typical, opportunist goal by Australian international, Peter Ollerton.

Showing brilliant anticipation, Ollerton got his first goal of the season when he raced in to scoop the ball almost out of goalkeeper Phil Dando's hands and into the net.

Newcastle defender, Peter Willis, struck back on the overlap but after turning Souths defence shot tamely into the side netting.

Col Curran did better from an identical position 10 minutes later, testing John Hansen with a hard low drive.

Souths mastered the gusty wind better and went on to dominate the half but Newcastle came within an ace of equalising during time on.

Three times, John Hansen struggled to clear a fierce header from Ken Boden, but it deflected off Stuart Baxter and bounced along the goal line.

Souths' Sammy Wright then floated a shot against the Newcastle crossbar right on the re-start.

And seconds later Duncan Cummings came close before Baxter slammed a hard drive into the sidenetting.

But Newcastle substitute Lloyd Hardes, who had replaced Mike Galpin, quickly set out to prove Newcastle were no spent force.

Racing deep on the right wing, he shot hard for the near post forcing another superb save from Hansen.

A doctor was later called to the ground to attend Galpin, who was suffering from a vision problem.

In a shock move, Newcastle coach Alan Vest, came on as a second substitution for defender, Craig Mason.

But the switches made no difference as South Melbourne went further ahead after 69 minutes.

Finishing off a move involving Cummings and Chris Kent, defender Margaritis Hatzemanouel, raced down the blind side to score inside the far post.

Five minutes later Ollerton conspired with Mike Pye to put the result beyond doubt.

Bertie Lutton sent Pye a perfect ball. The full back sped down the wing and found Ollerton with a pinpoint cross that was despatched with deadly accuracy.

An angry Alan Vest complained bitterly because no doctor was available for Galpin.

"He's got double vision and doesn't look well. If we can't get one we'll have to take him to the hospital before we fly back to Newcastle.'

Vest said that South Melbourne had a very poor first half but came good late in the second half and completely deserved their win.

South Melbourne coach Dave McLaren had been sitting on a secret right through the game. In the morning he received a phone call from London saving that new signing Bobby McGuinness' sister had died.

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ADELAIDE — West Adelaide crashed to its second successive defeat against Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh Stadium.

A 46-minute goal by Joe Senkalski was enough to give the Sydney club two points.

Olympic looked the better side in the first half, but West Adelaide were unfortunate not to have at least levelled the match after the break.

Both sides had their chances in the first half with Olympic mid-fielder Stuart Markland coming close with a 20-metre shot late in the first half and moments later West Adelaide defender Con Kampas had a powerful shot punched over the

Olympic wasted little time after the interval and scored immediately when Senkalski fired a 20-metre shot past Wests goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

West Adelaide's defence must take blame for the goal as they fumbled, allowing Senalski to pounce onto it.

Four minutes later Alan Ainslie almost got another for the Sydney club but his powerful shot crashed against the cross bar.

West Adelaide was stunned by these two moves and hit back with some crisp attacking play.

Graham Norris had a great chance for the Adelaide club in the 57th minute, but after beating the defence, he kicked wide from only two metres.

Ainslie tried another shot and Crook was stretched to the limit to divert it for a corner kick.

West Adelaide attacked desperately for the rest of the half, but could make little impression on Olympic's defence.

### PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS HOME P W D L F A Pts

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St. George	1		_	1	0	2	0
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E. Suburbs	1	1	_	-	4	1	2
St. George	1	1	_		4	1	2
Sth. Melbourne	1	1	_	_	2	0	2
Brisbane Lions	1	1	_	_	3	1	2
W. Suburbs	1	1	_	_	1	0	2
Footscray	2	1	_	1	1	3	2
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Fitzroy Utd.	2	1	_	11	1	4	2	
Footscray	3	1		2	10	5	2	
Adelaide City	3	-	1	2	3	5	1	
West Adelaide	3		1	2	2	6	1	
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### GOALSCORERS

- 3 Goals -ALAN HUGHES (Lions) MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi)
- 2 Goals -HILTON SILVA (Eastern Suburbs) BILLY ROGERS (Sth. Melb.) IVAN GRUICIC (Canberra) ROBERTO ECHEVERRIA (Bris. City) PETER OLLERTON (Sth. Melb.)
- 1 Goal -ANDY BOZIKAS (Fitzroy) PETER SHARNE (Marconi) DUNCAN CUMMINGS (Sth. Melb.) JOHN NICOLAIDES (Footscray) ALLAN FISHER (Western Suburbs) JOE WATSON (Eastern Suburbs) MURRAY BARNES (Eastern Suburbs) KEN BODEN (Newcastle) GRAHAM NORRIS (West Adelaide)

LARRY GAFFNEY (Brisbane City) KEVIN CALDWELL (Brisbane City) TERRY BYRNE (Canberra) JOHN NYSKOHUS (Adelaide City) SERGIO MELTA (Adelaide City) ERNIE CAMPBELL (Easts) ALAN AINSLIE (Sydney Olympic) CLIVE EATON (Wests) COL CURRAN (Newcastle) ROBERT O'SHEA (St. George)
JOHN O'SHEA (St. George) PHIL O'CONNOR (St. George) PAUL JONES (St. George) NEIL McGACHEY (West Adelaide) ROBERTO VIERI (Marconi) JIM ROONEY (Marconi) GARY BYRNE (Marconi) JOE SENKALSKI (Olympic) ALAN MARLEY (Bris. City) GARY MAROCCHI (Adelaide City) MARGIRITIS HATZEMANOUEL (Sth. Melb.)

BERTIE MARIANI (Marconi)

# WARREN'S WISE WORDS

FORMER international and current Canberra City coach Johnny Warren speaks his mind on the part the national capital and newcomers Newcastle have to play in the future of the Philips League -



For those who still needed convincing, the opening round of the PSL freely indicated where Australian soccers future energies should be directed.

A new PSL record crowd of 15,000plus to see Newcastle KB's debut in the big time and 6500 for Canberra City's match at the magnificent Bruce Stadium in Canberra, indicate where our future

At first glance, not world-shattering figures by any means.

In relative terms, however, the support given to Newcastle (population about 300,000) and Canberra (about 200,000) they are equivalent to Sydney or Melbourne clubs drawing 90,000 to 100,000.

And the possibility of that happening, of course, is highly unlikely.

While Newcastle deservedly has received most of the attention for its tremendous crowd, Canberra's 6500 is really more staggering.

Newcastle, as the home of Australian soccer, has always been a soccer town Canberra, never.

One clear trend which emerged from the first year of the PSL was that the days of Sydney's dominance of Australian Soccer were numbered.

The five relatively poorly supported Sydney clubs is obviously too high a representation in the PSL.

Playingwise, Sydney clubs, for the present, thanks to their thriving social clubs and much older traditions, will still be able to outbid some of their vounger and poorer interstate counterparts.

But the minor centres, Newcastle and Canberra, have shown that other cities, such as Wollongong, Hobart and Perth, must be brought into the League, if not in place of, then certainly in addition to, Sydney's "big five" — Marconi, Eastern Suburbs Hakoah, St. George, Western Suburbs and Sydney Olympic.

It is not just in crowd potential, either, that Sydney clubs are light years behind the other areas.

