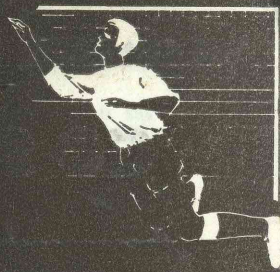




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*CANBERRA City come to Queensland this week-end with an unbeaten record at Perry Park in the Philips League, having beaten both Lions and City 1-0 here last season. Here is some action from one of the games in 1977, with Canberra 'keeper Ron Tilsed bringing up a pile of dust as he smothers a shot with a team mate in support.*

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# 'GO SOCCER'

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## NATIONAL PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

**ADELAIDE** — West Adelaide cast aside the bitter memory of two previous home defeats, to score a convincing 3-0 win over Brisbane Lions at Hindmarsh Stadium.

After a scoreless first half, West Adelaide tore apart Brisbane Lions with some precise attacking soccer.

Greek import Con Kampas was the star of the match with an illuminating performance in defence which inspired the whole side.

Kampas, playing his third match since arriving in Australia last month, held his defence together and had a hand in the third goal.

West Adelaide were on the attack early and only some fine goal keeping from Brisbane's Nigel Lownds prevented them from taking a three goal lead before half time.

Lownds saved brilliantly from Alex Zerva's header in the fifth minute and then made a fine save from Ian McGregor's short range shot late in the half.

In between, Peter Boyle headed against the cross bar with Lownds well beaten.

West Adelaide lifted considerably after the break and in the 52nd minute defender David Jones headed superbly from a Neil McGachey cross.

Nine minutes later Wests went further ahead when McGregor picked his spot from 30 metres and scored with a pile driver.

The Lions began to look dangerous after this goal and for the first time in the match had West Adelaide under pressure.

However, West Adelaide put the issue beyond doubt with a third goal in the 42nd minute.

Kampas, lurking outside the penalty area, hit a ferocious ground shot which Lownds failed to hold and Boyle pounced on the rebound and flashed it into an open goal.

**SYDNEY** — Marconi's winning record was dented when cultured Adelaide City held them to a 1-1 draw at Marconi Oval.

Stroking the ball both across the park and in depth, the Adelaide side once again proved themselves the top outfit of the Philips League.

Their 41st minute goal was a model of opportunism. Striker Johnny Nyskohus sped through to collect a short back pass from Bert Mariani to goal keeper Allan Maher and gave the goal keeper no chance with his placement.

Adelaide City's lead was short lived. It was wiped off the slate two minutes into the first half injury time when Mariani was endeavouring to cancel out his earlier error.

He was just outside the goal area and settling on the ball when Adelaide central defender Zoran Matic pulled his shirt to ruin an almost certain goal.

Gary Byrne, indefatigable in the first half, crashed a penalty home for the equaliser.

Both sides made second half changes when Ray Richards returned to Marconi in place of Mariani, and Agenor Muniz replaced Adelaide's Matic.

Richards was his dynamic old self, producing dangerous long throw ins and playing a domineering role in defensive attack.

Muniz went into the central striking position and Marconi right-back Barry Jones went out of his way in attempting to soften him with bone crunching tackles.

Marconi's advantage was a marked superiority in the air over the Adelaide defence but they could not turn it into a winning margin.

Brian Northcote was assigned to shadow Marconi's former Italian first division mid-fielder Roberto Vieri.

By and large he succeeded. Vieri made

many fine breaks in the first half, but at no time did speedy winger Peter Sharne capitalise on them.

John Perin returned for a full game for the visitors and all but scored with a splendid 19 minute drive which Marconi goalkeeper Maher was hard put to divert round the upright.

In the second half, Perin linked up well in defence.

Marconi looked really dangerous when Mark Jankovics made two late runs which proved unproductive.

The result left Adelaide City unbeaten in their three competition matches against Marconi since the inception of the League.

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**MELBOURNE** — Fitzroy, uncomfortably close to the bottom of the Philips Soccer League ladder, salvaged a valuable point with a one-all draw against South Melbourne at Melbourne's Middle Park Stadium.

Gary Cole and Socceroo Branko Buljevic were Fitzroy's heroes as they combined to grab the equalising goal.

South Melbourne, spearheaded by mid-fielder Bertie Lutton, was the more dangerous team, but Fitzroy goal keeper Peter Blasby proved equal to his task.

A crowd of 16,000 watched the local derby — a record for a Philips League match in Melbourne.

South Melbourne opened the scoring only seconds after half time with a gem of a goal.

Bobby McGuinness took the ball from the kick off and sent a perfectly timed pass to Chris Kent on the left.

Kent blasted his shot wide of Blasby and Fitzroy's troubles seemed deeper than ever.

But Buljevic and Cole managed to re-create their incisive team work of last season just eight minutes later.

Buljevic created mid field space and slipped a pass to Cole between two defenders.

Cole stylishly sidestepped Stuart Baxter before hammering the ball past John Hansen into the South Melbourne net for his first goal of the season.

But Fitzroy could not make more of their recovery and Blasby found himself called upon to keep South out.

And full back Arthur McMillan saved from McGuinness on the Fitzroy line.

Andrew Bozikas posed an early threat to South, until Chris Kalafatidas asserted his defensive strength.

Fitzroy coach Tony Boggi, desperately searching for a winning formula, dropped defender Jim O'Reilly from the team — but brought him on to replace Joe Tront

After the match, Boggi said it had been Fitzroy's best game of the season so far.

"And it was the first time that luck went our way," he said.

But South Melbourne coach Dave MacLaren was unhappy with his team's performance.

"The players lacked the killer instinct.

"We struggled in the second half, although on form the game should have been no contest.

"Our team was clearly superior," he said.

MacLaren had been forced to bring Bobby McGuinness, recruited from Hakoah Easts, into the team after Duncan Cummings failed a late fitness test.

However, McGuinness proved an excellent replacement.

South Melbourne's best on the day were Lutton, Kalafatidis, Kent and Peter Ollerton, while Fitzroy's top players were Buljevic, Cole, Blasby and Jim Tansey.

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## Olympic Rejoice

**SYDNEY** — Sydney Olympic caused much celebrating amongst their thousands of traditionally nervous fans by pulling off a well earned 2-0 victory over St. George at Arlington Oval.

Although totally outplayed through the first 45 minutes, Olympic hit the only goal to make the score one nil at half time.

After the break the Blues picked up dramatically and caused Saints plenty of trouble with a stream of dangerous attacks.

Olympic's first goal came after only two minutes when that master of the left foot cannon shot, Alan Ainslie, sent the ball screaming into a low corner of the net from a free kick.

St. George hit back continually with winger Peter Hensman and mid-fielder Rudi Gnavi prompting numerous attacks.



However, their many chances came to no avail for striker Neville Morgan turned on one of his worst performances to date.

For Olympic their defenders David McIntosh and Mike Cross played brilliantly, cutting out every Saints' attack and inspiring their team mates forward.

Saints' best chance of the half fell to Phil O'Connor when he amazingly headed Paul Jones' great cross into the arms of Olympic's keeper from one metre.

After half time, St. George lacked the enthusiasm to go forward and as a result Olympic were able to create more chances.

Ainslie was the chief instigator in mid field, whilst up front winger Derek Laing and centre man Joe Senkalski were active.

Olympic made sure of the result in the 57th minute when Laing capitalised on a mistake by Saints' defender Peter Terry.

Latching onto the loose ball inside the box he advanced and from six metres drove the ball perfectly into the far corner of the net.

For the remaining 30 minutes, Olympic totally dominated while a demoralised St. George could only reply with attack aimed chiefly at Morgan's head, hoping for a miracle.

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## West's Shut Out

**SYDNEY** — Western Suburbs' scoring machine, spearheaded by a lively Clive Eaton, were shut out of play by defensively minded Footscray in their scoreless draw at Dural Stadium.

West's maintained the pressure to provide an almost endless saga of goalmouth action.

Footscray relied on breakaway efforts in which the elusive Joe Palinkas, Dragan Vasic and Joe Picioane all figured.

The speedy Picioane had his team's best chance of the match when after a breakaway, and with only West's goalkeeper Terry Eaton to beat, he blasted the ball high and wide from ten metres.

Brian Dodd, Clive Eaton and Brian O'Donnell had best opportunities for West's, and with Rod Skellern and Peter Wilson as solid as ever in defence, they still maintained an active interest close to the top of the Philips League.

## PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	3	2	1	—	8	3	5
Sth. Melbourne	3	1	2	—	5	2	4
Brisbane City	3	2	—	1	5	4	4
Canberra City	3	—	3	—	5	5	3
W. Suburbs	3	—	3	—	3	3	3
Syd. Olympic	3	1	—	2	3	3	2
Adelaide City	2	1	—	1	1	1	2
St. George	2	1	—	1	2	3	2
E. Suburbs	2	1	—	1	3	4	2
West Adelaide	3	1	—	2	4	5	2
Fitzroy Utd.	2	1	—	1	1	3	2
Footscray	2	—	1	1	1	3	1
Brisbane Lions	2	—	1	1	1	4	1
Newcastle Utd.	2	—	—	2	1	5	0

AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
E. Suburbs	3	2	1	—	8	2	5
Marconi	2	2	—	—	5	0	4
W. Suburbs	2	2	—	—	4	0	4
Sth. Melbourne	2	1	1	—	3	1	3
West Adelaide	2	1	1	—	2	1	3
Syd. Olympic	2	1	1	—	2	1	3
Brisbane Lions	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Footscray	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
St. George	3	1	—	2	4	4	2
Canberra City	2	1	—	1	3	3	2
Adelaide City	3	—	2	1	4	5	2
Newcastle Utd.	3	—	2	1	3	6	2
Fitzroy Utd.	3	—	1	2	2	7	1
Brisbane City	2	—	—	2	2	4	0

## AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	5	4	1	—	13	3	9
Sth. Melbourne	5	2	3	—	8	3	7
E. Suburbs	5	3	1	1	11	6	7
W. Suburbs	5	2	3	—	7	3	7
Syd. Olympic	5	2	1	2	5	4	5
Canberra City	5	1	3	1	8	8	5
West Adelaide	5	2	1	2	6	6	5
Brisbane City	5	2	—	3	7	8	4
St. George	5	2	—	3	6	7	4
Adelaide City	5	1	2	2	5	6	4
Brisbane Lions	5	1	2	2	6	10	4
Footscray	5	1	2	2	2	6	4
Fitzroy Utd.	5	1	1	3	3	10	3
Newcastle Utd.	5	—	2	3	4	11	2

## LEADING P.S.L. GOALSCORERS

- 4 Goals—  
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
- 3 Goals—  
Allan Fisher (Wests)  
Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)  
Terry Byrne (Canberra)  
Alan Hughes (Lions)  
Clive Eaton (Wests)  
Gary Byrne (Marconi)  
Alan Marley (Brisbane City)  
John Stevenson (Easts)

## 2 Goals—

- Hilton Silva (Easts)
- Billy Rogers (South Melbourne)
- Joe Watson (Easts)
- Roberto Echeverria (Brisbane City)
- John Nyskohus (Adelaide City)

- Alan Ainslie (Olympic)
- Phil O'Connor (St. George)
- Jim Rooney (Marconi)
- Joe Senkalski (Olympic)
- Peter Ollerton (South Melbourne)
- John Neale (Lions)

# FLASHBACK TO 1976

TO coincide with the visit this weekend of Canberra City, we go back to March 3, 1976, when a young Queensland side travelled south to do battle with another new-look side, the Australian Capital Territory representative team, which was then coached by a "newcomer" called Jim Shoulder.

Here is the subsequent match report of that match under lights at Queanbeyan.

Queensland Soccer Team turned in a most disappointing performance to go down 1-0 to the Australian Capital Territory side.

Although many times displaying football skills superior to their opponents, Queensland had too many weak links.

The winning ACT goal was scored after only five minutes but Queensland had plenty of opportunities in the second half to stage a comeback.

ACT applied tremendous pressure to the Queensland defence in the first nine minutes after half time and in successive raids could have increased their lead by at least two goals.

Referee Dennis McDermott, who received criticism for several unusual decisions, cautioned four players—Queensland's Peter Tokesi and Gary Lovell and ACT's George Campbell and Mike Black.

One of his decisions almost cost ACT their lead late in the match.

ACT was harshly penalised for obstruction and from the resultant free kick Ian Fagan set up Lovell whose great shot hit the upright.

That chance was one of many Queensland had in the last 10 minutes to salvage a draw.

Queensland should have scored six minutes from full time when ACT keeper Laurie Palec's clearance went straight to replacement forward, Phillip Cruse, whose snap shot sailed over the bar.

In the dying minutes, the agile Palec deflected a header from Caldwell and a point blank drive from Lovell.

Lovell had a golden opportunity earlier in the half when he was sent through by Dolan and Caldwell but shot into the arms of Palec.

## EARLY GOAL

The match opened at a reasonably brisk pace with ACT taking the initiative.

Queensland had a serious setback after five minutes when ACT took the lead with a well executed goal.

The Queensland defence was largely to blame.

Striker Peter Lawler floated a free kick into the Queensland penalty area and ACT centre half, Jock Coulter, took advantage of some loose marking by defender Peter Tokesi to head the ball home.

After 20 minutes Queensland started to get into stride and dominated more in the midfield.

There were several eye catching lead up movements but most fell down through poor finishing and tight defence from the ACT central defender Coulter and Mike Davenport.

Queensland continued to maintain a slight advantage in general play until half time although ACT goalkeeper, Laurie Palec was rarely severely tested.



COL BENNETT (Lions)



# WE MUST ENTERTAIN

By IAN KESSON (Ipswich United)

FOR 10 years in Queensland and a few years beforehand elsewhere I have been and always will be a devoted follower of open, attacking football. It's a skilful game and an entertaining and exciting one.

It is the only truly world wide game although here in Brisbane one sometimes wonders. Our coverage in Brisbane papers compared with other codes is nothing short of laughable and on TV it's even worse, it that's possible. We are now relegated behind the ladies sports on the only channel with any coverage of our game. You readers may well agree with my comments, so what the heck do we expect?

We can't expect coverage in any of the newspapers or on TV if we don't supply entertainment and excitement. So until we are prepared to deliver the goods we can expect exactly what we are getting—"very little coverage." How do we achieve any form of recognition from the media and start to worry our competition — the other football codes. We are already making big inroads by the amount of juniors flocking under our banner. With this volume of boys playing the game at junior level what are we doing with the most talented.

We have a head start on the other codes and we are throwing it out the window. Our coaching is not good enough at all levels, especially on the junior plane where interested dads are forced into coaching positions because of a lack of qualified coaches. The Coaches Federation has been working very hard as long as I have been out here. I'm not saying they are the best in the world but at least they are trying to improve the standard of our code. How many of you readers can say the same. I mentioned earlier in this article that it is a skilful game. Let me define skilful. It is a player who can control any kind of pass he might receive. A player who has the individual skill to take on a player and beat him. The skill of heading.

The skill of being on target or close to it with every strike at the target. The skill to hold and shield the ball from opponents. The aforementioned talents can all be coached. The players only have to be encouraged to practise and improve that skill. At training when their confid-

ence grows they can then try those skills in a game.

Now we come to another crunch. This great game of ours has a set of rules and regulations that we must all follow. I only wish some of our so-called officials would follow those rules the way I do.

I never wrote them and only try to abide by them. When referees allow skilful players to be hacked down and chopped from behind how can coaches encourage players to hold a ball. When I have approached officials on this subject, I have always failed to get a satisfactory answer. You can receive four free kicks in a row by the same offending player and he does not receive a caution.

On the 5th occasion the skilful player retaliates and gets booked for his pains (in more ways than one). It seems to me over the last 10 years our refs are more interested in petty fouls and infringements and not in stamping out the choppers in our game. We will never raise the entertainment level of our game until players have the confidence to hold and shield the ball without the fear of a badly injured ankle, or worse a break. Every players' nightmare. If you doubt my words just ask a few skilful players around (and there aren't many. Two who spring to mind are George Fraser and Willie Conner) to show you their scars.

So how about all of us involved in this game, supporters, clubs, coaches, players and most of all the men who are supposed to be in charge of our games abiding by the rules and stamp out the choppers that are killing this great game. It's an easy remedy. First foul a verbal warning, second foul a yellow card and third foul off.

In 10 years experience in second division with Mitchelton and Germania, first division with Southside Eagles and now Ipswich United the problem, I find, is still here. In my half season in Philips League the problem did not exist as PSL refs are intent on stamping out foul tackles. Why then can't we have uniformity in our lower divisions. Surely the laws are the same — only the administration of them seems to be different.

Players are human and will bend the

rules as much as they are allowed to. We are always hearing the old chestnut about the standard of play not improving as the years go on. I can mention quite a few young players who have improved out of sight over the last six or seven years. I can't say the same for the majority of our officials in the middle.

These remarks are not aimed at all officials but unfortunately they apply to many. So if the cap fits, gentlemen, wear it.

## IPSWICH ITEMS

by Ian Kesson

ONCE again the powers that be have given first division clubs a slap in the face by their weekend decision to cancel the Spencer Park v Ipswich United match at Perry Park at 12.15 p.m., three quarters of an hour before the scheduled kickoff time.

