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A strong heading duel from the recent Philips League scoreless draw at Perry Park between Brisbane Lions defender Alan Venables and St. George centre forward Robert O'Shea. Lions meet Adelaide City on Sunday and St. George are at home in Sydney to Brisbane City.

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'GO SOCCER'

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NATIONAL PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Wests Humbled

ADELAIDE — Adelaide City, playing scintillating football, humiliated highly fancied Sydney side Western Suburbs 4-2 at Olympic Sports Field.

City virtually took command after only three minutes when midfielder Henry Kolecki turned on a loose ball outside the area and whacked the ball past Wests goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

The goal sparked off the Adelaide club and they started to cause chaos in midfield and in the fragile Western Suburbs defence.

Apart from a brief period of resistance midway through the first half and early in the second, Wests were always struggling against the sparkling skills and creative dominance of midfielders Johnny Perin, Gary Marochi, Kolecki and Brian Northcote.

They combined effectively for 90 minutes and it was through their influence that City were able to continually exploit the Western Suburbs defence, highlighted by razor sharp passing in midfield and clever moves from defence to attack.

City, confident and sharp in all departments made it two nil five minutes from half-time when winger John Nyskohus rocketed in a drive from outside the area.

Only seconds earlier, Nyskohus lay motionless on the turf after colliding heavily with a Western Suburbs defender.

Wests made a belated reply through Alan Fisher three minutes after the break, yet they never at any stage looked like getting back into the game.

City's midfield, which held sway all day, exploded and it was not long before City increased their lead.

It came in spectacular style in the 66th minute when Northcote slipped a pass to Perin, who hammered a cannonball shot from 40 metres past helpless goalkeeper Woodhouse.

In the 75th minute Kolecki consolidated City's position when he beautifully curled a volley over Woodhouse's head into the net.

Referee Donald Campbell, who had controlled the game extremely well, stunned City and their supporters a minute into

injury time when he awarded a penalty against them.

The infringement was for a push by Robert Marwe against a Western Suburbs striker.

Clive Eaton converted the spot kick to save some face for the humiliated Sydney side which until today were in second position behind Marconi on the Philips League ladder.

It's All Marconi

SYDNEY — A glorious flying header from Marconi's 1978 signing Mark Jankovics sealed their 2-0 win over West Adelaide at Marconi Oval.

It was the tenacious Jankovics' seventh goal of the season and Marconi's ninth League game without loss. Jankovics himself was impeded by West Adelaide right-back Barry Reynolds during a determined 58 minute break along the left. Marconi's Socceroo midfielder, Jimmy Rooney scooped his free kick across goal and West Adelaide's goalkeeper, Martin Cook, was left groping as Jankovics climbed high for a perfectly placed header.

From then on Marconi cruised along, occasionally playing possession football at the back, but at all time, doing enough to either pressurise the South Australians' defence, or render their attacks ineffectual.

West Adelaide's claim to fame, an unbeaten away record to date, seemed doomed from the moment in the 16th minute that Bert Mariani calmly back-heeled Marconi's first goal.

Rooney delivered a low through ball up the right wing and Peter Sharne lunged forward, secure in the knowledge that his apparent offside position was covered by West Adelaide's right back Reynold's failure to come forward on the far side.

Sharne, the complete destroyer, beat a tackle for a short pass to Mariani, who knocked the ball home.

West Adelaide lost the services of their Greek international Con Kampas with a pulled leg muscle in the 28th minute.

Five minutes previously he had twisted awkwardly as he went up to fist a high

ball that had beaten the defence.

West Adelaide played well enough in midfield where skipper Neil McGachey and Peter Boyle were constructive, and David Jones was the pillar of the defence.

The forwards' shooting was either non-existent or atrocious.

Graham Honeyman measured up early, but later there was a complete void until Vic Bozanic and McGachey went close in the 70th and 73rd minutes.

David Pillans was entirely lost when he came within shooting distance, proving without shadow of a doubt that he is strictly a midfielder.

Marconi left-back Paul Degney played all over highly regarded West Adelaide right-back Reynolds, whenever they met.

If there is a weakness in this Marconi line-up it could only be defender Barry Jones, who too often retained possession long enough to get in a jam.

Parting Gift

SYDNEY — Fitzroy gave their coach a fine parting gift when they defeated high-flying Sydney Olympic by 3-1 at Wentworth Park.

Fitzroy's coach Tony Boggi, made it clear before the match it would be his last as a coach and his players gave him a performance he can long remember.

The Melbournites' performance belied their bottom position on the P.S.L. table playing their no-frills game with deadly effect.

It took Fitzroy only eight minutes to go into the lead when their midfield Maestro Pat Bannon sent Gary Cole away through the middle for the big striker to crack the ball home.

Olympic continued to play at a reasonable level, but by comparison their attack lacked the deadly finishing and crispness.

Fitzroy went further into the lead much to chagrin of the 3,000 odd fans when Cole again netted.

In the 39th minute midfielder Mike Mickevski sent over a fine cross for Cole to beat one defender before hammering the ball past Gary Meier.

Olympic desperately tried to push forward, but Fitzroy's defence was playing in fine form and failed to yield, being marshalled by Jim Tansey and Bob O'Reilly.

After half time Olympic looked eager to reduce the gap when Fitzroy unexpectedly increased it.

In the 47th minute a corner was headed home by Jim Campbell who glanced the ball from an acute angle into the near corner of the net.

Olympic, to their credit, never gave up and continued to pressure Fitzroy, but it was not until the 50th minute that a way through was found.

Dull Deadlock

SYDNEY — Six clear cut missed chances in 90 minutes were the only bright parts of a lifeless scoreless draw in the clash between Eastern Suburbs and South Melbourne at Wentworth Park.

South Melbourne retained its unbeaten away record to register two wins and two draws, although both teams were nervous and disappointing.

Eastern Suburbs generally had the better of the attack but had to withstand a sustained ten minutes charge by South Melbourne early in the second half.

"It was a definite plan as one goal would have won the match," said the South Melbourne coach Dave McLaren.

He described the score as a fair result and partly blamed the warm weather for his teams performance.

McLaren said Easts had lost some of the fire power and confidence they had last year, and like South Melbourne were not moving up to attack.

A disappointed Eastern Suburbs coach, Gerry Chaldi, said his team had its chances to win but the weakness in strikers cost the two points.

"We had to win today because the ladder is so tight the loss of one point could push you down to the middle of the table," he said.

Chaldi is pinning his hopes on the return of striker Terry Smith and also predicted a big future for Chelsea import Ian Souness after he had settled in.

Souness was a constant source of worry to the South Melbourne defence but had little support to finish his probing of the Melbourne backline.

In the 30th minute, he fed Luis Di Melo a pass to an open goal only to see the drive pushed away by keeper John Hansen.

Hansen again saved the visitors in the 42nd minute. A movement started by Murray Barnes involved four players and finished with Ernie Campbell, whose powerful header was flipped over the bar by Hansen at the second attempt.

A few minutes earlier Bob McGuinness latched onto a free kick in Easts penalty area but was too eager and put the ball in the side net.

Eagerness also cost South Melbourne chances when they were ruled offside twice in succession as they threatened the

Eastern Suburbs goal early in the second half.

The game drifted into dull positional passing, during most of the session and only livened again in the final 10 minutes when both teams launched desperation raids to seek a winning goal.

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	5	4	1	—	16	5	9
W. Suburbs	5	2	3	—	9	6	7
Brisbane City	5	3	—	2	6	5	6
Adelaide City	5	2	1	2	6	5	5
Canberra City	5	—	5	—	8	8	5
Fitzroy Utd.	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
St. George	4	2	—	2	6	6	4
Sth. Melbourne	5	1	2	2	5	6	4
E. Suburbs	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Footscray	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
Brisbane Lions	4	—	3	1	3	6	3
Syd. Olympic	4	1	—	3	5	7	2
West Adelaide	4	1	—	3	5	7	2
Newcastle Utd.	4	—	2	2	4	8	2

AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	4	3	1	—	8	0	7
Sth. Melbourne	4	2	2	—	5	1	6
Adelaide City	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Brisbane Lions	5	2	2	1	11	10	6
Syd. Olympic	5	2	2	1	5	5	6
Footscray	5	2	2	1	4	5	6
E. Suburbs	4	2	1	1	10	5	5
Newcastle Utd.	5	1	3	1	7	9	5
West Adelaide	4	1	2	1	3	4	4
W. Suburbs	4	2	—	2	8	10	4
Canberra City	4	1	1	2	5	6	3
St. George	5	1	1	3	4	6	3
Brisbane City	4	1	—	3	4	7	2
Fitzroy Utd.	5	—	2	3	4	11	2

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	9	7	2	—	24	5	16
W. Suburbs	9	4	3	2	17	16	11
Sth. Melbourne	9	3	4	2	10	7	10
E. Suburbs	9	3	3	3	14	11	9
Adelaide City	9	3	3	3	12	11	9
Brisbane Lions	9	2	5	2	14	16	9
Footscray	9	3	3	3	7	10	9
Canberra City	9	1	6	2	13	14	8
Brisbane City	9	4	—	5	10	12	8
Syd. Olympic	9	3	2	4	10	12	8
West Adelaide	9	3	2	4	9	11	8
St. George	9	3	1	5	10	12	7
Newcastle Utd.	9	1	5	3	11	17	7
Fitzroy Utd.	9	2	3	4	9	16	7

LEADING P.S.L. GOALSCORERS

7 Goals —
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
Clive Eaton (Wests)
5 Goals—
Allan Fisher (Wests)
Alan Hughes (Lions)
Phil O'Connor (St. George)
Roberto Vieri (Marconi)
Gary Cole (Fitzroy)
4 Goals—
Ken Boden (Newcastle)
Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)
Terry Byrne (Canberra)
John Nyskohus (Adelaide City)
Alan Ainslie (Olympic)
Peter Ollerton (South Melbourne)
3 Goals—
Hilton Silva (Easts)
Roberto Echeverria (Brisbane City)
Ernie Campbell (Easts)
Jim Rooney (Marconi)
Gary Byrne (Marconi)
Joe Senkalski (Olympic)
Alan Marley (Brisbane City)
John Stevenson (Easts)
Bertie Mariani

WEEKEND REFEREES

RICHLANDS v ST. GEORGE
Referee: Deiter Klose
Linesmen: Mike Brine, Leon Lewandowski
SUNNYSIDE v MERTON
Referee: Des Miles
Linesmen: Tom Davis, John Austin
SPENCER PARK v THISTLE
Referee: Ron Richmond
Linesmen: Brian Luxton, Karl Bornkessel
MT. GRAVATT v EAGLES
Referee: Col Amos
Linesmen: Barry Norton, Bryson Legge
REDLANDS v NORTH BRISBANE
Referee: Jack Wood
Linesmen: Pete Murray, Ken Davis
IPSWICH UNITED v ANNERLEY
Referee: John Folling
Linesmen: Ray Bennett, John Hicks

CLUB NEWS

SALISBURY SLAMMER

by Geoff Stead

SIX goals in three weeks is the average held by Salisbury striker, Bruce Austin, following his team's third division draw against Olympic last week.

