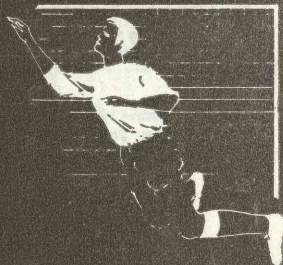




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CITY centre forward ALAN MARLEY (left) fails to pick up this pass before it reaches the hands of Footscray's Mike O'Hara recently at Perry Park. Others in the picture are ZORAN ILIOSKI, KEVIN CALDWELL and JIM KONDARIOS. MARLEY gave City a great sight with his two goals last Sunday against Marconi.

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Editorial

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The close season wrangle over "an agreement" between Mitchelton and Bardon soccer clubs has become a sore that will not heal, and, despite being covered up and anaesthetised by a directive from the Full Council, through the Management Committee, festers on through the unfortunate circumstances surrounding four players whose only "sin" appears to be loyalty to their club. (Three of the players have totalled 23 years with the one club).

Without taking sides in the matter, (GO SOCCER feels there is right and wrong on both sides), we would like to point out the circumstances to you, the soccer public and with them our feelings regarding the matter, so that you may judge for yourself the fate of these four players.

At the time the "agreement" was to take place all the players at Bardon were asked if they were willing to play with Mitchelton. The Federation had instructed Bardon to do this so that the players could play with either club during that term, when in fact there were two clubs, this term being the remainder of the 1977 season.

So to speak we had "dual registration" for this period. Most players accepted this, the older ones asking that reasonable transfer fees be put on their heads so that if things did not work out they could go on the transfer list. It appears both parties in "the agreement" accepted this.

Some players moved on but four experienced players stuck it out to the end of the season and it is history that the team finished bottom of the league. It must also be remembered that during the close season, legislation took place that reduced the transfer limit to \$2,000 and a first division (and under) monetary reward to \$15. Then the wrangle began and it is here GO SOCCER refuses to become entangled in the politics of the situation other than inform the public of one small matter.

The Federation Management Committee in their wisdom asked all "blue form players" playing with Bardon who they wished to play for and these four players intimated they had no desire to leave their club or to play with Mitchelton.

The Full Council upheld an appeal by Mitchelton and a ruling was given out that as part of "the agreement" the players now belonged to Mitchelton. That this is constitutionally possible is very very debatable and one strong viewpoint is that the players actually belong to the Federation where they should or could be turned into liquid assets by the Management Committee then the assets going to Mitchelton. However more confusion reigns, as Bardon has lodged an appeal against the Council decision and here's where the trouble begins.

Legally there is no Bardon, but as the appeal has been accepted it appears there is sufficient grounds for believing they may succeed. Part of the ruling pending appeal is that the monies resulting from any transfers be held in trust by the Management Committee and passed on to whichever club is found to be correct in the wrangle. So here we have a situation where Mitchelton have to be dealt with if a player is to be purchased knowing full well that if Bardon won an appeal they could ask Mitchelton for full return. Logically they are not going to be too keen to reduce the fee.

Who is suffering in this political game of chess? Once again we find the players, having no resource to any legal opinion within the Federation, are being left to hold the can. They have one option, play with Mitchelton or else! Remember their only "sin" is loyalty to a club.

Can anything be done to relieve the situation? Two players appear to want first division soccer but no club is prepared to pay out the fees on their head.

One of these players is now contemplating giving the game up at the age of 23, so sick is he of the whole situation. Another player is, funnily enough, now playing with Mitchelton colts, but is also seeking legal advice as to his standing. Bardon have been reported as willing to lower the fees in order that these players be allowed to play. Legally they do not know if this is possible!

GO SOCCER would like to suggest that until the Bardon appeal is heard (these appeals can take months in the hearing) these players be allowed to go

to the club of their choice for an amount representing 10% of their transfer fees. This money would meet the legal requirement demanded by the constitution and upon a decision on the appeal they would revert to the club as directed, or a fee could then be negotiated.

This is only a suggestion but would be infinitely more desirable and humane than the present situation which is in fact forcing them out of the game they have served so well, and all because of loyalty, that desirable trait in a player that we have all been informed died out with professionalism.

We implore the officials of Mitchelton, Bardon and the management committee to come up with a solution to at least show the rewards for loyalty have not disappeared.

NATIONAL PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Last Sundays Games

SYDNEY — Marconi continued on their relentless trek to the Philips Soccer League Championship with a hard fought 3-2 victory over Brisbane City at Bossley Park.

Marconi had to fight back after conceding their first goal in four matches when City striker Alan Marley headed in a Larry Gaffney cross in the 12th minute.

City's goal unsettled Marconi but even so by half time they were in the lead after goals from Mark Jankovics and then Jimmy Rooney, a minute before the break.

In the second half, Marconi continued to dominate as Brisbane City faltered.

Marconi's third goal was from the penalty spot after Jankovics was brought down in the box.

Byrne converted the penalty but City rallied in the final 10 minutes and Marley scored his second goal.

ADELAIDE — Adelaide City displaying the form which made them one of last years most feared sides in the Philips Soccer League, returned to form with a vengeance, notching a 1-0 victory over St. George at Olympic Sports field.

A 39th minute own goal by St. George midfielder Brendan Grosse gave Adelaide City their first win of the season.

However, despite the fortunate goal, Adelaide City was superior, for most of the match and should have carved out at least a two goal win.

City took only two minutes to get into action when midfielder Dave Rigby blasted a powerful shot from five metres which Saints goalkeeper Martin Coe saved brilliantly.

With Brian Northcote in brilliant form, City always had an avenue to goal and

looked dangerous for virtually the whole of the first half.

Both sides kept a crowd of five and a half thousand entertained with fast attacking football throughout.

However it was Adelaide City which looked the more dangerous in attack and it was perhaps unfortunate that its win should have resulted from a defensive error.

The only goal of the match was scored in the thirty ninth minute when John Nyskohus headed a cross from his brother Bugsy for goal, and Brendan Grosse deflected the ball away from his sprawling goalkeeper Coe.

MELBOURNE — Missed chances and poor defence from Fitzroy gave Western Suburbs an easy win in the Philips Soccer League match at the Schintler Reserve, Melbourne.

Wests took command in the first half with a two-goal burst in four minutes.

Home goalkeeper Peter Blasby fumbled an angled shot from Warren Turnbull to give Alan Fisher an easy goal.

Four minutes later Fitzroy tried to set an offside trap, and Clive Eaton was unmarked as he hit home a lob from Peter Stone.

Fitzroy missed plenty of chances to get back into the match, but Gary Cole missed from 10 metres, and Cole and Jim Campbell hit the crossbar.

And another Fitzroy tangle shortly after half time sealed the match for Wests.

Pat Bannon stopped a shot from Peter Stone on the line, but lost control to give Eaton his second goal.

SYDNEY —

Johnny Warren's gallant Canberra City side weathered Sydney Olympic's relent-

less second half attack for a shock 2-1 win in the Philips League Soccer match at Erskineville Oval.

The upset left never say die Canberra undefeated in three League matches.

Each team scored a first half penalty — Canberra in the ninth minute by Ivan Gruicic after hand ball by Olympic defender Stuart Markland, and Joe Senkalski in the nineteenth minute for Olympic after John Brown had fouled.

Lively striker Terry Byrne calmly cut through to net the winner for Canberra following a glorious ball from Canberra's Jimmy Cant.

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	2	2	—	—	7	2	4
Brisbane City	2	2	—	—	5	1	4
Sth. Melbourne	2	1	1	—	4	1	3
Adelaide City	2	1	—	1	1	1	2
Canberra City	2	—	2	—	3	3	2
W. Suburbs	2	—	2	—	3	3	2
St. George	2	1	—	1	2	3	2
E. Suburbs	2	1	—	1	3	4	2
Fitzroy Utd.	2	1	—	1	1	3	2
Footscray	2	—	1	1	1	3	1
Brisbane Lions	2	—	1	1	1	4	1
Syd. Olympic	2	—	2	2	1	3	0
Newcastle Utd.	2	—	—	2	1	5	0
West Adelaide	2	—	—	2	1	5	0

AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	2	2	—	—	5	0	4
W. Suburbs	2	2	—	—	4	0	4
E. Suburbs	2	1	1	—	5	2	3
Sth. Melbourne	2	1	1	—	3	1	3
Brisbane Lions	2	1	1	—	5	3	3
West Adelaide	2	1	1	—	2	1	3
Syd. Olympic	2	1	1	—	2	1	3
St. George	2	1	—	1	4	2	2
Canberra City	2	1	—	1	3	3	2
Footscray	2	1	—	1	1	3	2
Adelaide City	2	—	1	1	3	4	1
Newcastle Utd.	2	—	1	1	1	4	1
Brisbane City	2	—	—	2	2	4	0
Fitzroy Utd.	2	—	—	2	1	6	0

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	4	4	—	—	12	2	8
Sth. Melbourne	4	2	2	—	7	2	6
W. Suburbs	4	2	2	—	7	3	6
E. Suburbs	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
Brisbane City	4	2	—	2	7	5	4
St. George	4	2	—	2	6	5	4
Canberra City	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Brisbane Lions	4	1	2	1	6	7	4
Syd. Olympic	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Adelaide City	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
West Adelaide	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
Footscray	4	1	1	2	2	6	3
Fitzroy Utd.	4	1	—	3	2	9	2
Newcastle Utd.	4	—	1	3	2	9	1

LEADING P.S.L. GOALSCORERS

- 4 Goals—
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
- 3 Goals—
Allan Fisher (Wests)
Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)
Alan Hughes (Lions)
Clive Eaton (Wests)
Alan Marley (Brisbane City)
- 2 Goals—
Hilton Silva (Easts)
Billy Rogers (South Melbourne)
Roberto Echeverria (Brisbane City)
Terry Byrne (Canberra)
Phil O'Connor (St. George)
Jim Rooney (Marconi)
Gary Byrne (Marconi)
Joe Senkalski (Olympic)
Peter Ollerton (South Melbourne)
John Stevenson (Easts)
John Neale (Lions)

Appeal Against Violence

BERNE — The general secretary of the European Football Union (UEFA) has called on public authorities to hand out stricter punishments against soccer fans who provoke violence at matches.