Players and supporters, some of whom phoned ahead to enquire if the game was on and were given a yes answer, arrived at Perry Park, which in the referee's opinion was fit to play. It was then explained that the Perry Park Trust has the last say in what goes on and when, "not the referees." It must be the only ground in the world where the appointed official has not got the final say.

I must quote from GO SOCCER, of March 30 in an article by Insideman when he wrote: "If however the more sinister thought of protection for the hallowed turf is genuine, the answer is easy — Don't play any soccer at Perry Park other than PSL games, then we won't sicken and disappoint the few genuine supporters still willing to turn up. Altogether a bad show."

This is the second time in three weeks genuine workers, supporters and players of soccer have been slapped down by officialdom.

This kind of farce can only do our game a lot of harm. This game was postponed so a PSL game could look good on TV. Now is Perry Park the headquarters of soccer in Queensland or is it a showpiece for Philips League and the very rare visit of TV? It's high time Queensland Soccer woke up to itself. Surely after Friday's downpour, the game could have been re-scheduled considering the heavy programme laid down for Perry Park and bad weather. A fortnight ago all games were cancelled on the Friday afternoon — and they

were not due to be played until SUNDAY.

I must submit, if first division clubs are required to play at Perry Park, then surely they must get equal treatment with Philips League clubs. I agree with Insideman on the remedy. Keep Perry Park for big occasions and the Philips League and leave lowly first division to outside grounds. I'm sure we will get more fixtures played. There is nothing more frustrating to officials and players who have worked hard all week to be told you can't play on our field, we are keeping it for the big boys.

Just another incident that will be ignored by the powers that be, and as long as Brisbane Soccer Clubs are willing to accept this kind of treatment, things will not change.

★ Big weekend for St. Helens senior Colts who beat Ipswich City 7-0. First junior Colts beat Lions 6-1 and the 2nd junior Colts won, wait for it, 18-1 against Oxley. A total of 31 goals for and two against. Not bad.

★ A big thankyou to Lions Soccer club and all the people who turned out for a very entertaining night of soccer and a night to remember for Glen McKeand and John Verrall. Thanks again.

★ St. Helens ladies got off to a good start in third division defeating Annerley 6-0. Well done girls. It has something to do with the coaching of — dare I say it — a man.

## WEEKEND REFEREES

RICHLANDS v SPENCER PARK —	2-2
Referee: Dave Nugent Linesmen: Tom Davis, Bob Nelson	
SUNNYSIDE v MT. GRAVATT —	2-1
Referee: Mike Brine Linesmen: Jack Wood, Garth Goodwin	
ANNERLEY v MERTON —	1-1
Referee: Col Amos Linesmen: Des Miles, Barry Norton	
REDLANDS v EAGLES —	1-1
Referee: Deiter Klose Linesmen: Ron Richmond, K. Davis	
ST. GEORGE v NTH. BRISBANE —	2-2
Referee: Barry Such Linesmen: Terry Ellison, Karl Bornkessel	
IPSWICH UTD. v THISTLE —	2-1
Referee: John Folling Linesmen: Kel Fisher, Ray Bennett	





ERIC THOMPSON (Mt. Gravatt)

## GOLD COAST COMMENT

By the ONLOOKER

A DELUGE of rain late in the week did not deter the opening round of Gold Coast fixtures even though grounds were heavy and virtual mud baths.

Pre-season comment made the match of the day the game between a new look Southport team and the fast improving Beaudesert.

It was widely anticipated that Southport's new signings would gain them victory, but their hopes were daunted by some brilliant goalkeeping by a Beaudesert new signing, Greg Tungate, from Annerley.

Defensively the Southport were very solid but their forwards will have to learn you have to put the ball in the net to win matches.

Beaudesert took their chances and ran out narrow winners by 2 goals to one.

Nerang and Palm Beach fought a 1-1

draw at the Velodrome in a game where the result was a fair indication.

1977 beaten Grand Finalists Twin Towns City completely over-ran Athletic at Goodwin Park to win by 4 goals to 1.

Observers report that the heavier, more experienced City side made better use of the wet conditions than the lighter smaller Athletic team.

The results of the second division games were Wanderers 3 defeated United 0.

Southport versus Beaudesert was abandoned due to the state of the ground.

Compliments were widespread on the Coast giving credit to players and officials for playing the games and for the spirit in which they were played.

Far too many games are cancelled because of wet weather and if people call themselves footballers they should

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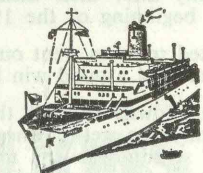
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look at conditions people in other parts of the world have to tolerate.

The only Brisbane fixture played on the Gold Coast this weekend was the third division fixture between Nerang and Olympic.

The game was played in atrocious conditions at the Velodrome and it was a credit to both teams for the superb entertainment they supplied to the spectators.

The pace of the game was so furious at times that one could be forgiven for believing that the ground was bone dry.

Herman Schnetzel, the Nerang goalkeeper made a couple of brilliant saves, early in the game that kept the scoresheet clean.

Olympic took a well deserved lead when after a scramble in the Nerang goalmouth the ball finished in the back of the net. This lead was increased midway through the second half when the Nerang defence were caught on the hop.

Nerang had their opportunities to come back but could just not take them.

Gordon Shaw got one back for Nerang after a brilliant individual effort that saw him score from the impossible position on the goal line.

Olympic ran out narrow winners by 2 goals to one but Nerang should not feel despondent about the loss as they were unlucky not to get a point.

The other Brisbane fixtures all resulted in good wins for the Gold Coasters.

Gold Coast United travelled to Wynnum and defeated the home side by 3 goals to 2.

The goals were scored by Ricky Mangan 2 and Tom Pike 1.

Spies at the game reported that United squandered easy chances to increase their lead, but Wynnum hit the woodwork several times and had to contend with the brilliance of Ernie Bargwell in the United goal.

Whatever way it is looked at it is a morale boosting start to the season, especially after their dismal performance at the beginning of the 1977 season.

United reserves went out to Pine Rivers and also had a good win by 4 goals to 1.

Twin Towns showed that the promise they made to get promotion at the end of the season was not made in vain by soundly defeating Bayside United by 6 goals to 2.

The 1978 Ampol Cup is to be the major target for the Gold Coast and District Soccer Association representative team.

A poor showing in 1977 when an ill-prepared team was knocked out in the first round by the Sunshine Coast prompted the executive to call applications for a coach whose sole task would be to prepare the Association team.

The squad is now in hard training for the preliminary rounds in Toowoomba under the guidance of Vern Sleight.

It is expected that when these preliminary games are played over the Labor Day weekend a large contingent of Gold Coasters will travel to Toowoomba.

If the Gold Coast Association is successful in Toowoomba and Gold Coast United are in the top four of the second division at the cut off point the Gold Coast will have two teams in the second round.

A promoter's dream if this situation occurred would be for the two teams to come out of the hat together and for the game to be played on the Gold Coast.

State League never seems to be out of the news these days.

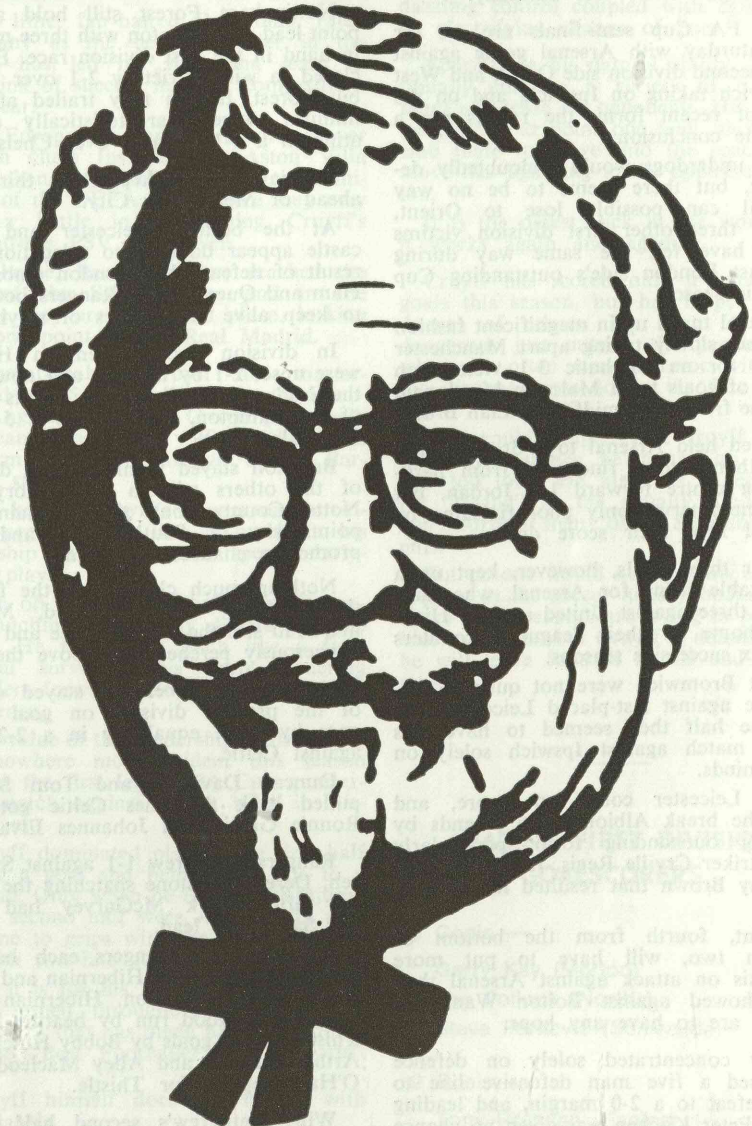
Local Association officials are dismayed at rumours that there has been a meeting to formulate the 1978 mini-competition. Gold Coast United were allegedly in attendance and the Association were not even invited.

