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MORE action from Queensland's match against Dundee when Eddie Spearritt jumps out does not prevent Eric Sinclair from hitting the crossbar with this header. Also in picture are Spearritt's Brisbane Lions teammate Nigel Lownds and Brisbane City defender Steve Perry. Lions this weekend play Eastern Suburbs and Footscray at home. See the lineups on pages 31 and 32.

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WHERE EAGLES DARE

THIS week Go Soccer begins a series of new items supplied by the Southside Eagles club, in which club information and player biographies will be published.

CLUB HISTORY: By secretary, John Allen—The origin of the "Eagles" came from the amalgamation of the Germania and Southside Belmont clubs in 1968 at Bulimba Oval. Germania club was formed by Rudy Gerhard and Gunter Pieplow and foundation members Gunter Pfuhl, Wal Oldenburg, Martin Wimmer, Joe Matica and H. Meisser are all still with the club.

The junior section, Southside Belmont, was founded by the late Joe Allen and was a breakaway from Easts-Aston Villa in or around 1965. Of the hundreds of players who passed through his hands were Gary, Trevor and Neil Catchpole, Ron Millman, Tony Brennan, Leon Wilson and many of our present players. Relegated to second division in 1969 it took four seasons before we climbed back in 1974. That season of '73 was a record-breaking one for us as all three senior sides won their premierships and grand final. It was a fine year for our coach Iain Kesson, a hard working Scot who I rate highly and who would be one of the most dedicated men in the game. Iain was with the seniors from 1972-75.

The 1977 was by far our best, when under the leadership of Matt Carson, Eagles were beaten by St. George on goal average for the premiership and also reached the grand final. Matt needs no introduction to readers as his past performances with Merton East and the Queensland team speak for him. He has the necessary qualities of dedication and ability to reach his players that are an essential ingredient for success.

The junior section has 16 teams ranging from under 7 to 16 plus cricket and a very successful netball team controlled by Mrs. Joan Hendricks. The Eagles priorities are for a successful '78 and then we can look towards State League and Philips League in the coming years. However, these are in the future and little can be achieved without sponsorship and the dedicated Soccer supporters screaming—"Eagles, Eagles."

CLUB OFFICIALS: President—Gunter Pfuhl (399 2516); Secretary—John Allen

(59 9031); Treasurer — Rudi Gerhard (370 1706); Junior Soccer—J. Grice (399 7980); Coach—Matt Carson (345 3470); Assistant Coach—Ralph Clark; Masseur—Sam Morgan (44 5747); Ground—Bulimba Oval; Fixtures, Home Games—Lions Stadium, Richlands (372 2989); Teams—1st and 6th division;; Colours—White jersey and green stripes or green jersey with white stripes; Regular functions—Bingo every Thursday 11 a.m. and dance on the fourth Friday of every month at headquarters, The German Club, Vulture St., East Brisbane. Bookings for meals and dance phone John Allen (59 9031) or the German Club (391 2434.)

Next week: a look at Eagles players, starting with goalkeeper John Bennett.

**WORLD CUP '78
Argentina Ready**

BUENOS AIRES — The president of the International Football federation, Joao Havelange of Brazil, arrived here last week for the World Cup finals which began on June 1.

He told reporters he had already received a report from FIFA Vice-President Hermann Neuberger that Argentina was in even better condition than West Germany in 1974 to organise this year's championships.

"The Argentine World Cup will be a success," he said.

Mr. Havelange said that the FIFA congress due to be held here on May 31 would discuss a proposal to increase the number of teams competing in future World Cup finals from 16 to 24.

He said he thought such a proposal would be impossible to approve as it would mean only Brazil or a number of European countries would have the capacity to organise the championship.

The FIFA president said proposals to change some of the rules of soccer might also be discussed. These could include the inclusion of the kick-in to supplement the throw-in from touch and the introduction of a short corner.

WORLD CUP '78**ALLY'S TARTAN ARMY**

GLASGOW — Temporary British consulates are being established to deal with it, normally sane men have quit their jobs to watch it, not a day goes by without it being the subject of passionate debate in newspapers and pubs up and down the United Kingdom.

It has the backing of a special "army", is already a huge commercial success and has even caused the re-scheduling of a political by-election.

The sporting prestige of a nation depends on it and by the time it is over, it is expected to leave a trail of whiskey bottles and "widows" in its wake. It is Scottish Soccer.

Some say that Scotland's appearance this month in the World Cup Soccer finals in Argentina could even accelerate the process of devolution.

Soccer may be a fast-growing sport in Australia and even religion in England, but here it is life itself. Even so, Scotland and for that matter the rest of Britain—is in the throes of a football fanaticism of unparalleled magnitude.

The Government has already learned to live with it. By elections are traditionally held on Thursday, and the important Hamilton poll in Scotland was originally set for Thursday, June 1.

But that's when the World Cup starts.

At Labour Party headquarters it seemed pretty obvious that not too many Scots would be dashing away from their T.V. sets to the polling booths.

So Wednesday, May 31st it had to be. Affairs of state gracefully took a back seat to Soccer.

Heading Scotland's bid in Argentina is team manager Alistair "Ally" MacLeod who has achieved the status of a huge cult figure.

Scotland's entire population of five million is otherwise known as "Ally's Tartan Army" of fanatical supporters, for few of them are game not to count themselves in its legions. They are among the most boisterous and loyal bands of followers in the world.

If MacLeod brings back the Cup from Argentina, it is said, he will replace Robert Burns as Scotland's national hero.

"If they put MacLeod at the head of the Scottish National Party they'd have

devolution in the back of the net by tomorrow morning," said one newspaper columnist recently.

For the Scots are doubly pleased that, just as in the 1974 World Cup finals, the "old enemy" England has failed to qualify.

The feeling is well summed up by a song called "Ally's Tartan Army" which has been topping the Scottish hit parade. Its last line boasts:

"We're representing Britain, and we've got to do or die, for England Cannae do it, 'cause they didnae qualify."

MacLeod says: "When England won the World Cup in '66 and I take nothing from them, they were at home. Think how much more it would mean in the Argentine."

"There's always been jealousy between the Scots and English. They won Flodden, we won Bannockburn. That balanced things up outside football."

Then, with reasoning that only a true Scot could provide, he adds: "If Scotland wins the Cup away from home, it'll even out everything, except it'll prove we're better."

Despite the fervour of his Tartan Troops, the supporting forces in Argentina will be small. Argentina's military government has banned charter flights from Europe, and all 500 supporters who were able to acquire one of the tiny allocation of tickets made available in Britain will be travelling by scheduled airline on package tours costing up to 3,500 dollars.

So the famed roar of Glasgow's Hampden Park will be reduced to a whisper in Argentina. But lack of a ticket has never deterred a determined Scotsman.

When Scotland first qualified for the World Cup finals, many ingenious travel arrangements were proposed, including the hiring of a submarine.

One enterprising travel agent was seen measuring the tiny runway at Sumburgh Airport, in the Shetland Islands, in the vain hope that it would accommodate a Boeing 707.

Some enthusiasts have disappeared to the continent in the hope of working their passage on a boat, any boat to the River Plate.

Several dozen more have flown by skytrain to New York to catch a bus to

the Mexican border after which their travel plans are, to say the least, vague.

Last week the British Embassy in Lima Peru, reported a sighting of two Scotsmen on bicycles heading into the high Sierras.

Glasgow butcher Roddy has sold his shop to make the trek.

Full-time author William McIlvanney, 41, has stopped writing his latest novel and left his wife Moira and two children at home in Kilmarnock.

Twenty year old electrician Charlie Gibbons who worked a second job as a Glasgow bus driver to make the money, is taking unpaid leave from work.

It's a measure of World Cup fever in Scotland that employers are willing, without unpleasantness, to allow their workers time off to go to Argentina.

One of the unluckiest Scots alive is the Lanarkshire man who won a trip for two to the World Cup in a 32 cents raffle, only to be told by his doctor that he was unfit to travel. The excitement would have been too much for his heart.

Those who do manage to complete the long journey may rest assured that the foreign office is ready to extend a motherly hand to sort out what it diplomatically calls "communications difficulties" between well refreshed Scotsmen and armed Argentinian police.

Temporary consulates are being opened in Cordoba and Mendoza where Scotland play their first matches, to avoid the

A. C. MILAN—The Italian Aces

MILAN — A C Milan, who will tour Australia next month, have been one of the greatest forces in Italian and European Soccer since the second World War.

Nine times champions in Italy, they won the coveted European Champions' Cup twice and the Cup winners Cup twice in their great years during the 1960's.

The team today is no longer the pride of Italian football but blends experience with promising young talent to be one of the most exciting in the first division.

Ever since the club was founded in 1899, with the quaint name of "Milan Cricket and Football Club" given it by the British businessmen working in Milan who set it up, A C Milan's name has been identified with attractive, attacking Soccer.

Today is no different, from veteran goalkeeper Enrico Albertosi, a stalwart for the Italian National side and a veteran of

unthinkable occurrence of a volatile supporter being locked up while his team is playing.

MacLeod acknowledges that the allegiance of the Tartan Army has played a big part in his team's success, "You should have seen Hampden Park the night we beat Bulgaria," he says, referring to a friendly match earlier this year.

"Sixty thousand Scots, singing in the lashing rain and, by God, that was only a friendly."

"We shall know that every man, woman and child in Scotland will be round the telly, kicking with us every inch of the way," he says, "That'll pull us through."

The Scots left back at home have no fear of missing the action. There will be saturation coverage of the event on television here. With 46 hours of live play, newspaper competitions are offering cases of whisky to ease the pain of the vigil.

