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TWO of the stars of the Sydney Olympic side, Don Allan (No. 14) who scored two fine goals here against City, and centre forward Con Davourlis. At far right is referee Jack Wood.

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CLUB NEWS

DUTTON PARK UNITED

EASY WIN

LAST week we travelled down to Greenbank to do battle with a club in its first year of Federation football and understandably so is using this first year to find its feet. The playing surface although not lushly grassed is well on its way to being so and it is obvious to visitors that this club is run by a go ahead committee.

Now to the game which resulted in a 6-0 victory to Dutton Park. It took only three minutes for United to register its first goal. This came from the boot of mid field ace Steve George with a shot that rocketed into the top right hand corner of the net from 25 yards out. This goal sparked Greenbank into action and led by Ed. Hillier they bounced back strongly and continually attacked the United goal and at times were unlucky not to score. It wasn't until the thirty-fifth minute that United added number two. This was from the boot of club captain Roy Carter. Half time score 2-0.

After the break it was all Dutton Park except for the first five minutes in which Greenbank were again unlucky a couple of times not to score. Wayne Norris (formerly Merton Easts) put in number three for United at the twelfth minute mark and

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followed up two minutes later to put in number four. (Mr. Magic) Duncan Brampton broke a dry spell in the thirty-eighth minute with number five and right half Dave Matthews belted home number six in the forty-first minute. Full time score 6-0 to Dutton Park.

All in all a good result for United who have been going through a patchy spell of late, and one that removed a few worry lines from the brow of coach Doug Carningham.

Up a Ghost . . . Casper

Footnote— I'm told by our club secretary that he was talking during the week to an opposition president who didn't like Casper's write up on his team. If that or any other club doesn't agree with what is printed, by all means get up off your posteriors and send in your story. I'm sure the editor would welcome all submissions.

MT. GRAVATT'S MIGHTY WEEK

by Brian Richardson

WHAT a week it was!

It's a pity there were so few supporters at Perry Park on Wednesday evening 12 July to cheer on both teams in the earlier quarter final Ampol Cup Match. I guess we can only blame the time and temperature. But for those of us who were brave enough to face the cold, albeit well rugged, it was well worth the effort.

Good close marking in the first half by both Mt. Gravatt and St. George Souths made for a very even game. However, Mt. Gravatt seemed to have the edge. Hearts were a-flutter in the Mt. Gravatt camp when in the tenth minute, Gary Bohan (plumber phone 349 9689) curved one outside the upright.

It took until the thirtieth minute for Johnny Ferguson, doing his hawk act hovering in mid field, to spot a loose one. He swooped, flung his boot at it, only to feel it leave his foot at a different angle from that intended. The shot was good enough though, and the mis-kick was sufficient to fool the goalkeeper into allowing it into the net.

The goal seemed to stir St. George into action. Shortly thereafter a fiery burst downfield resulted in a player being brought down in the box thus earning a penalty. This turned out to be success-

ful and the 1-all score carried to the turn.

In the second half the two teams played the way one would expect two equal second place holders to play. St. George maintained constant pressure for much of the half, until at last the partnership, Steele and Bohan (plumber) took control. They each slotted one to wrap up the game and thus put us into the semi finals.

On Saturday 15 July, Sunnyside United came to Dittmer to prove their first round win was no fluke. The resultant clash turned into a bit of a nightmare for referee Leon Lewandowski. Five players each scored a yellow card, four from Sunnyside and Gary Bohan (plumber), while one of Sunnyside's supporters was given a red one.

Referee baiting by players and supporters alike is the accepted practice for releasing pent-up emotions when your side is having a bad day, but outright threats are a different matter. Many of the young kids who take on refereeing are forced out of it by loud-mouthed people on the sideline. Only the strong survive!

To be a senior ref you need to be made of stern stuff. Fair enough, ask him where his guide dog is, but don't wave the hangman's noose at him.

The game itself proved to be a great introduction for newcomers Craig Dickson and Mickey Rooney. Craig, of course, is another product of our junior ranks having started his soccer career with us as an under seven player. His father, a past Mt. Gravatt Junior Registrar was at the game looking pretty happy at seeing Craig once again wearing the green and gold.

One of our current juniors, Tony Bright from the Junior Colts, had his first lesson in playing soccer the way the big boys do. The lead up to the First division clash was a Sixth division game, also against Sunnyside. Tony ran the whole of the game and scored one of the goals in our 2-nil victory.

He was then invited to sit on the bench by the First division manager, Jimmy Rogers. The club supporters, always keen to see a junior properly rewarded, roared their approval when, ten minutes before the end, coach Dereck Mann, sent him on. Congratulations Tony on a very commendable effort in your first higher order games.

The understanding between our two strikers, Ian Steele and Gary Bohan (plumber) is increasing game by game. In the two games played last week against St.

George and Sunnyside, they holed six of our eight goals and they are starting to make them look easy. Against Sunnyside, Ian scored in the seventeenth minute from a pass by Gary. In the twenty-sixth minute he did it again when Gary passed it to Mickey Rooney who turned it to him.

Next it was Gary's turn. They were both in the goal area with the Sunnyside defence in ribbons. Ian had the ball but from where he was standing keeper Peter Orlic filled the whole of the goal mouth. He therefore pushed it out to Gary who had a clear shot home.

It would have been 4-nil at half time had it not been for a magnificent save by Neil Catchpole. A shot by one of our players found the outstretched arms of Peter Orlic standing well outside his area. Although he took the sting out of the ball he wasn't able to hold it. After that, all he could do was lie on the ground and watch it roll towards the open goal mouth.

At the last moment Neil broke away from the crowd of players watching with spellbound fascination as the ball made its way towards the line. He literally threw himself onto the turf and used his protrude body as a guide to deflect the ball out of harms way over the line for a corner.

Two minutes into the second half Ian Steele took his personal tally for the day to three when he slotted one home from a penalty. I missed the rest of the game as I was rostered to sell raffle tickets for the club down at the local and had to leave.

However they tell me the kids went wild when their idol, Eric (Thommo) Thompson, in spite of the five stitches above one eye and a hand he had been nursing all day, both the result of being walked on during the St. George game, rose from the ground as if by magic and with the roar, "Thommo's ball" sent it rocketing into the back of the net.

On the whole, a great game by a team being moulded into a formidable unit in preparation for their introduction into State League.

REPEAT FOR TRIDENT

TRIDENT repeated last weeks performance with another double victory. Both teams defeated Valleys; second division by 2-1 and the seventh division by 6-1.

SECOND DIVISION

Trident squandered a great chance to go on a goal-scoring spree against a de-

flated Valleys side. Although Trident won the two points it was not a game to rave about. They did not capitalise in the first half with the wind behind them and allowance can't be given for the small ground.

The game opened spectacularly with John Kennedy catching Valleys flat-footed and almost scoring within seconds of the start. He took the ball up to the keeper, eluded him and then made a fantastic "drop kick" over the bar.

However John soon made amends for his miss by pressuring Valleys' right full back and robbing him of the ball. John was able to slip this ball to Dave Southern who slammed it home in the twentieth minute of the first half. Trident kept the pressure up but to no avail.

The score at half time was Trident 1 Valleys 0.

In the second half Valleys came back with renewed vigour and applied pressure on Trident's defence which, in the fiftieth minute was caught at sixes and sevens and allowed Valleys to equalise.

Trident retaliated and attacked Valleys goal continuously with several near misses (which included seven corners).

In the seventieth minute John Shepherd rounded Valley defence and scored from an acute angle to give Trident a 2-1 lead and eventually the game.

The best efforts for Trident came from Dave Southern, Bart McConaghy and John Shepherd.

We have got to learn that when we play less skilful teams we must maintain a winning attitude and not play with the tide.

SEVENTH DIVISION

In the seventh division, Trident came out with a convincing 6-1 win.

It was a very slow and sloppy start by both teams and it took them almost the entire first half to produce anything that resembled football. It was in the dying minutes of the first half before Trident scored the first goal via Garrie Lake.

The second half was all Trident. They added another five goals to their score with Valleys scoring only one.

Second half scorers were — Garrie Lake (2) giving him a hat trick, Leigh Fett (2) and "Super Sub" Bruce Leggatt (1).

A good result for Trident and a good performance all round. Let's hope they can continue on their upward climb next weekend.



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FOURTH DIVISION BREAK THROUGH FOR WELL DESERVED WIN

ON Saturday, July 15, our fourth division downed Bayside 2-0 to record their second win of the season.

In a one-sided game, once again Rovers could not convert their obvious superiority into goals until midway through the second half when Ian Glover pounced on a beautiful through ball from Marty Porter to give the Bayside keeper no chance.

Shortly after, man of the match Ian Glover capped a really fine performance by notching up his second goal.

New signing Des Heath, after a long absence from soccer, proved that he will be a valuable asset to the team.

In a really fine all-round team display special mention must go to our back four Alan Hamilton, Billy Walker, Ian Chevis and Steve Hoare. In mid field, Harry Stewart, Don Bowers and Marty Porter were in complete control and set up many opportunities for front runners Gary Biddlecombe, Des Heath and Ian Glover.

Bobby Wilson replaced Gary Biddlecombe shortly after interval and made a valuable contribution to our win.

No goals were conceded (for only the second time this season) and credit must go to keeper Stewy Butler who had a solid game.