If these rumours are true it is not very courteous of the organisers not to invite all applicants and they will look silly if United do not get the nod.



JOHN NEALE (Lions)

# GUESS WHO'LL BE AT THE SOCCER IN '78



## WITH BRISBANE LIONS



## ARSENAL, WEST BROM. PASS TESTS

LONDON — The two teams favoured to meet in the English Football Association (FA) Cup final, Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion, came safely through their league trials last Saturday.

The FA Cup semi-finals are set for this Saturday with Arsenal going against lowly second division side Orient and West Bromwich taking on Ipswich, and on the basis of recent form, the results are a foregone conclusion.

The underdogs would undoubtedly debate it, but there seems to be no way Arsenal can possibly lose to Orient, though three other first division victims might have felt the same way during the East London side's outstanding Cup run this season.

Arsenal tuned up in magnificent fashion at home, slowly taking apart Manchester United for an emphatic 3-1 victory on a pair of goals from Malcolm Macdonald and one from Irish midfielder Lian Brady.

United held Arsenal to a draw at half time, thanks to a fine goal from hard-working centre forward Joe Jordan, but after the interval only poor finishing by Arsenal kept their score down.

Their three goals, however, kept up a remarkable string for Arsenal, who have scored three against United at their High-bury home in their league encounters over six successive seasons.

West Bromwich were not quite so impressive against last-placed Leicester, and for one half they seemed to have this weeks match against Ipswich solely on their minds.

But Leicester could not score, and after the break Albion made amends by showing outstanding form, particularly their striker Cryille Regis. It was his pass to Tony Brown that resulted in the only goal.

Orient, fourth from the bottom of division two, will have to put more emphasis on attack against Arsenal than they showed against Bolton Wanderers if they are to have any hope.

They concentrated solely on defence and used a five man defensive line to hold defeat to a 2-0 margin, and leading scorer Peter Kitchen was given no chance of adding to his 27 goal tally.

Ipswich showed a lack of punch up front in their 2-1 defeat by Manchester

City and they were probably flattered by the score. Paul Mariner, though he scored, was never really dangerous, and City were full value for their victory.

Nottingham Forest still hold a two-point lead over Everton with three matches in hand in the first division race. Everton closed in with a victory 2-1 over Derby, but Forest, though they trailed after 70 minutes, were characteristically dominating in a 3-1 triumph over Chelsea.

Arsenal's victory kept them third, just ahead of Manchester City.

At the bottom, Leicester and Newcastle appear doomed to relegation as a result of defeats, but London clubs West Ham and Queens Park Rangers both won to keep alive their hopes of staying up.

In division two, Tottenham Hotspur were upset 2-1 by Burnley and now share the lead with Bolton, two points ahead of Southampton, who scored a 5-0 win over Blackburn.

Brighton stayed within hailing distance of the others with a 2-1 victory over Notts County, but they remain four points shy of Southampton and their promotion chances seem slim.

Nothing much changed at the foot of the division, with Mansfield, Millwall and Hull still the bottom three and Orient dangerously perched just above them.

In Scotland, Aberdeen stayed on top of the premier division on goal difference by twice equalising in a 2-2 draw against Celtic.

Duncan Davidson and Tom Sullivan pulled back the ones Celtic got from Ronnie Galvin and Johannes Elvaldsson.

Rangers also drew 1-1 against St. Mirren, Derek Johnstone snatching the equaliser after Mark McGarvey had given the Saints the lead.

Aberdeen and Rangers each have 44 points, 11 more than Hibernian and Motherwell, who both won. Hibernian maintained their good run by beating Patrick Thistle 3-1 on goals by Bobby Hutchinson, Arthur Duncan and Alley Macleod. Alex O'Hara replied for Thistle.

Willy Pettigrew's second half header took Motherwell to a 1-0 victory over Ayr United. The match between Dundee United and Clydebank was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch.

## Brilliant Dutchman CRUYFF to Retire

BARCELONA — Johan Cruyff's last season in football looks like providing a triumphant climax to a career which has taken him to the peaks of soccer achievement.

The lithe, fair-haired Dutchman, rated by many as the best footballer in the world, has led his Barcelona team to the brink of success in three competitions this year.

In Europe, successive victories over English clubs Ipswich and Aston Villa have taken the Catalan side to the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup, where they may have a battle in overcoming Cruyff's compatriots PSV Eindhoven.

At home, Barcelona have reached the final of the Spanish Cup and in the League they are in second place, lurking only one point behind Real Madrid.

Unquestionably, Cruyff has masterminded the Spaniards' success. Commentators agree that when Cruyff plays well, the team plays well. When Cruyff is off-form or absent through injury, Barcelona struggle.

The key to Cruyff's impact on Barcelona's performances lies as much in his leadership as in his own spectacularly-gifted play.

Both on and off the ball, the 30-year-old Dutchman constantly directs his club mates. He roams the pitch like a field marshal surveying his army, ordering defenders forward, pushing attackers back in defence.

The value of this leadership to Barcelona was nowhere more evident this season than in the first leg UEFA Cup quarter-final match against Aston Villa in Birmingham.

Cruyff dominated play in the first half scoring a goal and helping his side to a 2-0 lead. Only when he limped off injured in the second half were Aston Villa able to come to grips with the game, equalising with two late goals.

But it is for his breathtaking skill that he is famed throughout the world. It is this skill that has made him a candidate for the "Best Footballer in the world" tag.

Cruyff himself does not bother with such labels.

"People worry too much about who is better than whom and why," he said.

"All I am concerned about is playing

as well as I can for a team — football is about playing together, not playing better than everyone else."

The Dutchman's talent is based on dazzling control coupled with agility and an electrifying change of pace.

Apart from his natural ability, he continually employs a variety of tricks to taunt and tease his opponents. His favourite ploy is to point one way, shout at a club mate to move into the space, then move like lightning in the opposite direction.

It is the oldest trick in the world, but it works again and again.

Cruyff has scored only a handful of goals this season, but has helped to net dozens of others. He is at his most dangerous just outside the penalty area where he often wreaks havoc with jinking diagonal runs across the face of the box.

Few would disagree that Cruyff has his faults. Sometimes he hangs on to the ball too long. He also has a reputation for "diving" in the penalty area which has infuriated many of his Spanish opponents.

But no one would question his claim to a place in the soccer history books. Some brave entrepreneurs are trying to persuade him to stay on but Cruyff is adamant that he will leave football at the end of this season.

### LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

#### 3 Goals —

Gerry Kay (Merton)  
Len Pollock (Norths)  
Steve Perkovic (Sunnyside)

#### 2 Goals—

Tony Brennan (Eagles)  
Ian Steele (Mt. Gravatt)  
Paul Speight (Richlands)  
Paul Burns (Richlands)



# Q.S.F. POINTS TABLE

## FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merton	2	2	—	—	4	0	4
Redlands	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Richlands	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Eagles	1	1	—	—	4	3	2
Nth. Brisbane	2	1	—	—	5	5	2
Mt. Gravatt	2	1	—	—	4	6	2
Annerley	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Thistle	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Ipswich Utd.	1	—	—	1	2	3	0
Sunnyside	1	—	—	1	3	5	0
St. George	2	—	—	2	3	6	0
Spencer Park	1	—	—	1	0	4	0

## SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Wynnum	3	1	1	1	7	7	3	
Thistle	1	1	—	—	6	0	2	
St. Helens	1	1	—	—	5	1	2	
Redlands	1	1	—	—	9	2	2	
Annerley	1	1	—	—	0	0	2	
Nth. Brisbane	2	1	—	—	1	2	7	2
Merton	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	
Mt. Gravatt	2	—	—	2	2	7	0	
Richlands	1	—	—	1	2	9	0	
St. George	1	—	—	1	0	0	0	
Eagles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sunnyside	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

## SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trident	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Mitchelton	1	1	—	—	5	2	2
Gold Coast	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
Wynnum	1	—	—	1	2	3	0
Redcliffe	1	—	—	1	2	5	0
Oxley	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Acacia Ridge	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taringa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fort. Valley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coalstars	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Souths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gold Coast	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Souths	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Oxley	1	1	—	—	4	3	2
Mitchelton	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Redcliffe	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Trident	1	—	—	1	3	4	0
Rovers	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Pine Rivers	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Acacia Ridge	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taringa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fort. Valley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Rovers	1	1	—	—	7	1	2
Newmarket	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Olympic	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Nerang	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Pine Rivers	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Willowburn	1	—	—	1	1	7	0
Inala Rangers	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Westside	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Star	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
The Gap	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## NINTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mitchelton	1	1	—	—	9	0	2
Annerley	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Wynnum	1	1	—	—	5	2	2
Bayside	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
North Star	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Goodna	1	—	—	1	2	5	0
Industrial	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
Redcliffe	1	—	—	1	0	9	0
Souths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mt. Gravatt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adams Park	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taringa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Booval Stars	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Twin Towns	1	1	—	—	6	2	2
University	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Brighton	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Padua	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Bayside	1	—	—	1	2	6	0
Northside	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingsridge	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toowong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rochedale	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Goodna	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## COLTS POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merton	3	3	—	—	12	3	6
Salisbury	3	2	1	—	10	4	5
Redcliffe	3	2	—	1	7	4	4
Acacia Ridge	2	1	1	—	3	2	3
Nth. Brisbane	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Thistle	1	1	—	—	6	2	2
Annerley	2	—	2	—	5	5	2
Richlands	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
Gold Coast	2	—	1	1	2	4	1
Pine Rivers	2	—	—	2	3	6	0
North Star	1	—	—	1	2	6	0
Mt. Gravatt	2	—	—	2	2	9	0
Mitchelton	2	—	—	2	1	7	0
Coalstars	1	—	—	1	0	5	0

## COLTS B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inala City	3	2	1	—	10	5	5
St. George	2	2	—	—	19	0	4
St. Helens	2	2	—	—	9	0	4
Wynnum	3	2	—	1	10	6	4
Spencer Park	2	1	1	—	4	2	3
Redlands	1	1	—	—	5	1	2
Thistle	1	1	—	—	6	2	2
Nth. Brisbane	3	1	—	2	4	9	2
Newmarket	2	1	—	1	4	17	2
The Gap	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Bardon Jnr.	3	—	—	3	4	9	0
Souths	2	—	—	2	4	10	0
Virginia	2	—	—	2	2	11	0
Ipswich City	1	—	—	1	0	7	0

out of time for experiments, and may opt for the more experienced Erich Beer, skipper of Hertha Berlin, against Brazil.

The rise of Stuttgart, who have leaped to fourth place in the first division after being promoted only last season, is underlined by the inclusion of the club's centre-back Karl-Heinz Foerster, 19, another newcomer to the national squad.

Foerster and Mueller replace injured Cologne pair Herbert Zimmermann and Herbert Neumann.

The squad, which will be cut to 16 or 18 players after weekend league games is—

Goalkeepers: Maier (Bayern Munich), Kargus (Hamburg SV), Franke (Eintracht Brunswick).

Defenders: Vogts (Borussia Moenchengladbach), Kaltz (Hamburg), Ruessmann (Schalke 04), Dietz (MSV Duisburg), Schwarzenbech (Bayern Munich), Foerster (VFB Stuttgart), Tenhagen (VFL Bochum), Konopka (FC Cologne).

Midfield and attack: Bonhof (Borussia Moenchengladbach), Flohe (Cologne), Beer (Hertha Berlin), Burgsmueller (Borussia Dortmund), Hoelzenbein (Eintracht Frankfurt), Hansi Mueller (VFB Stuttgart), Abramczik, Fischer (both Schalke 04), Rummenigge (Bayern Munich), Dieter Mueller (Cologne), Worm (MSV Duisburg).

## WEST GERMAN CHANGES

FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY — West German Soccer trainer Helmut Schoen, concerned at his teams lack of midfield strength has given 21-year-old Hansi Mueller the chance of his first international cap.

Mueller, who has matured quickly as captain of V.F.B. Stuttgart, is included in a 22-man squad from which the West German team will be selected to play Brazil in a friendly match in Hamburg this weekend.

Cologne's Heinz Flohe and Rainer Bonhof of Borussia Moenchengladbach are the only midfield players certain to be included when West Germany defend the World Cup in Argentina in June.

But with only two more friendly matches to be played, Schoen is running

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# Team of Yesteryear

LIONS (HOLLANDIA-INALA) 1969



Back row (from left) — JOHN TOBIN, JON VAN KLAVEREN,  
DALE MORTIMER, ALEC KARBONOWICZ, MEL SWINDELLS,  
PETER STEEN, HANS PETERSON, BARRY HARPER,

Front row (from left) — RAY RICHARDS, DARRYL WILKINS,  
GARY WILKINS, BEN MOLLEE, PHIL SUNDERLAND,  
KEIJO VOUTILAINEN



## YOU CAN BANK ON GORDON

AT 37 most soccer players have put their athletic careers in a trophy case — but Gordon Banks is not quite ready for that.

"There's this goalie in Mexico who played until he was 42 years old," he says, "so maybe I've got a few years left."

Banks is generally thought of as the greatest goalkeeper in Soccer history — he has played in two of England's World Cup teams and has been inducted into the Order of the British Empire.

He hails from the grimy northern England steel town of Sheffield and has lost none of his accent.

But now where do you find him? Against a sunswept backdrop of palm trees and blue skies — on the brochure cover of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers of the North American Soccer League.

He looks for all the world like a beach-comber who just rolled off the surf.

Fort Lauderdale seems an unlikely stage for one of soccer's most gifted performers.

Banks, who this year completed his first season with the Strikers, has played in 73 international games for England —

a record for a goalkeeper — along with 511 English League appearances.

In 1972 he was named England's player of the year.

But while the Fort Lauderdale sunshine suits his tan and his golf game, Banks may be somewhere else next year.

Banks always had the pride and the talent and the 1970 World Cup game versus Brazil in Guadalajara was the perfect example.

Early in the game Brazil's legendary Pele headed a shot for what appeared a certain goal.

Banks jumped — "like a salmon leaping for the malls," in Pele's words — and scooped the ball over the crossbar.

Soccer fans around the world talk of it to this day.

But what is perhaps most remarkable of all is the comeback Banks made following a car accident in 1973 when he lost practically all sight in one eye.

He was playing for Leicester City in the first division at the time and was the country's No. 1 goalkeeper.

After the car crash he quit soccer and coached another first division club before joining the Strikers in 1977.

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## CHAMPIONSHIP IS CLOUGH'S EVEREST

LONDON — "I can understand people wanting to climb Everest or swim the channel. They are fanatics about that and I am a fanatic about football."

The speaker: Brian Clough.

He has been trying to climb mountains ever since he was a soccer-daft kid booting a ball around the cobbled streets of Middlesborough, where he was born on March 21, 1935.

Last Saturday, in the League Cup final, Clough's Nottingham Forest met Liverpool and they lead division one, too.

The big one, the League Championship, the title he lifted for Derby County in 1972 — that is what Clough wants most.

That is Clough's personal Everest: To go in the record books, alongside the great Herbert Chapman, as the only managers ever to win the championship for two different clubs.

But the occasion of the League Cup final, with all its pomp and ceremony, will suit him.

His extrovert personality will overshadow Wembley's famous twin towers and he, for his part, will tell the Forest

players to go out and enjoy themselves, put on a show and play good football. Just as he always does.

Yet, but for the rationing of sweets in the deprived days after the war, Forest might not have been heading for this day and Clough may never have scored 250 second division goals in 271 games for Middlesborough and Sunderland between 1955 and 1963.

(In fact he scored just one first division goal — in 1964 — before a ligament injury ended his career).

Harold Shepherdson, Middlesborough's assistant manager, recalls the late 1940s when Clough's dad was manager of the confectionery factory which stood but a corner kick away from Ayresome Park's main gates.