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and certainly Newcastle, (International Sporting Centre at Broadmeadow) and Canberra (National Athletic Stadium at Bruce) boast superb playing and change facilities.

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Although Marconi and St. George are taking steps to improve their facilities, the Erskineville Oval, Wentworth Park, Englefield Stadium and the Arlington Oval belong to the "bad old days."

But it is the "city" concept of Newcastle and Canberra which the PSL must look to in the future.

The United States is now leading the world in soccer promotion and there are many lessons we can learn from their costly, and at one stage, almost fatal, experience.

Originally, the North American Soccer League (NASL) clubs were built on ethnic, racial or cultural bases - and the NASL floundered.

Apart from highly professional promotion — and Pele — part of the success story of soccer US-style, is that the current clubs or franchises are based on

The Tampa Bay Rowdies, New York's Cosmos, Chicago Sting, Vancouver White Caps, Los Angeles Aztecs and so on are backed by and supported by the entire city, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

Newcastle and Canberra, although the babies of PSL, are proving that Australia should follow the lead of the States and include Hobart and Perth as soon as possible.

It is a fact of sporting life that soccer managers-coaches have a short life expectancy.

Our PSL is no exception.

After only 27 championship matches, Fitzrov have had four different coaches in charge of their team, South Melbourne three, West Adelaide three, Mooroolbark two, Sydney Olympic three, Brisbane Lions three, Brisbane City four and St. George two.

One match after the PSL kicked off the season, both Brisbane coaches have "resigned" - Nesti from Brisbane City and Daykin from Brisbane Lions.

It is interesting, though, that despite the incredible changes, the presidents and committees of clubs remain the same.

I wonder if we will ever see the day when a president and/or his committee will take the full responsibility for his club's poor performance, and resign, instead of taking the easy way out and sacking the coach—a man they originally appointed.

## SOUTHS UNITED-1978

LIKE most clubs who organise junior soccer (as well as senior) Souths have had an influx of new players and need the assistance of new coaches and managers.

This year, Souths will field 20 to 22 junior teams, as well as three senior sides and a Colts team. Last weekend the club had scheduled an under 9 carnival with 28 teams invited to take part.

This is an annual event staged by Souths club and it has always been a success. Here is another success story, concerning Steven Rogers, who played under 13 in 1977. His parents returned to England for five months after last season and he went to Dudley High School in the West Midlands.

Steven played in the A team of his age group and the team had reached the semi-finals when his parents returned to Australia. Steven will be playing in Souths' under 14s in 1978.

In the senior area, coach John Ferguson has the teams training hard and is confident of success. Souths' facilities, club house and three playing fields are in very good condition, and all players and officials are looking to 1978 with plenty of optimism.

### IDI WON'T BE PLEASED

MONROVIA, Liberia — Ghana beat Uganda 2-0 (halftime1-0) in the African Nations Cup Soccer final in Accra, according to radio reports received here.

Centre-forward Afriyie scored Ghana's goals in the 38th and 65th minutes.

It was Ghana's third victory in the competition - they won in 1963 and 1965 — and they now keep the trophy.

### LOWER DIVISION SCHEDULE

Matches for first four rounds of lower division matches Sixth division started last weekend.

### SECOND DIVISION

2.45 p.m. kick off unless stated otherwise

- 1/4 ACACIA RIDGE v DARRA UNITED
- 1/4 TARINGA v FORTITUDE VALLEY
- 1/4 COALSTARS v SOUTHS UNITED
- 1/4 TRIDENT v. OXLEY
- 2/4 MITCHELTON v REDCLIFFE
- 2/4 WYNNUM v GOLD COAST

### ROUND 2

- 8/4 DARRA UNITED v WYNNUM
- 8/4 OXLEY v MITCHELTON
- 8/4 SOUTHS UNITED V TRIDENT
- 8/4 FORTITUDE VALLEY v COALSTARS
- 9/4 GOLD COAST v TARINGA
- 9/4 REDCLIFFE v ACACIA RIDGE

- 15/4 ACACIA RIDGE v OXLEY
- 15/4 TRIDENT v FORTITUDE VALLEY
- 15/4 MITCHELTON v SOUTHS UNITED
- 15/4 WYNNUM v TARINGA
- 16/4 DARRA UNITED v REDCLIFFE
- 16/4 COALSTARS v GOLD COAST

### ROUND 4

- 22/4 TARINGA V COALSTARS
- 22/4 FORTITUDE VALLEY V MITCHELTON
- 22/4 SOUTHS UNITED v ACACIA RIDGE
- 22/4 OXLEY v DARRA UNITED
- 23/4 GOLD COAST V TRIDENT
- 23/4 REDCLIFFE v WYNNUM

### THIRD DIVISION

2.45 p.m. kick off unless stated otherwise ROUND 1

- 1/4 WESTSIDE v NORTH STAR
- 1/4 THE GAP v SALISBURY
- 2/4 PINE RIVERS v NEWMARKET
- 2/4 NERANG v OLYMPIC
- 2/4 ST. ALBANS v INALA RANGERS
- 2/4 ROVERS v WILLOWBURN

- 8/4 INALA RANGERS v PINE RIVERS
- 8/4 NORTH STAR v ROVERS
- 8/4 NEWMARKET v WESTSIDE
- 9/4 SALISBURY v NERANG
- 9/4 OLYMPIC v ST. ALBANS
- 9/4 WILLOWBURN v THE GAP

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- 15/4 PINE RIVERS v WESTSIDE
- 16/4 NERANG v WILLOWBURN
- 16/4 ST. ALBANS v SALISBURY
- 16/4 ROVERS v NEWMARKET

### ROUND 4

- 22/4 OLYMPIC v PINE RIVERS
- 22/4 SALISBURY v INALA RANGERS
- 22/4 WESTSIDE v ROVERS
- 22/4 NEWMARKET v THE GAP
- 23/4 NORTH STAR v NERANG
- 23/4 WILLOWBURN v ST. ALBANS

### FOURTH DIVISION

2.45 p.m. kick off unless stated otherwise

- 1/4 NORTHSIDE v KINGSRIDGE
- 1/4 UNIVERSITY v BRIGHTON
- 1/4 BOOVAL v PADUA
- 1/4 TOOWONG V INDUSTRIAL UNITED
- 1/4 ROCHEDALE v GOODNA 8.30 p.m.
- 2/4 BAYSIDE UNITED v TWIN TOWNS

- 8/4 KINGSRIDGE V ROCHEDALE
- 8/4 INDUSTRIAL UNITED v NORTHSIDE
- 8/4 PADUA v TOOWONG
- 8/4 BRIGHTON v BOOVAL
- 8/4 GOODNA v BAYSIDE
- 9/4 TWIN TOWNS v UNIVERSITY

### ROUND 3

- 15/4 NORTHSIDE v PADUA
- 15/4 KINGSRIDGE v INDUSTRIAL
- 15/4 UNIVERSITY v GOODNA
- 15/4 ROCHEDALE v BAYSIDE 8.30 p.m.
- 15/4 TOOWONG v BRIGHTON
- 16/4 BOOVAL v TWIN TOWNS