Austin got both goals in the 2-all draw. He has scored in every game since being signed by the club a month ago.

Salisbury went to the lead after being one-nil down at half-time but let a late equaliser end their hopes of two points.

Their first goal came after constant pressure resulted in a goal mouth scuffle.

The ball was unsuccessfully cleared by the Olympic defence several times before Bruce Austin was able to hook it into the net.

The second goal showed Austin's talent in the penalty box. He took a high cross on his head, let it drop to his chest, then his thigh before hitting a half-volley into the net.

The game was essentially one of good defences.

Prolific Salisbury goal-scorer, Peter Wybranowski, was completely marked out of the game as was centre-forward, Johnny Slater.

Tony Collins and Steve Gilliard had good games in the Salisbury defence, marking the Olympic forwards well.

Wayne Ham, Graham Stone and Johnny Carter played well in midfield and for some periods completely dominated it. Salisbury keeper, Colin Jensen, was impressive, especially in the way he took high balls from the corners.

This game, like the earlier eighth division game had far too many dangerous tackles. When both teams decided to play football they looked attractive.

This game showed Salisbury's depth of talent. Although three key players were out injured the club were still able to field a side capable of holding its own in this division.

The club's strength may be deepened further following the quiet remark by spectator, John Austin, brother of the team's top scorer, Bruce, that he might start training again. The players would look forward to his return.

A hat-trick by new signing, Dave Murray, earned Salisbury Eighth Division a three all draw with Olympic.

Murray, who previously played with Inala Rangers, showed skill that will no

doubt mean promotion to the club's top team.

He completely outwitted the Olympic defence with his first goal when he dribbled past three players before tucking the ball in the corner.

His second and third goals showed his skill in front of the goal-mouth.

On both occasions, after receiving a pass from midfielder, Mark Brigden, he kept his cool and chipped the on-coming Olympic goal-keeper.

Salisbury went to half-time 3-1 down after failing to control the midfield.

The Olympic goals came after misunderstandings in the Salisbury defence.

It was a different Salisbury that came on in the second half following a stern half-time talk by stand-in coach, Fred Robins.

Salisbury players showed more determination and thought more about the football they played.

The end of the game was unfortunately marred by fighting and unnecessary vicious tackles.

Both sides were to blame as retaliation is as bad as the original offence.

Stricter refereeing from the outset could have made this a game of football rather than a Saturday afternoon fight. A draw was a fair result in a game where Chris Bowen, Ted Hutchinson and Mick MacIntyre all went well.

A scorching 20-yard goal by Brad Cotton in his debut game for Salisbury Senior Colts helped his team defeat Gold Coast 3-0, at Broadbeach.

Cotton took the ball on the left side of the field, pushed it onto his right foot, and unleashed a powerful shot that deflected off the inside of the far post into the goal.

It was a good debut for Cotton, who had been promoted from the club's Junior Colts side to add goal-scoring power to the Senior Colts team.

He always looked dangerous on the left wing and often dropped back into midfield to help defend.

Midfielder, Shane Robertson, also played well in his first game back from injury.

Robertson, who has been out for a month with a groin injury, dominated in the midfield and although not match fit continued running to the end.

Salisbury's other goals were scored by centre-forward, Grant Sibbald.

The first came following some good midfield work that resulted in Sibbald receiving the ball on the penalty spot.

He took the ball to the right, dragging the goal-keeper and a defender with him before slotting it back to the open left hand side of the goal.

The second goal came after a goal mouth scuffle.

Salisbury were never in trouble and good defence by Greg Gillespie and Gary Weir stopped the Gold Coast forwards.

The score could have been twice as high but for some easy misses by Salisbury forwards following good work in midfield.

Mark Brigden, Steve Donald and John Troeger all played well. Mention must be made about the large number of Salisbury supporters who made the trip to the Gold Coast to watch their team.

The fans were in their usual vocal mood and the victory added to the good day had by all.

GOLD COAST COMMENT

by the Onlooker

TWIN Towns City gained revenge over Gold Coast United for their defeat in last season's grand final with a devastating performance to win 4-1. United held complete command throughout the first half and it was not surprising when they took the lead. They were awarded a free kick on their left touchline and Mike Wilson, running through unmarked, headed it home.

City had a couple of chances to equalise but stout defence on the part of Selway, Boulton and Hope kept them out. It was during one of these attacks that goalkeeper Craig Hope clashed heads with a Twin Towns player and was replaced shortly after halftime. Lees had the ball in the net for City just before the interval but Mullawa had fouled the keeper and the goal was disallowed. Mullawa unwisely continued to argue with the referee and it was little wonder he had his name taken.

The second half was a different game as Twin Towns slipped into top gear. Lees equalised just after the resumption and it was from that moment that City got going. Hope was beginning to feel the effects of the head knock and was replaced by Carlos March in the United goal. The second City goal was bad luck for United. A long ball was banged down the centre and March, coming out of his goal attempting to clear rebounded it off Lees into the net. United began to fall to pieces and City scored again to take advantage of some slack defence. From a

free kick on the right, Lees was left completely unmarked and headed home.

Andy Rossall sealed the match for City with a goal that looked more like a Rugby League bomb. He was left unmarked just outside the United area and as March came out he lobbed the ball high and bounced into the empty net. Palm Beach showed in their match at Ashmere Village against Southport that last week's form against Gold Coast was too bad to be true by outclassing the opposition.

The acquisition of a couple of players given them the midfield drive they have been sadly lacking, and has also lifted the form of the rest of the team. Final score, Palm Beach 3 d. Southport 1. The winning form of the previous week continues to falter as Beaudesert, after thrashing Nerang 7-3 came to Musgrave Hill to be soundly defeated by Athletic 5-1.

TRIDENT DOUBLE

TRIDENT 2 — TARINGA 0

TRIDENT second division — It seems to be the reverse of last year, Trident winning all their home games so far and losing two away games. Come on boys, let's break the jinx, seventh division has.

The first half opened at a cracking pace with both teams playing a hard game of soccer which produced some good football at times. It was fairly even with plenty of chances for both sides, three in particular for Trident from Dennis Lockhart, John Shepherd and John Kennedy (whose goal was disallowed). As for Taringa they found in Trident's new keeper, Sam Mancini, a 'safe pair of hands, good eye for the ball and reflexes which are needle sharp.' The score at half time was nil all.

The second half started at the same fast pace with Trident attacking Taringa's goal repeatedly. Once again Trident's continuous pressure pays off; John Hudson in his usual style of play pin-pointing a beautiful cross to John Kennedy who left no doubt by scoring Trident's first goal. Taringa retaliated but was denied any scoring chances by the performance of Trident's defence of Bart McConaghy, Peter Harris, Mick Dorian and the impregnable Sam Mancini. Taringa, however lost the grip on the match when they failed to maintain pressure, and Trident bounced back to increase the lead in the 73rd minute via John Shepherd with a tremendous right cross which deflected from a Taringa player and the ball floated into the far corner.

A good win for Trident, but they must learn to retain possession if they are to be a threat. The number of times simple passes went astray was uncountable and this grave fault could cost them dearly.

In seventh division Trident was victorious once again. They were far too strong for Taringa, with a 5-0 win in a very one-sided game, with Alex Pyrih getting a hat-trick and Will Threadgould and Phil Zaeza scoring one each.

The game opened up with Trident taking the initiative by attacking hard and maintaining continuous pressure on the Taringa's defence which resulted in the score being at half time — Trident 2, Taringa 0.

The second half saw Trident maintaining their first half performance which netted them further three goals. Any chances that Taringa might have had to score were denied to them by Trident's defence of Dave Southern, John Panasiuk and Lex Duncan.

A very good win as a result of "team effort."

IPSWICH ITEMS

by Iain Kesson

WHAT a shocker! It's hard to put your finger on any one department or on any particular thing we did wrong. There was plenty to choose from all over the park. Our biggest fault was bad passing and that's basics as you can't afford to give away possession 130 odd times and expect to win. Yet we did create eight goalscoring chances. Makes you wonder.

I don't want to take anything away from St. George as they put the ball past us three times and deserved to win. We will have to put a lot more spirit into our game before this weekend.

Our reserves or sixth division were away to Grange Thistle last weekend and came home with a 3-1 win, which could easily have ended up in double figures. An accumulation of hard luck, good saves and bad finishing caused this one to end up only 3-1. In a game where Saints had 80 per cent of the play we found ourselves a goal down through a goal keeping error. The second half was again a procession, but this time with more success. Rick Kitching getting two and Trevor Broadbent the other. Young Billy McQueen continues to improve. Peter Binnie had a strong game in defence.

Now a word of thanks to the gentleman who stepped in to referee this match

when the appointed official didn't show up! This seems to be problem that is increasing as the season goes on.

I would like to know if the referees' association takes any action in these cases, if action is necessary! But since the powers that be made the decision to rename reserve grade sixth division that's how it's being treated.

It's farcical to call these teams sixth division as they could beat most teams in third division and probably more than half of the second division. How can clubs hold players you require for depth for your first division side when they get treated like social football players by officialdom.