In this two-yearly report of UEFA activities, Herr Hans Bangarter condemned "Chauvinistic, sometimes drunken elements who feel they can vent their grudge against society with impunity at international matches, safe in the anonymity of the crowd."

"It is a sad fact that football grounds today serve the masses as a sort of outlet for aggression.

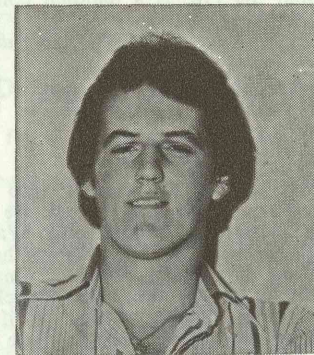
"Unless there are stricter punishments handed down by the public authorities responsible in cases of crowd misbehaviour there can hardly be any hope of coming to grips with the problem," Herr Bangarter wrote.

He added that, during the period covered by his report — 1976-77 — there had also been an increase in the number of cases during which whole Soccer teams had behaved badly during matches.

"This trend may well be attributed primarily to the disproportionately high bonus sometimes offered to a team in return for success in a certain competition," the UEFA general secretary wrote.

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**SPOTLIGHT ON—
KIM WISHART**



- Full Name Kim Shane Wishart
- Birth Place Ipswich, Queensland
- Birthdate 13-1-1957
- Height 6'0"
- Weight 14½ stone
- Previous Clubs Coalstars, St. Helens
- Married No
- Car Valiant Charger
- Favourite Player Peter Shilton
- Favourite Other Team Marconi
- Most Difficult Opponent Willie Conner
in practice games
- Most Memorable Match Philips League
debut
- Biggest Thrill Playing above match
- Biggest Disappointment Spending last
year on the bench
- Best Country Visited —
- Favourite Food Steak
- Miscellaneous Likes Collecting Records
- Favourite TV Shows Big Match,
Countdown
- Favourite Actor Humphrey Bogart,
Marlon Brando
- Favourite Singer Rod Stewart
- Best Friend My Father
- Biggest Influence on Career My Father
- Biggest Drag in Soccer Flying home
after an away loss

- Honours Australia Under 16,
Queensland
- Personal Ambition To be an established
Australian Player
- Professional Ambition To become a
competent architect
- If you were not a soccer player
what would you do Be an architect
- Which person in the world would
you most like to meet Muhammad Ali

THIS GAME LAST YEAR

CITY were playing their third game of the season and second at home with a record of two losses to date — 0-1 to Marconi at home and 2-3 to St. George in Sydney.

A big crowd of 6500 was on hand and many anticipated that the visitors would take away two points. The team took the field with new boy Echeverria in mid field with Pimblett and Gaffney — a combination soon to trouble most sides in the competition. These three stood firm against Muniz and Lutton and gradually asserted dominance in the middle zone. Terry Smith received no change from Peter Tokesi and he was effectively nullified as a striker.

City should have taken the lead after 23 minutes when Conner characteristically jinked through the defence, drew men to him and passed to Johnson who delayed his shot just too long and the cover defence foiled his attempt. The score at half time was nil all, and Brisbane City were ahead on points.

The second half was again dominated in the mid field by the locals, but they did not have the striking power up front to capitalise on the glut of possession, (how many times was this the story last year?) and the linkage always seemed to break down. Caldwell for Coyne after 69 minutes still did not break the deadlock and Echeverria was replaced by Herdle 6 minutes later. Roberto departed to a rousing ovation and had quickly established himself in the hearts of the City fans.

Eastern Suburbs replaced Watson with Barnes at 71 minutes and near the end pressed flat out for the decider and were almost successful twice in the dying moments of the game when relatively easy chances were fritted away. The partisan crowd was not sorry to hear referee Nugent blow full time, because although City deserved to share the points, it

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seemed Easts had the final running and the weary Queenslanders may soon have wilted.

The Squads —

Brisbane City — Borzi, Rathmell, Tokesi, Hermiston, Lavelle, Gaffney, Pimblett, Echeverria, Coyne, Johnson, Conner, Substitutes Herdle, Caldwell.
 Eastern Suburbs — Clarke, Mullen, Mowbray, O'Connor, Robertson, Muniz, Stevenson, Lutton, Watson, Smith, Silva, Substitute Barnes.
 Referee — D. Nugent

PUSHING IT UPHILL

Consider these facts—

- Brisbane City won the 1977 Philips Cup.
- Brisbane City have played Adelaide City three times in the PSL with the following results—

June 26th, 1977 —

Brisbane City 1, Adelaide City 0

September 25th, 1977 —

Adelaide City 1, Brisbane City 2

March, 19th, 1978 —

Brisbane City 2, Adelaide City 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brisbane City	3	3	0	0	5	2	6
Adelaide City	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

- Before the clash on March 19th, Brisbane City were in fourth place on the ladder having beaten Footscray 3-0 at home and Adelaide City were eleventh having lost to Footscray 0-1 at home.

Despite all this information the following media reports were noted:—

SOCCKER WORLD, March 16th, 1978 — "Normally one would tip the visitors to win . . ."

BTQ7 newsreader March 19th, 1978 — ". . . although the visitors started favourites . . ."

THE AUSTRALIAN, March 20th — "What's gone wrong with Adelaide? . . . Adelaide City's 2-0 loss to **LIONS** in Brisbane . . ." (wrong team and wrong result!!!)

The third quote comes from a weekly column in the national newspaper under the name of an alleged specialist soccer writer! —

After three weeks of so called "national" reporting his ruminations have only once acknowledged the actual existence of

a PSL team north of the Tweed, and then erroneously. At the time of writing Brisbane City lies third on the national table. Maybe we need to be first to rate a mention.

When will Brisbane teams cease to be the underdogs? When will the big smoke realise that the PSL is a national competition? Perhaps next week!

David Marshall

Adidas Shootout Competition

THE two schools to advance into the second round of the competition are the Brisbane Grammar School and Wavell High School. As City have thirteen home fixtures and it requires sixteen teams to neatly reduce to the final in a knockout competition resulting in a total of fifteen contests, on two future Sundays there will be two first round clashes. One, as usual at half time in the PSL game and the other during the break of the first division curtain raiser. During the interval of the Brisbane City v Eastern Suburbs game De La Salle College meet St. Pauls School.

Comments on Eastern Suburbs

Saftich says . . . "Eastern Suburbs third visit to Brisbane City well may be City's first victory over this strong and skilful opponent. The 1977 visit being a memorable draw and the 1978 Charity Cup being a close victory to the visitors in extra time. Ford's City team will have the opportunity of retaining their "Giant Killers in Brisbane" title.

Marshall says . . . "The last time we met the PSL champions we really did let them off the hook in squandering a 2-0 lead at half time. If anything our defence is much sounder since then and we are taking some of our chances."

Rathmell says . . . "Probably one of the top soccer playing sides in the league, as proved by their position at the end of last year. The last time we played them we had a deserved lead at half time, but let them off the hook. If we play up to form they should be more worried of us than us of them. They will be stronger with the inclusion of Silva, but seem vulnerable at the back as demonstrated by Lions in Sydney."

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Tokesi says . . . "They are a strong attacking team, but if we play as a team, which we can as has been seen at Perry Park on many occasions we can pick up two points. Playing at home gives us an advantage and we owe them one for our 4-3 defeat in the pre-season Charity Shield game."

Trabuco says . . . "They are a good team, but we can beat them."

Primary School Clinics

AS from Monday, April 3rd, Brisbane City is to provide a coaching service for primary school boys. Roberto Echeverria will conduct the sessions at the schools, and will be concerned mainly with teaching the basic skills to boys of the age when this is most beneficial to them.

Roberto may well be the most skilled ball player in Queensland and it is this ability and experience he hopes to pass on to the lads. This contract with one of the stars of Brisbane City can only be of benefit to the schoolboys and the game in this State.

There are still some spaces available in the timetable which involves lunch hours, after school and school sports periods — so if you are a teacher or parent and are interested in using the facility, please contact Mrs. Pam Simeone (266 9908).

Even if soccer is not a recognised sport at your boy's school our experience is that such schools are quite happy to permit use of their sporting areas after school by arrangement with the headmaster — in fact the encouragement of the scheme in such circumstances will assist the development of the world's most popular sport in this city.

Freixinet Champagne Victory Celebration

AS you by now will know, after each home win this season the Brisbane City team will be presented with a dozen bottles of the excellent Freixinet (pronounced Frezinet) Champagne. We have decided to hold a victory celebration at Spencer Park, Newmarket on all such future occasions. All supporters are invited to attend, meet together and join the players at the Brisbane City clubhouse where drinks and light refreshments will be for sale at the canteen. Let's hope we can see you there today!