- 22/4 INDUSTRIAL v ROCHEDALE
- 22/4 PADUA v KINGSRIDGE
- 22/4 BRIGHTON v NORTHSIDE
- 22/4 GOODNA v BOOVAL
- 23/4 BAYSIDE v UNIVERSITY
- 23/4 TWIN TOWNS v TOOWONG

### FIFTH DIVISION

2.45 p.m. kick off unless stated otherwise

- 1/4 ADAMS PARK v WACOL
- 1/4 DUTTON PARK v NORTH PINE
- 1/4 MOGGILL UNITED V ALBANY CREEK
- 1/4 SLACKS CREEK v R.A.A.F.
- 1/4 SOUTH STAR v GREENBANK
- 2/4 SAMFORD v POLICE ACADEMY

### **ROUND 2**

- 8/4 WACOL v SOUTH STAR
- 8/4 R.A.A.F. v ADAMS PARK
- 8/4 ALBANY CREEK V SLACKS CREEK
- 8/4 NORTH PINE v MOGGILL UNITED
- 8/4 GREENBANK v SAMFORD
- 9/4 POLICE ACADEMY V DUTTON PARK

- 15/4 ADAMS PARK v ALBANY CREEK
- 15/4 WACOL v R.A.A.F.
- 15/4 DUTTON PARK v GREENBANK
- 15/4 SLACKS CREEK v NORTH PINE
- 15/4 SOUTH STAR v SAMFORD
- 16/4 MOGGILL UNITED v POLICE ACADEMY

- 22/4 R.A.A.F. v SOUTH STAR
- 22/4 ALBANY CREEK v WACOL
- 22/4 NORTH PINE v ADAMS PARK
- 22/4 GREENBANK v MOGGILL UNITED
- 22/4 SAMFORD v DUTTON PARK 23/4 POLICE ACADEMY v SLACKS CREEK

### SIXTH DIVISION

12.45 p.m. kick off unless otherwise

### ROUND 1

- 17/3 SOUTHSIDE EAGLES v MERTON 6.30 p.m.
- 18/3 SUNNYSIDE v ST. HELENS
- 18/3 RICHLANDS W. v ANNERLEY 2.45 p.m.
- 18/3 ST. GEORGE v THISTLE 2.45 p.m.
- 19/3 MT. GRAVATT v REDLANDS
- 19/3 WYNNUM v NORTH BRISBANE 2.45 p.m.

- 25/3 NORTH BRISBANE v SUNNYSIDE 2.45 p.m.
- 25/3 MERTON EAST v WYNNUM 2.45 p.m.
- 25/3 THISTLE v EAGLES 2.45 p.m.
- 26/3 ANNERLEY v ST. GEORGE
- 26/3 REDLANDS v RICHLANDS W.
- 26/3 ST. HELENS v MT. GRAVATT

### ROUND 3

- 31/3 EAGLES v ANNERLEY 6.30 p.m.
- 1/4 RICHLANDS v ST. HELENS 2.45 p.m.
- 1/4 MERTON EAST v THISTLE 2.45 p.m.
- 2/4 MT. GRAVATT v NORTH BRISBANE
- 2/4 ST. GEORGE SOUTHS v REDLANDS

### 2/4 WYNNUM v SUNNYSIDE

- 8/4 SUNNYSIDE v MT. GRAVATT 8/4 NORTH BRISBANE v RICHLANDS 2.45 p.m.
- 8/4 GRANGE THISTLE v WYNNUM 2.45 p.m.
- 8/4 ANNERLEY V MERTON EAST
- 9/4 REDLANDS v SOUTHSIDE EAGLES
- 9/4 ST. HELENS v ST GEORGE SOUTHS

### ROUND 5

- 14/4 EAGLES v ST. HELENS 6.30 p.m.
- 15/4 RICHLANDS W. v SUNNYSIDE
- 15/4 GRANGE THISTLE v ANNERLEY 2.45 p.m.
- 15/4 MERTON EAST v REDLANDS 2.45 p.m. 15/4 ST. GEORGE v NTH. BRISBANE 2.45 p.m.
- 15/4 WYNNUM v MT. GRAVATT

### SEVENTH DIVISION

12.45 p.m. kick off unless otherwise

### ROUND 1

- 1/4 ACACIA RIDGE v DARRA
- 1/4 TARINGA v FORTITUDE VALLEY
- 1/4 TRIDENT v OXLEY
- 2/4 ROVERS v SOUTHS UNITED
- 2/4 MITCHELTON v REDCLIFFE 2/4 PINE RIVERS v GOLD COAST

### ROUND 2

8/4 DARRA V PINE RIVERS

8/4 FORTITUDE VALLEY V ROVERS

8/4 SOUTHS UNITED V TRIDENT

8/4 OXLEY v MITCHELTON

9/4 REDCLIFFE V ACACIA RIDGE

9/4 GOLD COAST V TARINGA

### ROUND 3

15/4 ACACIA RIDGE x OXLEY

15/4 PINE RIVERS V TARINGA

15/4 MITCHELTON v SOUTHS UNITED

15/4 TRIDENT v FORTITUDE VALLEY

16/4 ROVERS V GOLD COAST

16/4 DARRA V REDCLIFFE

### ROUND 4

22/4 TARINGA V ROVERS

22/4 FORTITUDE VALLEY V MITCHELTON 22/4 SOUTHS UNITED V ACACIA RIDGE

22/4 OXLEY v DARRA

23/4 REDCLIFFE v PINE RIVERS

23/4 GOLD COAST V TRIDENT

### EIGHTH DIVISION

12.45 p.m. kick off unless otherwise stated.

### ROUND 1

1/4 TOOWONG v OLYMPIC

1/4 THE GAP v SALISBURY

1/4 UNIVERSITY v BRIGHTON

1/4 WESTSIDE v NORTH STAR

1/4 ROCHEDALE v NEWMARKET 6.30 p.m.

2/4 ST. ALBANS v INALA

### ROUND 2

8/4 INALA V ROCHEDALE

8/4 NEWMARKET v WESTSIDE

8/4 NORTH STAR V UNIVERSITY

8/4 BRIGHTON V THE GAP

9/4 SALISBURY v TOOWONG

9/4 OLYMPIC v ST. ALBANS

### ROUND 3

15/4 ROCHEDALE v WESTSIDE 6.30 p.m.

15/4 TOOWONG v BRIGHTON

15/4 THE GAP V NORTH STAR

15/4 UNIVERSITY v NEWMARKET

15/4 INALA V OLYMPIC

16/4 ST. ALBANS v SALISBURY

### ROUND 4

22/4 OLYMPIC v ROCHEDALE

22/4 SALISBURY V INALA

22/4 WESTSIDE v UNIVERSITY

22/4 NEWMARKET V THE GAP

22/4 BRIGHTON v ST. ALBANS

23/4 NORTH STAR v TOOWONG

### NINTH DIVISION

12.45 p.m. kick off unless otherwise stated.

### ROUND 1

1/4 ADAMS PARK v TARINGA 2.45 p.m.

1/4 WYNNUM v GOODNA

1/4 SOUTHS UNITED v MT. GRAVATT 2.45 p.m.

### 2/4 ANNERLEY v EAGLES 2.45 p.m.

2/4 REDCLIFFE v MITCHELTON

### 2/4 BAYSIDE v NORTH STAR

### ROUND 2

8/4 GOODNA v BAYSIDE

8/4 TARINGA v WYNNUM 2.45 p.m.