QANTAS CUP

The QSF lower division knock-out competition will be sponsored by QANTAS this year and the first round of games commence on Wednesday, July 26. Once again Rochedale Rovers have been selected to stage some of these games at Underwood Park, under floodlights.

First round games will be Inala Rangers against local club Adams Park (6.30 p.m. kick-off) and Twin Towns against Annerley (8.30 p.m. kick-off).

Rochedale Rovers have entered both fourth and eighth division in this competition.

IPSWICH ITEMS

by Iain Kesson

WE seem determined to make our job of winning the premiership more difficult than it already is, by dropping silly points and another one went begging against Thistle last weekend. Again we didn't put our chances in the net but it was an entertaining game as far as spectators were concerned, with the game swinging from end to end and both defences and keepers in good form and handling well.

Peter Gee was getting a little more work to do than Greg Donnelly but whatever came his way was handled capably. Gee was called on four or five times to leave his line and dive at the feet of our strikers, whereas Thistle's forwards were usually stopped before they could get a strike at the target. Nil-all at the break and Thistle were defending with plenty of men behind the ball and relying on quick breaks, while Ipswich were putting more passes together in their buildups.

The second half was also end to end stuff and from one of Thistle's quick breaks, Steve Dolan's long pass found John Patterson wide on the left flank. John's determined run to the front corner of our box gave our cover defence a problem and as Wayne Warren closed him down he had a shot for the far post which I feel Donnelly had covered until it took a wicked bounce just in front of his hands, bounced over him and into the far corner.

We kept playing football and it paid off when Peter Nielsen made one of his many overlaps and as Grange pushed up trying to catch us offside Peter's well judged chip found Jeff Dann coming through on the burst.

Jeff took it in his stride, rounded the advancing keeper and rolled it into the empty net. We had missed a couple of chances just before this goal, the best when Gavin Johnston cut a cross back which found Trevor Broadbent on the 6 yard line. The ball bounced awkwardly, Trevor failed to control it and the chance was lost. Thistle tired badly in the last 20 minutes and we piled on the pressure but it wasn't until the last two minutes when Thistle hit a long clearance to give us one last chance.

The clearance fell to Glen McKeand 10 yards in our half out on the sideline. Thistle charged forward trying to catch us offside but we all came back to the half way line. Glen held his pass long

ANNERLEY ANALYSIS

by Bill Williams

AFTER a weeks layoff, we played Merton East at Heath Park last Saturday and where our form had been slowly building up, the weeks rest put us back again. Our troubles were accentuated by the change from Sunday as originally set, to the Saturday date. The reason the QSF did this is obscure to say the least.

I believe it was to suit the pools coupon but we weren't on the list anyway. Unfortunately our winter dinner dance had been arranged for the Friday night and was tremendously successful but it would have been even better if we had been playing Sunday as originally listed. To my mind this game was entirely different in each half, with the first session being mainly in our favour, even though Merton were ahead 1-0 at the break with a good header by Gerry Kay.

We had good chances on several occasions with Keith Packer hitting the post and heading over the top and Gary Lovell hitting the keeper from close range, with the rebound being pushed wide.

Prominent in leadup work were John Reid and Tom Gray. We were hoping for better luck in the second half but it was not to be and except for the final 10 to 15 minutes, Merton were on top, causing our defence, led by Mal Oakes, plenty of problems and bringing out the best in John Ferguson.

For Merton, Kay chased everything and Billy Fisher was at his elusive best on the wing. In the final 15 minutes we had our chances to at least equalise but bad finishing denied us. The game ended in controversy when great work from Gray saw the ball go across the goalmouth and from the ensuing scramble, a solid Annerley shot was saved off the line by a Merton player. It was handball as far as everyone on the ground was concerned — except the referee.

The linesman certainly signalled for it but Col Amos chose to ignore him on this occasion, although halfway through that session in a similar situation outside the box he had stopped play and awarded the free kick. The referee, as we all realise has the final say but it was a pity the game ended this way as it cost us the chance for a vital point.

To be honest, I thought Mr. Amos had a good game, except for the final few minutes, which spoiled his overall efforts.

enough for this to happen, then chipped through a good pass for that man Dann again to burst through the straggled defence. Jeff took the ball all the way in but good goalkeeping by Peter Gee, who managed to block Jeff's shot as he narrowed the angle was enough to give Thistle their point. These two players I feel were the best for their respective sides.

Our reserves and Colts teams had no games last weekend owing to St. George's withdrawal earlier in the year and North Brisbane's forfeit in the Colts division. Booval Stars had a shambles of a game down at the Gold Coast, going down 4-1 to Twin Towns. The game was stopped twice in the second half because of rain. Sounds like cricket. Stars were one down at half time after playing into a strong wind on a very bumpy pitch.

So things looked good for a big second half effort with the wind this time behind them. Things looked even better when Twin Towns found themselves one man short, after having a player sent off for foul language. Twin Towns went further ahead, 2-0 but Stars came back with a good goal. This was when the pantomime started, as the ref stopped play for 10 minutes because of a heavy shower. When the game restarted Stars had lost their rhythm and Twin Towns got another before the ref again took the players off for yet another 10 minutes.

Both teams complained and after much discussion the ref decided to complete the last 15 minutes of the game. Some of the players had already changed and had to get "stripped" again to finish the match. What a shambles. Twin Towns scored again making it 4-1 and a Booval Stars player was sent off for swearing. This performance would have tested the patience of a Saint. It wasn't a game, but a shame.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the efforts put in this year so far by the playing and coaching staffs of Ipswich United and St. Helens. With the top side in the semi-finals of the Ampol Cup and three points off the top of the League with seven games to go we are in with a big chance of the double.

The reserves are in front by two points in the 6th division and the senior Colts are three points clear in their division, and both junior Colts are going well.

Not a bad effort lads but let's all remember it's from now to the end of the season that counts. Let's double our efforts and make this a record year for the club.

GRANGE-THISTLE NOTES

by "The Sporan"

LAST Saturday, at Lanham Park, football was but one of the attractions, as this was Thistle's Gala Fete and Fireworks, Football/Cricket Day. As you read last week, there were to be 1001 attractions and this is the way it turned out.

Prior to the match, Ipswich United and Grange Thistle were 4th and 5th respectively on the ladder, but only 3 points away from the top, so a win was the desired result for both sides to edge closer to the premiership.

In Thistle's back line Rockhampton apprentice Craig McClatchey took the place of Mark Aponas who had his nose broken in Wednesday's Ampol Cup quarter final.

Within seconds of the kick-off, Thistle's left winger, Jim Lavery, got away from the halfway line, beat four players to the edge of the box, but his final pass was weak and was intercepted, averting what would have been a most sensational opening.

Ipswich won a corner on the right,

Martin Breen hit it well, the ball fell awkwardly for Peter Gee, who did well to hold it under pressure.

Seconds later, winger Lavery hit a very firm ground shot across the face of the goal, this time it was Greg Donnelly's turn to quickly smother the ball. Gavin Johnston got away from the Thistle defence and turned Craig McClatchey inside out, beat him and then spoilt his own good efforts by shooting weakly.

Just prior to halftime, Thistle's "Commodore" Patterson put a good high cross over which Tony Bailey jumped for and all but had it in the net, but again, keeper Donnelly to the rescue.

Half time 0-0.

Moments into the second half, Ipswich should have gone ahead, had Trevor Broadbent taken the extra second to control a good pass from Gavin Johnston. Instead it was Thistle who opened the scoring when Steve Dolan gave a defence splitting through ball to John Patterson, Patto steadied himself just inside the corner of the box and hit the ball in past the diving keeper.

Soon after, a great run down the left

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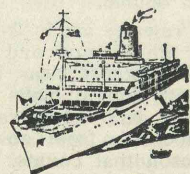
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by Trevor Broadbent nearly paid dividends. He put over a good ball, but Martin Breen couldn't quite direct his header the right way. With the match flowing from one end to the other we had both sets of defences well and truly earning their keep, Tony Bailey found a small chink in Ipswich's defence and hit a great left footer on the turn that missed the cross bar by the proverbial razorblade thickness.

Ipswich then moved defender Jeff Dann into mid field and it paid off. He was allowed to run unattended, picked up a good ball on the blind side of the defence and slipped it home for the equaliser.

That's how it finished 1-1. Before the match, Ipswich and Grange were 4th and 5th. After the match they were still — 4th and 5th.

The good size crowd that saw this match were not disappointed as it was a fairly free flowing match, a good advertisement for football from two State League entrants.

In the floodlit cricket competition held that evening, players from Thistle's first division team acted as fielders for Greg Chappell, Jeff Thomson, John Maclean, Sam Trimble, Wayne Broad and Rusi Surti.

The fielders weren't used to using their hands but decided heading the ball could have been a bit painful. The "best dropped" catches of the night came from Sandy Woodside and Steve Dolan, whilst Peter Gee, who does use his hands, didn't get near the ball all night. Greg Chappell hit a beautiful six over mid off and a lovely "goal" over "Kojak" Geoff Cornford's head.

Results finished as follows — Greg Chappell's team 32, Jeff Thomson's 39.

SALISBURY HOPES SHATTERED

THIRD DIVISION — Any hopes of winning the third division premiership were lost when Salisbury were defeated 5-3 by St. Albans at Massinger Street, last Sunday.