The senior colts suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Spencer Park United, and we have no one but ourselves to blame. We didn't capitalise on 60-40 possession, and chances went begging in the first half when players who had plenty of time to steady themselves preferred to shoot first time and off target.

After Spencer Park scored their goal from the penalty spot they really turned on a fighting display to hold onto the points and that's exactly what they did.

We will have to learn you are never defeated until the final whistle. Booval Stars had a fighting draw, coming back from 2-0 down to Bayside in the fourth division. Bayside's first goal was the keeper's mistake. A badly directed free kick was sent back first time straight over his head.

The second was a deflection off a defender. Bayside had most of the first half but after the break Booval started to get into the game but never really fired until Graham Hillard came on and it was only justice that he should score Stars' first goal.

Graham Suthers scored the equaliser from a good through ball from Errol Zano. If Booval can play with enthusiasm of their coach, who should never have gone on the field with his damaged ribs, they will be a hard side to beat.

Our junior colts No. 1 had a good win over local rivals Coalstars 3-0. The second junior colts played a 3-3 draw with Wynnum.

The ladies had an up and down weekend, the third division winning 3-0 over the Mixtures (sounds more like a pop group) and the second division went down to University.

DUTTON PARK UNITED

The Bubble has Burst.

WELL it finally happened, the previously unbeaten (30 goals for and 1 against) Dutton Park United fell to the superior ball skills of South Star last week in what could be termed a physical game to say the least.

United took the field brimming with confidence following its 6-0 thrashing of North Pine on Anzac Day. The game see-sawed from one end of the field to the other, with South Star looking the more creative in attack. They were finally rewarded in the 35th minute when after a goal mouth scrimmage involving at least 8 players, the ball was rolled over the goal line by a South Star forward and thus taking the sides in 1-0 to South Star at half time.

United's coach Doug Carningham, for the second game in a row brought himself on after the interval and United looked dangerous in attack, with great shots from Alex McLaren and Gary Wyvill just cleared by the South Star keeper. South Star seemed content with a one goal margin and used the big boot whenever the ball entered their half of the field. They were unlucky to have a second goal ruled off-side during this half. The final score being 1-0 to South Star.

Good games for United were turned in by Captain Roy Carter, Ian Robinson, Steve George, Eric Summons and when he came on Doug Carningham. Word has it that United's players didn't like the taste of defeat and are now more determined than ever not to let it happen again.

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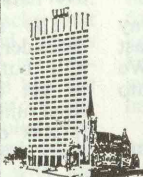
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ACACIA RIDGE

by Mike Collins

ACACIA Ridge v Valleys: Valleys coach Mark Walker must have had a king size headache after watching his team throw away two valuable points after leading 3-0 after 30 minutes in the second division match at Acacia Ridge. Valleys thoroughly deserved their lead. They scored No. 1 after 12 minutes with a

great opportunist goal that left Ridge keeper Alan Davis groping thin air. Four minutes later they scored their second from the penalty spot and No. 3 came up after 29 minutes with some leadup work finishing with a low drive into the net.

Three minutes later Kirk Lilley pulled one back for the Ridge with a fine shot on the run from just outside the box. Six minutes later the Ridge were back in the game with a headed goal from Big Noddy Terry Kennedy from a Colin Gillespie cross. Half time Acacia Ridge 2, Valleys 3.

The second half picked up where the first half ended with one way traffic into the Valleys half. Their keeper must have thought the Third World War had started with leather flying at him from all directions and it seemed just a matter of time before the Ridge Power Machine struck again.

It wasn't until the 68th minute that they did, when Kennedy equalised from the spot after a handball. Three minutes later he notched his first hat-trick of the season when he mesmerised the Valleys defence before slipping his shot home.

Goal No. 5 came two minutes later

when Big Noddy headed home from close range to give him a personal tally of four for the match.

Another who had a good game was Nick Griffin, who with a little luck could well have scored a hat-trick. Once again Kirk Lilley worked well in the mid field.

Acacia Ridge v Darra: As usual this match was no place for the faint-hearted, as there is very little love lost when these two teams meet. It was a game of two halves with Darra looking the better side before half time and it was against the run of play when Acacia Ridge scored first after 27 minutes with a goal from Nick Griffin, who deserved it for sheer effort alone.

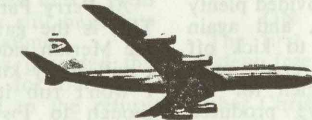
Darra coach Bob May must have been shaking his head in disbelief when it went in. Darra continued to pressure the Ridge defence for the remainder of the first half with no luck.

Four minutes into the second half Darra received their just reward when Larry Lavarevski snatched a good opportunist goal from the corner. This seemed to wake Acacia Ridge up and from this point they started to get on top for the first time in the game although it was

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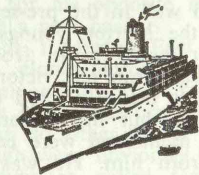
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not until the 86th minute that they scored number two. Billy Slater took a long throw-in into the Darra penalty box where Ian Proud nodded it on to Terry Kennedy who made no mistake with his head.

Two minutes later the ball was in the back of the Darra goal again when Terry Kennedy sewed the game up with another header from a Nev Cruickshank corner. Man of the match must have been John Hilton playing at the back for the Ridge — he ran his heart out for 90 minutes — never really looking in danger at any time.

Full time — Acacia Ridge 3 Darra 1.

MERTON MEMOS

by Eric Sinclair

SINCE this is the first copy from the Merton East Football Club to appear in GO SOCCER I would like to begin in retrospect with brief comment regarding the first division games played prior to the weekend 29th-30th April.

The season began amidst the first rains for many months and it was doubtful almost until kickoff time that it would begin on time for the East Brisbane boys. Referee Nugent decided that the field was fit for play and battle commenced between North Brisbane and Merton, the Goliaths and Davids of the pre-season competition. The home team adapted to the sloppy conditions much better than North Brisbane to come out victors. The result was hailed as an upset by the Press but was confidently expected by coach Mal Bland who is doing a great job for the club.

The following week also provided plenty of juice, sadly needed now, and again the game was in doubt up to kick off time. I think a great deal of credit must go to the Merton Groundsmen for the manner in which they have produced Heath Park this season. Without their efforts I doubt very much if either this game or the previous weeks game could have gone on. Thanks to Sandy and Shane. St. George must have been pre-game favourites as they also had performed well in the pre-season games, but again the Merton youngsters inspired by another great game from "The Boss", Mal Bland ran out victors. I don't know if Mal is being infected by the youth of his team, but his performances in both games mentioned were equal to any I've seen from him. He was well supported of course and not one of the lads could be said to have turned in bad games

against either North Brisbane or St. George. The stage seemed set for a great season, two games for two wins against sides who had both been tipped as the sides to beat during 1978.

Away to Annerley the lads seemed set to continue in their winning ways. Leading 1-0 at half time after a copy book goal from Mal Bland off a Billy Fisher cross, they further consolidated the position a short way into the second half when "The Boss" flashed in to intercept a loose back pass and round keeper Ferguson to tap in the easiest of goals. This lead was carried until mid way through the second half when a cross from the left flank deceived Chris Carroll and sneaked under the bar to pull one goal back for Annerley. This obviously inspired the Blues who kept up the pressure until a wickedly spinning ball skidded from the boot of "Reliable Rodney" Stein to flash past a wrong footed Chris Carroll. Final score Annerley 2, Merton East 2.

At home to Redlands, this time on top of the ground. The result 1-0 in favour of Redlands. To anyone who saw the game this result was not indicative of the play. The woodwork copped a caning from several Merton shots but unfortunately these don't get points. Redlands went away with two points which they really didn't deserve. They have potentially the best striker in first division football in the lanky Barry Kelso, but he doesn't get the service he should from his team. With his height he has a six inch start to any high ball but the service he gets is pitiful. Even the cross from which he scored reached him at waist height and it was only his lanky legs that allowed him to get a foot over the ball to hammer it past Chris Carroll.

At Perry Park as hosts to Ipswich Utd. This is the game I, and I'm sure all of the Merton side, would like to forget, so I will. They know they had a shocker so I won't rub it in. A word of warning though to Ipswich United. This is the worst game I've seen a Merton side play in many years, don't take it as regular form. You will have to play a lot better in the return game because let's face it you didn't set the turf on fire either. One highlight of this otherwise dreadful game was the goalkeeping of Chris Carroll, the most underrated keeper in Brisbane. In the second half particularly he was left exposed to make at least a half dozen point blank reflex saves. Well done Chris Carroll, who, incidentally is one of the nicest blokes I've encountered in this game of ours.

And so to the weekend of 29th-30th April. A big weekend for Merton East

seniors, with all teams taking major points. Saturday saw the sixth division side at home to North Brisbane. Up to this game the lads had failed to record a win and had only one point from their four games. This should not be so because they have the ability to do much better.

Of the games I've seen from them this season none have been lost because the opposition was superior to them, they've been lost due to a lack of application and concentration. This game saw an improvement in both of these areas and I can see no reason why they could not go on with the job.

The game itself provided few memorable highlights but the result must have satisfied newly appointed coach Nev Grimley. Keep up the good work lads.

One disappointing feature of this game and I mean no offence to the player involved, was the appearance of Johnny Griffiths in the North Brisbane lineup. John provided a reasonable game but was not even a shadow of his former self. It is a poor reflection on the North Brisbane club that they don't have some youngster willing or able to play in place of this formerly very good footballer, in what is virtually their Reserve side.

Sunday saw both the first division and senior colts sides as hosts to Lions (Whoops, that should be Richlands Windmills), but one could be excused for the mistake since the first division side appeared in shirts bearing Philips League logos and Lions emblems, must have borrowed them from that other club.

The colts provided the curtain raiser. The Merton East club is justifiably proud of its youngsters who, coming into this fixture had recorded six wins from as many games. Under the guidance of Jim Dolan the boys have moulded into a good working combination. They still have lots to learn but they are still young.

The Richlands youngsters provided the stiffest opposition to date for our colts and I am looking forward to the return fixture. The game was fast moving and freely swung from one end of the pitch to the other placing pressure on both sets of defenders. Mid way through the first half saw a scramble in the Richlands goalmouth from which Steve Moss was able to put the home team in front with a well taken goal. The score remained unchanged up to the break with both sides providing some bright football.