Cash for Goals

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Marconi 3 Bris. City 2

BRISBANE City played attacking football, and were unlucky, to say the least not to get 1 point. In the first few minutes Larry Gaffney tried a good shot at goal, but could not beat Alan Maher.

City opened the scoring in the 12th minute with a perfect header from Alan Marley, when Larry Gaffney sent in a low cross, Alan Marley's shot did not give Maher a chance. Marconi fought back to finish the first half 2-1 with goals from Mark Jankovics and Marconi's captain Jim Rooney.

The second half saw Marconi come back with renewed vigor, and were awarded a penalty for an alleged attack on Mark Jankovics by Steve Perry. This was hotly disputed not only by City players, but also some of the Marconi supporters felt that it was unjust. The penalty stood and Garry Byrne put the ball in the back of City's net. The score then stood at 3-1.

Brisbane City came back into the game 20 minutes from full time and repeatedly attacked Marconi's goal but were unable to penetrate, then from a goal mouth scramble Alan Marley found a space and shot home his 2nd goal. Five minutes from the whistle Alan Maher charged out of his goal, bringing down Alan Marley very heavily. A penalty was not given to City and as Rale Rasic said after the game "Bad luck, but that's the way the game goes."

Young Steve Clarke made his PSL debut for Brisbane City half way through the second half when he replaced John Lavelle. Also John Coyne was put in early in the second half to replace Kevin Caldwell.

Credit must be given to Brisbane City and especially to Alan Marley who made City the first team to get a ball past Alan Maher this year, thus ending Marconi's record of 270 minutes of soccer without conceding a goal.

"Well done Brisbane City."

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Brisbane City v Eastern Suburbs Hakoah

BACK to wondering this week with our PSL hopes Brisbane City. Are they going to devastate, or deteriorate? With City disappointing us in their last home game they will have to be in a better frame of mind this weekend for Hakoah will not treat sloppiness lightly, they will punish and punish hard.

It is this writer's opinion that these Sydney teams are now entering a reverse cycle as far as soccer trends are concerned. Such is the apathy shown by the cosmopolitan Sydneysider that these players must dread playing at home with a 1000 people scattered around stands that can accommodate 10,000-20,000 people. Picture today when they run onto Perry Park with its 6,000 capacity $\frac{3}{4}$ full, the noise of the vast majority blasting out from the new cover, they at once have atmosphere, something that has long been recognised as a major motivating factor in a players' psychology.

This idea of the writer's is borne out statistically by the fact that up until the week ending 24th March, only one Sydney side had lost a game away from home. This amounted to a total of ten games, seven victories and two draws, while on the same plane out of eleven home matches played only three clubs have posted victories.

Therefore it would appear that when meeting a Sydney side at home the other PSL clubs had better be on their toes for by their very attraction of fans they are in fact making the task a bit more difficult for themselves.

City, you have been warned, be on your best behaviour today for if the above argument is taken as plausible you have a fight on your hands.

Hakoah are every soccer purist's delight when they are playing well. Since their outing against our own Lions in Sydney it has been reported that tall, gifted striker Terry Smith is back in training and Bobby McGuinness has been sold to South Melbourne (who played Lions last week) for a reported \$5,000.

With Smith in the side they become another cup of tea all together from the watery, insipid team that went under without a fight to Lions. Denis Ford will not be kidded by that performance, Denis

has long been an admirer of Hakoah and rates them, on form, as the most complete side in Australia. The writer would not argue this point and looks forward to this match with eager anticipation. Both teams have their fair share of good players and the pre-season charity match between the two (Hakoah won 3-2 after extra time) was a firecracker.

City who came with a late run last week against Marconi will have to be at their best for ninety minutes today, only that will be good enough.

Marley found the way to goal last week again and the battle between him and the tall, commanding O'Connor could be significant, for Marley's strengths, speed off the mark and elusiveness, is just what O'Connor's bulk finds most difficult to handle. Everywhere we look in this game we see small individual "battle grounds" where players of equal ability will fight out duels.

It is these factors that point to an extremely interesting afternoon and there is no doubt that the team which puts it all together will emerge victors. No doubt!

CITY WILL ENTERTAIN!

CONSUMER WARNING

If you prefer a grandstand seat
To make your afternoon complete,
Then check your clothes before they're
washed

To see the ticket is not squashed
Within some pocket 'neath the suds,
For it's sure to stain your duds.

FIRST LEG EVEN

BUENOS AIRES — Boca Juniors of Argentina and Borussia Moenchengladbach of West Germany drew 2-2 here in the first leg of the inter-continental Soccer Club Cup.

The visitors were leading 2-1 at half time.

"UPSET RESULT — RUBBISH"

I WOULD like to start this first article of the season on the same note as I ended last season — with a little note for the press.

I would like to thank the Courier Mail for their generous one column x ten lines. Six of those lines were taken up with scores. All I can say is "Thanks very much", — if that's all first division soccer means to you.

Now down to more pleasant things, Mt. Gravatt 3 v Ipswich United 2. What could be more pleasant than that for the first game of the season.

There have not been many changes at Mt. Gravatt, in fact the only faces missing are John Stewart who is in the UK, Wym Spiekerman who has returned to Holland and Mike Brozowski who is undergoing surgery on his knees. On the credit side we have signed Greg Steele from Annerley, Lex Donsky from Merton and Ross Denny on loan from Bardon. With the return of John Stewart and David Black-

adder, Mt. Gravatt will have a formidable side, not that it is not NOW.

The way the game started, it seemed as if we were in for a repeat of 1977. The conditions were extremely difficult for all the players with the temperature topping 32°C at kick off time. Mt. Gravatt started in the worst possible way, giving away an early goal from a misunderstanding between defender and the goalkeeper. The boys fought back extremely well and were well on top at the end of the first half.

The pre-season conditioning from new coach Derek Mann paid off in the second half and Mt. Gravatt ran at will. They equalised from a header from Ian Steele and then took the lead a few minutes later from an Eric Thompson penalty when Ross Denny was fouled in the box.

The goal of the match came some ten minutes later. John Ferguson cleared the ball from the Mt. Gravatt box to find Ian Steele who in turn put Ross Denny

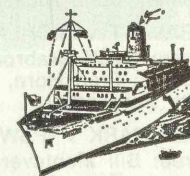
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away. "Mushy" out-sprinted the defence and blasted a tremendous angled shot past the Ipswich keeper to put the issue beyond doubt.

This is the best start Mt. Gravatt have had to a season in both preparation and results. Look out for some more "Upset Results".

NOTE — The comments made by the Mt. Gravatt contributor in the first part of his report are hardly surprising but warrant a reply. It is typical of the attitude of some clubs who refuse to accept that the Philips League a national competition and something the code has been clamouring for over many years, is a tremendous success, is going from strength to strength and is here to stay. Philips League is played in Brisbane every Sunday catering for crowds of between 3,000 and 6,000.

Most of the first division clubs this year decided to play in opposition. Fine — that's their option. The First Division, if it's lucky, draws a few hundred per match. And is it here to stay in its present form. There is every chance the State League will begin next year.

Clubs knew by switching to Sundays they would suffer in regards to publicity by competing against the major soccer attraction of the day. It's a bit late to start complaining now about your one column by 10 lines of space.

—The Editor

WEEKEND REFEREES

THISTLE v REDLANDS

Referee: John Angelino
Linesmen: John Folling, Doug Fisher

EAGLES v ANNERLEY

Referee: Deiter Klose
Linesmen: Tom Davis, Pete Murray

NORTH BRISBANE v SUNNYSIDE

Referee: John Angelino
Linesmen: Dave Nugent,
Bill Monteverdi

MERTON v ST. GEORGE

Referee: Ron Richmond
Linesmen: John Hicks, John Austin

MT. GRAVATT v RICHLANDS

Referee: Geoff Brabrook
Linesmen: Fred Horn,
Karl Bornkessel

SPENCER PARK v IPSWICH UNITED

Referee: Bill Monteverdi
Linesmen: Terry Ellison,
Frank Trimarchi

Bundaberg Blossoming

IT was a pretty big Easter weekend for Bundaberg and junior Soccer in the district.

Last Saturday, State coaching director Denis Ford and management's George Roberts visited Bundaberg to estimate the talents of local boys in respect to the Queensland under-16 team. Denis and George probably would admit they might have expected to come up with a maximum of two boys to be nominated for further trials before the squad for the national titles is finalised.

But such was the depth of talent on display, the pair have listed six boys to take part in the remaining qualifying channels leading up to the championships. They are goalkeeper Geoffrey Crowther from Maryborough's Hervey Bay United, midfielders Malcolm Tuttle (Diggers), Craig Lems (Diggers), Peter Kelly (Diggers), defender Guy Barone, (Across The Waves) and forward Wayne Drinnen (Aston Villa).

To further highlight the talent in the area, a few thousand people at Perry Park last Sunday were fortunate enough to see Bundaberg's under-13 side in action against Redcliffe in a quarter-final of the knockout Jack Williams Memorial Shield.

And what a display it was. The country boys produced some great football in difficult conditions to win 5-2. Unfortunately we don't know the lads' first names but two players who should have caught the eye of any interested PSL scouts were left winger D. Zimmerlie and centre half J. Brillante. The little winger could have taught some of our senior players how to avoid being caught offside during his countless flashing bursts towards the Redcliffe goal. Young Zimmerlie scored twice, and the others came from M. Sheehan, G. Cooper and R. Hunter. Redcliffe's right winger Darren Jennings scored his team's two goals. The State League will be an enormous success for the country centres if they all have juniors of this calibre coming up through the junior ranks.