Scotland in the World Cup is not only about soccer. It is about money. Many commercial firms are pouring cash into a fund for the players which already stands at more than 320,000 dollars and will be greatly increased by sales of the team's record of "The World Cup Song" made with more than a little help from pop singer Rod Stewart.

Bookmakers, Ladbrokes estimate that British punters are likely to place more than 32 million dollars in bets on the Cup if Scotland reach the final.

three World Cups, to left-winger Ruben Buriani the side is bristling with talent and skill.

The pivot of the side is the great Gianni Rivera, considered one of the finest Italian players ever.

European Footballer of the Year in 1972, Rivera is best remembered for the goal which took Italy to the World Cup final in Mexico in 1970 in a dramatic 4-3 win in the semi-finals over West Germany.

Albertosi, who is not going to Argentina for this year's World Cup finals, although he was named in the initial squad of 40, was also in the Italian side that lost the 1970 final to Brazil.

Alongside Rivera in midfield is Fabio Capello, capped 36 times for Italy and considered unlucky not to have made the squad of 22 for Argentina.

At the back young centre-back Livio Colloviti is rapidly developing into one of

the best defenders in the country. Supporting him are the experienced Albert Bet and Ramon Turone.

Up front Buriani, an exciting winger, and chief goalscorer Alberto Bigon form a fine partnership capable of outwitting the strongest defences in the Italian League.

A C Milan, who struggled to avoid relegation last season, had a much better season this year. They led the table up till Christmas before finishing fourth.

They are managed by Swede Nils Lied-

holm, a former player for the club and one of the start of the Swedish team that reached the World Cup Final in 1958.

Liedholm has successfully brought along youngsters like Collovati and Buriani while retaining the experience of Rivera and Capello.

His ultimate goal is to restore the club to the heady days of the 1960's — when A C Milan won the Champion's Cup by beating two of the great sides of the decade, Benfica of Portugal and Ajax of Holland.

STARKLY CONTRASTING LIFESTYLES

HANGCHOW, CHINA — Nien Wei-Szu parents, both now aged 83. Transport, and Ronald Atkinson are men of different ideological planets.

Neither speaks a word of the other's language. Their respective life-styles, ambitions, attitudes and beliefs illustrate what many academic volumes have attempted to show us: The extent of the gulf that separates England, from the new China.

Yet there is a powerful affinity between them. From their earliest teens they have been football men.

Nien Wei-Szu, China's national Soccer coach, is accompanying West Bromwich Albion through their history-making tour of this enormous country. Ron Atkinson is leading it.

Both men laugh easily. Each beneath the laughter is excessively shrewd.

Nien Wei Szu:—
Occupation: Coach of People's Republic of China National football team. Aged 44.

Career Details: At 18 won first of 98 caps for China, first at left-half, later centre-forward. Twenty, sent by China communist party to study Soccer coaching in Hungary for 18 months.

Twenty eight, ended playing career with broken leg against White Russia and appointed assistant coach to national team. Thirty-three, appointed full national coach. Forty-four, instructed by China communist party to prepare team for major advance in International football.

Family: Married to Huang Kuo-Hui, qualified swimming coach who still works. One daughter, aged 14, one son, aged six.

Home: Three-roomed ground floor apartment in Peking which is home to Nien Wei-Szu, his wife and children, and Nien's

bicycle.

Clothes: two suits, both clerical grey in button-to-throat style favoured in Maoist China political circles. Income: £7 a week. Security: at discretion of State. Favourite drink: orange juice.

Philosophy: My ambitions are to popularise football in China and raise the levels of skill. I am not interested in money. I have a good and happy family life. I hear of Americans making great money from sport, but it does not make me discontented.

I spend eight months of every year travelling inside China in the areas which tourists never see. Some of those areas are still backward.

It is our duty to spend money on improving those areas before we spend money on sport. Sometimes our football team go to play games abroad and they see tall buildings and beautiful houses and high living standards. You must understand that they don't envy these things.

They only make our players want to work harder to build China into a country where we shall eventually have many of the good things that the foreigners have.

It is therefore important for my players to have the correct political consciousness. It is important for them to be patriotic and love the motherland. Patriotism has nothing to do with money.

While my team is continuing to learn, it does not matter to me whether they lose one match or five.

The important thing is that they play in the correct spirit and learn with every match.

We are making friends that way, and I hope that soon we shall be accepted into the World's Football Organisation called FIFA.

Ronald Frederick Atkinson.—

Occupation: Manager of West Bromwich Albion football club. Aged 38.

Career Details: At 15, ground staff boy with Wolverhampton Wanderers. 17-20, with Aston Villa. 21-31, midfield player with Oxford United. 32-35, player-manager with Kettering Town. 35-38, manager Cambridge United, January 13th 1978, appointed manager with West Bromwich, taking them to F.A. Cup semi-finals and into next season's UEFA Cup.

Family: Married to Margaret, qualified hairdresser who no longer works. One daughter, aged 13.

Home: Four bedroomed detached house with patio, lawn and swimming pool in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Transport: Drives 1978 Jaguar XJ6. Wife owns 1977 Datsun 100.

Clothes: Fourteen suits, mostly continental style. Enjoys vivid sports shirts, bespoke slacks, and moccasin-style leather shoes.

Income: From salary, bonuses and TV appearance, in region of 600-900 dollars weekly. Security: Three-year contract. Favourite Drink: Champagne. Philosophy: My one ambition is to become the best manager in the country. I have to be an

egotist because I'm now competing against the legends in the game.

I'm a materialist, I don't deny it. I love the good things in life, but I'm in a high-risk job. But then, so are coal-miners and they work harder than I do.

I see nothing wrong in a man like Jack Nicklaus taking two million dollars in a year out of American sport. He gets it because he's the best. Nobody gives it to him. He has to go in there and take it. He gets it because he's value for money.

One of these days I'd love to try America. For me, they've got it right. You win or bust. I have a maxim in football. I tell my players: "Don't bore me. If you bore me you will bore the fans, and they are the people who pay us."

My attitude to the game is that I want to play competitively within the framework of the rules.

This tour of China has been a valuable experience for my young players. They've had to learn how to cope with a strange environment. It will stand them in good stead in Europe next year.

My immediate ambition is to win a trophy, any trophy.

FREIXENET CASH FOR PSL PLAYERS

ONE of GO SOCCER'S sponsors, Freixenet Champagne, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in the magazine has come up with prizemoney of \$500 to be awarded at the end of the season to a Philips League player from either Brisbane City or Brisbane Lions.

And whoever wins depends on YOU, the reader. Every month, we will be asking you to write to GO SOCCER, 47 Trouts Road, Stafford, and tell us who you think has been the player of the month. If you like give us a few reasons and we'll publish them. The monthly winner, that is, the player who receives most votes from you, will win an engraved ice bucket and a bottle of Freixenet Champagne. The player who has received most votes at the end of the season wins the grand prize of \$500 cash. So get to it and support your favourite PSL player.

The first month of the competition covers May and in that period, Brisbane City played at home against Sydney Olympic and Brisbane Lions and was away to St. George, and Newcastle United. Brisbane Lions played away against Fitzroy United and Brisbane City and were at home to Adelaide City. Also take into account this Monday's match against Footscray, which was scheduled for May.

So get to it, tell us your player of the month and why and we will publish the first result as soon as possible.

CLUB NEWS

DUTTON PARK UNITED

A POINT DROPPED

DUTTON Park United dropped a valuable point to Wacol last week in a very exciting game where the lead changed constantly and the result was in doubt right up to the full time whistle.

The Game commenced with Dutton Park throwing everything into attack and making numerous goal scoring opportunities only to be let down by the finishing in front of goal. The Wacol defence however was finally cracked 16 minutes into the game when Alex McLaren flicked a clever ball over the Wacol keeper's head and into the top right hand corner of the net. (A clever goal considering the goal keeper was nearly as tall as the goal posts).

Twelve minutes later disaster struck. The normally confident United defence, who had let in only four goals this season up until this match, cracked wide open allowing a Wacol forward heaps of room down the middle. A late tackle by full back Ray Yates only managed to flick the ball over advancing keeper Eric Summons head and into the back of his own net, an own goal, making the scores level at 1-1.

This own goal seemed to spur Wacol on, and 13 minutes later they took the lead with a scorcher. Wacol has been the only side capable of splitting the Dutton Park defence wide open this year — a lesson we hope the Dutton Park players have learnt. Half time score 2-1 to Wacol.

After the break it was a repeat of the first half with Dutton Park throwing everything into attack only to be let down in front of goal. It took 24 minutes

into the second half for United to equalise when Doug Carningham hit a half volley that ripped into the top left corner of the net, to make the scores 2-2. Dutton Park nearly stole the match right on full time with at least three full blooded shots that were blocked by defenders.

Congratulations to Wacol for such a close game, but a heartbreaking day for

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SALISBURY KEEP SLAMMING

THIRD DIVISION — A 4-nil win by Salisbury third division over Newmarket last week enabled them to pull two points clear on the premiership table.

The lead can be attributed to the team's great home record which now stands at 16 goals for and none against.

Last Saturday's game again showed the Salisbury forwards are eager and successful in taking their chances and the defence an efficient professional machine.

Striker Bruce Austin again demonstrated he must be one of the hottest properties in the lower divisions when he got two of Salisbury's goals.

Austin now has nearly 20 goals in less than half as many games.

His first goal came early in the first half when during a goal-mouth scramble he pounced on a loose ball and in a typical Gerd Muller fashion slotted it away.