8/4 EAGLES v SOUTHS UNITED 2.45 p.m.

9/4 MT. GRAVATT v ADAMS PARK

9/4 MITCHELTON v ANNERLEY

9/4 NORTH STAR v REDCLIFFE

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16/4 WYNNUM v BAYSIDE 2.45 p.m.

16/4 SOUTHS UNITED V MITCHELTON

16/4 ANNERLEY V NORTH STAR

16/4 REDCLIFFE v GOODNA

### ROUND 4

ST. HELENS

22/4 MT. GRAVATT v WYNNUM 2.45 p.m.

22/4 SOUTHSIDE EAGLES v TARINGA 2.45 p.m.

22/4 MITCHELTON V ADAMS PARK

COLTE A D W D

22/4 NORTH STAR v SOUTHS UNITED 2.45 p.m.

22/4 GOODNA v ANNERLEY

23/4 BAYSIDE v REDCLIFFE

### COLTS POINTS TABLE

COLIS A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
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REDCLIFFE	1	1	_	_	3	1	2	
SALISBURY	1	1	-	-	3	2	2	
PINE RIV.	1	-	-	1	2	3	0	
MT. GRAVATT	1	A 1	-	1	1	3	0	
GOLD COAST	1	-	-	1	1	3	0	
NTH. BRISBAN	_	-	-	_	_	_	_	
ACACIA RIDGE	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	
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★ In the only sixth division match possible last week end Wynnum defeated North Brisbane 6-0.

# WORLD CUP FOR YOUTH

MANY PEOPLE have asked to hear more about our recent article that made reference to Coca Cola's sponsorship in world soccer. The part that didn't receive too much explanation was that of the World Cup for Youth which is in fact just what it says — a competition played by the best youth teams in the world.

24th March, 1978

The competition has already commenced and the first winners were the Russian youth team who won the Cup in the venue, Tunisia in North Africa.

As an experiment the affair was an outstanding success. All teams competing praising it to the highest and there is very little doubt now that it will indeed become a trophy as valuable in the minds of youngsters as the one being played for this year by the soccer superstars in Argentina.

What does it mean, to local youngsters? When one considers the national under 18 carnival we already have, step one is already well organised and the under 18 Australian squad that has always been named after that tournament will now in reality become a squad in the true sense of the word, a group of players brought together for the purpose of training together in order that games can be played in understanding.

Those interested people will know that last year Queensland had three lads selected in the Australian contingent — John and Harry Stewart from Mt. Gravatt and Chris Hill from Redlands.

Australia has intimated an intention of taking part in the next Youth World Cup which is to be held in Japan in 1979. The competition is bi-annual and such is its popularity that already the great centres of the world are vying for the right to stage the "Greatest Youth Show on Earth." Australia and America want to be hosts in 1981 and London is set for 1983.

So the message is plain for all the budding George Bests in Australia, practice, practice and more practice means glamour, big-time crowds and travel.

Truly the message has to be — "Have boots will travel."

Coca Cola have to be commended for sponsoring such a grand scheme that can only help the youth of the world meet and understand each other with the ultimate benefits that can bring.

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# LOCAL BOY MAKES BIG TIME

JOHN STEWART, a Brisbane lad who, at the end of last season gambled his savings to find the answer to the big question, looks to have backed a winner.

John, who with his cousin Harry, was an integral part of last seasons Mt. Gravatt first division side, had been "through the hoop" on the local scene, progressing through junior representative sides until he arrived at a first division which in standard had suffered during John's apprenticeship and had probably reached the lowest ebb ever. No more was the opportunity there for a youngster of John's obvious talent to play with a team of experienced players of good standard and so advance.

With the two Philips League sides involved in a death or survival struggle to maintain status, the door was closed to promising local youth and despite being selected for the farcical Australian under 18 team (they never play in a match), and offered around to Philips League sides by Denis Ford as an outstanding prospect, John must have felt his soccer days were over at the ripe old age of 18.

Like so many kids before him John was forced to make a decision. Not playing with a fashionable club like Sydney's Western Suburbs or Hakoah, he decided to put his money on his nose and take the road many kids have taken before him.

Cousin Harry and John co-opted the help of Mt. Gravatt coach Jimmy Rogers who arranged for the lads to try out with Bristol City, the English first division side and like modern day Dick Whittingtons they headed off to England.

Harry didn't last too long, the weather and a bit of homesickness combining to bring him back to the sun, but John stuck it out and now comes the bonanza. He has been offered a return fare for a holiday in Brisbane then back to Bristol where he can discuss terms for next season. In the meantime he has been included in the squad for a tour around Holland by the Bristol team!

Moral of the story is that miracles still do happen. What an example of dogged determination the boy is to local kids who get to that no-man's land of local soccer, 18 years of age.

GO SOCCER wishes the kid all the best in whatever course his career takes.



### Letter to the Editor

82 Latrobe Tce., Paddington

Dear Sir.

The old place looks far better with the new cover in place. Well done, all concerned. I hope the "Powers-that-be" will now turn their attention to some of the smaller details —

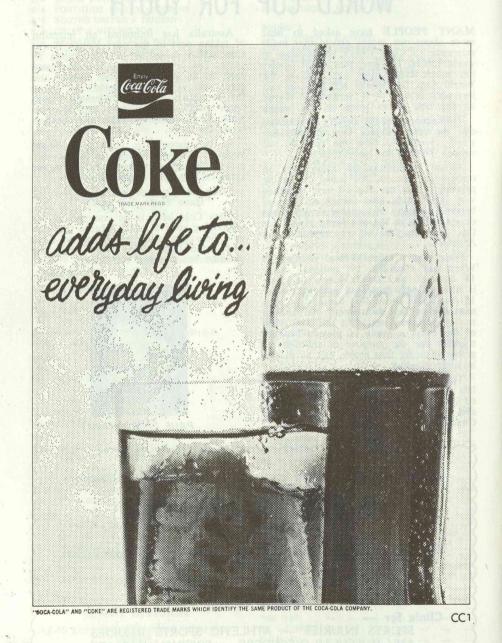
★ It's nice to see that the southern goal has had a much needed coat of paint. Let's hope the northern goal's birthday rolls round fairly soon.

Will somebody please wind up the Winfield clock? At the moment it only serves to confirm visiting southerners in their impression that time stands still in Oueensland.

Will the QSF please jab a bony elbow into the ribs of whoever is responsible for maintaining the adverts on the fence? The Ira Berk, Mad Barry's, ABC Printers and Paul's Ice Cream ads all need repaint jobs. This not only makes the place look shabby, but, since the ads in question are just beside the goals, it gives a bad impression of the standard of shooting among PSL strikers.

Finally — just to show I'm not just another whinging Pom — congratulations on the appearance of the pitch last Sunday. Having recovered from its baseball scars, it looked better than I've ever seen it before.

Terry Driscoll



# "KENTUCKY FRIED" CUP

THIS weekend sees resumption of the new challenge for the top under-10 teams, the KENTUCKY FRIED CUP. The second match of the first round brings together KINGSRIDGE v ST. HELENS and that means the luck of the draw will eliminate a "South side" team from the competition. This almost guarantees 110% effort from both sides as the usual victory motive is added to by the North v South rivalry and at the moment the South side is without a representative Annerley having lost to The Gap.