At the twelfth minute mark of the 2nd half Graham Fisher a younger brother to Billy of the first division side, chased a long ball down the right flank before placing a first rate cross on the head of George Takis, the ball bounced before

reaching the line and was kicked away by a defender. Linesman, John Folling, who was perfectly positioned, indicated that the ball had crossed the line before the clearance and the referee awarded accordingly, much to the disappointment of Richlands supporters.

They too must learn to accept referee's decisions. I doubt that anyone of them was in a position to judge whether the ball had crossed the line or not. Ivan Frkovic was able to pull a goal back for the Richlands boys but the final result — Merton East 2, Richlands 1.

Congratulations to both sides for an entertaining game.

FIRST DIVISION

With "The Boss" sidelined with nagging injury, the morale of the Merton supporters, ALL YE OF LITTLE FAITH, could hardly be described as high. Many were heard to claim that Merton could not win without Mal Bland, but neither the team, nor "The Boss" shared their pessimism. Sure, it was going to be hard, but they had something to prove to themselves and to us after the Ipswich United debacle.

The two teams fielded in this game must surely be the youngest in first division and this reflects credit on both clubs who are prepared to give the youngsters a go. I'm sure this policy will reap dividends in the not too distant future. I doubt that any club in Brisbane could boast that of a squad of fourteen shown on the teamsheet, nine have come from junior ranks within that club.

This was the proud position of Merton East in the first division fixture. Mal Bland is doing a great job as are Phil Thompson, Rod Stein and Chris Carroll who had had a lot of youthful experience. Good on the Golden Oldies.

ON WITH THE GAME

The first half proved to be virtually incident free with both sets of defenders holding the upper hand, so much so that neither Chris Carroll nor the blond haired youngster, Wilson, were in any way called on. The break saw a nil nil scoreline.

The resumption of play saw a more determined Richlands side and after only 8 minutes John Ogden found himself enough space on the right flank to float in a long cross for his opposite flanker, Burns, to convert a neat header.

Score Richlands 1 Merton East 0.

This saw the gloom descend on the Merton supporters and the usual knockers were heard, pity we couldn't send some of them on loan to other clubs.

The lads though were obviously not as pessimistic as their so called fans and showed lots of character to take the game

up to Richlands with several combined raids by Billy Fisher, Johnny Parolin, a young bloke starting to hit his straps after almost two years away from the game through injury, and Jerry Kay, recently christened "Andi Kap" after a Press misprint. One of the raids in the sixteenth minute appeared to have broken down when the ball was safely gathered by keeper Wilson, who in his haste to clear placed the ball neatly to the feet of the unmarked Billy Fisher who then had time to gain a few metres, steady and shoot unchallenged. The young keeper soon suffered the agony of hearing the ball rattle the net. Score one all. The stage seemed set for a big finish with neither side having gained dominance.

The twenty-second minute was incident filled, a long clearance by Rod Stein after a Richlands attack found the Richlands defenders well upfield with a rapidly advancing Jerry Kay ranging up quickly on the keeper who was forced to race to the edge of the box and give us the unusual sight of a keeper going up to head clear.

The impetus of the challenge carried the keeper out of the box and Jerry Kay into the box with the ball falling to the feet of Phil Thompson who controlled and was all set to slot the ball into a totally unguarded goal, when to the

amazement of the Merton fans, the referee's whistle.

Referee, John Folling, had seen an incident in back play which resulted in the immediate dismissal of the Richlands No. 4, Vankerkvoort, for an early shower, treatment to Jerry Kay for a facial injury and the awarding of a penalty to Merton. Jerry Kay quickly recovered to convert the penalty. This makes "Andi Kap" Merton's leading scorer.

From this point on the home side gained the upper hand over the depleted Richlands side and were unlucky not to finish with several more goals. Two attempts were notable, one a bullet like volley from the left boot of Johnny Parolin which hit the keeper on the chest before he even saw it, and a glorious diving header from about fifteen metres by Phil Thompson which was miraculously scrambled off the line by a defender with the keeper well beaten. Final score Merton East 2, Richlands 1.

My points for the match — Phil Thompson 3, Craig Low (Richlands) 3.

I was impressed by this diminutive kid from Richlands, — what he lacks in size he compensates for with skill. I think he's one to watch.

A lesson to be learnt from this game — stupidity in the penalty area, particularly, costs a team dearly.

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THE TWO T'S

TRIDENT v TARINGA (2nd division)

THE two teams met last Saturday bent on getting the points in order to stay in touch with the leaders. Trident, who have a fair share of experience in their side looked like a first division side of yesteryear with faces like Sam Mancini, John Hudson, ex Latrobe John Shepherd, Dennis Lockhart and Dave Millar from Thistle and Leigh Fett ex Merton and Mt. Gravatt all in the blue and gold.

Taringa for the second week running had regular first team men Trevor Davis, Jeff Nevill and Alan Eedy sidelined with injuries but the first twenty minutes would not have told the spectator anything as the game roared from end to end and amazingly a lot of good football was being played, for this field at Pineapple Park looks as if it has been the stamping ground for a herd of elephants.

The bounce of the ball was a lottery, but of the two teams, Taringa were making the best of it and Mancini was forced into his best form as first Lake and then Dobinson sent fierce drives rocketing goalwards. But both backlines held secure until half time.

The second half started tragically for Taringa. In an apparently harmless looking situation there was an amazing lack of decision between full back Potter and goalkeeper Bowen and the left winger was left with the simplest of tap in goals.

Some of the famous fight went out of Taringa and for ten minutes or so Trident, with Hudson and Shepherd very prominent laid siege to the visitors' goal.

However the defence held strong and again traffic was set up towards Trident goal and again the crowd were entertained with a flat out struggle. With seven minutes to go tragedy for Taringa.

A well struck shot was going into a ruck of players when stopper Martin dived to head it. The ball struck him on top of the head and deflected into the corner of the net. Hardly a great goal but enough to secure the points for Trident who would be happy with the displays from their "old hands" especially Hudson who never stopped probing at the Taringa defence.

John Shepherd too had a good game in mid field where his change of pace always threatened to give the edge. For Taringa Potter, Larsen and Martin had good games at the back, Dobinson and Bristow the pick of the others.

SUCCESS

for the DEDICATED?

GO SOCCER feels now is the time to highlight a man who everyone in soccer knows and admires. This man played for many years, was a purist of the true sense, playing his soccer in exactly the same manner he lived, quietly, honestly and above all to a pre-determined set of principles — principles that were never allowed to alter.

Came the end of his career and his thoughts turned to coaching and again the same dedication began to lay out the road to success. First coaching courses which gave him the necessary know how to put his message over to kids.

These courses didn't always bring success for the man is not outspoken or a natural communicator so everything had to be learned and the means of expression developed, but failure did not bring despair, instead more and more dedication until success was gained. With the gaining of his senior award not for him the big name clubs with their experienced "know it all" players who need only a tactician/disciplinarian/manager-type.

Many shrewd observers by this time were recognising the makings of a "true coach," and the common sense inherent in him saw him "take on" a small third division club struggling for survival in a new residential area. Here the policies and ideas in his mind began to formulate themselves and promotion was quickly won to second division and again the struggle with his own principles began for it is usual practice to seek out more experience to bolster up the side.

Again the man's integrity held despite outside pressures as his young side struggled on to survive only because of the progressive club ruling, that allowed them to stay their relegation. Now all the hard work, loyalty and dedication to the finest principles of coaching has borne fruit and we find this youthful side perched high and dry on top of second division, undefeated after five matches, winning them all scoring 14 goals and conceding 5.

Geoff Green, gentleman and coach in the true sense of the word, we at GO SOCCER salute you, you are a ray of sunshine in the somewhat desolate scene that can be Australian soccer. For your sake we wish your side every success.

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COCA-COLA PLAYER OF THE MONTH

SCORER of only two goals in the Philips League last year during an unimpressive season, Lions Alan Hughes already this year has taken his tally to five after nine rounds.

His improved form in 1978 obviously has played a major role in Lions' strong efforts, so much so that Hughes can now be regarded as a regular member of the team.

In March he slammed a hat-trick when Lions upset Eastern Suburbs 3-1 and in the month of April, Hughes scored vital goals against Sydney Olympic, which was described as a gem and last Saturday, the first goal in the 2-2 draw with Newcastle United.

And last Saturday, Hughes displayed his versatility by starting off in the Lions mid field alongside John Neale and Eddie Spearritt.

Alan Hughes is our player of the month for April and this Sunday before the game against Adelaide City will be presented with his Coke bag and a dozen cans of the "adds life to everything" drink.



ALAN HUGHES (Lions)

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IT may look like a rehearsal for the musical *A Chorus Line*, but it's actually the State squad of January, 1968 in training at Darra for the match against the Dallas Tornados at the Exhibition Ground. Squad member BARRY DANN, who is not in the picture, scored the only goal in Queensland's 1-0 win. The players are (from left to right): BARRY BURREN, RAY RICHARDS, GARY WILKINS, GORDON MACKIE, OWEN MONAGHAN, IAN DAVIS, BRUCE PARKES, GEORGE WHITTAKER, ROB HUGHES, MARK WALKER, GRAHAM McMILLAN and SYD TUCKER.

IN THE LIONS DEN

MANY innovations are taking place in Lions club, not the least being the "sister club" idea which is already proving beneficial in many ways. Everyone assumes the obvious and only benefit is the availability of certain players for PSL, but that is only the tip of the iceberg. Many benefits are beginning to manifest themselves "beneath the surface" and we'd like to relate some of them in this "new" section of GO SOCCER which will appear every weekend when Lions are at Perry Park.

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THE giant Hangi, the Polynesian Feast to end all feasts is now a "joint" venture with Lions, Mt. Gravatt, Eagles and Ipswich United all involved. To put on a spectacular like this night requires people lots of them, to give the place a carnival atmosphere. With the "sister clubs" involved a greater number of supporters can be reached and not only will this benefit the Lions Promotions Committee, who are running the venture, but for every ticket sold by a sister club, a percentage goes back to the selling club, so come on, you are witnessing the first venture into co-operative fund raising, make the Hangi like life — BE IN IT. Entrance is by ticket only, the night of May 20th. See you there.