After the goal Salisbury continued to attack and a second goal was inevitable.

It was pleasing to see Dave Murray get back on the score-sheet when he headed in a great free-kick from the left by Tony Collins.

Bruce Austin got his second goal and Salisbury's third before half-time, when he easily tapped the ball in after the Newmarket keeper failed to save cleanly.

After half-time Salisbury continued to attack down the wings and always looked in command.

The team's fourth and rather lucky goal came when a shot by Dave Murray was fumbled by the Newmarket keeper and allowed to roll into the net.

Newmarket's only real chance came in the second half when Salisbury keeper, Colin Jensen, dropped a ball crossed from the wing, but the defence were too quick and cleared before the Newmarket forwards could take advantage.

Salisbury can again thank their mid-field for the win with Graeme Stone, John Robinson and Wayne Ham, in his return to the top team, all playing well.

The Beckenbauer Brothers, Steve Gilliard and Steve Donald were again outstanding in defence.

Coach Bob Butchard (apologies for

last week's mis-spelling) must be pleased with his side's performance and the wins are deserved rewards for his hard work.

The Salisbury eighth division team had their game called-off when Newmarket refused the provided referee.

Their decision seems strange in that had they played the game and won, they would have jumped from fourth to second place on the league ladder.

A goal in the first minute set the scene for Mitchelton's 5-0 slaughter of Salisbury Colts last Sunday.

When Mitchelton scored again five minutes later it seemed a double figure score-line was possible.

Under the guidance of captain Al Barrow Salisbury did start to settle and fought gamely through the rest of the half.

The defence though, were caught flat once and another goal resulted before half-time.

In the second half Salisbury again could not provide an answer and Mitchelton managed to get their two other goals after missing many opportunities.

The only bright spot for Salisbury was when midfielder Shane Robertson, watched his bending free-kick hit the bar after beating the Mitchelton goalkeeper.

There seem to be many problems to be solved before this team return to their early season winning form.

GOLD COAST NEWS

AN unaccountable loss of form has cost Beaudesert a place in the President's Cup final by one goal. After riding on the top of the competition a 7-1 thrashing by Palm Beach has caused them to drop to third. They finished the round with the same points as Gold Coast United but have conceded one more goal than they have scored, while Gold Coast had equal goals for and against.

The President's Cup final is set down for Stephens Trotway Southport on June 4 at 3 p.m. and is between Palm Beach and Gold Coast United. Not even the staunchest Palm Beach supporter could explain the poor form shown by the Beaudesert team in the game in question. Beaudesert had good wins over Twin Towns City and Gold Coast in previous weeks and a close game was expected. Equally as unexpected was the result of the game between Twin Towns City and Nerang. Nerang have also been showing a little bit of form in recent weeks but crashed against Twin Towns to go down 10-1.

IPSWICH ITEMS

by Iain Kesson

It was a week of the unexpected for United were tipped to have an easy time of it against Southport. However the Southport team, who have been promising a lot and showing little over the past few weeks had a welcome return to form to lose a somewhat spiteful game 3-2. The winner was a last minute penalty. The long awaited clash between Gold Coast United and the Gold Coast and District Association representative team took place last Friday night at Stephens Trotway. It was played as a benefit match for the Palm Beach player who lost his house in a fire several weeks ago.

Although United won 2-0 there was not a great deal of difference between the teams. The entire first half revolved around the defences of both sides and neither looked like scoring. The first goal came midway through the second half and should never have gone in. A United player took the ball to the goal-line, some of the Association players appealed that it had gone out, the goalkeeper failed to gather the ball and it bounced off his knee into the net. The second goal was unstoppable. Ricky Mangan beat four tackles and fired a beautiful shot into the top right corner from 20 yards out. The game was also, played as a trial for the prospective State League team.

by Onlooker

Another good win, 5-0 over Richlands Windmills, but we had a bad start to this one, losing Ian Lawrie with a suspected broken ankle in three minutes. I'm pleased to say Ian's ankle is not broken but he has badly torn ligaments. Bryan Kathage replaced Ian and had a big game. He didn't score himself but was involved in three of our goals and was most unlucky to hit the woodwork twice.

Steve McDowell scored our first in seven minutes, getting in on the blind side and sending a fierce angled drive into the roof of the net from close range after Richlands had failed to clear their lines. The game was pretty even up to half-time with both sides having only a few break-away raids. The second half was only five minutes old when Gavin Johnston robbed the Richlands centre half and went on to beat the advancing keeper. Bryan Kathage made a strong determined run into Richland's penalty box and did very well to squeeze his cut back pass that beat the Richlands defence all ends up to give McDowell the easiest of tap in goals.

At this stage, I feel Richlands' youth and inexperience began to show and quite

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

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

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

Last weekend the points were awarded:

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions, May 28.

- 3 — ALAN MARLEY
- 2 — JOHN COYNE
- 1 — PETER TOKESI

The progressive points after 12 home matches (seven for City and five for Lions) are:

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

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a few of the youngsters gave it away. Martin Breen scored our fourth with a good run onto Bryan Kathage's square pass. Martin dummied the defence and made no mistake with his angled drive. The fifth was a classic by Jeff Dann. He burst forward from the central defence, giving a good ball forward and kept going and as the Richlands defence came out, Kathage slipped a pass into his path and the shot left the keeper completely stranded. A good team goal as our front men had to think quickly and get out with the defence. I must say we didn't play tremendous football but can still improve on this performance.

Our reserves had their first defeat of the season, 4-2 at the hands of North Brisbane in the 6th division. Taking nothing away from Norths who were worthy winners on the day but this one has been coming for some weeks, after nine wins in a row. Not a bad effort lads, but we must have been getting a bit lazy and over-confident. Our senior Colts had another good win at Newmarket on Sunday running out 5-1 winners and scoring all six goals. Andy Scarf put one through his own net in the last two minutes. A good game, well handled by the ref., which makes a pleasing change in Colts Division. Larry Reeves and Steven Muller had good games for Saints and Peter Morton produced his best since joining the club.

Jeff Lindsay was outstanding and our scorers were Peter Morton and Larry Reeves in the first half, Steven Muller, Norm Pennells and Phil Greenall from the penalty spot. And speaking of penalties, our keeper Dave O'Toole saved one from Newmarket. Booval Stars went down 3-0 to Northside in a game they could have won with a little bit of luck and a bit more hard work as they missed two great chances in the first 10 minutes. They hit the woodwork with a good shot before halftime but Northside had two in the net by then. Booval missed a penalty in the second half before Northside added their third.

Both of the ladies teams had good wins and the third division are undefeated this season. A great effort girls, keep it up. Our junior Colts A defeated Rochedale in a very physical game 4-1. When you see games like this you wonder what clubs do on training nights.

The Ipswich United clubhouse is realytaking shape now and on behalf of the club I would like to thank the voluntary labourers who have turned up at weekends so far. Another few weekends with your help and we will all be soon sitting inside

it having a light refreshment, "tea of course".

Keep up the good work, or should I say keep turning up to do the good work. It's very much appreciated. Last week I was involved with the selection of the Ipswich Schoolboys rep. team. These lads will join about 80 others for a coaching clinic at Souths United's ground this week. Over the three day period the Queensland team will be selected. This is the second year it has been set up and if last year's results are anything to go by it was a great success. Last year's Queensland team beat New South Wales for the first time and just missed out on the championship. Congratulations to Mrs. Peter Neilson, who had a son last Saturday (May 27th). Peter kept it pretty quiet until after our win on Sunday before he passed out the cigars. Mum and baby are both doing fine.

WYNNUM INTO THE CUP

WYNNUM v Mitchelton, 2nd division —

The two front runners in second division met at Hemmant to fight out the leadership of the division and, as an extra bonus, entry into the Ampol Cup as reps. for the second division.

The game started with Mitchelton immediately taking control of the mid field where the hard work done by Black and Comino appeared to upset the techniques of Carpenter, Brown and Large.

McDonald was chiming into the Mitchelton attacks and the skills of Cruse quickly created chances which were scorned, Cruse himself being the chief culprit on one occasion, when he did all the hard work, brilliantly beating four men, turning in front of goal and ruefully slotting his shot past the post.

It was all Mitchy and the team appeared a yard faster in every department than Wynnum who could not get into the game at all. Mike Hayes gave Mitchelton the lead when he broke right, cut into the box and hammered a shot across the goal. The Wynnum goalkeeper got an arm to the ball but did nothing more than knock the ball up into the net.

At the half time mark Bill Bryant must have read the riot act but it didn't really do much good so he quickly substituted Nigel Fisher but the game continued to run in Mitchelton's favour. Neil Orford

left the field injured and Ian Perry moved to centre half with John Coffey going on at left back.

This didn't appear to affect things too much but suddenly Wynnum began to pressure Elliott a bit more and finally the goal they needed came through the boot or should we say head of Nigel Rehbock who nodded a clever header over the top of the defence but under the bar. Wynnum now began to show the type of form that begets league leadership and Dave Large quickly hooked the Bay-siders into the lead.

End to end football ensued but Wynnum could not add to their lead. The last ten minutes saw a desperate Mitchelton set up siege on the Wynnum goal and Mike Hayes again hooked in a shot that hit the post. Headers rained in and the Wynnum goalie covered himself in glory keeping the green and golds at bay. Wynnum held on and in winning 2-1 made the Ampol Cup as well as moving three points ahead in the league.

A good game enjoyed by some 150 spectators who would agree that there are no easy games in this grade.