IRISH DRAW

BELFAST — Ballymena United and Crusaders drew one goal each in an Irish Football Association Cup semi-final replay match here last Saturday.

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COCA-COLA PLAYER OF THE MONTH



STEVE PERRY has been an outstanding force in the City backline since transferring this year from Western Suburbs. His two home performances, against Footscray and Adelaide City were particularly outstanding.

Our picture shows the type of reliability that is Steve Perry's trademark, but it was when he was at right fullback last season playing against City in West's colours He is seen here guarding the far post while keeper Terry Eaton makes a save, with the other support coming from Col Curran, who is now with Newcastle United.

As the first Coca-Cola player of the month, Perry wins a Coke bag and various assorted goodies, which will be presented to him before this Sunday's match against Eastern Suburbs.

FIRST DIVISION OPENING

FIRST division soccer, already put back one week due to bad weather (many people stated with good argument rather prematurely?), got off to a belated start last weekend. Incumbents, Sunnyside, were drawn to play Richlands Windmills who had been ordered to Perry Park, ostensibly to make a start to a regular feature there on a Saturday.

With little or no coverage in the press, no advertising of any description, and the usual spate of gossip in their "own" GO SOCCER, it was no surprise to find a massive crowd of 260 adults and 40 children paid for admittance. It is known that quite a few Sunnyside players paid admittance money (as they had not been provided with passes) so if we deduct \$60 for them, their wives and girl friends and the Richlands youngsters, parents (the average age of the team is around 19) it is obvious that our first division as a crowd puller has deteriorated ever further than was thought possible!

The game kicked off on time (our sole "letter to the editor" writer has had a victory with the Winfield clock) and to everyone's surprise the young lions (dare we call them that) more than held their own against their more fancied opponents. Sunnyside opened like a flash of lightning and should have led at once when Parkovic blasted a ball over the top from a great scoring position. Windmills didn't get upset and played themselves out of trouble in an extremely "professional" manner, moved the ball first time in long swinging passes and ever so gradually began to dominate play. Sunnyside looked to be a bit sluggish and most of their talented ball skills were being negated by lack of movement at a crucial time.

This sluggishness showed itself in the 22nd minute when Paul Sleight was allowed to rise unchallenged to a cross and place the ball away into the corner. By now conditions were wet due to the heavy rain but neither team allowed this to interfere with their ability to play attractive, pleasing football.

Sunnyside roared back into the game and Steve Brown had an excellent piece of ball juggling and through ball squandered by Gary Bromfield who should have done better than shoot wide with only the keeper to beat. Now Alan Edwards blasted a great volley over from 25 metres and the Sunnyside fans began to get excited.

Windmills were by no means out of it, in fact they probably showed the better teamwork and young Wilson tested Orlic with a good shot after a nice move up the left. At the 36 minute mark Brown speculated a long shot which just cleared the bar, but in reply, Sunnyside can consider themselves extremely lucky, when, on the break, three "Lions" players were bearing down on the goal with only one defender and a ball watching referee called them up for offside. Peter Steen away on the referee's left was playing everyone onside by yards. Peter, ever thankful for small mercies, shot down the field and crashed a great shot into the goal only to see it deflected past.

Windmills again broke through this square Sunnyside defence and very selfishly Low drove the ball over the bar when a cut back pass would have been a simple "tap in" goal for his two mates. Get your head up Craig, all the good players do, that's how they know what's going on.

The rain was now bucketing down but was making no difference to both sides who continued to play good, attractive and extremely entertaining soccer.

Half time Richlands 1, Sunnyside 0.

No one in the small crowd could have complained about the standard of entertainment being provided and with the new stand keeping everyone dry (players and match officials excepted) we sat back wondering whether the young Windmills could keep up their splendid showing or the "Carrigan tongue" would lash some movement into a few of Sunnyside's players who were not doing their thing.

It was not to be, after waiting *twenty minutes* to see if the rain would clear the referee decided to call it a day. The announcement stated that he felt there was a danger to players. What a load of utter rubbish.

Anyone who has ever played soccer will tell you there is far greater risk playing on our usual bone-hard, sun baked grounds than on a wet spongy turf. This referee should examine his motives very seriously. If he authentically felt this then he should have called off the game twenty minutes before half time when the rain was hammering down and there was a fair bit of lightning around. As it was the announcement had barely stopped echoing around the stand

when the rain went off and *twenty three minutes* after the half time whistle there was little or no rain falling.

So here we are again, making the ammunition for the Rugby League orientated Aussie to call it a "nancy sport". Some of these referees (if indeed it is them) cannot ever watch The Big Match when we see teams worth millions of pounds slither and slide on snow and ice, or plough their way through ankle-deep mud.

If however the more sinister thought of "protection for the hallowed turf" is genuine, the answer is easy, don't play any soccer on Perry Park other than PSL games, then we won't disappoint and sicken the few genuine supporters still willing to turn up. Altogether a bad show (not the football, the decision making).

Insideman

Q.S.F. POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Redlands	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Merton	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Mt. Gravatt	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
Eagles	1	1	—	—	4	3	2
Annerley	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Thistle	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
St. George	1	—	—	1	3	4	0
Ipswich Utd.	1	—	—	1	2	3	0
Nth. Brisbane	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Spencer Park	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
Richlands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunnyside	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

2 Goals—

Tony Brennan (Eagles)
Gerry Kay (Merton)

1 Goal—

Ian Steele (Mt. Gravatt)
Gary Fisher (Mt. Gravatt)
Ross Denny (Mt. Gravatt)
Brian Kathage (Ipswich United)
Glen McKeand (Ipswich United)
Barry Kelso (Redlands)
John Deegan (Redlands)
Chris Hill (Redlands)
John Bridge (Redlands)
Steve Dolan (Thistle)
Brian Lampitt (Annerley)
Ron Millman (Eagles)
Trevor Catchpole (Eagles)
Paul Mylonas (St. George)
Billy Fagan (St. George)
Colin Knott (St. George)

SIXTH DIVISION

Wynnum	2	1	1	—	7	1	3
St. Helens	1	1	—	—	5	1	2
Redlands	1	1	—	—	9	2	2
Annerley	1	1	—	—	0	0	2
Merton	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Mt. Gravatt	1	—	—	1	1	5	0
Nth. Brisbane	1	—	—	1	0	6	0
Richlands	1	—	—	1	2	9	0
St. George	1	—	—	1	0	0	0
Eagles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunnyside	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thistle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COLTS POINTS TABLE

COLTS A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salisbury	2	2	—	—	8	2	4
Merton	2	2	—	—	6	2	4
Nth. Brisbane	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Thistle	1	1	—	—	6	2	2
Acacia Ridge	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Redcliffe	2	1	—	1	4	3	2
Annerley	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
Richlands	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
Gold Coast	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Mt. Gravatt	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Pine Rivers	2	—	—	2	3	6	0
North Star	1	—	—	1	2	6	0
Mitchelton	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
Coalstars	1	—	—	1	0	5	0

COLTS B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. George	2	2	—	—	19	0	4
Inala City	2	2	—	—	9	4	4
St. Helens	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Spencer Park	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Thistle	1	1	—	—	6	2	2
Wynnum	2	1	—	1	7	6	2
Nth. Brisbane	2	1	—	1	3	4	2
Newmarket	2	1	—	1	4	17	2
Bardon Jnr.	2	—	—	2	4	6	0
The Gap	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Souths	2	—	—	2	4	10	0
Virginia	2	—	—	2	2	11	0
Ipswich City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redlands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SETBACK FOR SCOTS

GLASGOW — Scotland's World Cup Soccer Football hopes suffered a severe blow when Celtic full-back Danny McGrain had to withdraw from his country's squad because of an ankle injury.

McGrain, considered one of Europe's best defenders, has not played since being injured last October. He was nevertheless included in the forty players named by Scotland manager Ally McLeod for Argentina in the hope that he would be fit by June.

Celtic have now announced that McGrain will be unable to play again until next season.

THE EAGLES SWOOPED

FOLLOWING Saturday's washout, first division football made its first 1978 "full" comeback on the centre stage in the form of the Southside Eagles, St. George Souths match.

Here was a match which had everything going for it. Last year's premiers and runners-up had drawn their battle lines, which on paper looked as strong or stronger than anything we had seen pre-season. There was no other competition on the Monday with the PSL and the other first round matches by the wayside, yet this top confrontation drew only a couple of hundred spectators. One club supporter admitted the crowd was not much more than what could have been expected on a Saturday for a match of this calibre, so we are still left wondering about the motives and success, if any, of most clubs' decision to play on Sundays in opposition to the PSL.

As for the match itself. Again we were treated to the spectacle, fortunately becoming rarer as time wears on, of two talented footballing sides appearing as if there were only 20 minutes in which to finish the match, judging by the way

all players ran like hares in that opening period. Following that early energy it was only natural that the tremendous pace could not be maintained, yet the match was kept alive as a spectacle by a glut of goals and the ability of Messrs. Brennan and Millman to always do the unexpected.