If this tie is as good as that game it will be a sure fire winner with the Perry Park crowd, who, up until this competition started, have always tended to look down with disdain at the kids' attempts, however three youngsters, Craig McColl, Stephen Miller and a "miniature George Best" called Chris Clark soon woke them out of their typical apathy with a sparkling display of ball skills,

aggressive running and goal scoring that had the fans standing up cheering.

Can you, the reader, think back to your under-10 days and think what it is like to take the field in front of a huge crowd of 4,000 - 5,000 people. Just imagine the nervous tension in each of those little stomachs and the best way to relieve that tension is not to sit quietly like some bunch of super critics, but take your pick, North or South, club or colours, and let yourself go, cheer, applaud, clap, scream and you never know, you may enjoy the sensation.

One thing is for sure, eleven of those kids out there are not going to progress any further after today so we, the watchers have to make it a day that will stay in their minds forever. This in turn will establish "the big time desire" so you the fans can contribute to a youngster's passage to stardom. Let's hear it for your Cup choice!!

# FINGER LICKIN' GOOD

KENTUCKY Fried Chicken, sponsors of Lions, moved their sponsorship up a gear this weekend or to be correct last week. During the week all Kentucky Fried Stores have been stocked with free passes for kids and all that has to be done is to ask, so there you are kids, when Mum sends you for a Saturday night tea to the Colonel's don't forget to get your free pass.

This pass entitles a youngster up to the age of 14 to get free entry into Perry Park on a match day where Lions are performing as a home team. Not only is \$1 saved but the ticket is then placed in a draw and at half-time five lucky youngsters will be able to pick up a free voucher to get tea that night at the local Kentucky Fried store. If that were not enough the

five winning tickets are kept and at the end of the season, on the final Lions PSL game ALL winners will take part in a draw for a 3-in-1 stereo unit. This is more like it, so if you want to be in it kids, get down to the local K.F.C. shop.

Adults haven't been forgotten either and from this weekend 5 of the GO SOCCER magazines sold at Perry Park on match day will have a special mark on the big Kentucky Fried Chicken advertisement that appears each week when Lions are at home. When these 5 GO SOCCER magazines are presented the lucky winners will be given a Kentucky Fried voucher to be used at any store. Watch out for your lucky GO SOCCER, it may be worth the evening meal.

# GUESS WHO'LL BE AT THE SOCCER IN '78 WITH BRISBANE LIONS

Jeam of Yesteryear

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Back row (from left): GORDON ARROWSMITH, NOEL PUET, REX EVANS, GRAHAM TUSON, BOB DOBINSON, PETER PASSMORE, BARRY BRITTAIN, CHRIS BLACK, TIBOR DADAY. Front row (from left): BILLY PARKER, DON DWYER, MICK LEE, TONY LOWNDES, BILLY HAIGH, KEV FREDLINE.

# A SOCCER FAIRYTALE

ONCE upon a time . . . sounds like a fairy tale and believe me that's how it reads. Picture the scene, a PSL team left without a coach after one fixture match and playing the inaugural PSL champions the following weekend. Add to that the fact that the game will be played in the champions home and the results from the first fixture points to an even blacker situation, the champs have won away from home 4-1 and our poor unfortunates lost 0-3 in front of their own fans.

Into the breach steps a real live "miracle worker" and it turns out he's been standing in the wings for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years while our PSL team searches the world for a big name. He is asked at short notice to prepare the team for the task ahead, at four day's notice, and like the proverbial knight in shining armour, come to the rescue. Result — The Champs 1, Our Unfortunates 3. Fairy tale ending, or beginning?

The man is Gyula Vincze and what heartening news to hear that he has now been appointed for the remainder of the season. Gyula, an affable Hungarian, seems to have been around the traps forever but in fact he was, like many of his unfortunate countrymen, forced to flee his homeland at the time of the revolution in 1957. At that time, as a young player, he was making a name for himself with a second division side in Hungary's national league, a team called ELECTROMOS.

It must be remembered that at this time Hungary were the soccer supremes of the world with Hidegkuti, Puskas, Bozsik and Koscis household names wherever soccer was played.

Arriving in his new homeland, Vincze was immediately snapped up by Hellenic in Brisbane and he performed admirably with them in the like of his national reputation, a skilled, ball playing inside forward, interested only in the finer facets of the game.

After performing with distinction against Hearts and other visiting touring sides he finally succumbed to the bane of most players fond of ball juggling, a broken leg, but such is the measure of the man he freely admits it was his own fault.

Vincze now began to look at ways and means of putting something back into the game he loves so much and embarked upon coaching course after course until he qualified as a senior coach in 1975.

He coached the Queensland side for a season (in those days the usual stretch) and posted results 0-3 against Manchester United, 1-1 with China and 0-1 against Australia B. Finished in the usual manner! he coached a few clubs as an assistant then Lions asked him to take over as assistant coach to Les Schienflug.

This he did with loyalty, though it would be hard to imagine two philosophies so far apart, Schienflug's method and discipline against Vincze's typical Hungarian flair for the unusual and entertainment value. Then came Daykin's brand of "Cloughism" and the breach widened even further.

This brings us to the fairy tale ending, or as stated, is it the beginning? Can the local product compete with the big name import? Only time will tell and Lions have shown the courage to give it a try. For this they have to be commended.

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### Officials on the Move

STATE director of coaching Denis Ford accompanied by management committeeman George Roberts will travel to Bundaberg this Easter Saturday to conduct trials for the Queensland under 16 and Under 18 State sides.

Ford will also visit Toowoomba on April 1 and Townsville on a date to be decided for the same reason. The screening of country centres which have applied to join next years State League will begin in April when QSF president Bill Waddell and secretary Alan Vessey visit Townsville.

### **New Signing**

LIONS have signed a new goalkeeper, Nigel Lownds from England. Coach Vincze feels he has a winner in the 21 year old and from all reports the Hakoah players may agree with him as he performed admirably in his first match against the champs.

Young Lownds has thrown in his lot with Australia and PSL for just before he left England Port Vale offered \$6,000 for his signature.

Nice to see we are an attraction to younger players as well as the older variety. Who knows? At 21 he is young enough for the incumbent Australian coach (whoever or whenever) he will be.

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# PROFESSIONALISM — An Opinion

INTERESTING article appeared in recent Sydney newspaper column written by Tom Anderson (free plug) concerning that magical word "professionalism".

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Brian Daykin, hailed in the column as manager of Brighton and coach of Derby County and a respected "professional" in England, sympathised with for being the deposed coach at Brisbane Lions, was reported as saying Australian soccer was not ready for, and probably never would be ready for "professionalism."

It never ceases to amage when some of these guys generalise on a subject after a brief and maybe unpleasant experience in a new country.

What is this magical "professionalism" that Brian reportedly speaks of?

Five questions can be put to stimulate debate on his opinion.

- 1. Is there a definition that can cover generalisation of the word?
- 2. Does one manager use the same methods as another?
- 3. What are the yardsticks to measure successful "professionals"?4. Are all successful managers

martinets?

5. Is British, or should we say English, style "professionalism" desirable for Australia?

These questions are well put and answers should come under critical viewing to try to establish the worth of Daykin's supposed observations.