NORTHERN NOTES

by Noddy

FIRST division match against Eagles started off on a quiet note — gradually built up, and resulted in a strong win to the "Chaps" from Prentice Park.

The start saw Gary Bray continuously under pressure but successfully and expertly keeping his goal area intact, and thus providing the team with the early peace of mind and confidence, that certainly flowed on to all players and remained with them throughout the entire match.

The defence players in the early part of the match were always hard at work repelling the attacks of Millman & Co. but remained firm and left nothing to be desired. Nick Blackman improves with every match whilst Bob D. Tom G. and Alan C., were always on hand when the going got tough and their efforts coupled with those of the mid field were presenting our forwards with more and more opportunities — when would we 'swoop.'

With the "Lemons Break" very close to hand L.P. (Long Play) was on the spot, and he had been continuously creating problems for the opposition, espied a morsel that had been overlooked by the eagles and banged it away for a delightful goal.

Second half saw our mid-field still providing plenty of ball and half time replacement Steve Markey was unlucky with a shot that hit the goal post. Ron Kidd and Jock Krawiec were always teasing the Eagles by taking away their momentary gains and feeding it on for their own players, when, lo and behold Pollock "swooped in" causing the opposition to have second thoughts and thus providing left winger Markey with a further scoring chance which he promptly headed in.

Play continued, but a different picture was apparent as North Brisbane, who had torn away from the Eagles talons, were now to be seen moving the ball around with ease and making the Eagles chase for the crumbs.

The match although won by NORTHs, was not as spectacular as the Thistle encounter. In passing might I say "congratulations to Mr. Jack Wood and his co-officials for allowing the game to flow."

Let us keep concentrating, looking up, going up and banging them in.

Sixth division: Norths played the previously undefeated St. Helens side and came away with two points winning the match by a 4-2 margin. Highlight of the match was a "hat trick" by Kas Biedak. All players turned in a top class performance and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

First division colts: Journeyed to the Gold Coast and came home with 2 points after winning the match 2-1. Tony Robertson was responsible for the first goal very early in the match and Brad Salisbury landed a solid left footer in the early stages of the second half. Thanks to Gary Bray for playing in goals, and to Brian Addison, senior coach, for managing the team on this trip.

Neil Harvey showed a return to form, and Harry T. has his usual solid game as sweeper. D. D. and Brad turned in good performances. Unfortunately John Mlynarczyh did not arrive and the team had only 11 players.

Second division colts played at Ipswich City and had a solid game but unfortunately lost 1-2.

TRIDENT BREAK JINX

SECOND division — At last the jinx has been broken and Trident recorded their first win of the season in an away match by defeating Acacia Ridge 1-0.

The first half started at top pace and remained that way throughout the match with Trident doing more of the attacking.

John Kennedy and John Shepherd provided excellent leadup football whilst attacking and were always a constant threat to the opposition. They, in turn, were supported by the solid defence of Dennis Lockhart and Peter Harris. The pressure paid off — in the 22nd minute John Shepherd was rewarded for his effort with a 30 metre drive which put Trident in the lead.

The second half was a fairly even affair with the ball flowing from one end to the other. Fine saves by the Acacia Ridge goal keeper denied Trident's forwards any further chances of scoring whereas, on the other end, Sam Mancini denied Acacia Ridge the chance of equalising.

A good win for Trident but let us look on the 'build up' that went into this win— Vanguard—John Kennedy, John Shepherd Mainbody—Dave Miller, John Hudson Rear Guard—Dennis Lockhart, Sam

Mancini and Peter Harris Commander—Team effort.

Congratulations to both sides for an entertaining game.

Seventh division — What a shocker; It's hard to put your finger on any particular thing we did wrong — there was plenty to choose from — bad passing, poor possession, team play; what team play! What became of the side that played against Gold Coast, Taringa and recently Mitchelton? So much for the opener.

In the seventh division we saw Trident suffer their heaviest defeat this season when they last 4-1 to Acacia Ridge. It was their second defeat in a row for the team. They have the skill but their performance was in no way the same strong and intensive teamwork of the past. Acacia Ridge fully deserved their win as they played as a team.

Although Trident started well and attacked confidently which produced some creative football and scoring chances were there — three in particular from Steve Mecner, Bruce Leggatt and Alex Pyrih. Their backs played well but their efforts were in vain as the side did not perform as a team.

There seems to be a lot of work for the coach and selection team. They should rearrange the side as some of the players

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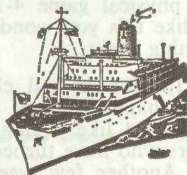
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are in the wrong position to be able to be used to their best advantage. The players on the bench should be considered. The best effort for Trident came from Dave Southern.

The Club congratulates Laurie O'Brien on his appointment as masseur in the recent under 19 State Squad in The Australian Championship. Well done Laurie.

ANNERLEY ANALYSIS

by Bill Williams

WE certainly drew a tough one in the Philips Cup, playing against Lions at Perry Park. The result was more or less as expected and we congratulate Lions on their win. The main factors, I believe, were their extra speed, accurate passing and ball control, which had us chasing all night. It was noticeable that in the last 10 minutes of each half, Lions twice scored three goals which indicates it took them that long to wear us down. None of the Annerley players threw in the towel at any stage and some of them lifted themselves to greater heights than usual, inspired no doubt by John Ferguson's display in goal. In this category particularly were Neil Lovell and Dave Grundy.

A word of complaint here. The dressing room at Perry Park was in a disgraceful condition for us to use. I don't know whether it had been used since the Dundee match on the previous Sunday but it certainly looked as though it had not been cleaned since then. The rubbing table was sticky and covered with a gooey, sticky substance and we had to obtain a cloth and clean it down before we could use it. The stench from the toilet and shower area was pretty strong and the floor was in a mess. Typical of what to expect?

On then to the match against Mt. Gravatt and we took no joy from this game. In the 18th minute, Mal Oakes got an elbow in the eye, which required hospital treatment. The injury required 12 stitches and as it was his birthday it certainly was not the kind of present he was hoping for. A win would have been much better but it was not to be, as we lost 1-0. To be fair, the visitors had more chances than we did and they provided plenty of work for our defence and keeper John Ferguson, who again was outstanding. We did have some chances but did not finish anything off. Replacement Richie Smiles fitted in well and performed as well as any Annerley player on the day.

THISTLE CLEAN SWEEP

by the Sporan

LAST weekend, for the first time this year, Grange Thistle had all four of their senior teams on the winning lists.

Starting at the top, the 1st Division defeated Merton East 4-0. In a game marred by poor passing from both sides, the match was played for most of the time between the two penalty areas, with both keepers dealing confidently with the few shots that did come their way.

Defences were sound with Merton's Peter Houghton and Thistle's John Wilkinson outstanding. The first goal came from Ken Swan, who rounded a defender in the box and slotted it past Chris Carroll. This lad has a big future in front of him. He opened the scoring the previous week against the talented Eagles side, and, despite his youth of 18 years, fits into the Thistle midfield as if he has played there all his life.

The second half continued like the first, neither team very dominant but the sloppy passing persisted. Half an hour in and it was as if the bell had just rung, 3 goals being scored in the final 15 minutes — Sandy Woodside hitting one in on the half volley, John Wilkinson scoring from a well executed set play in front of goal, then a 'strangely subdued' Tony Bailey putting in the final touch right on the 45 minute mark.

The match did not reach any great heights, but Thistle's Ken Swan, Duncan Taylor and Mark Aponas stood out, while for Merton centre backs Peter Houghton and Rod Stein played well, as did Gerry Kay with his limited opportunities.

In the earlier match on Friday night, Thistle Colts defeated Jim Dolan's Merton Colts 2-0. This top of the table clash produced all the fire one would expect with the teams only one point apart. Referee Alan Kibler controlled the game well and kept the match flowing.

It was unfortunate that linesman Col Amos was not completely up with play when the second Thistle goal was scored, as there was quite some dispute as to whether the ball did, in fact, cross the line.

Our informant who was in line with the goal stresses the ball was, in fact, 2 feet over. So let's not cast aspersions on the background of referees and linesmen when watching the play from the half way line. This result now puts Thistle in front of the Colts A division by one point.

Team of Yesteryear

NORTH BRISBANE (Polonia) — 1968



THIS is the Polonia team of 1968 which won the second division premiership and secured promotion to the first division, where the club has been ever since.

Back row (from left: Henry Brown, Eddie Musial, Ron Piper, Frank Romanowski, John Griffiths, Derek Attwood.

Front row (from left): Forrester Cleeton, Wayne Walker, Syd Tucker, Derek Robson, Alan James.

Elsewhere, on the weekend, the sixth division had their first win, defeating Richlands 4-1. Richlands were forced to play with only 10 players, but with ball players like Ben Mollee and Darryl Wilkins among the ten, one didn't know what to expect. The score 2-0 at half time gave Thistle lots of confidence, but they had to realise that experience counts and trod warily in the second half.

Best players were Messrs. Mollee and Wilkins for Richlands, and Noel Bree and Mark Millard for Thistle. Well done lads, don't let success go to your heads.

In the Colts B, Thistle defeated Bardon Latrobe Juniors by 5-0. This team is now advancing well up the table. The previous weeks result was the more gratifying, winning 2-0 away over the much fancied Inala City. Considering this team consists of 15 and 16 year old players mainly, the club is highly pleased with its results.

JUNIOR NEWS

OVER the long weekend, the annual Inter-City competition will be taking place in age groups Under 10 to Under 15.

Teams participating are from Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Bundaberg Associations.

This competition has been played over a number of years and this is the first time Bundaberg have entered teams.