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A MUST for every man who ever picked up a hammer and nail is the first art union being run by the Lions P.C. This is a tool kit, what an understatement, to please any handyman or his little lady. There are tools worth, wait for it — \$2,500 as a prize and looking at the assembled kit one could imagine a house, a boat or even a car taking shape under skilled fingers. One wag, being a bit sarcastic, asked the are union organiser Paul Templeton (a mining supplier) why the kit didn't have a dragline, then the winner could start up in opposition to Utah, the company that backs Australia. The winner, with this kit, could build Australia, never mind backing it. Get on to this one men, at \$1.00 per ticket it really can't be missed.

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LIONS players this year are not being left behind in the sponsorship deals. Due

to circumstances the awards that can be won as part of the sponsorship deal have been kept quiet but not secret. As this news item is for soccer fans it is felt loyal supporters should know of the various targets. Kentucky Fried Chicken have a Clubman award which involves every senior player in the club. It is as it suggests, not only is a player's ability taken into consideration but his attitude to the club in general, to training, and the judging system shows that it won't be the easiest award to win. At all games involving Lions players an independent judge will award points on a 3-2-1 basis. The various coaches or managers will do the same at training sessions, the club directors will award points for general attitude or outstanding contributions to the club and at the end of the season all points will be totalled. The winner will receive a "Clubman 1978" trophy and a cheque for \$500.

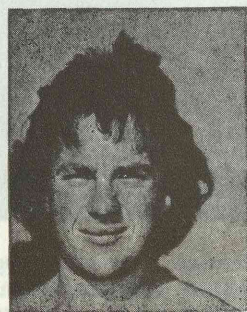
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KENTUCKY Fried Chicken's sponsorship also allows for a \$50 "man of the match" bonus every home game. Again an independent judge selects the winner. To date the winners are —

March 5th v Marconi Roddy McKenzie
March 26th v Sth Melb. Jim Hermiston
April 8th v Canberra Nigel Lownds
April 16th v St. George Geoff Morris

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FANCY a trip to Sydney? Lions supporters club are running a bus that is a streamlined super clipper, air conditioned and toilet equipped to Sydney for the Marconi v Lions game, to be held on



STEVE AMOS (Lions)

THE CUP THAT CHEERS

THIS week sees a continuation of that aim for all top under 10 players THE KENTUCKY FRIED CUP. With four matches already played results so far are:

THE GAP 2 v ANNERLEY 0
KINGSRIDGE 6 v ST. HELENS 0.
CLAIRVAUX 2 v MT. GRAVATT 0
ROCHEDALE 1 v NORTH STAR 0

Shootout

This weeks first round tie features one of the newest junior sides and perhaps one of the oldest. Slacks Creek come in from the southern suburbs where there is an abundance of talent to choose from with all the new housing developments. Just put yourself in one of these kids boots for a minute and imagine the sensation walking on to Perry Park in front of 2,000-3,000 people.

It is their Valhalla, a game they have been dreaming about since the draw was made two months ago. Their opponents are opposites in every way.

Newmarket are one of these clubs that seem to have been around forever doing an astounding amount of good work with uncountable numbers of kids since their inception many years ago. This is one of the facets of junior football never apparently recognised by governments past and present the amount of unrewarded, unheralded, voluntary work done by a handful of people, invaluable work moulding young minds into some sort of discipline.

Without it we would imagine chaos among the ever expanding youth of the country.

Both sides will want to win today, so remember, any "neutrals" at Perry Park have an easy choice, pick your colours or your geographical fancy, or maybe you want the best of two worlds and support both, but the important thing is encouragement, so get behind the kids in their efforts to win the first KENTUCKY FRIED CUP.

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PAUL LASLO (Lions)

June 11th. Bus will leave Friday evening 9th June, an overnight stay in a top motel with breakfast, transport to the game on Sunday and home for Monday morning. Cost all up — \$55 per head, that includes entry to the match. Nice cheap weekend, good fun guaranteed. Contact Simon Boeghiem if you are interested.

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PRESIDENT John Morcus is at present overseas on his holiday trip. Wonder if his holiday includes speaking to top players in Holland where soccer economy has "caved-in" following years of inflated wages and remuneration to players.

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ANYONE who is, or has been, connected to Lions Philips League squad, will know of the intense discipline regarding the appearance of the squad whether at home or away. This discipline carries over into behaviour as well and this has borne fruit in Sydney of all places where Lions have gained not only "a fan" but the players also have an apparent benefactor. Off his own bat this gentleman has come up with an award for the player in Lions team who amasses most points in a Philips League Season. Called the "Bel Air Award" it is a package of prizes put together by this man's efforts and he would appear to be a man of influence when the donors of prizes are considered. The director who travels with the team awards points every away game and the home games are covered by an independent personage who has no idea how the total is progressing.

At the seasons end the top player will be given a return ticket for two to Sydney, the prize donated by our "own" TAA, accommodation will be in the exclusive Bel-Air Motel with meals thrown in for good measure and old friends Avis have come up with the mode of transport and \$200 worth of petrol. The Commonwealth Bank provides the spending money of \$200 and Pewter Plate (Sydney) has come to the party with \$200 worth of high class plateware for the little lady.

All this by a supporter who resides in far off Sydney, a man impressed by the way things are done out at Richlands and had the drive to do something about it.

Sir, we salute you, may we ask when you are moving to Brisbane, we could do with a thousand like you.

THE PLOT THICKENS

IT appears the transfer system is about to come tumbling down around the ears of the Australian Soccer Federation and their State counterparts.

GO SOCCER has no real sympathy for many of these bodies, for as has been written in this magazine many times, it is a state of affairs that has been shoved under the carpet for years and as is usual in cases like that, the growing mound has to trip someone up sooner or later.

What has happened to bring the matter to a head? As reported a few weeks back Steve Haszowski, a well known goalkeeper in Sydney has taken out an injunction against the NSW Soccer Federation, who through their affiliated clubs, i.e. in this case Auburn, had allowed a \$6,000 fee to stand on the player's head, in fact putting him out of the game until someone, maybe not to his liking, was willing to cough up with the \$6,000.

That this is restrictive has been known for years, but the Federations and clubs have always closed ranks, even nationally (the only area where agreement is always reached) and forced players to accept the inevitable.

However one young man did what no other dared, went to civil law and suddenly something down in the depths stirred. St. George moved to buy him with a condition on the purchase that the case be dropped (wonder why?) but so far young Haszowski has refrained.

It is said that at an informal meeting of players in Sydney support was gathered for his case and it could be that now he knows he is not alone he will go the whole road. As if this wasn't enough to keep the hierarchy "on the hop" suddenly another dagger has been plunged into the dying arrangement.

A team in Melbourne has been reported as running a nice line in business, bringing players in from overseas for nominal signing on fees and air fares, then placing them on the open to transfer list at figures modestly described as "profit making". Don't know why it caused such a fuss but suddenly — explosion! — transfers are suspended, the A.S.F. huffs and puffs promising investigations into the matter, strong action if required, all sorts of things that are said when that enemy of organisation — PANIC — sets in.

All this has been caused by one of the players concerned asking a few questions in civil law. The balloon is burst, all hell has broken loose, white slave traffic is mentioned, national press editors sharpen their pencils — why? IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS!

The transfer system is a malignancy in the game that has to be cut out before it destroys the progress that has been made. For years now clubs have acted like greedy little schoolboys and the respective State management committees have turned a blind eye to what was going on.

Players have been brought to this country for fares as low as \$25, given a flat and helped to find a job, then a year later sold for figures varying between \$1,000 to now \$30,000. Arguments have been put forward trying to justify these goings on, but to the fair minded person they have been cover for bad cases of avarice and nothing more,

That there are clubs around willing to pay is of no consequence, no person has the right to stop another person moving to another place if he can better himself either financially or simply for self happiness and satisfaction. Clubs have whined and moaned about having to pay big fees, signing on and match when in fact it was usually they themselves who had offered these inflationary monies to "get" a certain player.

The answer is simple. Abolish the transfer system. Have players sign a one year contract that ties them to that club for one year unless a break is mutually agreed to.

Clubs would then know exactly where they stood in "giving" out fancy inducements and would also realise the importance of running a club in a manner likely to make a player want to stay. There would be none of this undercurrent of mistrust between clubs and players, there would be no cases of profiteering, one of which was recently ignored by the ASF and PSL, there would be no more amassing of huge squads of players by clubs who had more money than others and I'm sure there are many other good reasons.

I have as yet to hear one good reason why any club can justify the placing of a \$30,000 fee on a player who perhaps

cost \$2,000 and even more important cannot understand any ruling body allowing it to happen unless they wished to court trouble. So let's get into step with the rest of the sporting fraternity, let players play with whom they please, that is as it should

be, provided some sort of time control is placed on movement.

That is humane and understandable, this slave traffic is a slur on the game of soccer and its administration.

Insiderman

Brisbane City v Canberra City—An opinion

LAST weekend City again gave us an insight into what they can do if they set their minds to it. Their work from start to finish was competent and professional, showing a control and patience that has always been sadly lacking in their make-up. The only department that could be questioned was their ability to score goals but such was the calibre of their play that some concentrated work on their shooting at practice could soon remedy that fault.

Why the difference from recent displays? For one thing the displays given by Iozelli and Fagan at full back gave the whole team much more width in the attack function and despite some errors caused by lack of understanding, with some more games these two could find themselves on the goalscoring lists. They both have the inclination to go forward and with co-operation from the other players they will become a force to be reckoned with.

Steve Perry revelled in the sweeper's role. His covering defence was as immaculate as ever but with the advent of two attacking fullbacks his ability to read a situation quickly and set them off with nicely placed little balls he showed he is a shrewd tactician as well. No words of praise can be too good for the little man's game, nothing better can be said.

The mid field trio were back at their best and except for a 15 minute spell when they all wanted to run with the ball, their playing off one another and most important their ability to fight on the retreat was a pleasure to watch.