Salisbury will now have to win all their remaining games to ensure a semi-final berth. The task will be made harder because their last few games are against the division's pacemakers.

Salisbury were cheated out of at least a draw against St. Albans by an over-anxious linesman.

He repeatedly halted the fast running Salisbury forwards when it was clear to

many they had been on-side when the ball was kicked.

The continual penalising had the effect that by the end of the game none of the Salisbury forwards were willing to run for fear of being flagged off-side again.

While this did hinder the Salisbury game the loss can never be blamed on the officials. Salisbury lost because they failed to win the mid field.

The team seemed to stand back and watch the tall St. Albans mid fielders win and distribute the ball. The mid field was so slack that at times a 20 yard gap developed between the Salisbury defenders and the attacking line.

It was not until the end of the game that the mid field started putting their game together and the team started looking dangerous. But as was found against Nerang the previous week, time often runs out for the team that relies on the late burst to win games.

All was not bad for Salisbury and the boys did well to fight back on three occasions. Disaster struck early when hesitation in the Salisbury defence allowed a St. Albans forward to get the vital touch and hit the ball into the goal.

Worse was to come five minutes later when a centre-half, who will remain nameless, headed an awkward ball back to the Salisbury keeper who fumbled and could only parry it to the on-coming St. Alban forward who made no mistake.

Salisbury urged on by skipper, Graham Stone and a vocal crowd, started to build a fight-back and striker Peter Wybranowski, who had just returned to the field after leaving to put on his old boots, put Salisbury back into the game with a brilliant goal.

In a style right out of a comic strip, Wybranowski, wearing torn and tattered boots, took a great switch ball from John Robinson, ran past the defender and lobbed over the goal keeper.

With the score 2-1 at half time Salisbury approached the second half confident of getting an equaliser and then a winner.

Their hopes were dashed when only two minutes after the resumption of play the St. Albans right winger put over what surely was meant to be a cross but was caught in the wind and dropped into the Salisbury goal.

Salisbury fought back again and Bruce Austin, playing his first third division game since returning from his honeymoon, got a goal to make the score 3-2.

TRAVELODGE "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

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

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

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Last weekend the points were awarded:

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| FRANK PIMBLETT (BC) | 1 — PAUL LASLO (BL) |
| GEOFF MORRIS (BL) | EDDIE SPEARRITT (BL) |
| JOHN NEALE (BL) | STEVE AMOS (BL) |
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St. Albans recovered quickly and to the dismay of the Salisbury players and supporters scored again. With the score 4-2, Salisbury started playing football and winger Dave Murray made numerous raids down the right. His hard work was to no avail due to poor finishing by other players.

Salisbury looked set to score again when Wybranowski took the ball near the edge of the penalty box and was rushing towards the goal when he was pushed from behind. Players on both sides stopped waiting for the penalty kick to be awarded but to everyone's surprise the referee waved play on.

Five minutes later the referee again surprised everyone when he awarded a penalty to Salisbury after what this time was only a solid tackle on Wybranowski. John Robinson made no mistake and slotted the ball well wide of the St. Albans keeper. Just as it seemed Salisbury might grab a draw St. Albans scored again to put the result beyond doubt.

EIGHTH DIVISION — A great goal by left winger, Michael McIntyre, shot Salisbury to victory and the top of the eighth division premiership table last Sunday.

It was the only goal in Salisbury's defeat of the previous leaders, St. Albans. It was a great team performance by Salisbury especially when three key players were suffering the effects of influenza and were playing against doctors orders.

McIntyre's goal was a gem. The movement started with right back Joe Docherty who passed a short ball to mid fielder Pat Bowers, a recent signing from Rochdale who took on the St. Albans defence before sending an inch perfect ball across the park to McIntyre.

McIntyre took the ball in his stride and blasted a left foot shot that left the St. Albans keeper gaping.

Salisbury started the game well and dominated the mid field but couldn't seem to penetrate up front. The first real chance came when a well-timed through ball put Mark Brigden through a gap in the St. Albans defence. With only the keeper to beat, but a defender pressuring from behind, Brigden picked his spot but his shot narrowly went wide.

Ashley Cotterill and Greg Gillespie were outstanding in the Salisbury defence and St. Albans had only one real chance in the first half. It came shortly before the break when Salisbury failed to clear the ball and it fell to a St. Albans forward

only yards from the line. His crashing shot was saved brilliantly by keeper Ian Baines.

The half time score was nil-all but Salisbury were starting to look the better team. The second half saw a Salisbury eager for victory. The team made numerous raids down both flanks and both attackers and mid fielders surged forward.

Ted Hutchinson, the tiny Irishman ran his heart out on the right wing and deserves special mention. Although not scoring he caused havoc in the St. Albans defence. Once the breakthrough was made when McIntyre scored midway through the second half, Salisbury never looked like being beaten.

The team played good controlled football and thoroughly deserved the win which avenged the defeat in the first round when St. Albans scored two goals in the last six minutes to snatch victory.

Salisbury are now on top of the table with a game in hand and if coach Keith Forrest keeps this team playing in the style they have shown in past weeks there is no stopping them from taking out the premiership.

SENIOR COLTS — Salisbury were well beaten but not disgraced in their game against Grange Thistle last Saturday.

It took a late scoring burst by Grange four goals in the last 20 minutes, to give the 7-2 scoreline that was by far no indication of the games competitiveness. In fact the half-time score was 2-1 and Salisbury looked equal to anything the premiership leaders could produce. This was in stark contrast to the corresponding first round game where Grange totally dominated both halves and ran out 5-nil winners.

The game opened in a fast dashing style with Grange pushing forward and looking dangerous. The Salisbury team soaked up the pressure with goal keeper Steve Brown and defenders, Greg Gillespie, Alan Barrow, Ian Houghton and John Troeger operating as a sturdy unit defying Grange's free-running forwards. After surviving the initial onslaught, Salisbury pushed forward and bustling striker Glen Switzer, silenced the Lanham Park crowd when he netted the ball after a goal mouth melee.

The excitement of going one goal up may have broken the concentration of the Salisbury defence and the team, eager to push forward, allowed Grange to penetrate and get an equaliser shortly after. With the scores level again, both teams fought for a half time advantage and Grange's constructive attacking paid

off when they scored again shortly before the break. The start of the second half was as lively as the first and Alan Barrow put Salisbury back on level terms when he scored with a well-placed shot.

Salisbury remained in the game for a short time after the goal but Grange's superior fitness and ability slowly began to show and as the game wore on they became more dominating in both mid field and attack. Grange's four goals gave them a deserved win but the damage to Salisbury's goal average was no reward for such a big-hearted performance.

Shane Robinson and Mal Pollock were towers of strength in the midfield and the new lads, who unfortunately I do not know their names, went well and with a bit more training will easily fit into the team.

WESTSIDE REPORT

WESTSIDE continued on their winning way with a 2 nil victory over Pine Rivers last Saturday.

Ken McMillan scored with a beautiful header in about the 44th minute of the first half after Terry Farley had failed to finish off a couple of chances earlier on. At the break the score remained 1-0 but Pine Rivers could easily have scored

but for a great save by keeper Bruce Atterton also they had a shot hit the crossbar. Westside were also unlucky when David Spencer's shot hit the upright.

The second half started in the same manner with chances at each end with the latter of these chances going to Westside and only did they convert one of them with David Spencer putting one away late in the second half to make the final score 2-0.

All in all a good game with victory going to the team that created the most chances.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Recently two prominent teams have been fined for supposedly stacking their sixth division sides. It is common knowledge that a club can be fined for fielding a weakened team, i.e. saving their better players for important games or Cup games.

It was quite common last season to see Phillips League players playing in the local first division, that seemed to be alright with QSF, but because these so called offences occurred against lower division teams, action was taken by the QSF against them.

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TOUGH ONE FOR WYNNUM

TARINGA v WYNNUM, 2nd division

WYNNUM, fresh from their great Cup win over Thistle in mid-week and way out leaders in second division went to Taringa looking for two points to add to their impressive record and by half time coach Bill Bryant and his slick team of giant killers must have been wondering what had hit them such was the lesson they were dished out on the art of playing the game.

Taringa completely dominated the proceedings, playing with poise, composure and no little measure of skill. From the first minute when Ruiz broke through on the right wing to outstrip the defence and bring out a great full length diving save from goalkeeper Hoare the game was a one way procession with Wynnium mid fielders and defenders constantly chasing shadows as the ball was played with great precision from one blueshirt to another before the final attempt on goal.

Keeper Hoare must have been wondering what was happening to him as time after time he was called upon to make brave, diving saves at forwards' feet or come charging out from his line to effect good 'anticipation saves' from clear through runners. It is no exaggeration to say that at half time Taringa could have, in fact should have, been winning 5-0 but their lead had been held to 1-0, a tremendous goal that saw a long throw by Sullivan, back headed by Young to Bristow, who with his back to goal executed a perfect scissors kick to rocket the ball into the postage stamp corner with goalkeeper Hoare again trying valiantly to claw the ball to his grasp.

The second half saw a more determined Wynnium set out to justify their reputation and to be honest they did just that, attempting to play man to man soccer, but always at the end of the move a blue shirt or blue shirts seemed to be blocking the way.