Matches will be played on all three days of the long weekend, on a round-robin basis, so the boys will play up to six matches in the three days. Age groups and venues are as follows —

- Under 10 to be played at Logan Athletic
- Under 12 to be played at Acacia Ridge
- Under 14 to be played at Richlands Stadium
- Under 11 to be played at North Star, Zillmere
- Under 13 to be played at North Star, Zillmere
- Under 15 to be played at Spencer Park/Finsbury Park

Players in the Under 13 to Under 15 age groups will be playing hard for a place in teams to represent their Zone in the State Titles in August.

No matter what your taste in football, the little ones or the bigger boys, there will be some "champagne" football played in Brisbane over this weekend.

WESTSIDE GOING WELL

THIRD division: Since our last report our third division side has had some good results, defeating North Star 4-0, The Gap 4-3 but then put in a shocker to lose 2-1 to Nerang. The boys then bounced back to beat St. Albans away 3-0 then accounted for Inala Rangers 6-1.

Last weekend we were away to Olympic and we had to win after our eighth division side started the day well with a 1-0 victory. For the first 11 minutes it was all Westside and to prove the point Terry Farley scored at that mark after missing an easy chance seven minutes earlier. We let Olympic off the hook by allowing them to equalise in the 15th minute. The team settled down again and dominated play until Dave Spencer made it 2-1 in the 20th minute. It was all Westside from then on and into the second half when Terry Farley scored his second goal, a header from a well taken free kick by Gibby Rowan.

Ten minutes later Olympic were awarded a penalty and our supporters were hoping keeper Bruce Atterton could repeat the penalty save he made the week before against Inala. He dived the right way but the ball went wider, hit the upright and went in. That goal heralded the revival of Olympic who hadn't really been in the game. They tried hard but could not get that elusive equaliser.

MERTON MEMOS

by Eric Sinclair

LAST weekend saw Merton's Colts and first division away to Grange Thistle at Lanham Park on the Friday night.

The Colts game came first and from the outset it was obvious that the game was to be marred by incompetent refereeing. Iain Kesson had some fairly strong words to say about referees in the last edition of GO SOCCER and I can do nothing but endorse his remarks, particularly after the inept performance of this referee. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that the referee cost the Colts this game, the better team on the night won, but a better performance from the referee would have made this a much better game.

The Merton youngsters started this game well. They pushed the ball around nicely and for the first fifteen minutes appeared to have the measure of the Thistle lads. In this period they created several good chances and caused heaps of problems in the Thistle defence. However,

none of these chances were converted and by this time Thistle had settled down and were starting to put their game together. Right on the fifteen minute mark a goal came to Thistle through their number 10. The next fifteen minutes saw both teams creating chances even though the referee was regularly stopping play with dubious decisions. On no less than four occasions did he stop play when the team to whom he gave the free kick had broken clear, thereby robbing them of the advantage, and interrupting the flow of play.

The lowlight of this referee's performance came in the thirtieth minute when a Thistle shot was fumbled by Dave Condie who was on his six yard line, the ball fell behind him and rolled towards the line. He was able to turn and fall on the ball. The referee at this time was on the edge of the penalty area with Dave Condie between him and the ball, he looked to his linesmen who at this time was twenty metres from the goal line and was also in no position to see whether the ball had crossed the line. However, the referee waited until the linesman reached the line and signalled that the ball had crossed the line before giving a goal.

By the time the linesman had reached the line Dave Condie was on his feet on the six yard line. There is no doubt that neither the referee, nor the linesman could have seen the ball cross the line from their positions at the time and no goal should have been allowed. It was interesting to see exactly the opposite occur in the second half when a ball obviously did cross the Merton line with the referee allowing play to go on. Had he realised his error from the first half and was trying to get square? Makes one wonder doesn't it!

This dubious decision had a disastrous effect on the Merton lads who never got back into the game from then on. Final result Grange Thistle 2 Merton East 0.

The first division game started at a cracking pace with the play sweeping from one end of the park to the other. This one hundred mile an hour stuff continued for about fifteen minutes with Merton seeming to have the better of the period with several chances being squandered. Unfortunately this has been the situation for several weeks and it is obvious that we need a striker. After this settling in period Thistle started to knock the ball around and appeared more positive when attacking.

In the 35th minute a shot was charged

down by the defence with the ball falling to Ken Swan in the penalty area. He was allowed to shoot from a narrow angle to ring up the first for Thistle. The game was still anybody's at this stage.

Merton were still doing a fair amount of attacking and the Thistle defence was far from steady. Even the usually cool John Wilkinson was doing some panic kicking and Merton had several chances to get the equaliser before half time, but that wasn't to be.

The second half saw little change. The first half hour was fairly even with chances missed by both sides. Sandy Woodside finally broke the deadlock when he shot from just inside the box.

Chris Carroll did well to get both hands to the shot only to see it hit the inside of the upright and bounce back into the farside of the net. This saw the beginning of the end for Merton.

Five minutes later saw Thistle awarded a free kick just outside the box. While the Merton defence formed a wall and picked up loose players around the edge of the box Johnny Wilkinson began a run from the centre circle, went past the wall as the ball was played over it and tapped the easiest of goals past the exposed Chris Carroll.

Another five minutes saw a ball played through a gap left by the injured Peter Houghton for Tony Bailey to knock in unchallenged. Final score Thistle 4 Merton 0.

Q.S.F. — QANTAS POINTS TABLES

QANTAS is providing prizemoney of \$1750 for the first division premiers, \$750 for second division premiers and a further \$1500 for the lower division knockout Cup.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eagles	10	7	1	2	20	15	15
Ipswich Utd.	10	6	1	3	21	10	13
Thistle	10	5	2	3	23	11	12
Nth. Brisbane	10	4	4	2	20	15	12
St. George	10	4	3	3	15	11	11
Mt. Gravatt	10	4	2	4	14	15	10
Spencer Park	10	4	2	4	15	19	10
Merton	10	4	1	5	10	13	9
Redlands	10	3	2	5	14	20	8
Richlands	10	3	1	6	14	23	7
Annerley	10	1	5	4	9	17	7
Sunnyside	10	2	2	6	13	19	6

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	9	8	—	1	27	8	16
Mitchelton	9	6	1	2	20	10	13
Gold Coast	9	5	2	2	20	15	12
Trident	9	5	1	3	14	13	11
Coalstars	9	5	1	3	16	15	11
Acacia Ridge	9	5	—	4	18	14	10
Oxley	9	3	2	4	16	15	8
Souths	9	4	—	5	9	15	8
Redcliffe	9	3	1	5	10	21	7
Taringa	9	2	2	5	10	14	6
Darra	9	1	3	5	16	18	5
Fort. Valley	9	—	1	8	16	34	1

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salisbury	9	7	1	1	22	7	15
Rovers	9	5	3	1	18	11	13
Westside	9	6	—	3	28	14	12
Olympic	9	5	1	3	21	12	11
Newmarket	8	5	1	2	18	13	11
Pine Rivers	9	5	1	3	20	19	11
St. Albans	8	5	—	3	19	12	10
North Star	8	2	3	3	10	13	7
Willowburn	8	2	1	5	15	28	5
The Gap	9	1	1	7	12	20	3
Nerang	8	1	1	6	9	21	3
Inala Rangers	8	—	1	7	7	29	1

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Goodna	8	6	1	1	24	4	13
Industrial	8	6	1	1	34	16	13
Kingsridge	9	5	2	2	27	24	12
Brighton	8	5	1	2	37	19	11
Booval Stars	9	4	3	2	15	11	11
Twin Towns	7	4	2	1	27	10	10
University	8	5	—	3	12	9	10
Northside	7	3	1	3	19	14	7
Toowong	9	2	—	7	6	17	4
Bayside	9	1	2	6	14	28	4
Padua	9	1	1	7	9	29	3
Rochedale	9	1	—	8	12	55	2

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dutton Park	9	7	1	1	41	6	15
RAAF	9	7	1	1	19	4	15
South Star	9	7	1	1	25	15	15
Albany Creek	9	4	3	2	20	12	11
Samford	9	5	1	3	21	15	11
Adams Park	7	4	1	2	16	7	9
Wacol	8	3	2	3	22	16	8
Slacks Creek	9	2	3	4	11	19	7
Police Acad.	9	2	1	6	15	22	5
North Pine	8	1	1	6	5	22	3
Moggill	9	1	1	7	13	35	3
Greenbank	9	1	—	8	4	39	2

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	9	8	—	1	31	12	16
Mt. Gravatt	11	7	1	3	26	16	15
Redlands	10	7	—	3	30	16	14
Nth. Brisbane	10	7	—	3	27	20	14
Annerley	11	7	—	4	27	23	14
Eagles	10	6	—	4	35	21	12
Sunnyside	9	5	1	3	28	16	11
Wynnum	11	5	1	5	22	27	11
Merton	9	2	2	5	12	25	6
Richlands	10	1	1	8	13	44	3
Thistle	9	1	—	8	10	41	2

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	9	9	—	—	35	6	18
Mitchelton	9	8	1	—	32	8	17
Trident	9	5	—	4	30	21	10
Taringa	9	5	—	4	19	18	10
Darra	9	4	1	4	22	11	9
Gold Coast	9	4	1	4	24	22	9
Oxley	9	4	1	4	22	29	9
Redcliffe	9	3	2	4	17	15	8
Souths	9	4	—	5	19	20	8
Rovers	9	3	—	6	16	31	6
Fort. Valley	9	2	0	7	12	41	4
Pine Rivers	9	—	—	9	9	35	0