With Tony Edwards playing a blinder in the first half, St. George looked certain to open up with two points, particularly as they led 2-1 at half time, and 3-1 a further eight minutes after half time. St. George's young striker Gary Coppel looks a lad with plenty of promise and when one of his dangerous through balls found Glen Berry in a strong position, Trevor Catchpole, with arms outstretched, was forced to obstruct and concede the free kick which "Knotty" finished off to make it 1-0.

But if Coppel's passing was eye-catching there wasn't a better one during the match than Jim McCabe's effort, which presented Millman with the chance to make it 1-1. But only three minutes after the Eagles' chanting had died down, Coppel again laid on a perfect pass for

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 CON THARENOU, ROSS MELVILLE.

Front row (from left) — COL BAIN, JOHN ANTHONY, GEOFF GREEN,
 LEIF PETERSON, JOHN GORDON, NEIL WILLIAMS.

Billy Fagan, who did the rest, probably surprising John Bennett by having a crack from such a long way out. Halftime over and St. George's impressive new strip looked to be doing the trick omen-wise when Billy Fagan sent Berry away down the left wing. Berry did a quick side-step to leave Catchpole floundering in the soggy pitch and when he passed into the box there was not an Eagles defender in sight as Paul Mylonas, only half-hitting his shot, beating Bennett when his subsequent deceptive-paced flick rolled into the corner.

St. George soon after got the first two of four yellow cards during the match from Jack Wood when Knott then Berry were booked for attempting to waste time. 25 minutes left and some Eagles supporters might have been remembering the performance two years back when Eagles trailed Thistle 1-4, but came from the clouds to win 5-4. A similar comeback began when Millman this time cut the backline and Brennan charged through to give them some hope at 2-3.

Six minutes left and St. George became far too casual following an Eagles throw-in on the right, paying the penalty when Brennan, from the edge of the box, blasted an incredible shot past Ross Kelly, who one could not blame for remaining rooted to the goal-line. No minutes to go. We made it 90 minutes when Millman burst down the middle only to be halted by Brian Barnes, upon which Wood decided it was sufficient for a penalty and Catchpole, as usual, made no mistake from the spot. St. George's woes increased when Edwards and Kelly both got a yellow card for protesting the penalty.

As far as entertainment was concerned, the match was hard to beat, but the overjoyed supporters should not get too carried away by comparing it to the PSL. If either side produced defence of that nature against teams like Marconi and company, they would be cut to ribbons.

5th DIVISION NEWS Dutton Park United

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THIS club is proud to boast of the happy relationship between the highest of officials down to last of the supporters and players.

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On the social side we recently conducted a Hungi, with attendance of over 300 people (not a bad crowd for a team with only one team in the competition).

Sprinkled around the vast crowd were such personalities as Eric Summons (alias Boris the Black Knight) BTQ7, Joanna Moore BTQ7, Kevin Hillier 4IP and John McFerran, (special events manager) BTQ7

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Bris. Lions v Sth. Melbourne—A Critique

LAST Sunday the rampant Lions took on the undefeated South Melbourne and a fair sized crowd turned up to see the action. It was especially good to see many of our Greek friends at the soccer once again as their colourful and voluble support is sadly missed at PSL games.

What of the game itself? South Melbourne are still undefeated and there is only one reason, Lions lack of understanding. The PSL "millionaires" are still a long way short of a "Hellenic dream team" and were there for the beating, but Lions disappointed, not so much because of their general play but because they promised so much and did not deliver the goods. Last week GO SOCCER, or rather "Insideman" had a crack at Brisbane City, this week Lions must "stand up and be counted."

When Gyula Vincze took over, he made certain positional changes as he saw fit and then gave the same eleven players "the nod" for this match. The team fired like an engine with faulty plugs, it went in fits and starts and, like the engine, the cure appears simple, fit new plugs or put in new players, but that cannot be in a soccer team. Running repairs have to be made and funnily enough that's where the root of the problem lies, running, or lack of it.

It has long been recognised that the best way to score goals is to get behind a defence and the best way to do that is to move the ball and yourselves, more quickly than the retreating defensive players. Lions are not doing this consistently and it is felt by this writer that lack of understanding is causing hesitancy in players and this in turn is giving the team its sluggish look.

Last weeks spectators will remember Geoff Morris and Alan Niven colliding twice in the early minutes of the game when both going for the same ball. LACK OF UNDERSTANDING. Shrewder judges of the game would have noticed George Potter "hanging back" when the apparent overlap was "on" simply because John Neale, his natural cover, was elsewhere on the field. LACK OF UNDERSTANDING. Late in the game Paul Laslo was seen standing almost against the corner flag while John Neale was crossing a ball a yard in front of him, so playing himself out of the game. LACK OF UNDERSTANDING.

On many occasions Alan Hughes found himself with the ball, facing back to his own goal, and having to dribble back-

wards because not one of his midfielders "offered" themselves to him. LACK OF UNDERSTANDING.

On the day there were good things too, foundations to build on, so all is not black. The defensive work done by the back four was very good and young keeper Lownds had an excellent game. Eddie Spearritt still lacks the pace to be an "up and down the field" midfielder but is a shrewd enough brain to be a pivot if his flank midfielders, full backs, wingers and even Hermiston developed the UNDERSTANDING to use him.

Hughes showed enough in the middle to be worth a go, he is unorthodox certainly but his ball skills and heading ability more than make up for lack of "true" sharpness or brute strength. What then has to be done to make this Lions engine roar again?

George Potter, John Neale and Paul Laslo have to develop an understanding that allows swift but safe penetration on the right flank. Likewise on the left Steve Amos, Alan Niven and Geoff Morris must work hard at developing the same skills. It is an exciting thought for these six players are ideally suited to the concept though to be honest Paul Laslo has developed an annoying habit of showing complete disinterest in the game.

Last Sundays form would not warrant Paul a place in the side for he gave the impression of not trying.

Geoff Morris has always shown a tendency to come deep and if Niven or Amos can offer themselves as wingers Morris becomes extremely dangerous either cutting in with the ball away from the dummy run, or giving the ball to the overlap and lurking around the 20 yard mark for the cut-back or half-hit clearance. Neale and Potter are skilful players and could do the same job with variations on the right for John is much more direct and Potter is a lovely crosser of a ball.

Similarly, Niven, Neale and perhaps Hermiston have got to work off a more static Spearritt who has the brain to cover for any of them just by moving in one of three directions. The potential is there and after the disaster of "early days" three points out of four is not bad going. So come on Lions, back to the training ground, get communication going and with two flanks functioning the way they could, who knows, the Hakoah result may not be such a surprise by mid season.

Insideman

"KENTUCKY FRIED" TROPHY

THE second match in the first round of the Kentucky Fried Trophy for Under-10 teams brought together Kingsridge and St. Helens to battle it out for a place in the next round.

Kingsridge, an extremely "professional looking" side did their warm up on the field much to the delight of the crowd and from the first whistle at 2.15 set about their opponents with a zest that had the crowd cheering. A real live-wire called Brian McNicol showed what attack was all about and in an amazing six minute spell he had six shots at goal, one of which rocketed into the net to give his side the lead.

The pressure set up by Kingsridge had to bear fruit and it was no surprise when Chris Jones put them further ahead to make it 2-0 at half time.

KINGSRIDGE 2, ST. HELENS 0

The boys turned around and St. Helens began to push forward a little but they found the Kingsridge defence equal to their best efforts and soon it was back to the first half story, more and more Kingsridge pressure. The big crowd was cheering the boys on and in defence young Lee Sim was working like two men for St. Helens. Goalkeeper Mark Whittle had two great saves, one from Chris McNicol, was in world class when he dived and turned a point blank drive around the post.

However the deluge would not be stopped and Carl Burton, Darren Pratt, Darren Carlyle and Brian McNicol all added goals at regular intervals to ensure Kingsridge's passage into the final. Once again our commendations to both coaches who kept "the advice" to a minimum, our appreciation to the players and officials for their exemplary willingness to make the match a success and a big thanks to the crowd who gave a tremendous amount of encouragement to the youngsters. Our commiserations to St. Helens who on the day were outplayed but who never gave up to the end and who no doubt enjoyed every minute of the experience.

Now we have The Gap and Kingsridge through to round 2 and the next match will feature Mt. Gravatt and Clairvaux College and our junior friends inform us that this will be a game not to be missed!

Mini-Man

To refresh the memory the first round draw and results so far—

THE GAP 2 v ANNERLEY 0
KINGSRIDGE 6 v ST. HELENS 0
0 MT. GRAVATT v CLAIRVAUX COL. 2
ROCHEDALE v NORTH STAR
SLACKS CREEK v NEWMARKET
KENMORE v GRANGE THISTLE
PINE RIVERS v REDCLIFFE
LIONS v BRISBANE CITY

The Kentucky Fried Easter Egg giveaway was a tremendous success. Perry Park has never seen such action as was beheld when the announcement was made at half time.

Kids literally appeared from nowhere to congregate "en masse" around the hapless figure of Paul Templeton who was assigned the task of distribution.

Paul, a member of Lions promotion committee, now knows how snow disappears in sunshine as the eggs just melted away. Wouldn't have thought there were 1000 kids. Maybe there were a few disguises used to enable a second "front-up"?

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR SOCCER COUNCIL

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BRISBANE LIONS v STH. MELBOURNE

LIONS started off the match looking for an early counter and almost did the needful through hat trick hero Hughes who had a header kicked off the line by full back Pye in the third minute of play. The next 20 minutes were spent in midfield with both sides probing at each defence and it was noticeable during this period that both lots of central defenders Baxter and Kalafatidis for Souths and Bennett and Hermiston for Lions were going to "rule the roost" and make sure the scoring chances would be few and far between.