- 1. To anyone who has studied "big time" soccer the nearest one can get to a definition is to say that "professionalism" has come to mean a club, or group of clubs, who have organised themselves to an extent where they can afford to operate as a full time business on the income generated by their efforts. Judging from recent reports the fact that only a dozen or so clubs in England can be said to be fully professional, and also solvent, makes one wonder if "professionalism" is any longer a viable proposition.
- 2. The answer to question two is common sense. No two managers are alike in thinking, manner or personality, therefore the methods used will always differ. All the talk of hardness and discipline is so much hog wash. To be successful a manager must first have respect and respect can be gained in many differing

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ways. Managers, who are different, deal with people who are different and a method used successfully with one individual may be disastrous with another. Results of course are also used as a measure of success but Brian Clough is not the only manager to ever achieve success, though he can be described as a great manager. However "the greatest" is, as always, a matter of opinion.

- 3. The vardsticks to measure a great and successful "professional"? England have had many managers, great coaches or players in their day - Winterbottom, Wright, Ramsay, Revie and now Ron Greenwood. Walter Winterbottom was, and still is a highly respected technical coach. Billy Wright, as a manager, made a good television announcer. Ramsay a successful professional(?), many people in Ipswich around 1962 would have said the greatest. Many more people in England 1966 would have concurred, today in Birmingham they may disagree! Revie, the method man, the creator of the most consistent league machine ever, at national level — a failure! Ron Greenwood the footballing purist now using all his undoubted planning ability to put England back on the map, is being hailed as a Messiah, yet he couldn't move West Ham from the bottom of the league table though he did win the English and European Cup. The logic of all this — None!
- 4. Are managers "discipline happy"? Does the game in England benefit or suffer from too much discipline? Was there a player in England's World Cup winning side of 1966 who would have dared to sit on the ball and tantalise, the way Jim Baxter did when Scotland showed the "Automats" how to play, win and entertain? Has all the flair, inventiveness and entertainment been disciplined out of the game? Many critics, and falling attendances, could put an argument for the affirmative.
- 5. The last question is most important. Australia is not ready for English-style professionalism. Daykin's statement as reported was correct, but not we suspect his reasons. Professionalism based on discipline for one thing is very dependent on a bountiful supply of good quality players. There is not a club in Australia so well off for players as to be above this level. Rale Rasic is a strict disciplinarian but "cracks the whip" only when it suits him. but then Rale knows Australian soccer from A - Z. Brian Daykin can be excused for not realising the differences that are inherent in taking a job in Australia, but cannot be excused for generalising on the game's faults. Criticism from knowledge-

able people is tremendously welcome and helpful if it is of the constructive variety. Generalised whinging (to borrow an Australianism) is about as useless as a pair of glasses to a man born blind. We leave judgement to the reader.

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# by Ian Kesson

AFTER the anti-climax of our washed out weekend we now look forward to hosting Jimmy Rogers and his Mt. Gravatt team at Ebbw Vale this Sunday, kicking off a season which should be a good buildup for State League 1979.

With premiership matches and the proposed floodlight League played mid-week all the accepted State League clubs should have sufficient matches from which to formulate squads strong enough for the new competition.

Ipswich United is very pleased to announce that on this coming Wednesday night, March 29, we will entertain Lions' Philips League team and their first division side Richlands. The game will be benefits for two long serving players from Ipswich Glen McKeand and Johnny Verrall. The night's proceeds, less expenses, will go to the two players for services rendered.

Lions Soccer club is to be commended on their forward thinking, allowing their top side to take part in such a worthwhile event. So mark the date down and turn up in force and make it a night to remember for Glen and John.

I must also say it's a nice feeling to be part of a progressive club like Ipswich United. Their gesture towards these two players is one I feel is long overdue in Queensland Soccer. Maybe more clubs will follow our lead and reward dedicated players who have stuck by their chosen club.

I must make comment on the lack of support by the Referees' Association. We have played some 16 games at Ebbw Vale. Referees and linesmen have been requested for all games but it's a good job we're not holding our breath. Our congratulations to Mr. Tom Davis who has turned up twice and his brother once — and he comes from Wynnum.

Surely if players have to work hard getting match practice pre-season, it would seem to me that dedicated referees would be only too pleased for the chance to do likewise. Or is Ipswich too far away?

Finally, it was great to see Brisbane's two PSL teams both winning on the same day. I bet these results caused a few headaches down south.

# LIONS v SOUTH MELBOURNE

BRISBANE Lions this weekend play hosts to the "millionaire" club of PSL, South Melbourne, who over the past two seasons have spent a veritable fortune in trying to attain success at national level.

This season they have given their voluble and volatile Greek supporters the best sort of present to assure their continued support, a three match string of results that sees them undefeated after three games against St. George (Sydney), Sydney Olympic and Newcastle United.

They have five points and are running second in the league to Rasic's raiders and have scored six goals with one being put in against them. All these statistics add up to a well drilled side, but the truth of the matter is that this South Melbourne are practically man for man the same lot of players who last year finished a very ordinary eleventh in PSL, in fact below our own Brisbane sides who had expected to struggle.

They have of course continued on their big spending ways and in securing Dave McLaren from Sydney Hakoah they probably picked up one of the most experienced and costliest managers in Australia.

McLaren who has always used his native Scotland as a scouring ground for second-level talent hasn't this time and the only new players appear to be Hansen, Baxter and Wright, though Bertie Lutton, Hakoah's Irish international from last season has followed McLaren south.



BERTIE LUTTON (South Melbourne)

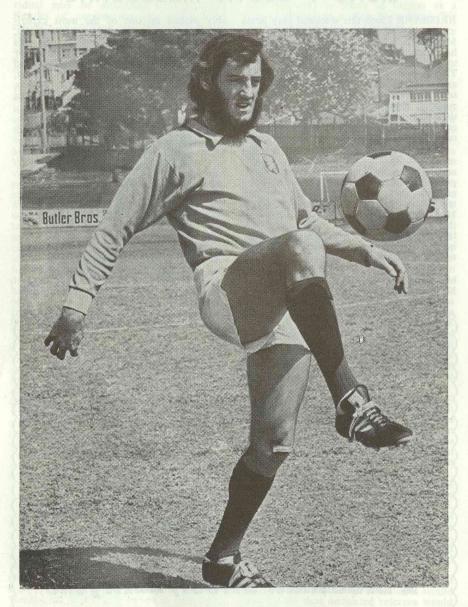
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TONY EDWARDS (St. George Souths)

Whether this new blood has changed South Melbourne into a hard hitting effective unit remains to be seen for to be honest they are yet to confront any of the so called big-guns of PSL. From reports their St. George victory (2-0) was just a shade fortunate (2 defensive errors and St. George struck woodwork four times).

It is hard to imagine four players, short of Pele, Bechenbaur, Shilton and Cruyff making such a great difference to last years heroes and Lions should not be afraid of the team they beat 2-0 last year on their home ground.

Players to keep an eye on are little winger Kent who is very direct and crosses a good ball. Tall blond midfielder Rogers is a gifted player who runs hot and cold and right back Pye is a 90 minute trier.