To give the leaders their due, they tried everywhere to find a breach and never lowered the standard of their attempts and gradually Carpenter, Large and Brown began to make inroads up both lines to their wingers and, on one of these sorties Taringa players and fans once again ran into the factor over which they had no control, a shocking refereeing decision.

Everyone in soccer from top coach to youngest player knows of John Deegan's

'hidden talent.' Jimmy McCabe's favourite actor (see last weeks GO SOCCER) thought it was about time to "try on" referee Davis. If it were not so tragic it would be laughable, but as in the previous weeks Gold Coast match, the Taringa players were astounded when the man in black awarded a penalty for the greatest piece of diving acting since the Montreal Olympic games.

How referee Davis must have felt, for not only did he give the impression of doubt, but to see laughing Wynnium players run from all over the field to congratulate the broadly grinning Deegan surely must have made his stomach turn if he has an ounce of conscience in his make up. However as is usual in cases like this there is no way he was going to change his mind.

Eddie Wilkins gladly accepted the gift and put it away. Without a word of a lie, even the Wynnium fans, usually a loud effervescent bunch of people, were shamed into silence with this equaliser.

However, the goal "did the trick" and gave Wynnium a boost so that never again did Taringa dominate the proceedings, but the game roared into its most entertaining period with both teams playing excellent football, Taringa playing the "break" and Wynnium pushing men forward looking for the winner. And they got it, but once again through the medium of the spot when Neville slid, tackled an onrushing Carpenter and brought him down.

Wilkins again did the trick. Taringa pushed back into the game and in an incredible ten minute period won a succession of seven corner kicks. From one of these Neville powered a devastating header downwards where it hit the ground with such tremendous power that it bounced up and over the bar.

Then a minute from the end Wynnium put together a move that showed why they are top dogs. In a non-stop man to man passing movement they took the ball from midfield, through the defence to the 'extra' Rehbock who powered a tremendous drive goalwards where Bowen launched himself into the air to palm it over and prove his value in goal.

IT WAS HIS FIRST SAVE FROM A DIRECT SHOT IN 89 MINUTES OF SOCCER!

A tremendous advert for second division soccer, a match played in great spirit by two teams determined to show they

have skill, talent and fitness to match many higher rated teams.

No quarter was asked or given, and only one thing marred the afternoon, the performance of referee Davis. This is not 'sour grapes' over the 'dive decision' but from the word go the man in the centre looked as if the occasion was just a bit too much for him. He was unsure, nervous, constantly checking with his linesmen before making decisions, pulling up 'body contacts' that were utterly ludicrous and all in all appearing to do his best to ruin the ebb and flow of a very exciting contest.

The reader will feel this is a 'witch hunt' but in fact the writer feels a bit sympathetic towards the man in the centre. He was being subjected to the latest method of 'improvement' used by the members of the refereeing fraternity, the act of performance filming.

This is a ludicrous method for there is no doubt some members of humanity are extremely camera shy and there is no doubt referee Davis falls into this bracket. Just imagine the thoughts going through the man's head. He is by nature an easy going, pleasant individual yet here he was, subjected to the unsympathetic eye of the ever watchful camera, having put on film every error or little piece of misjudgment so that they can be viewed and dissected by his superiors.

This is improvement? Referees have to have all their faculties to manage the task at hand and should not be subjected consciously or subconsciously to any outside pressure. This is only common sense. The only way this could be a benefit is for random filming to take place.

Sort it out men. Your job is thankless, we know, but on your decisions lots of things are riding at this time of year.

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	15	9	3	3	28	22	21
Mt. Gravatt	15	9	2	4	27	17	20
St. George	15	7	5	3	22	12	19
Ipswich Utd.	15	7	4	4	26	15	18
Thistle	15	6	5	4	27	17	17
Nth. Brisbane	15	6	5	4	29	20	17
Spencer Park	15	5	4	6	23	27	14
Richlands	15	5	2	8	21	30	12
Merton	15	5	2	8	13	21	12
Annerley	15	2	7	6	14	24	11
Redlands	15	4	2	9	19	31	10
Sunnyside	15	3	3	9	17	30	9

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	14	11	1	2	37	15	23
Gold Coast	14	8	4	2	29	21	20
Coalstars	14	9	1	4	27	20	19
Trident	14	7	3	4	22	19	17
Mitchelton	14	7	2	5	30	19	16
Acacia Ridge	14	7	1	6	24	21	15
Taringa	14	5	3	6	20	18	13
Oxley	14	5	3	6	23	24	13
Redcliffe	14	6	1	7	19	32	13
Darra	14	3	4	7	26	26	10
Souths	14	4	—	10	11	28	8
Fort. Valley	14	—	1	13	23	48	1

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rovers	14	9	4	1	25	12	22
Westside	14	10	1	3	41	14	21
St. Albans	14	9	1	4	36	18	19
Salisbury	14	8	2	4	30	16	18
Pine Rivers	14	8	2	4	32	25	18
Olympic	14	7	2	5	28	19	16
Newmarket	14	7	2	5	29	20	16
Nerang	14	5	1	8	19	27	11
North Star	14	3	3	8	13	33	9
The Gap	14	3	1	10	19	30	7
Inala Rangers	14	2	2	10	14	38	6
Willowburn	14	2	1	11	16	50	5

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Twin Towns	14	9	4	1	41	16	22
Goodna	14	10	1	3	30	9	21
Industrial	14	10	1	3	56	26	21
Kingsridge	14	9	2	3	42	30	20
Brighton	14	7	2	5	47	30	16
University	14	6	2	6	24	21	14
Northside	14	6	2	6	32	28	14
Booval Stars	14	5	3	6	26	25	13
Bayside	14	3	4	7	29	34	10
Toowong	14	5	—	9	16	28	10
Rochedale	14	2	1	11	13	37	5
Padua	14	1	—	13	16	84	2

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RAAF	14	10	3	1	34	8	23
Dutton Park	14	10	2	2	51	10	22
Adams Park	13	9	2	2	30	10	20
South Star	14	9	2	3	34	20	20
Albany Creek	13	8	3	2	37	15	19
Samford	14	7	3	4	27	24	17
Wacol	14	6	2	6	34	24	14
Slacks Creek	13	2	3	8	13	29	7
Moggill	14	3	1	10	17	60	7
North Pine	13	2	2	9	17	34	6
Police Acad.	14	2	1	11	15	22	5
Greenbank	14	2	—	12	7	60	4

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	14	12	—	2	42	16	24
Mt. Gravatt	15	11	1	3	34	18	23
Annerley	15	10	1	4	32	23	21
Eagles	15	10	—	5	47	26	20
Redlands	14	8	1	5	32	22	17
Nth. Brisbane	14	8	—	6	32	31	16
Sunnyside	15	7	1	7	36	25	15
Wynnum	14	7	1	6	31	32	15
Merton	14	4	3	7	22	32	11
Richlands	14	1	2	11	18	58	4
Thistle	13	2	—	11	13	56	4

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	14	13	1	—	53	9	27
Mitchelton	14	11	2	1	47	14	24
Taringa	14	10	—	4	33	19	20
Trident	14	9	1	4	47	26	19
Gold Coast	14	8	1	5	41	30	17
Darra	14	5	3	6	30	22	13
Redcliffe	14	4	3	7	22	25	11
Oxley	14	5	1	8	28	42	11
Souths	14	5	—	9	22	34	10
Rovers	14	3	1	10	21	45	7
Fort. Valley	14	3	1	10	20	58	7
Pine Rivers	14	1	—	13	15	55	2

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	14	9	2	3	42	16	20
Salisbury	13	9	2	2	34	14	20
Westside	14	9	2	3	22	10	20
North Star	14	9	1	4	49	17	19
Newmarket	13	7	3	3	44	18	17
The Gap	14	8	1	5	26	15	17
Olympic	14	7	3	4	33	24	17
University	14	6	—	8	26	25	12
Rochedale	14	4	2	8	20	29	10
Inala Rangers	14	3	1	10	24	62	7
Toowong	14	1	3	10	19	50	5
Brighton	14	—	2	12	19	78	2

NINTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa	14	11	3	—	56	9	25
Mitchelton	14	10	2	2	42	9	22
Wynnum	14	10	1	3	45	11	21
Annerley	14	10	1	3	62	16	21
North Star	14	8	1	5	43	19	17
Goodna	14	8	1	5	51	28	17
Mt. Gravatt	14	6	1	7	34	30	13
Industrial	14	5	—	9	37	38	10
Bayside	14	4	2	8	19	48	10
Adams Park	14	3	—	11	18	46	6
Souths	14	2	—	12	12	81	4
Redcliffe	14	1	—	13	8	92	2

COLTS POINTS TABLE

COLTS A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	17	13	2	2	49	13	28
Redcliffe	17	13	2	2	39	15	28
Nth. Brisbane	16	13	1	2	39	13	27
Merton	16	11	3	2	33	13	25
Coalstars	17	9	4	4	31	22	22
Richlands	17	9	1	7	41	26	19
Acacia Ridge	17	6	3	8	25	33	15
Mitchelton	17	6	1	10	40	42	13
North Star	17	6	1	10	30	43	13
Mt. Gravatt	17	5	2	10	33	49	12
Salisbury	17	4	3	10	23	47	11
Annerley	17	3	4	10	29	41	10
Pine Rivers	17	3	1	13	26	52	7
Gold Coast	17	1	4	12	15	44	6