And so it proved. The 25th minute saw a significant point in the game when suddenly Steve Amos went A.W.O.L. from his full back position leaving Wright like the proverbial "shag on a rock" out on the right wing. He played a beautiful ball through the defence where Cummings found himself with only Lownds to beat but he screwed the ball wide past the onrushing keeper.

In the resultant clash Cummings had

to be replaced by McGuinness. Ollerton, who was having an extremely lean time as is usual in Brisbane suddenly cut loose with some good shots but they were from well out and Lownds showed that his "Hakoah" form was no fluke.

At the other end Lions were not putting nearly enough pressure on a very shaky looking Hansen who bounced around the goal looking good but seldom doing anything to impress. Then in the 43rd minute Lions strung together the passes that matter and the total move only showed what this team is capable of doing when everything functions.

Hermiston, who had broken from the back into a right mid-field position suddenly swung a 60 yard cross-field ball to left winger Morris who collecting the ball, set off up the wing like a rocket, passing and leaving full back Pye struggling in his slipstream. Came the bye-line, a hard low cross to Hughes at the near post, a clever, quickly executed, back-heel flick to the far post and Neale was

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HALF TIME —

Lions 1, South Melbourne 0

The second half saw Morris have a sparkling five minutes when he tore the South Melbourne right defence to shreds but his shooting was just a bit off though Baxter again came to the rescue when on one occasion he kicked off the line after Morris had robbed the shaky Hansen and again when he was forced to drive the ball past the post for a corner.

All this activity on the left was in direct contrast to Lions right flank where Paul Laslo was having perhaps his worst 90 minutes ever in a Lions shirt. Paul has got to learn that if things are not working out for him reserves have to be drawn upon to force an effect on the game. As it was he was not even nuisance value such was his apathy to the task.

Hughes by now was a "lame duck" receiving only sporadic service in the middle but from another left wing cross he was extremely unlucky to be judged offside with a beautiful flying header which rocketed the ball into the net.

Then fifteen minutes from time fate took a hand or to be more precise "official fate" took a hand. McGuinness, a busy little player, was jockeyed out to the right corner by Hermiston who refused to be drawn. McGuinness stabbed at the ball which hit Hermiston, rebounded to the South Melbourne man's arm, and from the arm it bounced past Hermiston.

The linesman who was about five yards away immediately raised his flag but for some inexplicable reason referee Klose who was a good thirty yards from the incident and on the "blind side" of the play ignored the appeals and the upraised flag.

McGuinness crossed the ball where Wright had nothing to do but side-foot it past a stunned defence. It is all very well to pontificate about playing the whistle, etc., but this was a glaring example of how an extremely dubious piece of bad communication by officials can alter the course of the game and the total outcome. Lions were stung into going for the winner but South Melbourne, who had always looked to be a "draw seeking" team, immediately pulled men back and stifled any further attempt to score by the tiring Morris and Hughes though Niven

had a tremendous hook shot from well out which just skimmed the bar.

South Melbourne had a couple of late "breaks" which could have stolen the points but had this happened it would have been a travesty of justice for although Lions were not a consistently good side, neither did South Melbourne show anything which signified their right to two points.

Lions need to work hard at getting attacks and build ups more fluid, they showed flashes that encourage. South Melbourne will have to spend more of their "millions" if they are to convince this writer of their right to a top spot in the PSL.

For Lions, the goalkeeper and back four were solid, with Amos taking time to settle. South Melbourne were best served by Kalafatidis, Baxter, Rodgers and Kent, with Lutton always a quiet threat.

Insiderman

IPSWICH ITEMS

By IAN KESSON

NOT a very good start for us, going down 3-2 to Mt. Gravatt, who deserved to win on effort alone. We had too many players spectating instead of playing and you don't win too many games this way.

Ian Steele was the outstanding player on the field as he never stopped running and working all day. This result is a setback and makes our task just a little bit harder, but we will bounce back as we know we have played much better than this pre-season. Our reserve team won 5-0 in the curtain-raiser, although it wasn't much of a game, with Randall McKeand and Peter Gemmell our best players.

Last Monday, St. Helens Colts played The Gap away on a very soggy pitch. The only goal in the first half came from Saints centre half Phil Grenall, who made a great run down the middle, beating three players and the 'keeper before tapping it home. The second half was a continuation of the first, making it a bit of a procession towards Gap's goal.

On one of their breakaways, The Gap received a penalty, which Saints' keeper Dave O'Toole saved. Saints had plenty of chances but tried to walk it in, with a result the Gap defence and the mud beat them. The Gap were most unlucky

not to score with a great shot from 25 yards that deserved a better fate than hitting the bar. We finally managed to score with two minutes left following a great goalmouth scramble, after which Andy Scarrf knocked it in from five yards.

NEWS SNIPPETS—

★ Martin Breen, one of the few non-locals at Ipswich still sidelined with a nagging injury. Starts training this week after three weeks out.

★ Gavin Johnston served notice he is a player to be watched this year although Sunday wasn't a good day for him as his service and support were not good.

★ Billy McQueen is a name to keep in mind. In the short space of two games I have seen enough talent in this lad to say he's going to make a name for himself in soccer.

★ Ipswich United hoping to have the Junior Referee's Association run a junior course at Ebbw Vale shortly. It will be a great boon to junior soccer in the area.

★ Sad to see soccer's relegation on TV. We don't even rate above the ladies' netball. Now and then we get barely 4 mins.

★ The floodlight League for proposed State League teams now looks a distinct possibility with the QSF backing. Seven clubs very interested. More details when they arrive.

★ We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs. Twigg, the mother of Booval Stars' secretary.

★ A gentleman I feel warrants mention is Mr. Lance Pennells of Toowoomba, who transports his two sons and another player from Toowoomba three times a week to play senior Colts for St. Helens. Dedication if ever I heard it.

ANNERLEY WELCOMES BRIAN

By BILL WILLIAMS

THE Blues welcome Brian Lampitt (from Wynnum) to their ranks this year and after the first 20 minutes last Sunday against Thistle he almost proved his worth when his shot was just blocked by a defender.

The pitch was in good condition considering the rain, a bit slippery along one side but a fast action-packed match was expected. After 25 minutes, great work from Steve Dolan and Sandy Woodside saw the former's shot go in off the post with Annerley's keeper beaten. After 30 minutes, some brilliant work by Ferguson enabled him to save two great shots in succession from the superb Dolan. After 34 minutes, Lampitt missed a sitter with only the keeper to beat and the teams went in at half time with Thistle up 1-0.

Early in the second session, Thistle missed a big chance to go two up but a header sailed over the open goal and shortly after, Lampitt's header from a corner made it 1-1. During a subsequent 11 minute period, Annerley had two let-offs when Thistle twice got the ball in the net, once by Woodside, but they were ruled offside. It finished 1-1 and Thistle could be considered a little unlucky as they looked more impressive up front.

Sixth division, Annerley v St. George (or should it be nobody): After the wet season had passed with virtually no rain, one could have placed bets that the opening rounds of fixtures would be affected. However the weather had nothing to do with the great schemozzle at Annerley last Sunday.

The 12.45 match was ready to go ahead after the ground staff had worked hard to have the field playable. Referees and linesmen were present and Annerley had some players who had travelled from north and south coasts for the game.

The only thing missing was the opposition. St. George just failed to turn up. Annerley had even contacted them on the previous Thursday to check what strip they were wearing, so they must have had some knowledge the game was on. Surely they could have notified us if they weren't coming. Be interesting to hear if there is any reply. Anyway, with the temperature around 30°C, there was nothing to do but retire to the bar and wait for the main game. Annerley's Jim Thornton brought the house down when his wife rang at half time to check the score. He told her it was nil-all and really hot out there playing.

I feel I must write and comment on the new grandstand cover at Perry Park. While not objecting to the 50c admission, I doubt the overall value to the spectators. The occurrence of rain is not very often anyway and in the winter the sunshine has been quite pleasant. However the main objection I have is the 14 posts supporting the cover. Wherever you sit you have to dodge around a post to view the goalmouth action, which after all is the focal point of the game. Present day engineering surely could have come up with something better.

A Brickbat and Bouquet from Ebbw Vale

By REG ERSKINE

FIRST the brickbat to Mt. Gravatt. Your shirt numbering as given to the announcer at Ebbw Vale and to me were incorrect, regarding four players, and your team had the wrong player. So who did score the penalty, Fisher of Thompson?

The bouquet to referee Terry Ellison, firstly for making the throwins be taken from where the ball went out; secondly for being alert enough to see one coach being on the sideline, where he should not have been, and thirdly for being quick enough to award the penalty on the linesman's signalling of the infringement. But did you add time on for the holdup while you were suffering from cramps?

Missing from Annerley's lineup this year is stalwart, young defender Michael Blackall. He has been transferred to Canberra and will be lost to Annerley indefinitely at this stage. Michael was present at Annerley's match against Thistle and tells us he will be playing for Juventus first division. Juventus were runners-up last season and play their games at Bruce Stadium where Canberra City play their Philips League matches. No doubt Annerley will miss the "big fella" this season and we wish him well down south.

Match-wise, it was an Ipswich United first half. Resplendent in a new white strip their repeated attacks should have set up a winning margin but poor marksmanship and several good saves by Mark Davis kept his side well in the game. Ipswich's first goal in the 9th minute followed a throw in well in Mt. Gravatt's half. John Ferguson attempted a backpass of only three metres to his keeper but Brian Kathage, with lightening reflexes and split second timing had the ball in the net before Thompson could tackle him.