"Joe Clough used to hand out bags of mis-shapen and broken sweets to the players and staff of Boro," says the man who was England's trainer for 179 international games.

"In those days of rationing, that was marvellous for us, and we used to give Joe a couple of complimentary tickets for our home games."

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It established the relationship between the Clough family and the club. Otherwise a few years later, Brian might have joined one of the north-east's more fashionable clubs, Sunderland or Newcastle.

Invariably, Clough senior would take young Brian to match the talents of such Middlesborough stars of the era as George Hardwick and Wilf Mannion.

This was where he acquired his insatiable appetite for the game.

There were other things to be learned by an intelligent boy on Grimy Teesside in those days, too.

He saw squalor around him; poverty;

and the heavy drinking habits of the hard-working steel men. He saw men ill-treat their wives and women reduced to lives of drudgery.

The memories left their mark on the young Clough, and later, directed him towards socialism.

His own family — which included five brothers and sisters were a credit to her." with a firm hand by his mother, however.

"Sarah Clough was a marvellous woman — a gentle woman," said Shepherdson.

"She overlorded that large family with magnificent efficiency. Brian and his brothers and sisters were a credit to her."

## HOPE IN THE VALLEY

By Tony Lowndes

FORTITUDE Valley Football Club! No, it's not the famous Diehards Rugby League team but a go-ahead Soccer club at present in the second division.

They have been in operation now for eight years and since their commencement in the Federation they have progressed from 7th division to the second. This year the club desperately wants to win again. They are basically an Italian club, with president Fausto Beninca originally an old Azzurri committee member. Fausto started the Valley club off and with the help of his family and very few other members, his ambitions are right on target.

The clubhouse on their ground at Murray St., Newmarket is taking shape and we hope to be in the ground floor block by May. New showers, changing rooms, the lot! Three stories high with a dance floor too — Sounds too good to be true doesn't it.

When I joined the club around the halfway mark last season they were stone bonkers last on three points and my first training run with them assured me of the challenge ahead (again). We bought Derek Pimm from Brisbane City and I had the odd game or two and we survived the drop, which had been the club's main worry. At one stage we were a show for the final four.

Everyone knows how difficult it is to win second division. Last year it was a two horse race between Thistle and Sunnyside but this time it's so close. There must be eight clubs really wanting to win it. It could even be the whole 12.

We've improved our playing strength this year, thanks mainly to Brisbane City.

They have given free transfers to young players like Billy Gillespie, Paul Belci, Mario Ponturo and at present we have the services of the mercurial Gary Clifford on loan for a month. Gary is contemplating going home to England (again) and City were good enough to let us have his services.

Gary, at the ripe old age of 31, is the fittest man in the club and is showing his vast experience gained from many years at the top with the City. It really only goes to show you can enjoy a beer and still be fit. We've also regained the services of John Lawler from Pine Rivers and the very experienced Micky Strawson from St. George.

Micky had a cartilage out last season and is coming back very strongly. Our other new signing, in my opinion, is the best player from the Sunshine Coast, Trevor Jones. He was in the Maroochydore team when I coached them to their first ever grand final victory in the history of the club.

Trevor is originally from Sydney where he gained experience from several top clubs. We are also negotiating with Newmarket for Garrie Lake. Therefore, with other such long-standing Valley players like "Pippo" Bella, Leo and Brett Beninca, Peter Carey, Jim Blair, Tino Palella and the present Queensland under-18 squad member Gino Bortoli, the future is very exciting and challenging. Valleys, with their ambitious attitude, should be there at the top next year.



## Brisbane City v Eastern Sub. — An Opinion

LAST SUNDAY saw the day we had all been waiting for, the visit of Hakoah to Brisbane to play our proud City, the team we all feel on their day can play anyone in Australia and still be rated a chance. Hakoah, who are every soccer purists idea of the top professional side in Australia, had been having their form problems and City had been a bit inconsistent in their first four matches but never lacking in obvious potential.

Denis Ford was suffering in a way no City coach has had to suffer before, suddenly the good luck fairy had deserted a club she had been lodging with for years and three full backs had been ruled out for various reasons.

With a "reserve" side which hadn't been setting the heather alight in pre-season friendlies and old stand-bys like Clifford and Perry gone, the problem was 'solved' by playing Kevin Caldwell in the right full back position. Hakoah, with "Golden boy" Terry Smith coming back to fitness, came north with an almost unchanged side from their last visit when they beat City 4-3 in the pre-season charity match so had to be a slight favourite.

However the weather which had turned Perry Park into a wet, slushy, carpet could have been described as an 'equaliser' to any so called form edge.

The game, watched by a poor crowd (by City standards), but a good crowd considering the weather (the cover was doing its job), turned into a nightmare for City, their coach, the team, the supporters everyone connected with Brisbane soccer, for once again we were shown what good, professional soccer was all about. Asked to sum up the game in one statement it would be correct to say that in not one position could a City player be said to have outperformed his opposite number.

That unfortunately is an indictment on our soccer standard for few people would argue that City before last Sunday were considered the cream of our soccer talent. Where did City get outplayed? What factors created the big difference in the two sides? Is all lost or ARE City on a par with the Hakoah's and Marconi's of PSL.

First of all the conditions have to be taken into consideration. Soggy, wet con-

ditions with surface water lying around calls for adaptation by players. Hakoah last Sunday took about 20-30 minutes to "find their feet" and from there on in the game only had one outcome — victory for the Sydneysiders, for City never ever gave the impression of having mastered the art of playing in the wet. Whereas Hakoah began to loft, lob and chip passes to each other, in effect keeping the ball off the ground. City continued to shove ground passes to each other and worse still attempted to run with the ball as a means of gaining ground — suicidal tactics at the best of times against opponents of this calibre, but sheer madness on a day like last Sunday.

City's "best" spell was in fact misleading, as expected Hakoah's big defence took time to settle and most of the chances created in the first twenty minutes were caused by bad passbacks rather than constructive football. Ever so gradually these "chances" became fewer and fewer and by full time it was obvious to everyone that Hakoah, man for man, were ahead of City. Chaldi obviously had something to say at half time for from then it became obvious that Hakoah were playing aerial football with a one or two touch "condition" added.

The "big men" in the team, O'Connor, Barnes, Bobby Smith, Kevin Mullen and Mowbray could all give our Brisbane boys a yard in pace and by the end of the game when the endless attempts at bullocking their way through the slush, with the ball, had taken toll of the City player's legs, this appeared to have stretched to two yards.

Therefore it would be correct to say the Brisbane boys were outthought as well as outplayed. However they never stopped trying and deserve full marks for effort. It is to their advantage that they will not play in these conditions often, but Sunday unfortunately left the unpleasant thought that we are not as good as we thought we were.

The lesson is there to be learned. Soccer is not always played on 'as we like it' grounds (our administrators should take note) and players have to do some thinking for themselves. An example of this was City's first half performance where it took Willie Conner twenty minutes to realise the relatively dry right

wing was far better suited to his type of skills than the waterlogged left.

As soon as he switched City, for a brief spell, dominated the proceedings. A mention to Kevin Caldwell, given

the hot potato at right back. He handled Silva as well as any full back we have seen in Brisbane, for that alone top marks.

*Insidemans*

## CONFUSION FOR ANNERLEY

*By Bill Williams*

WITH rain and storms still causing disruptions, it was not really surprising when Annerley's first division match against Eagles and the sixth division clash at Richlands last Friday night were cancelled.

However there was some confusion with Annerley being advised by the Federation at 5 p.m. that the matches had been cancelled and the referee and Eagles turning up at Richlands at 6 p.m. for the sixth division game. Makes one wonder who is in charge of the whole thing and certainly firm guidelines are needed. Still without a game, our sixth division are wondering if they are ever going to get started.

For Annerley then it was left to Colts and ninth division on Sunday to provide entertainment on our home grounds.

Against Salisbury the Colts played a 2-2 draw with goals by Frank Douglas and Scott Lacey. This was a good effort considering the conditions as heavy rain had made the field almost unplayable. Last week this team played a 3-3 draw with the strong Lions Colts, coming back

from being down 3-1. Captain Frank Douglas is providing necessary experience for the side and coach Merv Acres says he has some good young players with plenty of enthusiasm.

Col Berndt and Peter Fullager in particular stood out against Salisbury. When the ninth division came on against Industrial continual rain had made the field a quagmire. Ball control was nearly impossible and pools of water continually stopped the ball dead.

At half time, with Annerley leading 1-0, the referee and managers consulted, but decided that play could continue. More goals were scored by the home side, making the final score 4-0. Apart from the deplorable conditions, the game was marred by an incident in which punches were thrown and a player from each side was sent off. Goal scorers were Andy Mollison, Dave Connor, Russ McClune and Russ Walker, while Ian Bradbury had a solid game in defence.