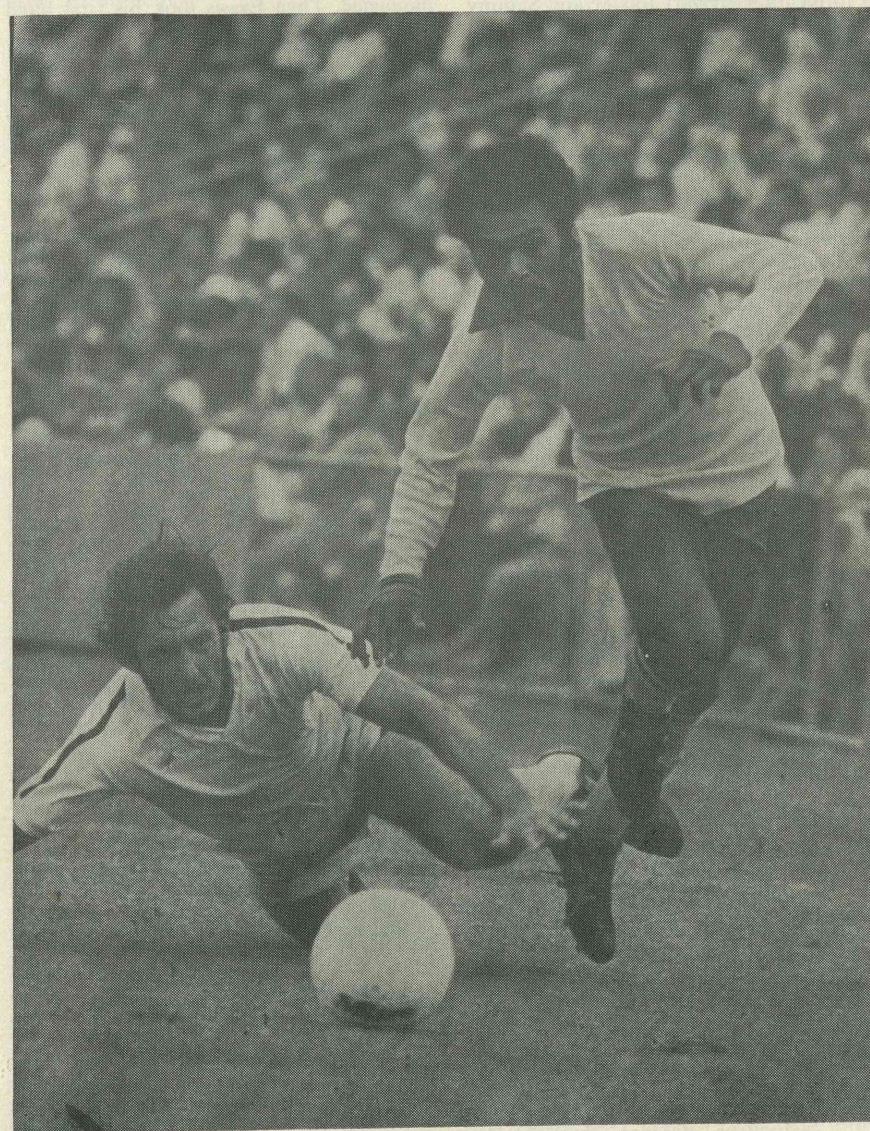
COLTS B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	17	15	1	1	51	8	31
Spencer Park	17	13	2	2	52	13	28
Thistle	17	13	2	2	49	14	28
St. George	16	12	2	2	64	19	26
Inala City	17	12	1	4	61	22	25
The Gap	16	8	1	7	27	22	17
Redlands	16	7	3	6	36	33	17
Wynnum	16	7	1	8	44	46	15
Bardon Jnr.	17	6	1	10	24	32	13
Ipswich City	16	5	—	11	24	54	10
Newmarket	17	4	—	13	23	74	8
Virginia	16	2	1	13	13	55	5
Souths	17	2	1	14	20	81	5
Nth. Brisbane	17	2	—	15	17	32	4

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

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



IN one of his several appearances for Queensland, Tony Edwards hitches a ride on the back of Manchester United's Martin Buchan during the match in 1975, when United got on top late to win 3-0.



YET another Queensland representative appearance for Tony Edwards saw him in action in 1977 in the interstate clash with the Australian Capital Territory. The home side won 4-1 and Edwards' opponent this time was winger Keni Kawalevu.

Brisbane City v Sth. Melbourne—An opinion

LAST Sunday brought the "millionaire Club" of PSL to Brisbane, Alun Evans, George Campbell and Billy Rogers alone representing an expenditure of \$58,000, not to mention Stewart Baxter and Sammy Wright who also have recently joined the club. With Irish International Bertie Lutton sitting on the bench Denis Ford must have wondered what was ahead of him for this same team had thrashed Footscray 4-0 the previous week.

However young George Christopolous was proving that South Melbourne is not a closed shop to local youth and it wasn't long until he showed why, when he laid a perfect through ball for another local kid, Duncan Cummings, to almost non-chantly place the ball behind Wishart.

After this great start Souths went from strength to strength and showed us a brand of soccer that is fast disappearing from Brisbane. Evans consistently showed his class with an almost lazy looking talent for moving away from his marker at the last possible moment to give himself the greatest space possible.

His ball skills were of the expected high standard and his understanding with George Campbell has already reached such a high standard that a few clubs had better start planning (that dirty word in Brisbane) for the future. With young Cummings running cleverly into the spaces created by the restless and ever mobile Evans, Wright and Christopolous controlling the mid field, City looked to be in dire straits but suddenly a new dimension presented itself when, almost gaily, the Melbourne full back decided to chime in — together — with the attack, creating man to man situations at the back, always a dangerous move when young Mr. Kelso is around.

Echeverria was the first to see it in City's mid field and laid a beautiful ball wide of the goal where Barry picked it up and blasted one of his famous left foot howitzers against the underside of the bar. The ever alert Marley rushed in to finish off the move, with a curiously flat footed defence wondering what had happened.

Five minutes later Kelso again sped past defenders and slotted the ball away. What a change came over City. It was like the City of old and did they put the South Melbourne defence through the hoop. This was a period of great football and showed that City can match anyone when they are "on song", but during the period Souths showed a disturbing trait

in their playing of "dead ball", or "set piece" situations. In one of these Campbell crashed a tremendous shot off the bar with the defence again wondering what had happened. Then Evans took his first hand in the match.

He completely "lost" Peter Tokesi and drifted into a huge space behind Brian Kibbey. Upon receiving the ball he hared down the wing, crossed hard and low to Campbell who either missed, or cleverly dummied, the ball which found Christopolous all on his own to put it away. The defence had one big question mark behind this one.

After the break our fears became fact. A Wright free kick apparently "curved" far too wide round the wall, suddenly "found" the darting Evans who headed square, yes square, to the darting Campbell who appeared from the other side of the wall to net from close range.

A wonderfully worked piece of football skill that had the City defence lamely claiming some sort of infringement. Only one infringement lads, ball watching.

City began to fade after this and it was noticeable Kelso and Marley were winning less and less of the ball, especially Kelso in the air, where he had been supreme in the first half. Kim Wishart, who had been having a great game had a somewhat scramble save from an Evans header after Hagegmaniouel had carved up the City right defence.

City were really struggling — new boy Ratcliffe and Kelso reduced to half pace and it came as no surprise when Caldwell appeared on the scene, but it was Echeverria who was substituted.

This had no great effect and another set piece saw Campbell drive a ball round the wall where Wishart could only manage a hand to the ball but unfortunately it landed at the feet of the onrushing Evans who easily netted. Ian Johnson was brought on for Marley and suddenly Frank Pimblett decided he'd better get into the game. The stocky midfielder showed us what a positive player he can be and for the last twelve minutes City again put great pressure on the Melbourne backline.

The "Ipswich Connection" worked when Caldwell gave a ball to Johnson and for once Ian decided to cut loose his cannon.

Reilly dived but couldn't hold it and the onrushing Perry, that's right sweeper Steve, rammed in the rebound. Time ran out for City then but it is obvious only one lesson has to be learned. How to play the 4-4-2 "numbers" game.

In their good spell Marley and Kelso showed they have what it takes to work together as a devastating duo, but whether the fitness and stamina are there to do the job, a tiring and at times thankless task, remains to be seen. However in Johnson and Caldwell there are two similar style substitutions.

The middle four have to be much more positive in their work, Gaffney to use his seemingly endless source of energy to supply a target on whatever wing the ball is being played around. Frank Pimblett has to take command of the middle and stamp his undoubted talents on the game, 20 minutes of this is not enough.

New boy Ratcliffe will take time to adjust to the pace of things, he is not gifted with great pace, but showed enough flashes to warrant perseverance. The back line was teased and tormented by two tremendously skilful players. Evans plainly knew too much for big Peter Tokesi, always a 100% performer, effective in the air but suspect to a man who can play on the ground.

However Peter won't play against an Evans every week and Campbell is in a class of his own when it comes to tormenting full backs. Steve Perry again was the only City outfield player who, for the full 90 minutes, was equal to, if not better than, most of the South Melbourne players.