Up front Alan Marley made a welcome return to lead the line and despite an obvious sluggishness he still did enough work off the ball to ensure the attention of both centre-backs. Kevin Caldwell had a good game, he worked hard at doing what he is good at, the simple game of football. His running and workrate were of tremendous importance to the balance of the side and to be honest the decision of coach Ford to take him off amazed

not only the writer but it was nice to hear the crowd give him an ovation for once.

Willie was Willie again, ever threatening, ever dangerous ever holding on just that wee bit too long, if he could cure this one little fault he would be a gift to Australian soccer.

Altogether coach Ford would take heart from this display, there were no failures in this team, only a small but very important question mark against the quality of finish but, as said before this can be worked at.

Canberra City were a quandary side. There is no doubt they have tightened up on their self-discipline but with it the flair and attacking quality they showed in the first half against Lions has disappeared also.

Byrne at centre forward should never have been on the field — he was very obviously "carrying" his injured arm, and PSL games are no place to favour limbs especially in the middle of the forward line. John Warren substituted Stoddart with Gruicic at half time and this just had to be for disciplinary reasons as Stoddart is the type of player who in the past has shown he can draw games out of the fire.

Gruicic certainly was not a failure when he came on and what he and Stoddart could have accomplished instead of Gruicic and the "winged" Byrne is purely academic but it is true to say that the period immediately after half time was the only time Canberra looked like matching Brisbane in mid field, however young Cant and Gruicic found they were playing to a sadly blunted front line.

Canberra's defence didn't play too badly goalkeeper Tilsed had many good saves and young Danny Moulis always showed a positive attitude at fullback. However his more experienced compatriots Henderson and Stark, normally aggressive, positive players just seemed to lack that "spark" on the day.

A good result for Brisbane, a good

performance all round by everyone, let's hope they can continue this weekend in Sydney and continue an upward climb on the table.

Insiderman

THE PAYOUT

Brisbane City officials intimate that their doubles payout point is at the NORTHERN TURNSTYLES. For those not up on their geography that is the end where the scoreboard is now situated. They regret any inconvenience caused by this move but deemed it necessary because of the crush of people at the board room window. Thank you.

Q.S.F. — QANTAS POINTS TABLES

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Redlands	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
Thistle	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Eagles	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
Merton	6	3	1	2	8	6	7
St. George	6	2	2	2	10	8	6
Ipswich Utd.	6	3	—	3	7	8	6
Nth. Brisbane	6	1	3	2	11	12	5
Richlands	6	2	1	3	11	12	5
Mt. Gravatt	6	2	1	3	11	13	5
Spencer Park	6	2	1	3	8	13	5
Annerley	5	—	4	1	4	16	4
Sunnyside	6	2	—	4	10	14	4

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	5	5	—	—	15	6	10
Mitchelton	5	4	1	—	15	6	9
Wynnum	5	4	—	1	13	6	8
Gold Coast	5	3	1	1	11	8	7
Trident	5	3	—	2	11	8	6
Coalstars	5	3	—	2	10	10	6
Souths	5	2	—	3	3	5	4
Oxley	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Darra	5	1	1	3	11	10	3
Taringa	5	1	1	3	8	11	3
Fort. Valley	5	—	—	5	11	19	0
Redcliffe	5	—	—	5	4	19	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympic	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Newmarket	4	3	1	—	10	6	7
Salisbury	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
St. Albans	4	3	—	1	12	5	6
Westside	5	3	—	2	15	9	6
Rovers	5	1	3	1	11	9	5
North Star	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Pine Rivers	5	2	1	2	10	13	5
Willowburn	4	2	—	2	12	14	4
The Gap	5	1	—	4	9	11	2
Inala Rangers	4	—	—	4	1	12	0
Nerang	4	—	—	4	3	14	0

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Industrial	5	4	—	1	21	7	8
University	5	4	—	1	9	5	8
Goodna	5	3	1	1	7	3	7
Brighton	5	3	1	1	16	10	7
Kingsridge	5	3	1	1	20	16	7
Twin Towns	4	3	—	1	12	5	6
Booval Stars	5	2	2	1	9	6	6
Northside	4	2	—	2	13	10	4
Bayside	5	1	1	3	9	18	3
Toowong	5	1	—	4	5	12	2
Rochedale	5	—	—	5	4	14	0
Padua	5	—	—	5	6	25	0

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RAAF	5	4	1	—	12	3	9
Dutton Park	5	4	—	1	30	2	8
South Star	5	4	—	1	12	9	8
Slacks Creek	5	2	2	1	9	7	6
Samford	5	3	—	2	13	10	6
Albany Creek	5	2	1	2	14	10	5
Adams Park	3	2	—	1	3	3	4
Wacol	4	1	1	2	5	7	3
Police Acad.	5	1	1	3	10	18	3
Moggill	5	1	—	4	11	22	2
Greenbank	5	1	—	4	3	19	2
North Pine	4	—	—	4	2	14	0

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	5	5	—	—	18	5	10
Redlands	6	5	—	1	24	7	10
Annerley	6	5	—	1	18	8	10
Wynnum	7	4	1	2	19	17	9
Sunnyside	4	3	1	—	16	3	7
Mt. Gravatt	7	3	1	3	11	13	7
Nth. Brisbane	6	3	—	3	7	14	6
Eagles	4	2	—	2	13	8	4
Merton	5	1	1	3	6	14	3
Thistle	5	—	—	5	3	23	0
Richlands	6	—	—	6	7	30	0

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	5	5	—	—	19	2	10
Mitchelton	5	4	1	—	19	4	9
Darra	5	3	—	2	13	4	6
Trident	5	3	—	2	17	11	6
Taringa	5	3	—	2	12	11	6
Gold Coast	5	2	—	3	16	16	4
Redcliffe	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Fort. Valley	5	2	—	3	7	9	4
Souths	5	2	—	3	7	11	4
Rovers	5	2	—	3	9	15	4
Oxley	5	1	1	3	7	25	3
Pine Rivers	5	—	—	5	4	19	0

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	4	4	—	—	27	5	8
North Star	4	4	—	—	17	3	8
Rochedale	5	3	1	1	12	5	7
Salisbury	5	2	2	1	14	8	6
Newmarket	5	3	—	2	10	8	6
Olympic	5	2	1	2	16	11	5
The Gap	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Westside	5	2	1	2	3	6	5
University	5	2	—	3	14	7	4
Brighton	5	—	2	3	7	28	2
Toowong	5	—	1	4	8	20	1
Inala Rangers	5	—	1	4	6	33	1

NINTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Annerley	5	4	1	—	27	4	9
Taringa	5	4	1	—	15	3	9
Mitchelton	5	3	2	—	28	1	8
North Star	5	3	1	1	21	6	7
Wynnum	5	3	1	1	14	5	7
Mt. Gravatt	5	3	1	1	16	9	7
Goodna	5	3	—	2	26	15	6
Industrial	5	1	—	4	16	20	2
Adams Park	5	1	—	4	8	21	2
Redcliffe	5	1	—	4	5	36	2
Bayside	5	—	1	4	5	24	1
Souths	5	—	—	5	3	40	0

COLTS POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merton	7	7	—	—	23	5	14
Thistle	6	5	1	—	24	5	11
Nth. Brisbane	6	5	—	1	16	7	10
Redcliffe	7	4	1	2	12	9	9
Richlands	6	3	1	2	17	6	7
Salisbury	7	3	1	3	14	14	7
Acacia Ridge	7	3	1	3	15	16	7
Annerley	7	2	3	2	17	19	7
Mitchelton	7	3	—	4	17	17	6
North Star	6	2	1	3	8	14	5
Coalstars	6	2	—	4	15	18	4
Mt. Gravatt	7	2	—	5	16	30	4
Gold Coast	7	—	1	6	5	26	1
Pine Rivers	6	—	—	6	10	23	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COLTS B	7	6	1	—	20	2	13
Spencer Park	7	6	1	—	37	5	13
St. George	7	6	—	1	17	3	12
St. Helens	7	5	1	1	22	7	11
Inala City	6	4	—	2	20	9	8
Thistle	6	3	—	3	13	29	6
Newmarket	6	2	1	3	12	16	5
Redlands	7	2	1	4	15	26	5
Wynnum	7	2	—	5	8	12	4
Bardon Jnr.	7	2	—	5	10	13	4
Nth. Brisbane	6	1	1	4	7	11	3
The Gap	5	1	—	4	9	23	2
Ipswich City	7	1	—	6	10	31	2
Souths	5	1	—	4	2	15	2
Virginia	5	1	—	4	2	15	2

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

- 7 Goals—
Steve Perkovic (Sunnyside)
- 5 Goals—
Len Pollock (Norths)
- 4 Goals —
Gerry Kay (Merton)
Ian Steele (Mt. Gravatt)
- 3 Goals —
Barry Kelso (Redlands)
Brian Lampitt (Annerley)
Mal Bland (Merton)
Paul Speight (Richlands)
Paul Burns (Richlands)
Dave Blackadder (Mt. Gravatt)
Glen Barry (St. George)
Steve Constantinou (St. George)

EAGLES WORTHY WINNERS

by Reg Erskine

It was the eclipse of Sunnyside under the artificial lights at Richlands and a rich harvest of two first division points for the Eagles-and they deserved it.

At no time were the red shirts a real threat although when down 3-0 they did mount perhaps their most promising attacks. By the way, I lost count of the number of free kicks, including offside, but midway through the second half it had reached 37. John Cochrane was prominent early for Eagles. His long passes to Ron Millman were well placed and well paced. Ronnie was well shadowed by Alan Edwards and one long raking shot from the left hit the side rigging.

The fair haired Gary Bromfield was prominent in Sunnyside's midfield play

and one attacking movement saw Frank Vukovic make a run down the right wing, but his cross was easily cleared by John Bennett. Then Steve Perkovic hesitated for too long and was robbed and a free kick by Steve Brown from just outside the box went so high over the bar it almost brought down a fog. Brown and Bromfield combined in a good move but Trevor Catchpole came from the clouds to make a last second save. And at the other end, Edwards just got his boot to the ball to beat the goalward bound Millman.