Let's hope the weather improves by the next round.

## WEST ADELAIDE v BRISBANE LIONS

LIONS went to Adelaide to meet a side hell-bent in proving to their Greek support that their patchy results were not indicative of their true potential.

Adelaide clubs have not had their rocketing start this year and of course their "gates" have suffered accordingly. Lions would indeed prove a valuable scalp having an unbeaten away record, beating Hakoah and drawing with Wests in Sydney.

The game started with both sides feeling out the possibilities. Guyla Vincze, aware of certain threats in Adelaide's side had made a few team changes despite having drawn with Wests the previous weekend. Ian Lawrie had been

brought in to counteract the attacking tendencies of the giant full back Reynolds Alan Niven being moved back to fullback. John Ogden, who played in midfield against Wests moved to the right wing in place of a sadly out of touch Paul Laslo.

The home team were extremely aggressive and this appeared to unsettle the Lions front runners who are not the big brawny types so that most of the play was contained in midfield. Lownds, back in goal had some good saves and the defence held up their end until half time. Ian Lawrie was extremely unlucky when one of his specials hit Alan Hughes when it was apparently net bound.

HALF TIME — 0-0



The second half saw Adelaide press strongly and gain some reward when a corner was played around in the box before being sent goalwards where it ever so softly bounced over the line.

A rather soft counter but an important one for West Adelaide. They quickly stepped up the game and scored again when a perfectly played lob shot caught Lownds just off his line and out of touch with the ball which just scraped under the bar. Lions now had their best period and John Neale, Ian Lawrie and Eddie Sparritt all went close with good tries,

any one of which would have swung the game back into Lions favour.

As it was Adelaide got a free kick 40 yards out and the resultant speculative shot caught out Nigel Lownds who got behind the ball but could not hold it and it bounced to an unmarked Westad forward who made no mistake.

Lions did not play well. Despite recent results they played without conviction and the necessary belief in themselves and this is not nearly good enough for PSL.

FULL TIME West Adelaide 3-Lions 0.

## FAIRBROTHER TO STAY

FOLLOWING consistent reports both here and in the south that Barrie Fairbrother wants to leave Brisbane Lions after playing in only one PSL match, comes the news that the bearded striker is about to resume training with the club.

There was great excitement with the news earlier this season that Fairbrother was coming to Richlands from Mooroolbark with the obvious qualifications to solve the problems up front of last year.

So it was with a good deal of disappointment local supporters read that this fine player was about to be lost, after his lone appearance in the opening match against Marconi — a match most Lions supporters will prefer to forget.

GO SOCCER spoke to coach Guyla

Vincze this week to gain some insight into the situation and inform the local public once and for all the future of this man, who was a prolific goalscorer in English professional football before coming to Australia.

Fairbrother had little chance to reach peak fitness before the season started because of a broken toe and like most of the Lions players, did not get much of a chance to show any worthwhile form against Marconi.

Injury prevented Fairbrother from making the trip to Sydney for Lions' second round match against Eastern Suburbs, which they handsomely won 3-1. During the weeks break caused by the postponement of the Lions-Western Suburbs match, Fairbrother felt he was fit

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TREVOR CATCHPOLE (Eagles)



enough to return to the side for the subsequent match against South Melbourne at home.

Vincze, like probably any other coach, did not change a side which had beaten League champions so convincingly in the previous round. Fairbrother announced he wanted to leave the club as he was not being given a chance to prove himself so Vincze says he had no option but to leave him at home when Lions travelled to Sydney to play their postponed match against Western Suburbs.

Fairbrother re-appeared in Lions colours in the recent testimonial against Ipswich United, but after scoring a goal, broke down and did not last longer than 20 minutes. He has since been examined by Federation doctor Keith Pearson who discovered Fairbrother has a torn calf

muscle in the lower leg. Naturally, after being ordered to give the injury 10 days complete rest, Fairbrother had no chance of going to Adelaide for last Sunday's clash with Westad. The latest news is Fairbrother will resume training early next week, has told Vincze that he can play anywhere, not just as a central striker and that he wants to prove himself.

There now seems to be much more dialogue between player and coach, which we hope is laying the foundation for a return to top form and to the side for Fairbrother.

Those who have seen him in action know Fairbrother is all class, and the PSL campaign from Brisbane's point of view cannot afford to let a player of this calibre return to the cold climes of Melbourne.

## NORTH BRISBANE v SUNNYSIDE

SATURDAY night, after a wet day, saw Perry Park a picture, with the lights readjusted. Referee John Anzelino, down from Cairns, rightfully passed the ground fit for play although it was obvious there was a fair bit of surface water lying around the pitch, but as this only created "a lottery" when the ball was passed "on the deck" and conditions were the same for both teams the crowd of around 250 settled back to watch two teams slightly changed from last season.

### NORTH BRISBANE

	Bray		
Tosh	Giles	Curtis	Dobison
	Kidd	Ford	Krawiec
	Kean	Pollock	Walker

### SUNNYSIDE

	Orlic		
Steen	Catchpole	Edwards	Maticic
	Runje	Brown	Bromfield
	Viro	Perkovic	Antonovic

The game started brightly enough and Eddie Carrigans' defensive play in moving the skilful Edwards back to sweeper appeared to be paying off as the Sunnyside backline looked very competent to deal with anything being ventured by the North Brisbane attackers. After 20 minutes it came as no surprise when Maticic, overlapping on the left, lofted a beautiful cross into the penalty area

where an unmarked Perkovic wasted no time in slotting it home. A well taken goal.

Three minutes later North Brisbane were awarded a penalty, a rather dubious award, for it has to be remembered players were having to contend with slippery conditions and timing was going to be affected.

Bobby Ford wasted no time in putting away the spot kick so levelling the scores. The game, an end to end spectacle, was entertaining enough but suddenly a strange decision by the referee upset the appletart. After an apparently harmless looking collision in midfield Steve Brown was sent off for what we must assume was "misconduct by mouth". Yellow card followed yellow card and this in itself was disturbing, for in no way could it be described as a dirty game.

With ten men, Sunnyside continued to fight and Bob Dobinson cleared a net bound deflection from Peter Steen off the line. North Brisbane broke up the field and Jock Krawiec had a great run to the touchline where he cut back a ball for Len Pollock to give Norths the lead.

Just an half time a miskick by Catchpole let Pollock through into the penalty area where he unselfishly laid the ball in Walker's path for the third goal, to give Norths a 3-1 half time lead.

NORTH BRIS. 3 — SUNNYSIDE 1

Goalkeeper Orlic who had been having

a very good game, handling the greasy ball with superb confidence opened the second half with a great save from young Kean. Seven minutes into the half, winger Viro, who had been impressing with skilful footwork and clever running suddenly cut loose a scorching drive which Bray couldn't handle and the ball fell to Perkovic who blasted in number two.

Another five minutes and Perkovic got his hat trick when he fastened on to a through ball to slide away number three. Now one could have been forgiven for thinking Sunnyside had twelve men instead of ten, the tall Viro doing the work of two and threatening every time he got the ball.

Norths were reduced to some last ditch defence and again, in the excitement referee Angelino made his presence felt. He booked Bobby Ford for an innocuous-looking bump in midfield, booked Bob Dobinson, for the second time, for a late tackle (but let him stay on the field!) and pulled players up right, left and centre for no apparent reason.

Just on the half hour, a touch of magic from Kas Biedak (he came on for Walker at half time) saw a perfect ball laid back to Pollock who scored

under pressure to restore the lead. After this the linesman had a quiet word with the referee and it came as no surprise when after a particularly tame looking piece of body contact Dobinson was given the red card.

What a shocking mixup for a first division game. Next came Bobby Ford, who must have said something, for, standing in the middle with no one near him, the red card again flashed its message. So here we were, a highly entertaining and exciting match, never dirty, eight goals, a cliffhanger of a finish and three men off the field with Lord knows how many booked.

Sunnyside now had numerical superiority but their earlier fight had taken its toll and again Len Pollock had a great jinking run to the line where he squared back to Ron Kidd who hastily despatched number five.

The man in the middle now called a halt and to crown a night he'd rather forget his second half time was two minutes short! Despite all the frolics, an extremely good performance, under most difficult conditions (not all weather) by the two teams.

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## POINTS TO PONDER

AT last we made the 32 page mark. Thanks to Annerley, Mt. Gravatt and Dutton Park who added their news to our regular contributors Brisbane City and Ipswich United. This is more like it even though it can be a bit embarrassing when we receive three versions of one game. However it is much better, giving the editor the choice of deleting some of the news rather than having nothing to print. Gold Coast have also begun to supply news.