His bounding enthusiasm and 90 minutes never-say-die spirit makes him invaluable to City and it is a pity he can not be released to play in mid field where his drive and attacking flair could perhaps migrate itself to others who would be around him.

South Melbourne have very few problems that won't be sorted out soon. Frank Munro will add strength and experience to a backline just a bit suspect in the art of positional discipline. With the man's generalship it would not surprise to see the McLaren led "millionaires" league leaders before seasons end.

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LEADING P.S.L. GOALSCORERS

- 10 Goals —
 Jim Campbell (Fitzroy)
 Clive Eaton (Wests)
 Allan Fisher (Wests)
- 9 Goals —
 Ken Boden (Newcastle)
 Roberto Vieri (Marconi)
 Peter Ollerton (Marconi)
- 8 Goals —
 Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
 Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)
 Alan Hughes (Lions)
 Gary Cole (Fitzroy)

7 Goals —
 Phil O'Connor (St. George)

6 Goals —
 Hilton Silva (Sydney City)
 Peter Sharne (Marconi)
 Duncan Cummings (Sth. Melb.)
 Terry Byrne (Canberra)
 John Nyskohus (Adelaide City)
 Alan Ainslie (Olympic)
 Ernie Campbell (Sydney City)
 Alan Marley (Brisbane City)
 Ian McGregor (West Adelaide)
 Billy Pirie (Olympic)

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

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

AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	11	6	3	2	15	11	15
Sydney City	10	5	3	2	20	12	13
Sth. Melbourne	10	4	4	2	15	14	12
Footscray	10	4	4	2	9	12	12
Marconi	10	4	3	3	14	12	11
Syd. Olympic	10	4	3	3	14	17	11
Brisbane Lions	11	3	4	4	17	19	10
Newcastle Utd.	10	2	4	4	11	16	8
W. Suburbs	10	3	2	5	16	21	8
Fitzroy Utd.	10	2	4	4	14	20	8
St. George	10	2	2	6	11	17	6
Adelaide City	9	2	2	5	10	16	6
Canberra City	10	2	2	6	7	17	6
Brisbane City	8	2	1	5	11	16	5

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	20	12	3	5	32	23	27
Marconi	20	11	4	5	41	25	26
Sth. Melbourne	20	9	7	4	33	24	25
Sydney City	19	9	5	5	34	20	23
Fitzroy Utd.	20	7	7	6	31	29	21
Brisbane Lions	20	6	9	5	28	28	21
W. Suburbs	20	7	6	7	35	36	20
Adelaide City	20	7	4	9	28	28	18
Syd. Olympic	20	6	6	8	27	34	18
Footscray	20	5	7	8	19	28	17
Newcastle Utd.	20	4	8	8	26	33	16
Canberra City	20	3	10	7	21	32	16
St. George	20	6	3	11	25	32	15
Brisbane City	19	6	3	10	24	32	15

WAKEN UP BRISBANE

JUST what can be done to stop the rot in our soccer. As usual in our trips around the grounds all we hear are moans and groans, complaints, theories, observations, suggestions but nothing appears to get done anywhere to improve the status quo, a status quo that in fact is constantly slipping further and further back, unabated until where, nobody knows.

There are a few success stories around but down through the years we've always had these success stories, always the club that had found the magic formula, the club that if everyone else copied them would solve all the soccer ills. This is utter rubbish, until all the people in soccer get their heads together and come up with some concrete plans for the future, our backsliding will go on unchecked.

Let us examine as many facets of the story as we can. Soccer is taking off in every State in Australia except, you know where, sleepy old Queensland. Everyone wants on to the bandwagon, bowling clubs are taking over teams in Wollongong with the express purpose of entering the new NATIONAL football league. Councils are falling over themselves in the south to inveigle themselves into the limelight through this NATIONAL set-up.

They offer grounds, professional "back up" knowledge, financial aid, anything at all that will put their council name on everyone's lips. Ethnic barriers are being broken down in Sydney because they realise the city cannot support five teams at NATIONAL level and are now looking at combinations of finance, assets and playing strengths as a means of getting in.

Western Australia are desperate to get in on the act and you can bet it will only be a matter of time before one of the mining giants in the "Black Swan" State decide they had better get their share of the public relations action to be had from a NATIONAL competition.

Coca Cola are the first of the world wide companies to swing their weight behind soccer, starting at the junior level. They have budgeted to spend \$5,000,000 on a world-wide soccer competition and such is the expertise involved in the setting up of this mammoth task that it covers the teaching of basic skills to kids right up to a World Cup for Youth that involves every country in the world.

Philips have also chipped in by providing the finance required to keep the

game going at a national level. Such is the impact being created by all this injected finance that in the south the top rated television programme on a Monday night is, yes, you've guessed it, Philips Top Soccer.

Channel 0, through TDT's Geoff Thomas who also doubles as Top Soccer's anchor man, reported last week that with the programme out-rating The Big Match, World Cup Soccer and all of the "dream time dope shows", Channel 0 can't get it on the screen fast enough in Melbourne. Sydney is showing a steady growth in ratings and is holding its own with ABC's Big Match, so that it can be argued that with the ever growing crowds these ratings will soon outstrip the imported programme.

How the programme will rate if and when Wollongong with its masses and masses of population, Western Australia with its soccer mad mining fraternities and the proposed Sydney super-clubs enter the Philips Soccer League can only be pure conjecture but it certainly won't do the show harm.

We get in Brisbane what we deserve, nothing. Australia, bypasses us, visiting celebrities to Australia bypass us and all because of one thing — apathy.

People, subjected to rubbishy publicity for years for supposed "big" sports such as League and Rules are now, through the educational medium of television realising that their former "super, world famous" stars are no more than ordinary mortals cashing in on the "false aura" created by a small minded media.

Australia is the last bastion for the world soccer giant to conquer and now as the big money corporations throw their weight behind the greatest game of all you can bet your boots media bosses will be looking anew at policies which for years have been aimed at retarding growth in the sport.

Let's get behind it all and do our bit. Let us take up arms against the apathy that is killing our game. A letter to Channel 0 demanding an earlier time slot so that our kids can see their heroes on television. Letters to Channel 7 demanding more time on Sportscene and Sportnight. Letters to Channel 2 and 9 demanding that the sport be given a mention, a showing, its proper place in the scheme of things.

There are 15,000 kids playing soccer in Brisbane, that means 30,000 parents.

There are 138 registered teams playing in the Brisbane area which means there are 3,000 adults actively participating in the game every weekend so surely we can kick up a big enough din to get action.

Action has to be taken at the top of the soccer tree to get a bit of dynamism into the game. No action should mean a clean-out until a dynamic management team is found that will take the Brisbane game into the eighties as an equal not as a poor relation.

For too long we have dragged behind Australia, last year saw us given a chance to start again on an equal footing, this year sees us again falling behind. Are we to again be ridiculed as the backward State getting what we deserve or are we to find within ourselves the necessary drive and ambition to get ourselves out of the rut.

The beginning lies with you the reader. Remember, a letter, a simple note to the GO SOCCER, the newspapers, the TV media, the radio, a phone call to talk-back shows, all register your dissatisfaction with soccer's present lot.

Remember you, the "little" men and women are the saviours of the game.

Insideman

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I am a keen soccer supporter, and would like very much so, to see, as everyone else, the code of soccer reach the status of the number one football code in Queensland. I believe, if the administrative heads go about their activities and organisations in the proper manner, and if enough publicity is given by the media, then this hope of ours will one day become a reality.

But the matter which prompted me to write this letter, concerns what I read in GO SOCCER, the Points to Ponder Section, July 7 edition, the paragraph on the Kentucky Cup match. The interesting aspect which arose from the paragraph was the amount of spectators those two teams were able to draw, around 400 people, and at 1.00 p.m. not bad at all. So with this, and the firm belief that the future of soccer is at the feet of our youngsters, I began to do a little homework on the feasibility of a similar type

of soccer competition as the Kentucky, Ampol and Amco (Rugby League) cups, in the Brisbane and surrounding areas.

The soccer competition would be at a school level, getting schools, both private and public involved. To place the schools firsts on show for the public to view and coaches and managers, hopefully to tap this potential.

After speaking to a few coaches and sporting masters at some schools, many seemed more than enthusiastic at this project. The main questions were asked: Organisation? Sponsorship? and Management? If enough support for this scheme came forth then these could surely be ironed out.

These games could be played as curtain raisers to PSL matches, State League matches, and even some schools if they have their own fields could play them there. The final could be played as a curtain raiser for the Ampol Cup.

The gate takings would be immensely bolstered by parents and school companions and the canteen would not suffer as a result of the extra patronage. I am sure the standard of soccer in some schools is of a very high standard, as Mr. Hermiston would agree.

Turning to sponsorship, at the present time the period of time before PSL matches alternates with activities depending upon which club is at home on that particular Sunday. Some of these activities have benefited soccer to some degree, others have been exercises in farces, complete waste of time. At this point I must commend Lions on the manner in which they are trying to promote soccer, congratulations; City, yes well, what? Why can't Kentucky, Alitalia, Adidas, Coke and anyone else, all pool their resources together and create enough sponsorship and prizes, for the schools to play for?

Get all the companies together, plan something constructive and beneficial for soccer. The potential is there in the schools, to organise something Queensland has never seen before, a competition bigger, better and new.