Eagle's first goal came in the 38th minute when Millman took a corner on the right wing. Goalkeeper Nenad Orlic could not hold the cross and Jimmy McCabe did the rest to make it 1-0 at halftime. Two early attacks in the second half saw Perkovic fail to head in a high bouncing cross and Millman blasted one over the bar at the other end. Later he made amends-a

fine passing movement with McCabe, Gerry Lindsay and Millman participating resulted in the final pass putting Millman in the clear and it became 2-0 in the 60th minute. Eagles added the third 10 minutes later. Brad Ahearn cut through Sunnyside like a hot knife through butter. His shot hit the upright but his momentum carried him to the rebound, which went in just as powerfully. Two minutes later, "hands" was blown by referee Dave Nugent against Catchpole and Perkovic slotted home the penalty. Tony Brennan was given a run in the last 15 minutes and one nice move from him not only split Sunnyside's defence but his cross also non-plussed his co-forwards. Good defence for Eagles by Cochrane, Catchpole and Marszaleck with Millman at times left to play too much of a lone hand. It was only rarely Vukovic and Viro had room in which to move.

\$10,000.00 FOR PHILIPS CUP

MR. HERMAN HUYER, Chairman and Managing Director of Philips Industries Holdings Limited, announced at a News Conference that his Company would be providing \$10,000 prize money for the nation-wide Philips Cup competition which is being organised by the Australian Soccer Federation.

The competition comprises the 14 teams which compete in the Philips Soccer League of Australia competition, together with 18 additional teams selected from winners of competitions conducted within the various State Soccer Federations.

Mr. Herman Huyer, assisted by Sir Arthur George, President of the A.S.F., conducted the draw for the Philips Cup competition at a ceremony held at Philips House, North Sydney, under the watchful eyes of members of the Media and officials of various clubs and federations.

The draw for the first round is, to some degree, regionalised so as to reduce the volume of interstate travel. Apart from that aspect, the draw was not seeded. From a promotional point of view, the A.S.F. is fortunate that the teams from Western Australia and Tasmania have been drawn at home and soccer enthusiasts in those States will have the benefit of seeing visiting teams from interstate.

The matches in the first round will be played during the month of May in almost every case mid-week under lights, and the precise dates of the various matches will be made available within the next seven days when inquiries regarding

the availability of grounds in the various areas have been completed.

At the conclusion of the first round, a further draw will be made to decide from the winners which teams are drawn at home and which teams are playing away from home.

THE DRAW — Round 1

Brisbane Lions, Qld v Annerley, Qld
St. George Souths, Qld v Brisbane City Qld
Sydney Olympic, NSW v Auburn, NSW
South Side Eagles, Qld v Eastern Suburbs, NSW
George, NSW v APIA-Leichhardt, NSW
Western Suburbs, NSW v Sutherland Shire, NSW
Marconi, NSW v Croatia Sydney, NSW
Weston Bears, Nth NSW v Newcastle United, Nth NSW
Canberra City, ACT v West Woden Juventus, ACT
George Cross, Vic v Juventus, Vic
Pahran Slavia, Vic v Fitzroy United Vic
South Melbourne, Vic v Footscray, Vic
White Eagles, Tas v Essendon, Vic
Beograd Woodville, S.A. v Eastern Districts Azzurri, S.A.
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Adelaide City, S.A. v Noarlunga United, S.A.

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FRANCIS TO USA

LONDON — Freddie Goodwin, manager of the North American Club Minnesota Kicks, said that his club had withdrawn their offer to Birmingham's England striker, Trevor Francis to play for Minnesota on a loan basis this (Northern) summer.

Goodwin added: "We have no wish at all to become involved in an auction for this player. Indeed, we feel it would be absolutely crazy to get involved now that other clubs are reported to have made offers, which seem quite ridiculous."

Goodwin had made an offer to Birmingham for Francis on a full transfer basis. When Birmingham said he could not move, he made another offer for Francis to play on loan for an estimated 40,000 sterling (66,000 Australian dollars).

It now seems likely that Francis will go to Detroit Emeralds for a maximum of 20 games during the North American season.

BRUGES HAT-TRICK

BRUSSELS — F.C. Bruges, who play Liverpool in the European Cup Final at Wembley on May 10, won the Belgian football league championship for the third successive time.

They drew 1-1 away to Lokeren, leaving them with 51 points—just one point ahead of Anderlecht, who won 3-0 at home to Waregem.

A 0-0 draw away to Antwerp gave standard Liege third place with 49 points. Lierse were fourth and Beveren fifth.

JUVENTUS HOME

ROME — Juventus retained their Italian League Soccer title last Saturday, the penultimate day of the first division championship campaign.

A crowd of 70,000 sweltering fans at Rome's Olympic Stadium saw Juventus make sure of their 18th championship, their fifth in the last seven seasons, with a 1-1 draw with Roma.

Roberto Bettega put the champions ahead in the 38th minute with a fine solo effort. He picked up the ball in his own half, rode three half-hearted tackles as he strode through the Roma midfield and

defence and then put his low shot under the body of goalkeeper Paolo Conti.

Roma's Agostino Di Bartolomei equalised 10 minutes after the interval to set up a result which satisfied both sides, giving Juventus the title and keeping Roma clear of the relegation zone.

With one game left to play, Juventus have 42 points from 29 matches. The only team which had a chance before Saturday of catching the Turin club, Lanerossi Vicenza, won 3-1 at home to Perugia, but are still three points adrift of Juventus in second place.

OLYMPIC CLASH

TEL AVIV — Israel's Olympic Soccer team beat the Dutch Olympic side 2-0 in a friendly international played in the port town of Shdod.

Both goals were scored by Shalom Avitan in the first half.

CUP EXIT

PARIS—UEFA Cup Finalists Bastia were knocked out of the French Soccer Cup, losing 2-0 to Monaco for a 3-2 aggregate defeat in the quarterfinals.

Bastia played as though their minds were on the first leg of the UEFA Cup Final against PS Eindhoven of Holland this week.

The Corsican side play one more game, at home against Nice in a first division match on Friday, before meeting Eindhoven.

IT DOESN'T PAY

PARIS — International Soccer fans used to call Rene Vignal "The Flying Frenchman" because his goal keeping was some of the most spectacular they had ever seen.

Between 1949 and 1954, Rene was 19 times France's goal keeper in international championship matches and the idol of French sportsmen.

His flying leaps cost him 21 serious wounds and fractured bones before two broken wrists forced him right out of the game in 1959.

TRAVELODGE "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

EVERY weekend at Perry Park, an independant 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 Canberra City, April 30—

- 3 — STEVE PERRY
- 2 — SAURO IOZELLI
- 1 — IAIN FAGAN

Perry is playing in such devastating form no one would argue that he again deserved the maximum points for City. But as Steve has already won two major awards and the applicable dinner for two at Travelodge, we felt this week we would award the dinner to the runner-up against Canberra, City's newcomer Sauro Iozelli.

The progressive points after nine matches (five for City and four for Lions) are:

- 11 — STEVE PERRY (BC)
- 5 — LARRY GAFFNEY (BC)
GEOFF MORRIS (BL)
- 4 — FRANK PIMBLETT (BC)
- 3 — ALAN NIVEN (BL)
NIGEL LOWNDS (BL)
JIM HERMISTON (BL)
COL BENNETT (BL)
WILLIE CONNER (BC)
- 2 — JOHN NEALE (BL)
GRAHAM WILSON (BL)
KIM WISHART (BC)
SAURO IOZELLI (BC)
- 1 — BARRIE FAIRBROTHER (BL)
ALAN MARLEY (BC)
KEVIN CALDWELL (BC)
PAUL LASLO (BL)
EDDIE SPEARRITT (BL)
IAIN FAGAN (BC)

Remember the people who sponsor soccer —
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POINTS TO PONDER

HEARD the one about local player cleared to play for St. George in the first division by his own club, another first division side. Plays for the Greeks and then the following week fronts up to play (and does so) with his former team in, you've guessed it, first division. Shades of dual registration really gone "unconstitutional" or "mad" whichever you prefer.

—oOo—

ANOTHER club, big one too, had special meeting to discuss certain action taken by President. Vote of no confidence put to meeting and passed immediately. President deposed. Question put to meeting for nominations for new President. No nominations. Former President re-elected to position by same guys who an hour earlier had deposed him. This is not Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera but is in fact a true story from one of our "most progressive" clubs. Hate to see a retarded club!

—oOo—

BRISBANE Lions, in knocking up their fifth draw of the season last week, kept their noses up there with the big guys of the League. Lions have only lost one game away from home and if they continue to pick up these valuable away points they have only to sort out their "home" form to really scoot up the table.

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NOTICE little snippet in Sydney soccer paper where "big" PSL clubs Adelaide City and South Melbourne are continuing their "build-up" now that the British season is finished. Adelaide City are reported to be bringing out three players with a tremendous depth of experience. Pat McClusky, a defender has played countless battles with Celtic in the European Cup and as recently as 1975 played with Scotland. He is still only 25! Graham Fyfe who had many years with Rangers is an exciting striker of winger who played at Perry Park against Australia just a few short years ago. Jumbo Muir, a giant striker, is coming from Dumbarton and that one is making our local scribe Jim Binnie gnash his teeth a bit for he could have secured Muir for a Brisbane club in 1974, but let it go, due to the standard of the competition. Coincidentally Pat McClusky comes from Jim's home town in Scotland!

LIONS, in their efforts to make their Polynesian Hangi an outstanding attraction spare no expense. Phone call last Friday night to Dens Park in Dundee saw Promotions Committee member cajole manager Tommy Gemmell into "provisionally" marking down Dundee team for attendance at function. Tommy always "the true soccer manager" then put the hard-word" on committee member for rundown on Queensland team. Game of cat and mouse, knowing full well Gemmell knows and respects Hermiston, he was told Hermiston was in the squad but only just made it!

—oOo—

ANOTHER old favourite, Willie Wallace, who was the darling of Apia fans in Sydney two years ago is now coaching Dundee, helping his "Lisbon Lion" pal Tommy Gemmell. Both were members of the first British side to win the European Cup in 1967, at Lisbon Portugal, when they defeated Inter Milan 2-1. Gemmell, in fact, scored the first goal with a thundering shot, a trademark of his game.