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	8	6	2	—	34	9	14
North Star	8	6	—	2	42	12	12
Salisbury	8	5	2	1	23	11	12
Westside	9	5	2	2	9	7	12
Rochedale	9	4	2	3	18	9	10
University	9	5	—	4	24	12	10
Newmarket	8	4	2	2	20	13	10
Olympic	9	4	2	3	25	18	10
The Gap	9	4	1	4	16	11	9
Toowong	9	—	2	7	9	34	2
Brighton	9	—	2	7	13	56	2
Inala Rangers	9	—	1	8	10	51	1

NINTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Annerley	9	7	1	1	52	8	15
Taringa	9	6	3	—	32	6	15
Mitchelton	9	6	2	1	35	6	14
Wynnum	9	6	1	2	29	8	13
Goodna	9	6	1	2	43	20	13
North Star	9	4	1	4	25	12	9
Bayside	9	3	2	4	14	29	8
Mt. Gravatt	9	3	1	5	20	20	7
Industrial	9	3	—	6	20	28	6
Adams Park	9	2	—	7	13	32	4
Souths	9	1	—	8	9	62	2
Redcliffe	9	1	—	8	5	66	2

COLTS POINTS TABLE

COLTS A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	11	8	2	1	29	7	18
Merton	11	8	1	2	26	10	17
Redcliffe	11	8	1	2	22	10	17
Nth. Brisbane	10	7	1	2	23	13	15
Richlands	11	6	1	4	25	14	13
Acacia Ridge	11	5	2	4	21	20	12
Coalstars	10	4	3	3	15	18	11
Mitchelton	11	5	—	6	32	26	10
North Star	10	5	—	5	25	24	10
Salisbury	11	3	2	6	15	26	8
Mt. Gravatt	11	4	—	7	25	37	8
Annerley	11	2	3	6	22	29	7
Gold Coast	11	1	2	8	12	33	4
Pine Rivers	10	—	—	10	14	39	0

COLTS B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spencer Park	11	10	1	—	40	3	21
St. Helens	11	10	—	1	34	6	20
St. George	11	9	1	1	43	12	19
Thistle	10	8	—	2	33	9	16
Inala City	10	6	1	3	37	11	13
Redlands	10	5	1	4	26	21	11
The Gap	9	4	1	4	15	15	9
Bardon Jnr.	11	4	—	7	16	22	8
Wynnum	11	3	1	7	22	40	7
Newmarket	10	3	—	7	14	48	6
Nth. Brisbane	11	2	—	9	14	23	4
Ipswich City	9	2	—	7	14	34	4
Virginia	9	2	—	7	7	29	4
Souths	11	1	—	10	13	55	2

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

- 9 Goals —
Steve Perkovic (Sunnyside)
- 8 Goals —
Len Pollock (Norths)
Tony Bailey (Thistle)
- 7 Goals—
Tony Brennan (Eagles)
Barry Kelso (Redlands)
- 6 Goals —
Ian Steele (Mt. Gravatt)
Ian Lawrie (Ipswich Utd.)
Brian Lampitt (Annerley)
- 5 Goals—
Steve Constantinou (St. George)
- 4 Goals —
Gerry Kay (Merton)
Ron Millman (Eagles)
Paul Sleight (Richlands)
Glen Berry (St. George)
Craig Wallace (Spencer Park)
John Patterson (Thistle)
Gavin Johnston (Ipswich Utd.)
Ken Swan (Thistle)

COUNTER ATTRACTION

REDCLIFFE v TARINGA (2nd DIV.)

LAST Sunday GO SOCCER attended one of the many counter attractions presented to the Brisbane soccer public. How anyone in their right senses would want to watch this utter rubbish instead of driving 25 miles to Perry Park is beyond this writers comprehension.

Allowing there is a difference in standard, many may think this an unfair comparison, but it is usual to allow some relevance provided some attempt is being made to entertain by playing some form of soccer. The lower the division the more important it is that this attempt is honest, an endeavour to teach youngsters the finer points of what is ahead of them.

Redcliffe have to stand up and be counted. Everyone in soccer knows they have had hard times, but the road they are on can only end in a barren waste. From "a friend" on the hill I learned that the team is mostly youngsters, raw and inexperienced, but after watching them perform I'm afraid the latter part of the statement leaves me wondering.

As a soccer man I have seen teams play many, many, styles in many, many games, but never have I witnessed a team so devoid of the basic ideas behind team soccer as Redcliffe played here. Their style is best described as Kamikaze soccer, they play the ball, the man, everything above ground that moves is target for the scything tackle, to beat a man is to invite body contact and if there are kids in this team, the sooner they move clubs the better before any basic talents they have are lost forever in a welter of swinging boots, legs, or arms.

To hear kids aged twelve, standing on the sidelines cheering every foul that is committed, to hear fans cheering every time the ball is booted out of play, up the park for a corner or anywhere, is to witness all that is bad in a potential nursery club. From two years ago when Redcliffe had a reasonable facsimile of a football team, this side has gone backwards so much that it is almost impossible to see any future for the code on the Peninsula.

Were there any good things? Redcliffe's young keeper had three or four superlative saves to keep them in the game, their outside left is a boy of great promise and that was it. They would no doubt be happy with the two points, but if there is anyone in the club with an ounce of football knowledge they will not be fooled.

This was "gutter soccer" at its worst. Taringa? A much maligned side, they tried hard to play attractive football but with a referee like they had this was almost impossible. They never had a chance, any constructive move could only have one end, the foul, sometimes given, sometimes not, but until they, Taringa, learn to score with their chances, they will keep losing games they should stroll through.

Nothing more can or should be said about this affront to the average intelligent soccer spectator.

Insideman

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

In your last issue there was a letter written by one "Hondo, alias Veritas" who appears to have everything going for him except courage in his own convictions. He rambles on a bit during his letter trying to come up with an argument for the "retention of skilful football" but his logic fails to impress. His biggest fault however lies in criticising the talents of his fellow players and that leads me to wonder.

Who is this great gift to soccer? Who

is this idealist who lauds skill to the highest? Why is it he is languishing with lesser mortals in the second division, which is as far removed from PSL as the moon from Mother Earth?

Somehow or other I suspect our friend is one of these "purists" who refuse to recognise the full spectrum of soccer skill. Soccer is a body contact sport, usually played by men, who usually spend at least two nights a week getting their body into shape to take part in this great sport. The skills are varied, tackling for possession being every bit as important as shooting for goal, heading, equally as important as passing.

Our friend, obviously a Bardon Latrobe fan of a few years back lauds Fraser and Carrigan but omits to mention the "hard men" who won the ball for these two to work their magic. Need I mention Hickman, Lamb or Rowan, all strong tackling machines who were scared of nothing that moved and yet were good footballers.

Coaching a team is a great challenge. A coach must take what is available and, not being a magician, mould them into a winning combination, playing to their strengths and evading if possible, their weaknesses. Taringa have played in eight games this season losing four matches

2-1, 2-0, 4-3, 2-1, winning two 2-1, 1-0 and drawing two 2-2, 0-0.

As the scores indicate all games were hard, close fought, "cup tie type" matches yet in only one case, v Mitchelton, has there been talk of "dirty play." Funny how my good friend Syd Tucker, the Mitchy coach did not describe it as such, his comment being "It was hard, tough and some of my players did not stand up too well to the examination!"

"Hondo", I address you publicly. There are players playing with Taringa who, if you could but borrow HALF of their application, dedication and plain old

fashioned guts, I suspect the PSL clubs would be queued up at your door.

However, I've been long enough in this game to know that that can never be. Your "Chopper Squad" will go on, with some hard work we may improve the skill factor, we may not, but rest assured they will enjoy their game, entertain their fans and most important, give of their best and to me that is better than cheating at the game.

Somehow or other "Hondo" I suspect you cheat — yourself, your coach, your public and lastly your other pseudonym "Veritas", which means "Truth."

Jim Binnie

IN THE LIONS DEN

OUT at Richlands there is a confidence around the camp that hasn't been there since the start of PSL. In a quiet unobtrusive manner Lions have pushed themselves up the national table but even their present potential position, No. 2 still doesn't satisfy "the knockers." They will have you believe that the competition is too tight for position to have any relevance. What a load of rot.

Points in the hand are far more valuable than points you may get in future matches. The most important factor is the way the defence is tightening up in its play. This is a good base to build a successful side on, and we feel is the cornerstone of Lions great away record.

Go to it lads, some people can't even believe their own eyes.

—oOo—

ALAN NIVEN, the popular young full back, is on the verge of signing up his future with Lions and Philips League. Alan, who has settled well in Australia, feels the first step he has to take on his ambition to play with Australia is to settle his future and to this end he is now perusing a new three year contract with a view to signing. Hopefully he is the first of a few others for the way the side is playing it would be nice to see a hard core established for next season.

—oOo—

LOTS of people are asking about Barrie Fairbrother and his lack of scoring. Barrie who was a prolific scorer in England, has yet to find his touch here and this

isn't surprising. Central strikers of Barrie's type pick up a lot of goals in England because of their strength and courage. The ball, played into badly ploughed up goal areas has a tendency to slow up or stick and it's then the Johnny on the Spot picks up his counter. Here in Australia, conditions are different with the ball moving around much faster and in Brisbane, very seldom if ever, having muddy conditions to slow it down.

However we have to look at another facet of Barrie's play to get the full understanding of his contribution to the team's performance. He is extremely strong and courageous and as such more then keeps the attention of the two centre backs who, knowing his immense appetite for scoring cannot leave him for a second. He is in short, a spearhead, something Lions haven't had since PSL began and it is no coincidence that there has been a vast improvement in the teams performance since his regular selection began. The goals will come, it is only a matter of time.