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REFEREES never cease to amaze. Their motives make one wonder. One bloke inspected a field at twelve noon and called off BOTH matches set down for the afternoon. At two p.m. there wasn't a drop of rain falling and apart from two little puddles in the middle of the field very little surface water. Where was the ref? Long, long gone. Two sets of players turned up, saw the field, scratched their heads and wondered if their eight weeks

pre-season hard work had been worth it. At 4.30, still no rain, and even the puddles had vanished.

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THE cover at Perry Park is earning its keep already. Last weekend saw two games played in extremely wet conditions. Not one word of complaint was heard from the 2,500 people packed under the roof.

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YOUNG Richlands team showed very little 'love' for its 'sister' club Mt. Gravatt when dishing out a 4-1 lesson last weekend showing that their form in the infamous abandoned game against Sunnyside was no fluke, (they were leading 1-0). Someone has done a good job out at Lions with these youngsters and their form fully deserves the rave reports they are getting.

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YOU'LL never believe this but last Sunday GO SOCCER was sold out at Perry



Park. Please don't blame the publishing staff, for Brisbane City are actually the "sellers" at their home games. No doubt the City promotions people will attend to the shortage at the next home game.

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*SOME more players on the move. Tony Schofield who was a promising Lions favourite has gone to Darra United. Ricky Mangan who was in the PSL squad last year has been sold to Gold Coast United. Some more names are likely to follow soon.*

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ALAN VENABLES the Lions utility player from last years PSL squad has returned from Hong Kong where he has been playing. Alan will no doubt be pushing soon to be included in Vincze's top squad.

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*SOUTHS United have made a good capture in ex-Lions goalkeeper John Hardaker. John has been around for a while but will be a great asset to Souths in their attempt to win honours.*

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PROBABLY the most significant move made by Lions could take place at the A.G.M. A motion has been put forward for consideration to open membership to this club which owes its origins and very existence to Dutch migrants. It has long been a ruling that membership could never exceed a 75% to 25% ratio in favour of Dutch nationals thereby "ensuring" a board of directors, mainly Dutch in ethnic feeling. With open membership this ratio will probably disappear and the general feeling among the present directors is that this step is a natural and necessary move in the new world of PSL football. Forward looking indeed.

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*SATURDAY night sees an experiment in Brisbane soccer. Many people feel "night soccer" lifts the standard of players as players are not subjected to the energy sapping qualities of the sun. Lions are willing to give this theory a try and are hoping the public will turn up to give an opinion. The usual entertainments will be presented to ensure nothing is altered*

*except the day and time of presentation. Think back to some of the great PSL games we witnessed last year under the Perry Park lights and you may feel inclined to agree with the nighttime theory.*

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THE "formula" for naming teams to participate in the Philips Cup is not "new". It was tried unsuccessfully years ago in the old Australia Cup and was found wanting. Too many teams vary in composition from year to year and the fact that they finish top one season is no guarantee that they'll be a good side the next. The problem is just not so simple, but it could be the "reward syndrome" is as good a method as any, for who can truly say that form is a consistent thing.

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*LIONS planning a giant sized "Hangi" out at Richlands. Seems this type of night goes over "a bomb" and like bingo has its travelling support. All you Lions fans want to get your tickets early for it may be necessary to limit the amount of entries due to the elaborate catering preparation. The food available has to be the most mouth watering selection (ever fancied this (deep) baked suckling pig?) and the usual refreshments are all on tap. This, like most other Lions functions, will be a real wing-ding night. Don't ring GO SOCCER if you want tickets ring Paul Templeton on AFTER HOURS 376 1355.*

—oOo—

NOVEL entertainment this Saturday for all our female friends who attend Perry Park. A fashion parade. Don't groan lads, the barmen at Perry Park can have smoko for half an hour when Barrie Gooddall from the Gold Coast presents his BIKINI GIRLS ON PARADE. They say the show is worth seeing!!! not for what you see but what you don't see???

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*DOC MARSHALL, City's livewire promotions man is off overseas next week. His efforts will be sadly missed but who knows he may come back with more novel and entertaining ideas. No, Max is not going!*



PETER NIELSEN (Ipswich United)



HEARD at Perry Park last Saturday night at North Brisbane v Sunnyside match. Knowledgeable observer stated knowingly at half time that a heavy roller would fix up the turf. Wag immediately answered "There's three heavy rollers on just now." There was President Bill Waddell and committee men Bill Johns and Tony Webster out inspecting the turf!!! Fan's are always good for a laugh.

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WONDER if ever watchful eyes in Perry Park boardroom witnessed the City player's "antics" coming off field last Sunday. His fisticuffs, done at the run could have won him a red card and a stiff sentence in seasons past. No respecter of size or weight either by the looks of things, would appear to be a small package of dynamite . . . except for that run!

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MAL BLAND's Merton youngsters off to a good start with two wins in two matches. With the Richlands kids they are throwing down the gauntlet on behalf of local youth. Keep it up lads.

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BIT of discontent around re the cancellation of games. Despite our whinge in last week's GO SOCCER, first division match again postponed due to . . . what? Ground unfit? Couldn't be game played at three p.m. Let's cut the shenanigan. Don't play first division matches at Perry Park, or play them one or the other.

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CROWD of 16,000, wonder how many were of Greek origin? turned out to see local derby between Fitzroy and South Melbourne and you'll never believe it there were no big name imported guests playing. Just goes to show, the fans are there all we've got to do is get them out of the woodwork. The result? No war — a 1-1 draw.

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MARCONI dropped their first point of the season when playing the improving Adelaide City. Both Adelaide sides are now apparently showing the form they

showed when setting the PSL scene ablaze last year. Wonder what sort of crowd that will bring in, West Adelaide v Adelaide City, if both maintain their winning ways.

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MITCHELTON and Gold Coast posted notice of their second division aspirations with good first up victories, Mitchy beating Redcliffe 5-2, and Gold Coast beating Wynnum 3-2.

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TOM McLEOD the talented City full back has been held over in Scotland with a domestic problem and is unlikely to be seen here for some time, if ever.

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STRONG rumour around that Peter Gee may soon be performing in PSL. The Thistle goalkeeper certainly has all the class for the task, it appears a small matter of dollars is the stumbling block.



IAIN FAGAN (St. George)

## 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 City v Eastern Suburbs — April 2

- 3 — FRANK PIMBLETT
- 2 — LARRY GAFFNEY
- 1 — KEVIN CALDWELL

Pimblett probably produced his best performance of the season in the terrible conditions, leading the side by example with his superb ball control, tackling and absorption of the heavy stuff. He got up glaring after being dumped heavily by Ernie Campbell after making one of his accurate passes but came back strongly for more. Pimblett also gave Kevin Caldwell, who was expected to be under some pressure because of his positional change, at the back tremendous support. Gaffney was his usual 90 minute workmanlike self and again produced the now familiar ability to come from behind players and poach possession. Caldwell tackled like a demon and showed again that reputations mean nothing. He chased Silva like a hare all day and during the second half the crafty Brazilian was switched to the right wing by Gerry Chaldi. Denis Ford must have been very pleased with Caldwell's adaption to his unaccustomed role.

The progressive points after five home matches, (three for City and two for Lions) are:

- 5 — STEVE PERRY (BC)
- LARRY GAFFNEY (BC)
- 4 — FRANK PIMBLETT (BC)
- 3 — ALAN NIVEN (BL)
- NIGEL LOWNDS (BL)
- 2 — JOHN NEALE (BL)
- WILLIE CONNER (BC)
- GEOFF MORRIS (BL)
- 1 — BARRIE FAIRBROTHER (BL)
- ALAN MARLEY (BC)
- JIM HERMISTON (BL)
- KEVIN CALDWELL (BC)

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# 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
- 16 GEOFF MORRIS
- 17 ALAN VENABLES
- 20 NIGEL LOWNDS

**Coach:** GUYLA VINCZE

## CANBERRA CITY

- 1 RON TILSED
- 2 DANNY MOULIS
- 3 MIKE MILANOVIC
- 4 TONY HENDERSON
- 5 LUIS SALGADO
- 6 JOHN DAVIES
- 7 STEPHEN HOGG
- 9 TERRY BYRNE
- 10 BRIAN STODDART
- 11 JOHN BROWN
- 13 IAN HEYWOOD
- 14 JIM CANT
- 18 ROY STARK
- 20 DAVE LINDENMEYER

**Coach:** JOHNNY WARREN



JOHNNY WARREN (Canberra City)

## Next Weekends Matches

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

## Last Years Results

- Brisbane Lions 0 v Canberra City 1
- Canberra City 1 v Brisbane Lions 1