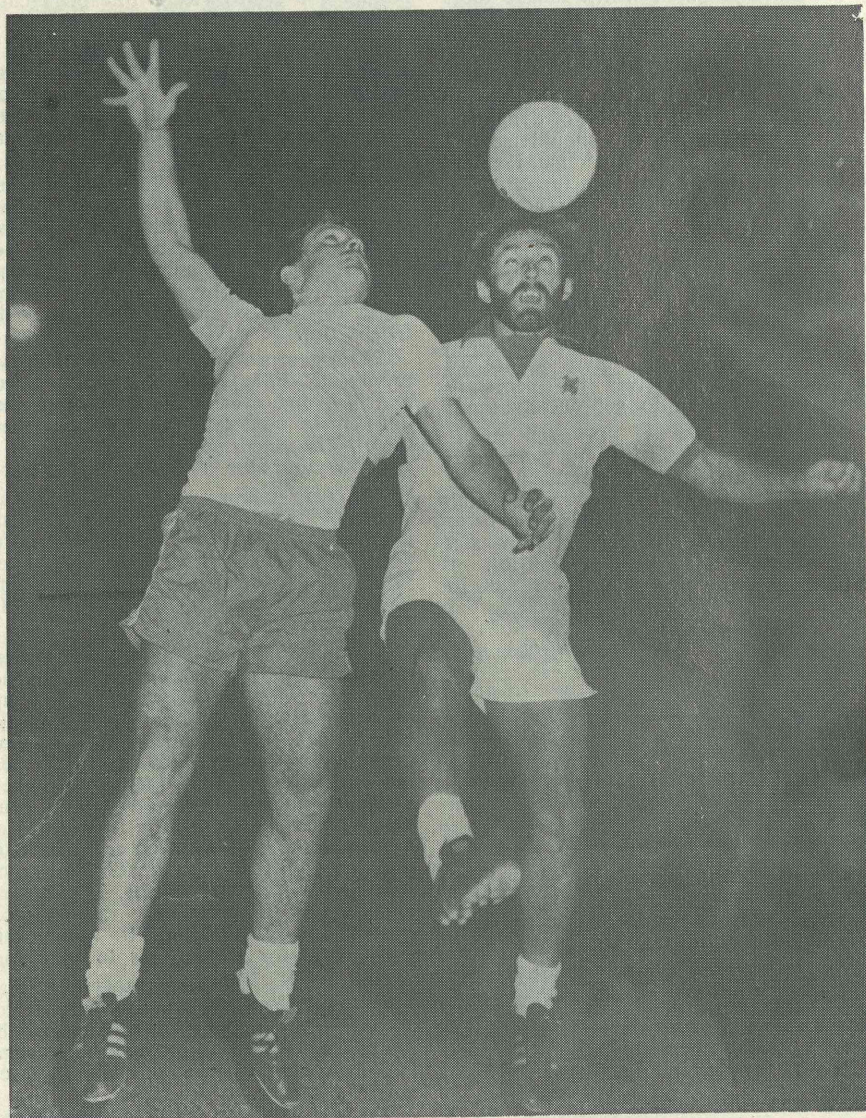
No one will lose, if it's organised properly, competently and professionally.

The time to start organising is right now for next season, let's get the ball rolling. PLEASE!

Can you please reply, as I would be interested in your thoughts on this possibility.

P.S. — *Maybe Mr. Hermiston could add further to what I have said.*

Lou Iovenitti, New Farm



THE GO SOCCER Cocal-Cola player of the month for June is Brisbane Lions midfielder Steve Amos. As with most players who switch clubs, Amos took some time to settle into the Lions team after coming here at the start of the year from West Adelaide. But he is regarded more now as a permanent member of the squad and highlighted consistent performances in June in the PSL with a top effort against Western Suburbs, when he scored a fine goal. In this training pic. Amos is engaged in a heading duel with teammate Barrie Fairbrother, who has yet to be presented with his prize for being the joint June winner of the Freixenet goalscoring award. Both men will receive their prizes before Sundays match against Sydney Olympic.

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LINESMAN'S VIEW

WELL, well, well, Insideman has done it again, he never learns. After being involved in the game for fifteen years and in the last three or four, written thousands of words about it, he has still not learned lesson one, do not, never, ever, mention club names in a debate if you want the discussion to remain rational.

Club names act like the proverbial red rags to bulls and are guaranteed to bring out the worst in people, people, normally well adjusted, hard working, deep thinking "credits" to the code of soccer become malicious, evil-tongued, raving wielders of the "word sword" at the mention of the wrong club names.

The old feelings rush to the surface, the "them and us", the "big boys and us", a simple word like the "rest" becomes a social slur that cannot be erased at any cost. This is soccer '78 as it was soccer '76 with the establishment of PSL, as it was soccer '69 with the establishment of Perry Park, as it was soccer '62 with the "Queen St. Mob" as it was soccer '59 with the Brisbane-Ipswich Associations and so it goes on, and on, and on, ad infinitum, the eternal bickering, jealousy, dare I say hatred, that is no doubt is the malignancy that is eating away at the soccer corporate body. (Note please the figure of speech in total).

Where does one start to correct the game of soccer, when an extremely intelligent, hard working code member like Eric Sinclair cannot absorb a well meaning article without reading into it, reasoning and logic that even the wildest moments of my imagination couldn't cross my mind.

He takes snippets from paragraphs, twists and turns them, adds his own vile interpretation to them, completely out of context to the original train of thought, then uses them in an attempt to cast a slur on the motivations of the author. He talks of "attempts", "thoughts", "apparent philosophy", "closed shop advocacy" to name but a few, when in fact these words or words inferring the "meanings" never appear in the original article, not that they could, for they never at any time crossed the author's mind.

To take Eric's letter paragraph by paragraph and tear his logic and reasoning asunder (because it is HIS logic and reasoning, not MINE) may please the sadistic reader - but I prefer to think of

the average reader as reasonably intelligent and able to "get" the meaning out of my articles and I am not going to bore these people with a written slanging match.

Suffice to say Eric, your second article did point out that you too agree there is something wrong with our structural set-up and it is time something was done about it. Without mentioning club names I would like to briefly reiterate my thoughts and compare them with yours.

First of all I would like to see every club in Brisbane or even Queensland (in view of the State League) "declare" themselves. I would like the clubs to say that they *are* or *are not* going to pay players and by "pay" I do not mean the paltry dollars that are being passed out just now but a figure of say 60 dollars per week for part time EMPLOYEES (5 hours work per week at \$12 per hour) and/or 300 dollars for full time EMPLOYEES (a lot nearer than you appear to think Eric, especially in the South).

Having done this, the clubs would then be formed into professional leagues or amateur leagues, still under the jurisdiction of the Queensland Soccer Federation. Each league would have its own 'council' where the vastly different needs, desires and necessities of each could be discussed and plans formulated to create progress. To clarify this I would suggest a club like yours Eric, with your new philosophies would become an amateur club, a club totally involved with building for the future, a bright, strong future I may add, but not lowering the standard of soccer by doing so.

You admit the present side is not as good as sides, not of last year, but of yesteryear and you cannot start to measure the amount of people this drop in standard has lost to soccer. Oh yes, I know this type of "supporter" is no loss to your club but they are a loss to soccer and that disturbs me greatly.

So we now have three factors to be considered.—

1. Some clubs "appear" to be able to build complexes and also pay big money to players. They had better do this well or, as you suggest they will go to the wall and I would be the first to say deservedly so.
2. Other clubs, like yours have willingly



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changed their priorities, dropped their standards at playing level and poured their dollars into ways and means of building for the future.

3. I represent the dollar paying customer, keen to see the best soccer available, and remember, if I am not impressed with the entertainment value given for any dollar I may never return.

The dollar customer will gravitate to the apparent best class of soccer available and this would have to be where players are being paid to do a job. The clubs in factor 1. would have to compete for the dollar customer and in competing would sooner or later (though in Brisbane I wonder) get their heads together and come up with ideas to entertain the public, competing with other forms of entertainment to such an extent that, perhaps they could 'hold' the people in the game of soccer rather than shrug their shoulders, scratch their head and blame the 'economic recession' that sees people watching colour TV, sailing expensive boats, going to the races, trots or dogs for a punt, driving big expensive cars all over the countryside every weekend as an alternative to watching a game of soccer that is nowhere as entertaining, or as good a standard as it was ten years ago!

These clubs will succeed or go to the wall, there is no doubt about that Eric but it is not a case of the rich getting richer, the poor getting poorer. Their costs, budgets, sources of income and philosophy of expenditure vary differently from the clubs in factor two, 'the rest', and to be perfectly honest it is in 'the rest' I see the future giants of soccer being formed.

Clubs spending every dollar earned in improvements to complexes will build the means and wherewithal to become the giants of the future, only a fool would argue that fact, but life must go on and the youngster playing with such a club cannot be 'held' in check while the four or five year building programme takes place.

Let's make one thing clear, in my book amateur players means amateur players and fines of \$10,000 dollars would ensure no club would dare risk underhand payments. (My reasoning behind the well-run club syndrome.) Of course, to ensure no poaching, etc. 'professional' clubs could not play in amateur leagues although amateur clubs in

the future, could play in professional leagues (albiet highly unlikely).