—oOo—

THE squad at Lions has to be on tenterhooks. Last week "bench squad" of Neale, Amos and McKenzie are as strong as any in the national league. John who can play most forward and midfield positions can be used in any of them with no apparent weakening of the side and Steve can cover midfield and full back. With George Potter available as an accomplished sweeper should Bennett or Hermiton fall from grace, the whole unit has a compact, tight look about it. With Alan Niven coming back to fitness the pressure is going to increase and that can only be

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good for no one can afford a slack game. THE "young Lions" are not finding the going easy in the first division, but no panic, things go on as usual, the local nursery for the big time has to be established and kept up if there is to be any chance of a breakthrough for home grown youngsters. The side has been beset by coaching problems since Gyula Vincze's promotion and with different experienced players fronting every weekend a pattern of play has been difficult to establish. However the important thing is that the youngsters are getting experience in the highest grade possible.

—oOo—

PHILIPS Cup draw did the Lions camp a huge favour this weekend and coach Vincze was going to make the most of it. Lions opponents this weekend, Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, were drawn to play in Brisbane on Wednesday evening against Southside Eagles and the Lions squad were trotted down to Perry Park to view every move the Sydney boys made. With the derby behind them, a rest on Monday session Tuesday, spying on opponents Wednesday, session on Thursday, rest on Friday, match on Saturday rest Sunday, match on Monday the boys are earning their money this week. Good example of the dedication required if the grade has to be made.

—oOo—

FIRST division boys took place of PSL side on Wednesday in weekly training match. Opponents were Trident who are going well in second division. New coach for first division side is Vernon Sleight, Paul Sleight's father, who travels from the coast to look after the boys.

—oOo—

ANOTHER youngster wanting to try out with Lions is Bruce Penman from Coalstars. He was to be given a trial Wednesday night if all was well.

—oOo—

NANCY Mitchell, the slight little ball of energy who works in the canteen deserves mention in this corner of GO SOCCER as she is the life blood of the Lions den. The club cannot exist without people like Nancy, who gives of her time unstintingly and somehow or other always manages to have a smile on her face. To see her working at the Under 19 championships, the training nights, the first division matches is to watch the heart of a club beating. Nancy, more strength to your arm.

LIONS v EASTS HAKOAH

THIS weekend we have as guests at Perry Park everyone's idea of PSL football greatness. Hakoah are, on their day, a football machine with experience, skill and know-how in every department.

Each player, if possible could take his place in an Australian selection and it is stupid to highlight any one of them as the outstanding player, such is each and every one of them gifted with the skills that can turn a game.

In their last two PSL matches they have scored eight goals for and had one scored in reply so it is obvious they are through their recent bad spell and are once again in the rampant form that won them the first PSL championship.

Superlatives used like this would have once upon a time sent shivers down the spine of every soccer player in Brisbane but what has PSL done for us? This week sees Lions take on the pride of Bondi and it is hard to say who is more worried for Lions are actually parked just behind Hakoah on the table with a game in hand so there is no doubt Perry Park will be the place to be this weekend.

Are Lions as good as their position indicates? GO SOCCER says yes, and it is not beyond the realms of possibility that before this weekend is over they could be sitting high and dry behind Rasic's super Raiders at the top. The penny hasn't dropped yet among Brisbane fans but Lions are fast getting that professional look about their game that we only see on the better class TV games.

Queensland, with seven Lions players, shook the complacency out of Dundee and that has to be a measure of the teams' capability. With Fairbrother and Ontong now brought into the team by coach Vincze, the team has an all round blend of hardness, skill, speed and most important patience, that is necessary to break down the modern techniques of retreating defences.

Lions need fear no one in this league and if they, and Hakoah, play to form, this week one of the finest matches this season could take place. A victory for Lions will pack Perry Park on Monday when they play their cancelled fixture against Footscray. Another victory there will really set the seal on a great piece of team building that started three seasons ago and is now nearing fruition.

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OLYMPIC BLITZED

SYDNEY — Eastern Suburbs blitzed Sydney Olympic by five goals to nil in front of a healthy 6,000 crowd at Wentworth Park to reaffirm their bounce back to form in the P.S.L.

Olympic had no answer to the probing wing play and constructive midfield leadup work of Hakoah and even before half-time looked a beaten side.

Hakoah were one goal up in the 21st minute when overlapping fullback Kevin Mullen sent a low cross into the area for Joe Watson to tap the ball home.

Olympic tried to rally but the closest they came was when Billy Pirie hit the underside of the bar with a glancing header.

Just before the break Hakoah made it 2-0 when Mark Trenter broke through the flimsy Olympic defence to hammer the ball under Gary Meier.

As if to show their dominance was no accident Hakoah came out for the second half and within two minutes had scored a third goal.

Olympic failed to clear the penalty area and Watson pivoted on to the ball before smashing it into the roof of the net from 12 metres.

Olympic by now offered little resistance and Hakoah attacked at will with Watson, Hilton, Silva and Trenter creating havoc in the Olympic defence.

In the 55th minute Hakoah again scored when after some fine wing play from Watson, a melee erupted in the Olympic six metre box.

As the ball was being cleared Silva ran in and cracked it home much to the dismay of the Olympic supporters.

Just to add insult to injury the fifth goal was scored five minutes from time when in an attempt to head away a cross, Don Allen glided the ball perfectly into his own net.

Hakoah thoroughly deserved the two points and are almost back to their championship winning form of 1977.

However, Olympic did not display much fight and once they were a goal behind their spirits seemed to sag.

The best players for Hakoah were Watson, Silva and Mullen, who are all now in superb form.

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	7	6	1	—	22	8	13
W. Suburbs	7	3	3	1	12	9	9
E. Suburbs	7	3	2	2	12	6	8
Fitzroy Utd.	6	3	2	1	8	5	8
Brisbane City	7	4	—	3	9	8	8
Canberra City	7	—	7	—	10	10	7
Sth. Melbourne	7	2	3	2	7	7	7
West Adelaide	6	3	—	3	11	10	6
Adelaide City	7	2	2	3	8	8	6
St. George	6	3	—	3	9	9	6
Brisbane Lions	5	1	3	1	6	7	5
Syd. Olympic	6	1	2	3	7	9	4
Footscray	6	1	1	4	4	8	3
Newcastle Utd.	6	—	3	3	8	13	3

AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	6	3	3	—	9	1	9
Brisbane Lions	7	3	3	1	12	10	9
West Adelaide	6	3	2	1	7	6	8
E. Suburbs	6	3	1	2	15	9	7
Sth. Melbourne	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Footscray	6	2	3	1	5	6	7
Newcastle Utd.	7	2	3	2	10	13	7
Adelaide City	7	2	2	3	8	12	6
Syd. Olympic	7	2	2	3	7	13	6
W. Suburbs	6	2	1	3	11	14	5
Fitzroy Utd.	7	1	3	3	8	14	5
Brisbane City	6	2	—	4	7	11	4
Canberra City	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
St. George	7	1	1	5	6	10	3

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	13	9	4	—	31	9	22
West Adelaide	13	7	2	4	19	16	16
E. Suburbs	13	6	3	4	27	15	15
Sth. Melbourne	13	4	6	3	14	12	14
Brisbane Lions	12	4	6	2	18	17	14
W. Suburbs	13	5	4	4	23	23	14
Fitzroy Utd.	13	4	5	4	16	19	13
Brisbane City	13	6	—	7	16	19	12
Canberra City	13	1	9	3	15	19	11
Footscray	12	3	4	5	9	14	10
Adelaide City	13	3	4	6	15	20	10
Newcastle Utd.	13	2	6	5	18	26	10
Syd. Olympic	13	3	4	6	14	22	10
St. George	13	4	1	8	15	19	9

LEADING P.S.L. GOALSCORERS

8 Goals —
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)

7 Goals —
Clive Eaton (Wests)
Peter Ollerton (South Melbourne)
Gary Cole (Fitzroy)

6 Goals —

Allan Fisher (Wests)
Ken Boden (Newcastle)
Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)
Phil O'Connor (St. George)
Roberto Vieri (Marconi)

5 Goals —

Hilton Silva (Easts)
Peter Sharne (Marconi)
Joe Watson (Easts)
Alan Hughes (Lions)
Alan Marley (Bris. City)

THE NATIONAL COACH

— A CONTINUING TALE

WHERE to Australia? our national side, drummed out of the World Cup unceremoniously last year by two not too impressive Soccer Third World countries have gone into complete and utter isolation while all the powers that be zero into where the team should have been. Argentina. Thousands of words have been spoken, debated and written about what had to be done so that the unmentionable would never happen again. This week Go Soccer would like to take a look at what has happened, what could happen, and what should happen.

It will not take long to view what has happened as it consists of very little. Despite assurances that something special was being done to fill the departing Jim Shoulder's place the only concrete thing appears to be an ad. placed in a European newspaper!!! We have at the moment Sir Arthur George and Brian Le Fevre in the Argentine, presumably viewing prospective top coaches who we also presume are queueing up to come to Australia to take over the task of tasks. What a hope! The top name coaches, 90% of whom are completely ruled by the almighty dollar, moving around the soccer world like some latter day tribe of nomads, know of Australia and its Victorian administrations and this would be the last place on earth they would pitch their tent.