Ian Steele showed promise of second half form, but was foiled by a bad

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bounce and Greg Donnelly was able to effect on easy save. A fine kick taken by Ian Humphreys saw Davis making a high flying save of Gavin Johnston's header. Just before half time Mt. Gravatt began to attack more and a last ditch tackle by Wayne Warren robbed Ian Steele as he was about to shoot; and Ross Denny displayed his speed but his shot was too high. The second half saw the Ipswich goal under pressure and it was a lucky escape when Donnelly saved a corner, and when well out of his goal used his body to charge down the resultant shot from Lex Donsky.

Then came the Steele-Denny combination to force a corner, which Steele, by leaping high flicked in a header for a 58th minute equaliser. Five minutes later came the penalty. Denny was sent racing down the left. He cut in towards the goals and the linesman signalled that Steve Dann was holding Denny's shirt.

The referee upheld the appeal and Fisher — or was it Thompson — put Mt. Gravatt in front.

But the goal of the match came 10 minutes from full time. Ian Steele sent a perfect pass from the halfway line to Denny, who outpaced the defence and with a 20 metre left foot shot had Donnelly clinging at thin air as the ball tore into the rigging. Ipswich reduced the leeway in a storming assault when Steve McDowall cut through the middle, and drawing the defence, passed to enable Glen McKeand to score.

I think the game can be summed up in that it took Mt. Gravatt half an hour to assert midfield authority and once they did this their strikers were far more accurate, mobile and dangerous than had been the opposition's in the first half.

GOLD COAST COMMENT

By the ONLOOKER

THE Gold Coast soccer public continues to talk about State League as episode after episode of this soon to be decided saga unfolds.

Officials of both applicants, Gold Coast United and the Gold Coast and District Soccer Association, are currently trying to convince everyone, including themselves that their application is the best, but all they seem to be achieving is to give each other lessons in how to antagonise one another.

It was interesting to hear the comments of the President of a club from another provincial city. He said they realised that the way to success was to make it a community effort and now their club is managed by people from two of the cities major clubs and local business people.

The disappointing factor about the Gold Coast situation is that it does not matter who wins the race because it is likely to create a situation that neither of the two groups' administrators are equipped to handle.

The best course of action would be to bury the hatchet and draw up an agreement for a joint application.

The Gold Coast and District Soccer Association's 19th premiership kicks off

on April 1st and this season promises to be the best ever.

Thirteen teams have again nominated, seven teams in the first division and six in the second.

The standard of the games between the top teams has been compared to the lower part of Brisbane's third division and there is no reason why this situation will not improve.

Gold Coast United's third team have won both premierships decided so far but will be hard pressed to retain their title.

Southport Soccer Club have given notice that they intend to show everyone this season they are the ones to watch out for. Peter Carruth has been appointed coach and reported signings include the Garretts from Wynnum.

Last season Southport were never short of enthusiasm but cried out for a little experience on the park to bind together their young side. Peter Carruth and Charlie Garrett will no doubt supply this.

Geoff Howarth, the former Gold Coast United, Oxley, Nerang and Acacia Ridge player, has been appointed coach of the Beaudesert team.

They too were a young enthusiastic team

and narrowly missed out on making the finals.

Micky Baker, the Twin Towns prodigal son has returned to the southern end of the Gold Coast in a coaching capacity.

Baker is currently sidelined with a dislocated shoulder and is out of action for six months. It was intended that he would coach the Twin Towns team in the local competition but since the resignation of Mick North he has taken over the Brisbane team.

Palm Beach have been showing enterprising form in practice matches under new coach Bob Harvey, but will need to find a couple of key position players to remain a force in the competition.

The biggest disappointment for the local Association has been the failure of the proposed Colts competition.

The idea was to form the competition to provide the gap for players from U15 to open age. Then for some unknown reason the Junior Association tried to form an U16 competition and both the U16s and Colts could not muster the necessary numbers.

On the Brisbane scene most interest has centred on State League applicant Gold Coast United.

In practice matches against Grange Thistle, Annerley, Mt. Gravatt and Mitchelton they have produced one good half and one bad half with the obvious problem being a lack of fitness.

The inclusion of ex-Grange Thistle mid-

fielder Tom Pike and former Brisbane City and St. Helens striker Tom Laverne, will no doubt improve the performance of United up front but the loss of Steven Ball to Lions has left a big hole in defence yet to be filled.

Twin Towns who have been promoted every year since entering the Brisbane competition should repeat the performance again this year and go from fourth to third in 1979.

Their squad is if anything stronger than 1977 with no reported losses and the inclusion of Ricky Stone and Glen Ahearn.

Stone has returned from playing with Sydney first division club Arncliffe Scots, to play in the centre of their defence.

Glen Ahearn is only 15 years old but potentially the best goalkeeper in the State. He has been playing with local club Musgrave Hill and has decided to try his luck in the Brisbane competition. The inclusion of him and Stone will make the Twin Towns defence impregnable.

It would not be surprising to see the reappearance of Mickey Baker in Twin Towns colours if his transfer could be effected from Annerley after he recovers from his dislocated shoulder.

Nerang languished at the bottom of third division for the best part of the 1977 season and due to a QSF reorganisation remained in that division. They will have to have a good hard look at their priorities otherwise they will go down again.

POINTS TO PONDER

COMMUNICATION breakdown in referees set-up which could have turned into serious situation last Saturday at Perry Park, when official appointed for first division match between Richlands and Sunnyside apparently failed to turn up. It meant that Mike Brine, who admitted he had not even had one trial match this season, was thrown into the fray after running the line in earlier colts fixture. It's history he was later forced to make difficult decision about abandoning game.

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RALE Rasic, recent Brisbane visitor to spy on City's match against Adelaide City before they went south to play Rasic's Marconi, commented that Alan Marley was too slow and over the hill. Wonder if he remembered that when one of the game's best goal "sneaks" scored twice and gave City a 12th minute lead.

SOUTH Melbourne manager Dave Maclaren, not always noted for his tact, went out on a limb with his comments to Deiter Klose after he inspected ground before last Sundays match against Lions. "You won't last 10 minutes" — "If you don't sink into the ground no-one will" were two of his contributions. Just shows our referees, in this case anyway, can cop a bit, as Deiter could easily have pulled McGuinness up for handball before his pass presented Wright with the South Melbourne equaliser.

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NOTICED the old "hustler" himself Jimmy Hooley hob-nobbing with Eddie Carrigan and his Sunnyside boys after last Saturday's washout at Perry Park. Is Jim and his famed binoculars now with Sunnyside? Nothing released yet from club.

SOME of our referees not Au Fait with procedure on days when matches are in doubt. One phoned Perry Park last Sunday morning to see if Federation had called off first division games. Was informed he had better get to the ground as he had the final say. On same subject, one first division player phoned from the coast to check on game being on. Obviously did not want to leave the sunshine and waste the effort if game was off. Trip certainly wasn't in vain as team won 4-0 and he scored a goal.

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DISAPPOINTING start for Richlands team of youngsters when they had Sunnyside on the hop to lead one nil at half time in opening first division match which finished at half time. But what a great breeding ground for the future for Lions' PSL side when it's remembered the two 'oldies' of the team are 21, and the rest are teenagers, including two at fifteen. Wonder how many of this lineup will get a run in the PSL in the near future? Duane Wilson, Neil Van Kerkvoort, John Van Kerkvoort, Steve Ball, Colin Manning, Paul Burns, Graham Wilson, Wally Lesniak, Paul Speight, Craig Low, Tom McGregor.

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INTERESTING situation in NSW where Auburn goalkeeper Steve Haszowski has challenged the transfer system of the NSW Federation. We in GO SOCCER have been waiting for this event for years so it comes as no surprise, though, why it hasn't happened in Queensland before now amazes us, as our transfer fees far outstrip the fees in NSW. Federation Management Committees past and present have always allowed the economic supply and demand price mechanism to dominate the scene — a surefire method of rich clubs dominating the market and greed motivating the poorer clubs. Not much thought has ever been given to the wishes and welfare of the player. Mind you their "three wise monkeys" attitude is understandable when it is considered they rake off 10% from the top. Clubs have whinged about this for years, but with the escalation of fees this 10% may soon cause repercussions. Grange Thistle found it awfully difficult to part with \$3,000 recently. So now it has happened and we prophesy that this is the beginning of the end for the "transfer system" and to be honest that will be the best thing for all.

WHILE on the transfer system. Hakoah have been mooted in the south as the "best sellers" of players in Australia. Their efforts pale beside Grange Thistle who have "pulled in" \$30,000 and have placed a mammoth \$5,000 on goalkeeper Peter Gee. Can't really blame Thistle as long as there are clubs willing to pay. That's one of the reasons we feel the system is doomed, the practice is restrictive, anyone with an ounce of common sense can see that. Again the player is left out on the limb though Peter Gee has had his contract questioned at an A.S.F. level.