—oOo—

SHREWD move at last with St. George playing curtain raiser to Brisbane City last Sunday. Suddenly our Greek friends who have been sadly missed for their colourful brand of "supportsmanship" have a good reason for attending PSL without "losing face". Mind you it's taken 18 months to penetrate for this move was mooted by the combined first division clubs way back in pre-PSL days when the big hassle was on and our two PSL reps. knocked them back. Usual type of "progress" for soccer. There are people in this game of ours who cannot see forests for trees.

—oOo—

SPENCER PARK's "youth policy" appears to have been short-lived with names like Clifford, Coyne and Wallace, the oldest 20 year olds ever, appearing prominently in first division report. Maybe teams league position caused change of outlook? Words are cheap, policies easily made, but it takes an awful lot of shrewd planning to embark on a successful youth policy. Even more so it takes a lot of "old fashioned" guts to carry it through.

"OLD" maestro Horst Schneider still showing the class that is not easily taught. Playing for City colts at Perry Park, Horst showed the younger fry what soccer was all about scoring a brilliant solo goal, leaving a trail of stricken defenders behind him as he waltzed into the penalty box before tapping the ball past an astounded goalie. Brilliant.

—oOo—

OVER at Taringa in replayed fixture (cancelled earlier) Gordon Arrowsmith the ex-Oxley, North Brisbane and Latrobe goalkeeper cum striker, did exactly the same thing. With teams locked on 1-1 Arrowsmith, on the bench to ease dangerous "injury situation," was "cut loose" in last ten minutes. With 19 bodies charging around at 100 miles an hour, the "old one" got the ball, strolled down the touchline, walked along the byeline, (beating 4 men in the process), drew the goalkeeper to the near post then rolled the ball in front of Iain Young who blasted Taringa to two points. Mark Walker and Jim Binnie looked at each other and smiled knowingly, Walker a bit sadly, Binnie a bit shamefacedly.

—oOo—

THESE two players from another era showed what is wrong with our game of soccer today. The emphasis is on speed and brawn with skill reduced to a very poor third place. Without this skill, soccer is reduced to just another game of body contact, without the necessary oomph of Rugby League or Union.

NOTICED Gibby Rowan who for years pleased every fan with his never say die approach at Bardon finally got on the scoring list at Westside in the third division. Gibby who has been in Brisbane 10 years could count his goals on one hand but reckons last weeks 25 yarder was one of his best ever.

—oOo—

BILLY Maxton, ex Germania and Hellenic favourite is back in training. After watching some soccer at first and second division level, reckons there is no reason why he cannot perform and at the same time help some youngsters.

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THE Philips League is a good competition despite the "Marconi gallop." Three points now cover the bottom twelve teams creating a situation where a win can lift a team three or four places or a loss can dump them the same way. All this makes for excitement or drudgery if the coaches begin to worry about their jobs. Let us hope they back the former and go after points in a positive manner. That is as it should be.

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NICE lot of "Greeks" turned up to Perry Park last Sunday. Good to have them back. Quite pleased to see their team winning 3-0 no doubt.

—oOo—

THE under 19 Coca Cola championships are about to be played and if Lions fans want to catch an eyeful of Australian

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youth talent they can do so on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 16th, 17th and 18th May respectively out at Richlands. Games are scheduled to begin at staggered times due to dressing room arrangements but from 1 p.m. each day a feast of football is guaranteed.

—oOo—

BARRIE Allison in last weeks Team of Yesteryear is still performing in Thistle second eleven. One of the clubs greatest servants, George Pagan and Barry Dann still in harness in manager coach situation and Jimmy Bell and Alex Keenan very seldom if ever miss a Philips League game at Perry Park. Owen Monaghan was playing last season, but may or may not be in harness this year.

—oOo—

BRISBANE Lions defenders reckon there is a guy in Newcastle called Boden who is a prince among the "penalty box divers." Getting penalty kicks regularly with the greatest display of ham acting since the great days of vaudeville. Seems Boden is a good player to boot so he'll bear a bit of watching.

—oOo—

NOT that we had a crystal ball or anything like that. But our cover photo last week just happened to feature Kevin Caldwell and the Ipswich lad just happened to score the winning goal against Canberra City. We wonder if Alan Venables feels confident this week against Adelaide City.

—oOo—

QSF secretary Alan Vessey most upset about our P to P last issue which levelled criticism at match at Richlands starting at 8.45 or 15 minutes late. Alan informs us the match was scheduled to start at that time because of involvement of Gold Coast in curtain raiser. Point taken. But we still claim many night matches start late and wish to know why Saturday night matches cannot start at 8 p.m. instead of 8.30 p.m. when work commitments do not pose a problem.

—oOo—

FUNNY how things turn out. Acacia Ridge were due to be relegated from the second division at the end of last season but because Rovers were not promoted,

the Ridge received a reprieve. Now we find that after five rounds of the second division this season, Geoff Green's boys are the undefeated leaders.

—oOo—

NOBODY was more stunned than Ross Kelly and his teammates — and most other people at the ground last Sunday at Perry Park when he received a yellow card from Jack Wood after seemingly minding his own business when the play was at the other end. Linesman drew ref's attention to the fact that Kelly had been marking lines for his own guidance in the goalmouth, which is illegal under the laws of the game. Wonder what the charge is — Ungentlemanly conduct?

—oOo—

OUR Annerley correspondent Bill Williams, the subject of a par in Truth to Tell in the Sunday Sun last weekend. Seems Bill (in case you missed the item) has called it a day after selling lucky numbers at the junction for 14 years for the Annerley Recreation club.

—oOo—

THERE was plenty of flack fired at Canberra City, both in last weeks P to P and the Ipswich Items column, about the clubs on field behaviour. After the match, Johnny Warren asked if he could reply to "this Kesson bloke". The criticism might have done the job as City were on their best behaviour, even our gesticulating friend Ian Heywood. There was however a good deal of bad language flowing amongst the Canberra players, which could be easily heard in the stand. Canberra are not the only team at fault here and its' about time the refs cracked down on it. Just to highlight the going from one extreme to the other theme, Col Amos told players in the Spencer Park - North Brisbane match last Saturday night to keep their language down — and there would probably have been SIX spectators within earshot. At least Col's got the right idea.

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JIM Hermiston's coaching hints appearing daily in the Telegraph now being syndicated around the country. The series is now appearing in the Sydney Sun newspaper.

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A FEW things we observed last weekend. John Coyne had a blinder of a first half

for Spencer Park, playing in the midfield, suggesting he might have been playing out of position in the PSL, when his finishing often let him down. Good to see the way he guided the young players in the side. Many feel Len Pollock could be a useful PSL proposition. Could be there were some spies present when he exploded into action during a 20 minute

spell after half time against Spencer Park and helped to pull his side back to 2-2. And a player for the future in the League is young St. George winger Steve Constantinou, who has speed, skills, a football brain and a more than useful shot. All he needs is the right guidance and he could soon be making his name in the big time.

WEST GERMAN WOES

BONN — Trainer Helmut Schoen insists World Cup holders West Germany must recover the killer instinct to have any chance of retaining the title in Argentina.

A big inquest has begun here after the shock 3-1 defeat by Sweden in Stockholm on April 19. Gloom and near panic gripped Soccer fans after the national side went down to its second defeat in a row, having lost 1-0 at home to Brazil in Hamburg.

Conservative Parliamentarian Dionys Jobst has even asked the government to step in and try to get Soccer star Franz Beckenbauer back from New Yorks Cosmopolitan to help out.

The match against Sweden showed once again that without Beckenbauer nothing goes right, he told parliament.

The Parliamentary initiative came too late anyway. West Germany's Football Association had already notified the International Football Federation (FIFA) last weekend of its 40 possibles, and Schoen will name the final 22-man squad on Sunday night when the Bundesliga season ends.

West Germany's slump dominated conversation here this weekend. West Germans are proud of their football prowess and have assumed their team would be one of the favourites for the title.

A row of unimpressive performances, beginning with a chancy 2-1 win over England, followed by the defeat by Brazil and last week's even worse showing in Stockholm, has changed all that.

"Poor football, Germany," lamented a writer in the Frankfurter Rundschau and Die Welt Headlined its story: "ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS HOPE."

Schoen told reporters he planned to try to get the team back to playing simple, basic football before the World Cup.

"The attack has not got enough bite," he said. "Something must happen to give our players more killer-instinct. I want to see more shots at goal from now on. We cannot expect the other side to put the ball in the net for us."

He said West Germany's star striker Klaus Fischer, an overhead kick specialist, had to rove around more on the wings. "We can't just wait for a good cross and the possibility of a spectacular overhead kick."

This comment, attributed to Schoen in Stockholm, brought a sharp retort from Fischer, who denied that the overhead kick was his only specialty. "Just the opposite. I only use it in case of necessity, if I can't get to the ball with my head," he said.

Since the West German team began its slide, the television screen has been full of interviews with Beckenbauer. The former Bayern Munich midfield genius has repeatedly made clear there is no question of his joining the squad for Argentina.

Schoen admitted to Die Welt Today: "The situation is beginning to get serious." "When the stress of the West German championships is behind us, and we start full training at Malente near Hamburg, perhaps we can get rid of some of the ballast," Schoen said.

He told reporters he already had a squad of 17 or 18 players in mind for Argentina.



Philips League MATCH OF THE DAY



BRISBANE LIONS

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

Coach: GYULA VINCZE

ADELAIDE CITY

- 1 ROGER ROMANOWICZ
- 2 ROBERT MARWE
- 3 BUGSY NYSKOHUS
- 4 FRANK LISTER
- 5 ZORAN MATIC
- 6 JOHNNY PERIN
- 7 SERGIO MELTA
- 8 AGENOR MUNIZ
- 9 GARY MAROCCHI
- 10 JOHN NYSKOHUS
- 11 BRIAN NORTHCOTE
- 12 FRED YUNG
- 14 HENRY KOLECKI
- 16 JOHN BESIR
- 20 PETER MARSHALL

Coach: EDMUND KREFT



LEON WILSON (Lions)

Next Weekends Matches

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

Last Years Results

Adelaide City 0 v Brisbane Lions 0
 Brisbane Lions 1 v Adelaide City 1