Therefore professional clubs' playing staffs would be limited (they probably couldn't afford too many) and when signing an amateur player from an amateur club a fee could be paid to reimburse the amateur club for its work in bringing up the youngster, based of course on his length of service with that club, thus ensuring no 'movement for movements sake' among the amateur leagues.

As said one hundred times before in my writings, at the end of each season, the team winning the amateur division would have the right to enter the professional ranks if it so desired. This again is only logical and only a fool would argue.

The team finishing bottom of the professional leagues would have to revert to amateurism if this right was taken up, this is the law of promotion and relegation and they would brook no sympathy from this quarter if this caused hardship.

So you see Eric, no innuendo, no 'big club and the rest' thinking colours my thoughts, only a burning desire to see good soccer being played in front of big crowds at the top of my 'imaginary pyramid.' Only a burning desire to see a natural ladder of progression for the soccer youth, based, not on the almighty dollar, but a system that allows movement from top to bottom if his talent, and wishes, warrant it.

My big grouse is that our present set-up does not allow this and as usual like the proverbial ostriches we are burying our heads in the sand, introverting ourselves into our own small world and refusing point blank to look at what is happening to this game of ours while in other places in Australia 'small' places like Canberra and Newcastle, the game is booming ahead like a rocket.

I'm not prepared to accept pokies as the excuse, I think people are the reason and people, if motivated, will be the saviours.

Insideman

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Last Sunday, my friends and I were sitting behind the goal mouth at the southern end of Perry Park, airing our disapprovals in the manner in which the soccer image has been portrayed on local television over the last few weeks.

When at that very moment, I gazed upon W. Turner's letter to the editor, on exactly the same topic. Thus, I had to shed my apathy and write.

I know in writing, this letter about the ridiculous and *insulting* soccer section on Sportscene and soccer in general on television, including Channel 0, will be of little significance, but I pray that enough people will read this and support be gained, that we can reconstruct a more appropriate and beneficial format upon which to convey soccer in Brisbane.

A few words on Neil Rudd. When I first turned onto the new look Sportscene and saw Mr. Rudd, the immediate impression I received was that he was a Public Relations man, and he had been put there by the Federation and that he was definitely not a soccer commentator.

He was, and still is, a very cold and uninviting person to listen to, not the person I think, for example a ten or twelve year old soccer player or enthusiast would wait an hour to hear. Don't get me wrong, Mr. Rudd might be the best P.R. man or whatever his employment is, that the Soccer Federation have but he is not a soccer commentator or journalist that the public can get rapt in. If Mr. Rudd stays in his present position and standard on Sportscene, he can only be regarded as a blot on the progress of soccer in our State.

Now to Sportscene, such incompetence in organisation, I have never had the misfortune to view in my life. I watch it for the same reasons I used to watch the Three Stooges, need I say more. For a station that calls itself the 'Sports Specialists' it is little better than an amateur

circus, led by the equally incompetent B.J. Smith.

There are four football codes in Brisbane, but you wouldn't think so. Rugby League gets a huge proportion of time, with both local and Sydney coverage; Australian Rules comes next with both VFL and QFL being covered, as well as all Saturday afternoon; and then Rugby Union, you might expect Soccer next, no you're wrong. The horse racing, fishing, rev. up, etc. come next, then when you least expect it, or you go to the toilet, the soccer segment comes on and before you have a chance to wash your hands, it's all over.

Mr. Rudd is gone for another week with his words of wisdom, ten, all counted. I don't think it's good enough for Australia's fastest growing national sport do you?

What is the Soccer Federation doing? Surely publicity media is one of the major agents for the promotion of soccer in Brisbane, or are the Federation members just accepting the situation and every Sunday they just go to Perry Park and booze up in the members bar. I hope for soccer's sake that this is not the case.

If you don't believe a word I've said, just watch Sportscene one Sunday, then make your own mind up. Soccer must deserve better.

P.S. — Maybe a reason for soccer's shocking treatment is because of its danger to Rugby League, thus by reducing media coverage on purpose, it has less chance of getting a foothold in Rugby League's domain.

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KENTUCKY FRIED CUP

THE organisers of the greatest new idea to come into soccer this season, the Kentucky Fried Cup, have admitted a slight error in their original organisation of the draw — "mechanism" of the competition.

The first round was drawn as all good cup competitions should be drawn, out of the hat, and what great ties the method gave us. Unfortunately the secretary sent out a "seeded" draw to the participating clubs and it was not noticed until the second round was due to commence and it was decided to let the competition go ahead on seeded draw.

Now that the round is almost over the draw is to revert back to all in the hat so this weekend sees Kingsridge, Clairvaux, Newmarket or Kenmore and Pine Rivers or Brisbane City all take their chances in "coming out."

It is hoped to arrange for Mr. David Young, managing director of Collins Foods International (Kentucky Fried Chicken)

to make the draw on the soccer segment of Channel 7's Sportscene this Sunday morning. This will mean the draw is being given the status it deserves for this competition has really caught the imagination of the Brisbane soccer public.

This weekend's matches, a double header sees Newmarket and Kenmore battle out for a place in the semi-finals and then Pine Rivers play Brisbane City for the fourth spot.

These forty-four (plus substitutes) kids will be out there today trying their hearts out to get to the final so how about you, the fan, giving them your undivided attention, opening your mouths and letting the cheers roll out. Just because no one ever invited you to play in a big stadium, in front of a big crowd at their age doesn't mean you've got to go in the huff and ignore them. Come on, make it a day they'll never forget, twenty-two of them will lose today never to return.

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POINTS TO PONDER

LOOKS like Channel 7 must be running a **DELIBERATE MISTAKE** competition in its soccer segments. Last Friday's Sportsnight proved no better than Sundays Sportscene with fans being extolled to go along to Perry Park where they could see "Alun Evans, who played with Liverpool in 1971 English Cup Final, play *WITH* Brisbane City against South Melbourne." Bet Denis Ford, Guido Canale and a few thousand Italians had a few seconds of elation before the realisation set in. No one knows what the fan, who may have been coaxed along by the segment thought!

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WEST Adelaide who have been "hanging in" there for so long at last took the lead in the Philips League. With six matches to go a great finish is assured for only four points separate the top four and Fitzroy and Lions are a further two points behind waiting for a slip-up. Melbourne Sydney and Adelaide are represented. It would be nice to see Brisbane get a side in there. Lions are the only chance this season but they have to win more games and this week would be a good time to start. With Marconi playing South Melbourne and Hakoah the improving Wests, two points could close the gap considerably. Go to it Lions. City, after their brightest showing for weeks unfortunately slipped into bottom place, probably their lowest position ever. They have a game in hand but with some tough games ahead the future is not rosy unless they can repeat and maintain their first 45 minutes form of last week.

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CANBERRA, having got out of the rut against our Lions two weeks ago kept up the momentum by halting Fitzroy in their charge to the top and in doing so pulled themselves off the table bottom.

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GO SOCCER spent some time with a high South Melbourne official who intimated that despite the apparent spending spree the clubs "football budget" monthly control check showed a "black balance" in four figures, high four figures. This means a surplus income over expenditure in the current season. City and Lions, eat your heart out and remember Melbourne doesn't have the supposed cure-all pokeys, only shrewd business management.

WYNNUM continuing to bear the second division flag in the Ampol Cup proving what a lot of people have been saying for years, first division is now at its lowest ebb ever. Latest team to 'suffer' was the team that did its best to prove the theory last year, Grange Thistle. When one looks at the Wynnum team which has now sent Thistle and Spencer Park packing from the cup one sees players like David Large, Nigel Rehbock, Nigel Fisher, Steve Brown, Jim Carpenter, Glen Porter and John Deegan, who, with all respects to the lads themselves have been around for a long time and who at one time or another have been "rejected" by First division "big names". Good luck to them and coach Bill Bryant, they would be the first to admit the tight competition they are experiencing week in, week out, in second division is giving them good preparation for their cup run.

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GO SOCCER spent some time in the company of Mt. Gravatt president Alan White last week and by keeping ears open and mouth shut formed the opinion that Mt. Gravatt could be a club to be marked down for the future. The club is obviously being run on strict business principles, an oasis in the desert that is Brisbane soccer and these principles are beginning to show not only out at Dittmer Park but on the playing field as well. Gone are the days of "youthful exuberances" (we'll be kind and call it that) and in its place a slick, professional composure that bodes well for their future in State League.

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JIMMY BELL, the ex Thistle full back who coaches Pine Rivers one of today's participants in the Kentucky Fried Cup reckons he has a potential trophy winner in young Lindsay Dynes. Watch out for this kid today, only last weekend he scored seven goals in one game, five of them in succession. This is some feat Jimmy but as neutral observers we have seen some outstanding individuals in every team that has so far played in the competition so don't go "chiming the carillon" until the trophy is in your grasp. Want to know our choice . . . wouldn't you?

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It was good to see Mt. Gravatt officials act quickly to remove a troublesome spectator from the field at Dittmer Park last Saturday.

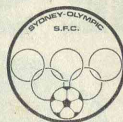
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- 1977 —
 Brisbane Lions 0 v Sydney Olympic 2
 Sydney Olympic 1 v Brisbane Lions 0
- 1978 —
 Sydney Olympic 2 v Brisbane Lions 4

Next Weekends Matches

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