So what is going to happen? Starting from the biggest name approachable, we presume refusal after refusal will come the way of our big two and they will descend the ladder rung by rung until they are no better off than they are at present. They will return to Australia with their thirtieth or fortieth offer accepted and a promise to view before signing, or they will return empty handed to start again. We shall be burdened with a coach or manager who will come, experience and leave, if he's got any common sense, or the search will go on for another two or three years before someone is again thrown in at the deep

end "a la Shoulder", with little or no chance of success and everyone who has the slightest knowledge of soccer will sit back nod their heads knowingly, and wait for the axe to fall.

What should happen? We have a man in Australia who if our administration were as "big" as they like us to believe, should be reinstated immediately. Despite his name the man is an Australian, is dedicated to the game of soccer, be it at club level or international level, and there are very few people in soccer doubt in the least had he been in charge last campaign the green and golds would now be in South America. Rale Rasic is an outspoken martinet, who calls a spade a spade and unfortunately this does not sit well with some of our dictatorial power men, who in their honorary positions surround themselves with men who nod the head first and ask questions in private. If this is required to keep up a front then we are at our stone wall, already beating ourselves into insensibility. Rasic is an Australian, lives in Australia, works in Australia and apparently has the knowledge to do a bigger and better job for Australia. Only pride and fear of affront are the stumbling blocks. Another measure of our "top drawer" men?

With the coming into soccer of Coca-Cola, the giant soft drink company, there is an urgency not for one full time coach but three. One should be working the national squad, be a disciplinarian, manager, confident, tactician, arranging games for his team all around Asia and the Pacific or internally. The second should be in charge of the under 19 squad and should have a second-to-none reputation for teaching the game to boys who are on the threshold of entering the top bracket of soccer play. He should travel state to state co-ordinating the state efforts at this level and selecting his side for the Coca-Cola under 19 World Cup. The third should be doing the same job at under 16 level so that we had twenty or thirty

players at each level preparing for the big task ahead. What would all this cost. With three coaches dedicated to the task perhaps \$100,000 in wages and travel. A lot of money? we think not, and how much better had our big two been interviewing Rothman's or Mt. Isa Mines, or B.H.P., or A.C.I., with a view to getting the money to allow the job to get underway. It's all so much common sense if you really think about it but seems to be way beyond our jet-setting, world searching, coach seekers who have no chance even before the engines start to whine out on the runway.

Insideman.

P.S. With 2 imports selected by the same panel come and gone, maybe it's time to change the selection technique or perhaps the personnel!!!

TEAMS TO MEET GREECE

Jimmy Shoulder, National Coach of the Australian Team, has selected the following Squads for three matches to be played against the visiting National Team of Greece.

Olympic Park, Melbourne 11th June, 1978

Peter Laumets (Preston Makedonia, Victoria)
Gary Byrne (Marconi, NSW)
Chris Kalafatidis (Sth. Melbourne, Vic.)
John Stevenson (East. Sub., NSW)
Joe Picioane (Footscray, Vic.)
Gary Colz (Fitz. Utd., Vic.)
Mendo Ristovski (Footscray, Vic.)
Jack Reilly (Sth. Melbourne, Vic.)
David Jones (West Adelaide, SA)

Jimmy Tansey (Fitz. Utd., Vic.)
Gary Marocchi (Adelaide City, SA)
John Nyskohus (Adelaide City, SA)
Steve Kokoska (Essendon, Vic.)
John Davies (Canberra City, ACT)

Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide 14th June, 1978

Allan Maher (Marconi, NSW)
Gary Byrne (Marconi, NSW)
Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions, Qld)
Gary Marocchi (Adelaide City, SA)
Murray Barnes (East. Sub., NSW)
Peter Sharne (Marconi, NSW)
John Nyskohus (Adelaide City, SA)
Martin Crook (West Adelaide, SA)
David Jones (West Adelaide, SA)
Jimmy Tansey (Fitz. Utd., Vic.)
Peter Stone (West. Suburbs, NSW)
John Kosmina (Adelaide City, SA)
Phil O'Connor (St. George, NSW)
Gary Cole (Fitz. Utd., Vic.)

Sydney Cricket Ground 18th June, 1978

Todd Clarke (East. Suburbs, NSW)
Sauro Iozzelli (Brisbane City, Qld)
Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions, Qld)
Peter Stone (Western Suburbs, NSW)
John O'Shea (St. George, NSW)
Peter Sharne (Marconi, NSW)
Joe Senkalski (Sydney Olympic, NSW)
Gary Meier (Sydney Olympic, NSW)
Steve Perry (Brisbane City, Qld)
Paul Degney (Marconi, NSW)
John Karaspyros (Marrickville Olympic NSW)
Phil O'Connor (St. George, NSW)
Murray Barnes (Eastern Suburbs, NSW)
Sebastian Giampaoli (Monaro, NSW)

POINTS TO PONDER

ANNERLEY, by way of the ballot box became the first side to be given the task of measuring our first division standard against that of P.S.L.. The result, 7-0, speaks chapters and what is worse the public showed their interest in the mismatch by staying away in their droves. When oh when are our administrators going to waken up to themselves and sell this game of ours to the public. The waste of opportunity is tragic.

—oOo—

THE marketing of our game appears to be in good hands. A press release from a publicity conscious committee broadcast to the national press the fact that we may now need guard dogs at soccer matches! Just the type of information a family man would read and immediately set out for the ground with his kids! What is needed is some strong action by all concerned. Instead of paying out huge sums to over-rated players the "trouble clubs" should be told to get plenty, we mean plenty of policemen along to the grounds and then when these two or three rowdies are found, put the "whole way" by some old fashioned magistrate, we won't have any more trouble. Of course even with the aid of all modern conveniences such as T.V. shots our Melbourne friends couldn't even isolate the character who punched the referee a few weeks back. What a load of rubbish is being swept under the carpet.

—oOo—

TO add to our worries we had some more great national press last week. Seems an outraged secretary of a premier club sent a strong letter of protest concerning performance of referee. Only one thing wrong the referee cited by this obviously well meaning official was 100 miles away from the scene of the supposed crime. Ever wonder outsiders look at our game and scratch their head in absolute wonderment.

—oOo—

JIM HERMISTON'S column in the Telegraph agrees with last weeks articles on an inter-state series being "a natural" and a necessity. Jim has only been here a year

he doesn't yet understand the workings of our hierarchy. Hang in there Jim, you may yet see it in your time if someone can get moving on our internal troubles instead of wandering the world looking for a latter day J.C. to work a miracle with our non-existent national squad.

—oOo—

JOHNNY WARREN, one of our bright young men carrying on his feud with the powers, saying in the national press that there are too many clubs in Sydney participating in P.S.L. Sa what's new John, it's old hat, but perhaps your word may carry the oomph that all the thousands spoken on the subject before didn't. Like a little bet they won't?

—oOo—

ANOTHER coach bites the dust, and then another quickly follows suit. Tom Anderson, the conquering saviour just a few short months ago, has gone from Sydney Olympic and was soon joined by Edmund Kreft who has been at Adelaide City since the inception of P.S.L. The crazy round-a-bout then began with Les Schienflug, who has been in P.S.L. before, getting back into harness. Jim Adam who had been there before too has taken over at West Adelaide from John Margaritis who yes you've guessed it, has gone where he has been before, Fitzroy. All these moves and counter moves leave the mind absolutely stunned. Funny thing, very few presidents change! There has to be a moral somewhere.

—oOo—

AS a matter of interest only five coaches kept their jobs in eighteen months of P.S.L. They are Rasic—Marconi, Laing—Wests, Chaldi—Hakoah, Warren—Canberra and Cirkovic—Footscray. Mike Laing of course is now general manager at Wests and as such is out of the direct "firing line". We would not like to enumerate the coaches used by the other ten clubs. Alan Vest of course has been at Newcastle since the clubs entry, but the fallen Mooroolbark more than made up for this with their changes.

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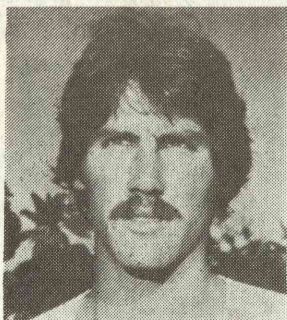


BRISBANE LIONS

- 1 ROD McKENZIE
 - 2 GEORGE POTTER
 3. JIM HERMISTON
 - 4 COL BENNETT
 - 6 JOHN NEALE
 - 7 EDDIE SPEARRITT
 - 8 PAUL LASLO
 - 10 ALAN HUGHES
 - 12 STEVE AMOS
 - 13 BARRIE FAIRBROTHER
 - 14 PAUL ONTONG
 - 16 GEOFF MORRIS
 - 18 LEON WILSON
 - 20 NIGEL LOWNDS
- Coach:** GYULA VINCZE

EASTERN SUBURBS

- 1 TODD CLARKE
 - 2 KEVIN MULLEN
 - 3 EDDIE THOMSON
 - 4 STEPHEN O'CONNOR
 - 5 HENRY MOWBRAY
 - 6 JOHN STEVENSON
 - 7 TERRY SMITH
 - 8 MURRAY BARNES
 - 9 JOE WATSON
 - 10 ERNIE CAMPBELL
 - 11 HILTON SILVA
 - 12 BOBBY SMITH
 - 16 MARK TRENTER
 - 18 IAN SOUNESS
 - 20 TONY PEZZANO
- Coach:** GERRY CHALDI



Stephen O'Connor

Next Weekends Matches

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

Last Years Results

Brisbane Lions 0 v Eastern Suburbs 4
 Eastern Suburbs 2 v Brisbane Lions 0

This Year—

Eastern Suburbs 1 v Brisbane Lions 3