Up front they have in Duncan Cummings a product of Australian junior football and on his day he can grab goals with the best of them, but Socceroo Peter Ollerton is a player the fans either like or dislike, no in between.

Last week he had a double to open his goal account. Lions coach Gyula Vincze has a major problem on his mind already, a pleasant one too, but nevertheless a problem.

The enforced rest last week will no doubt have allowed a vast improvement in the injuries being suffered by Barrie Fairbrother and Paul Ontong, but these two lads are professional enough to know that the conquerors of Hakoah should, on paper, deserve another chance.

People, their natural curiosity pricked by the teams fine performance in Sydney, will turn up to see if this was a fluke



JACK REILLY (South Melbourne)

and of course our Greek friends from the West End will no doubt turn out in one of their all too infrequent jaunts to the soccer to cheer on the blue and white of South Melbourne.

An enjoyable afternoon will be guaranteed for Lions will have their usual pre match festivities to entertain the public.

Get along early and see the Kentucky Fried Cup, it's worth watching.



EDDIE SPEARRITT (Lions)



ALAN HUGHES (Lions)

# TRAVELODGE "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

EVERY weekend at Perry Park, an independent judge will award points on a 3-2-1 basis for Brisbane Lions' and Brisbane City's home matches in the Travelodge Player of the Year and Player of the Week awards.

The player to receive the three points rating, wins a dinner for two at the Polynesian Room at Brisbane Travelodge and the player to accumulate most points at the end of the season wins a trip to Sydney for two, flying TAA.

While in Sydney, the pair will stay at the Camperdown Travelodge, enjoying a weeks free accommodation and will also have the free usage of a Kay-Hertz Rentacar.

Last weekend the points were awarded:



WILLIE CONNER (Brisbane City)

Brisbane City v Adelaide City — March 19.

3 - STEVE PERRY

2 — WILLIE CONNER

1 - FRANK PIMBLETT

Perry was a unanimous choice for his sterling work at the back when City was under considerable pressure in the second half. Conner consistently cut holes in the Adelaide City backline and for most of the match had the better of full backs Fred Yung and Bugsy Nyskohus. Pimblett, City's fetch and carry man, was as constructive as ever and played a major role by retaining possession for lengthy periods while Adelaide City were coming back in the last 20 minutes.

Points allocations will be announced over the PA immediately after Lions clash with South Melbourne this weekend, and will be repeated in next weeks GO SOCCER.

The progressive points after three home games (two for City and one for Lions) is:

5 — STEVE PERRY (BC)

3 — ALAN NIVEN (BL) 1 — BARF

— LARRY GAFFNEY (BC) 2 — JOHN NEALE (BL) - WILLIE CONNER (BC)

1 — BARRIE FAIRBROTHER (BL)

— ALAN MARLEY (BC)
— FRANK PIMBLETT (BC)

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# POINTS TO PONDER

GO SOCCER

WE at GO SOCCER have a mystery writer in our midst. Somewhere between the copy-writers desk and the printer's machine a mysterious stop-press item appeared last week concerning Sunnyside and two "new imports". No one in the GO SOCCER staff appears to know anything about it and John Mesic denies any knowledge of such players but has his suspisions that proof readers may be responsible. Eddie Carrigan reckons they sound like a couple of Glasgow Ruffians, sorry Russians, as the names have a distinctly "Oor Wullie" flavour, may-be from the Steppes, or should it be Stepps? Does anyone know a Stevito Broonovitch or a Georgito Fraserovitch?

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GOOD to see a club getting behind us with half a page news item. Writer shows great concern for our staft's drinking habits, wouldn't be surprised if he now embarks on same course of action when new clubhouse opens in couple of weeks. Scotsmen are notorious bar flies. We now have three clubs interested in publicity — Brisbane City, Lions and Ipswich United. We have a long long way to go but maybe just maybe, it may get through yet that what they are paying for is actually theirs to use as they see fit.

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GO SOCCER made another boo-boo last week when reporting that Brisbane City were playing champagne soccer. "Should have read Brisbane City were playing FRIEXENET champagne soccer." Sorry, won't happen again — hic!

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CITY'S "goal fund" is growing, after three games boys now have \$125 to share between them and of course this could get bigger with more promises, and even better, more goals.

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BEN MOLLEE looking for GO SOCCER man who reported his and Darryl Wilkins' "training run" round the bar. Reckons wife didn't "get" connotations in story. After Lions great victory against Hakoah Ben reckons he and Darryl have left their "run" too late. Noticed Gary Wilkins at City v Footscray game looking for running track.

Fifty cent charge at Perry Park for cover caused a bit of heartery last week. More than ever now our PSL clubs should look to a family ticket. Take a man with three kids going to the soccer at Perry Park and wishing to sit under cover. Cost for family would be \$7 admission then \$2.50 for a seat under cover. This makes it a hefty afternoon especially when drinks chips and ice cream are thrown in. The clubs have to sell themselves to the public and a \$5 family ticket would be a nice gesture.

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The fifty cent surcharge to sit under the cover could have been handled better. Communication in soccer is not good at the best of times but a special statement prepared and presented in the first two issues of GO SOCCER would have gone a long way to relieving the discontent. The story in itself is simple, for years everyone was aware of a lack of cover at Perry Park and what it means in terms of discomforture to the fans if it rains. To get a cover costs \$50,000 and this money was not readily available so with inflation and rising costs the way they are, the people in charge felt now was the time and the only way was to make it self financing. No one is twisting an arm to pay it and in fact it was nice to see people at each end of the ground last week enjoying the sunshine. However it must be admitted, when the showers did come it was nice to slip under cover even at a charge of 50c, which really is not a lot of money nowadays.

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TRAVELODGE appear to have widened their sponsorship "Player of the Year" award. This is a good thing as the incentive now applies to both sets of players who are entertaining the public week in, week out. Sounds like a good prize to win and Barrie Roberts, manager of TRAVE-LODGE BRISBANE will have no problems with the weekly winners either.

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SOCCER players must have secrets of eternal youth. In two consecutive team of Yesterday pictures, Billy Haigh and Matt Hosie appear not to have aged a year, never mind 6 years, the gap between the pictures. — N.B. Haigh pops up again this week with Oxley.

PETER TOKESI, City's amiable giant scolded GO SOCCER for using "old" picture of him in recent "Spotlight" series. Reckons since it was taken, marriage and "daddyhood" have made him suave and handsome! Good on you Pete.

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LOCAL club did the code a great service last week. Invited to take part in an all expenses paid jaunt to Chinchilla where great pains had been taken to put on a giant soccer promotion, they notified the Federation they couldn't go, six days before the event! It is in cases like this the "big stick" should be wielded. No wonder our country friends get a bad dose of you know what, with our city attitudes.

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IAN KESSON, getting on with the job up at Ebbw Vale reckons area is still a tremendous bed of untapped talent. Enjoys getting around during the day spreading the gospel. With a president like Terry Brown and a coach like Kesson Ipswich United can hardly fail.

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ANOTHER quiet move, John Wilkinson after knocking back a signing offer from Lions joined Grange Thistle from Sunnyside. We assume once again the fee would be the maximum \$2,000. Money obviously not one of John's high motivation factors as with Lions he could have earned up to \$130 a week, with Thistle it will be the

\$15 maximum. Wonder how this team of \$15 men would go against a PSL side. GEE (Thistle)

Dann Wilkinson Warren Neilsen (I. Utd.) (Thistle) (I. Utd.) (I. Utd.)