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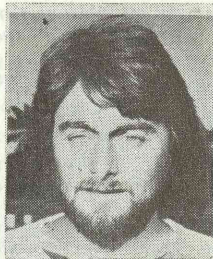
ANOTHER player has gone further than Peter and has taken his case to "outside" legal advice. Some mysterious notations in Q.S.F. minutes are "smoke screening" the goings on, and letters from Q.S.F. denying existence of "contract" must mean that player has been playing illegally for years, or could it be that the blue form is NOT regarded as a contract? Plenty of players in Brisbane would like a copy of that Q.S.F. ruling. Please don't ring GO SOCCER, we don't have any!!! Wonder what would happen if all players put their heads and resources together? No worries, they are not clever enough . . . we hope!

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BILLY HAIGH had better not have a "royalty clause" on "his contract." Billy's photo has appeared in three team pictures out of four in our Teams of Yesteryear series. Bit misleading as Billy has always been a loyal clubman having only played with four clubs in his long career, one of them being Prague in Sydney when Billy tried out for the "big time" and Mt. Gravatt where he was "forced" to kick a ball due to circumstances.

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NICE to see Ipswich United play a benefit match for two great servants, John Verrall and Glen McKeand. These two don't know the history they are making for in the writer's 15 years experience in soccer this is the first time he remembers benefits (and they are amply provided for in the constitution) being arranged. A great thought by a forward looking club, so much better than the usual lame — "He's a great player at 39½ and we could get \$1950 for him on the market. His 12 years service? think of all the coaching we've given him." Therein lies another tale!



JOE WATSON (Easts)

OUR Ipswich writer has also noticed the absence of referees at trial games. As our officials are now paid more than the vast majority of players they are controlling there is no excuse whatsoever for their pre-season apathy. It's a well known fact that to perform requires fitness, and like players the refs should welcome the chance to sharpen their reflexes in match conditions.

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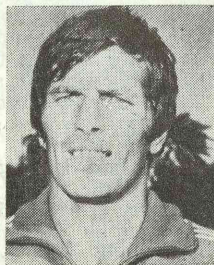
IVOR Schofield, who is doing some coaching in the Bundaberg area came back to Brisbane with Denis Ford. Concurs with Denis on youth standard, but says seniors have a long way to go to catch up if State League is to be an unqualified success.

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INTERESTING "experiment" last weekend when four clubs (two sister clubs included?) played in direct competition to Lions "home" PSL match. Wonder where the logic is? Although it is correct to say it has to be tried.

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IT has come to our notice that another progressive First division club cannot muster 10, yes ten members to man the gates at Perry Park when they are "pulled in" to play there. They are not keeping it quiet either, having asked the Federation



HENRY MOWBRAY (Easts)

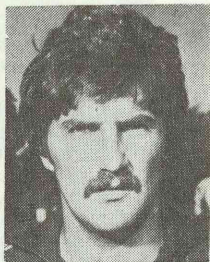
to "put on" the game and keep any profit from the gate. Mind you when the prospective "gate" is measured it could be that someone in this club has his head "screwed on the proper way" as the old saying goes. Could be the Federation will finish "behind the eight ball" on the day.

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ALAN Marley's first visit to Sydney as a PSL player brought rave reports from our Sydney contact. Seems Alan and the diminutive Steve Perry were in no shape or form out of their depth among the "super players" of Marconi. Gaffney and Conner were the other "five star" men reported by our unbiased Sydney based critic. Could be City will have to watch Marley, as he is only on loan and the "big boys" will soon start to sniff around when word gets around.

—oOo—

JIM Hermiston back "on song" with Lions last weekend. Nice to see "the bite" back in the tackles and the long "radar guided" passes starting to find their man again. Always amazes to hear "the critics" write off a player when he strikes the bad spell that usually accompanies too much soccer, injury or changing clubs, three factors covering Jim's career in the last four months.



JOHN STEVENSON (Easts)

AN awful lot of "dirty washing" being kept covered by various means. Some recent "contractual arrangements" in soccer players' agreements appear to point out the urgent need for a Federation solicitor who would be present at all contract signings so that "fair play" is guaranteed on both sides. Some clubs are going to find themselves in extremely hot water if they don't tread carefully into the world of contractual law. This "playing at professionalism" could be extremely costly in a civil court case.

REDLANDS RUNNING HOT

AFTER much pre-season discussion about how last years convincing grand champions would fare in the new season after several reported player losses, the Billy-Webb-coached Redlands United began their 1978 premiership campaign in magnificent style by hammering Spencer Park 4-0.

Actually, the original first round wash-out was a blessing in disguise for the clubs outstanding young striker Barry Kelso, who was married that weekend. Young Kelso, who trialled with Brisbane City but is now apparently firmly and happily back with Redlands, was able to contribute to the campaign from the start and scored one of the quartet of Redlands' haul. Webb is quietly tipping Kelso and Redlands will surprise a few more teams before the season has ended.

The clubs reserve grade side is in the hands of Brian Lees, a member of the all-conquering Latrobe side of the 1964-65 era. Last weekends opening form has eased a few worries in the Cleveland area.

The management committee will soon nominate the three first division clubs to

join City and Lions in the first round of the Philips Cup. There had been rumours because of the time difference since the end of last season's activities, that the committee would be guided by the early form displayed in 1978. And it may still use that as a yardstick. Before last week-ends opening round, Webb stated he felt the fairest way to come up with the three nominees was to consider two situations from last year: i.e. (A) the three teams filling the top three positions in the 1977 premiership, those being St. George, Eagles or Annerley; or (B) the grand champions, premiers and premiership runners-up, with those teams Redlands, St. George and Eagles.

As Redlands finished fourth in the premiership and would have been eliminated if that particular criteria was adopted his comments could not be seen as plumping solely for his club to be included. So the powers that be at Redlands can now rest a little easier. If the management committee does take into account the current premiership form, Redlands, by virtue of their strong opening, will still rate plenty of consideration.

WILKINS INJURED

LONDON — Ray Wilkins, the most praised player in Ron Greenwood's last England side against West Germany, is likely to miss the match against Brazil at Wembley on April 19.

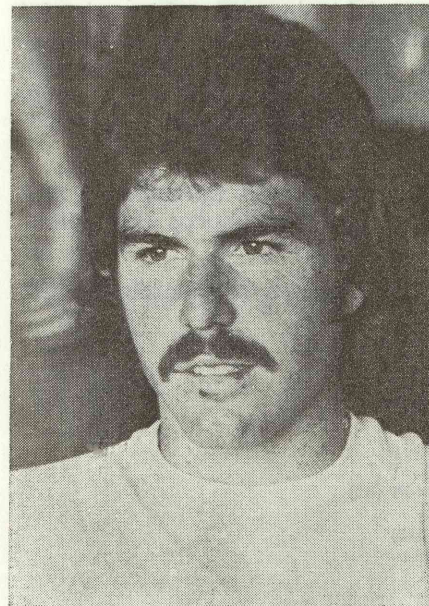
A specialist has advised Wilkins to rest his strained groin for at least two weeks and so he will miss Chelsea's next five league matches, giving him insufficient time to get match fit for Brazil.

Chelsea manager Ken Shellito said: "He's had this deep seated groin strain before this season and the only cure is rest. He's played on with it and now the pain is too great. It's not worth it."

Wilkins missed the first division game at Bristol City and will also miss those against West Ham, Arsenal, Nottingham Forest and Manchester City.

Wilkins' calm and unhurried style is well suited to international football and Greenwood will have difficulty replacing him. Glenn Hoddle, of Spurs, comes closest to him as long passer and playmaker.

However, Greenwood is more likely to prefer Leeds' experienced Tony Currie, who had to pull out of his last squad because of League Cup commitments.



ERNE CAMPBELL (Easts)

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:

Brisbane Lions v South Melbourne — March 26

- 3 — NIGEL LOWNDS
- 2 — GEOFF MORRIS
- 1 — JIM HERMISTON

Lownds, playing his first match in front of home supporters made two brilliant saves which kept South Melbourne at bay. The first was before the break when he pushed Ollerton's header over the bar and the second was right on full time when he came out bravely to nullify the dangerous, and possibly match-winning break away of Billy Rogers. Morris was also re-appearing at home and his long run down the left wing led to Lions' goal. He also made a mess of Mike Pye in the 20 minutes immediately after the interval. Hermiston was more like the 1977 version, tackling with authority, and taunting South Melbourne with his audacity to such an extent that the visitors' "international" Ollerton resorted to kick the big defender after one tackle.

Points allocations will be announced over the PA immediately after Brisbane City's clash this weekend against Eastern Suburbs and will be repeated in next weeks GO SOCCER.

The progressive points after four home games (two each for City and Lions) is:

- 5 — STEVE PERRY (GC)
- 3 — ALAN NIVEN (BL)
LARRY GAFFNEY (BC)
NIGEL LOWNDS (BL)
- 2 — JOHN NEALE (BL)
WILLIE CONNER (BC)
GEOFF MORRIS (BL)
- 1 — BARRIE FAIRBROTHER (BL)
ALAN MARLEY (BC)
FRANK PIMBLETT (BC)
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Next Weekends Matches

- Eastern Suburbs v South Melbourne
- Eastern Suburbs v West Adelaide
- Western Suburbs v Brisbane City
- Brisbane Lions v Camperdown United
- St George v Newcastle United
- Adelaide City v Sydney City

Last Years Results

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Philips League **MATCH OF THE DAY**



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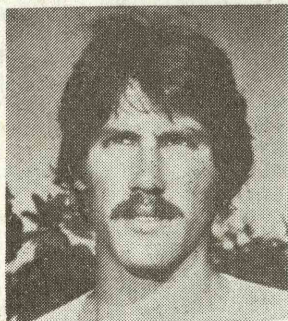
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