Edwards Fagan Patterson (St. G.) (St. G.) (Thistle)

Dolan Steele Biedak (Thistle) (Mt. Grav.) (Nth. B.)

Interesting side. Perhaps some enterpreneur could do the needful.

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DESPITE the suspicious nature of last weeks Flash-stop Press news item, it has been reported that Sunnyside have indeed got two new Croatian boys on the books, with a third due to arrive in the near future. The lads are all well credentialled one of them being a goalkeeper of some repute. No names have been forthcoming but the information is believed authentic.

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AN entry to State League received from Townsville is believed to be the best prepared document yet come to hand. The writers have made no secret of the fact that they sought information from Newcastle who have just entered the Philips League scene. The Newcastle documentation was a top class piece of work and our northern friends have been well advised in their choice of information source.

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# THE TALE OF TWO CITIES

LAST weeks PSL game at Perry Park was one big long 90 minute sleep with an interruption for ten minutes when a slight disturbance rocked the cot.

17th March, 1978

Soccer like this is a bore to all the people watching and the fans could have been forgiven for wondering if in fact Frank Pimblett's party had lasted all week such was the lethargic showing put on by City.

"Soccer wise" Adelaide were the better looking football side but if Footscray were mept at finishing the week before Adelaide City were completely sterile, don't know whether Dixie Deans is coming back or not but Adelaide fans should be praying to all their deities that the little man is not too far away.

In Lister at centre-half they have the country's best stopper and Marocchi is one for the future but question marks have to be put on a number of the others who do not really give much to the side.

They played well enough up to their front third but some of the finishing reminded one of the under-7 junior football. John Nyskohus, Socceroo last year, had a nightmare twenty minutes at the end when he could have won the game on his own.

Edmund Krefts good work is obvious but like most coaches in Australia his nice dreams are of top class strikers, his nightmares live every weekend on the field of play.

What of Brisbane City? The previous week, everyone's heroes, last week the doldrums, sluggish, low motivation, aimless play that led nowhere. City had it all.

From the Brisbane City news we have a nice little article headed "Someone says". No one asks what "Insideman says" but this week he's going to say it anyway and it some of the players don't like it, that's too bad but it is "said" with the best of intentions.

KIM WISHART is a young man who in the past weeks has been subjected to rave reports from people who should know better. He is probably one of the best prospects in Australia of that there is no doubt, but he should get to work on his weight immediately if he is to fulfil this promise.

Kim also has an "Archilles heel" in his positioning for cross balls which last

week showed up three times and luckily for him was not punished more severely. If Kim works on these two facets of his game his goalkeeping will improve fifty percent, then and only then can Australia be mentioned. Rasic did not miss the flaws!!

IAN RATHMELL is a great leader by example but the last two matches have placed some doubt in the mind of the writer that Ian's exuberence is overriding his natural common sense.

Against Footscray he allowed a substitution (he is team captain) when his groin was obviously bothering him.

Last week a question mark must be put against his fitness at the start when he had to be substituted after seven minutes. Ian, your style of play demands 100% fitness to be effective.

'Nuff said!

PETER TOKESI is a lad who has lifted his game 100% since the start of PSL. He is rugged, strong, extremely effective both as a stopper and an attacker in dead ball situations.

As a dribbler re resembles the tank he is built like. The simple game Peter, and when you get caught out wide with all your midfield mates ball watching, don't hesitate, put it out and get re-organised quickly.

High risk football is deadly.

FRANK PIMBLETT, ROBERTA ECHEVERRIA and LARRY GAFFNEY. On song and in full cry you are an exciting, entertaining and gifted trio without equal in Australia except perhaps Marconi's three musketeers, but you all



GEORGE POTTER (Lions)

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have one bad facet to your game that is juvenile and can be fatal against good sides.

Everyone with football knowledge knows that it is impossible for part-time midfielders to run for ninety minutes but when you all decide to have a rest at the same time, "curtains" is the usual outcome.

If you think about the problem, "resting" successfully is only a matter of two factors — communication and position.

Tell each other when you are going to have a break and position yourself just in front of the defence becoming in fact an obstacle to progress. Common sense lads.

WILLIE CONNER is Brisbane soccers enigma, a man who does all that is good in soccer, shows skill, speed, flair, etc., etc., all the superlatives and yet always the question mark, the indirectness, the superfluous twist or turn to "rub in" the mastery. Cure it Willie and you become a great, ignore it and you may become like the extra "jink", superfluous.

KEVIN CALDWELL — the man who cops it all from the terracing critics. Last week we had some good, some bad, he has obviously been working on his dead ball shooting but again we had the feeling of trying to be too clever with ball working.

This of course can be attributed to bad midfield distribution for Kevin is a player who has to be "fed" properly to utilise his strengths and nullify his weaknesses. His strengths were never shown last week except in physical joust which proves absolutely nothing.

City, you are everyone's darling when you give all. However you are human and it is human to err. You have set your own standards and the Perry Park faithful will accept nothing less. Get to it, back to work, get superfit and Rale



STEVE AMOS (Lions)

Rasic may just be a bit more concerned than he appeared after last weeks nonevent!

Insideman



LEON WILSON (Lions)



IAN GIBSON (South Melbourne)



MIKE PYE (South Melbourne)

THE space on this page had been reserved for news and views from all clubs regarding their activities. So far only Ipswich United, Souths United and Dutton Park have contributed news for the magazine they are subsidising. So for this week, the space below may as well be used for the purpose of the above heading.

Autographs



# Philips League MATCH OF THE DAY



### **BRISBANE LIONS**

- 1 ROD McKENZIE
- 2 GEORGE POTTER
- 3 JIM HERMISTON
- 4 COL BENNETT
- 5 ALAN NIVEN
- 6 JOHN NEALE
- 7 EDDIE SPEARRITT
- 8 PAUL LASLO
- 9 IAN LAWRIE
- 10 ALAN HUGHES
- 11 JOHN OGDEN
- 12 STEVE AMOS
- 13 BARRIE FAIRBROTHER
- 14 PAUL ONTONG
- 15 LEON WILSON
- 16 GEOFF MORRIS
- 17 ALAN VENABLES
- 20 NIGEL LOWNDES

Coach: GYULA VINCZE

# SOUTH MELBOURNE

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- 1 JOHN HANSEN
- 2 MIKE PYE
- 3 STUART BAXTER
- 4 CHRIS KALAFATIDIS
- 5 MARGARITIS HAGEGMANOUIL
- 6 BERTIE LUTTON
- 7 SAMMY WRIGHT
- 8 BILLY ROGERS
- 9 DUNCAN CUMMINGS
- 10 PETER OLLERTON
- 11 CHRIS KENT
- 12 BOBBY McGUINESS
- 13 GEORGE CHRISTOPOLOUS
- 14 PETER VAUGHAN
- 20 JACK REILLY

Coach: DAVE Maclaren



JOHN NEALE (Lions)

### Next Weekends Matches

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

### Last Years Results

Brisbane Lions 2 v South Melbourne 0 South Melbourne 1 v Brisbane Lions 0