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ADELAIDE City's Agenor Muniz is about to be tackled by Roy Drinkwater, last season with Lions but today playing against his old club for Newcastle United.

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'GO SOCCER'

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Brisbane Lions v Newcastle KB United

THIS weekend sees the first visit to Brisbane on official business of Newcastle United, the boom team of Philips League, the team that on a Saturday can draw crowds of up to 10,000 people to their home games, and yet in this their inaugural year they are struggling near the bottom of the League.

The Newcastle people have done their homework well, getting together a business unit that leave the other organisations in Philips League for dead when it comes to getting all their priorities in the correct order. That they will become one of the giants of the national league is a certainty, they have got together a team that is aimed at consolidating their first year in the league and it is doing just that.

The coach, Alan Vest has had a budget to work to and no doubt this has curtailed his team building plans but this in itself is good business thinking, for with no promotion and relegation this year it was more important to find the pitfalls and strengths of Philips League operation and without doubt this will have also been done. The team to date has put together a somewhat chequered record and, second to Canberra City appear to be draw specialists, having drawn nine matches out of twenty-one played.

They are models of consistency having performed equally away from home as they have in front of their own huge crowds, and if statistics are to be taken as correct, today's game will end in another draw.

What of Lions? Last week they showed the willingness, but not the technique to open up their game and go after goals. Their move was brave but unfortunately in the quest for the winning goal they were punished severely when Olympic stole the points with a last minute break-away goal.

What went wrong isn't too hard to answer for the local lads had a wealth of possession but at the end only one goal to show. To play 4-2-4 requires certain players in certain positions so that certain roles can be undertaken in order that the system work.

Gyula Vincze showed brake thinking with his ploy but players let him down as they showed no real imagination.

However all is not lost and with the hoped for return of Col Bennett this weekend it may be last weeks defeat could be a blessing in disguise. Lions are now committed, they MUST win every game if they are to participate in the money spinning final four comp.

Can it be done? With the correct attitude and the correct players in the correct positions GO SOCCER feels it can and here's what we'd like to see and our reasoning. The attack minded 4-2-4 system requires certain factors if it is to be successful. First of all two fast aggressive full backs who are willing to venture into attack at all times and pin-point crosses, high and low into the danger area.

Hermiston and Niven could do this. Midfield requires mobility, vision and endurance and here we feel Potter and Amos have shown the necessary requirements these last few weeks. Wingers, fast and direct or tricky and direct are absolute necessities and if Neale and Morris are not tailor made for the job they are not the players we think they are.

In the centre, height and strength are needed and Hughes could supply the target while Fairbrother rushes around feeding on loose ends, the game he excels at. At the back Bennett should be partnered by the headiest player in the squad, Eddie Spearritt who is no stranger to the position and has the technique and ability to slot into the role.

So there it is as we see it. Nothing is to be lost except a meaningless "also ran" position in the table. Attack is the key.

Lownds

Hermiston Spearritt Bennett Niven
Potter Amos

Neale Hughes Fairbrother Morris
These are the men we feel can bring the goods home for Lions. There is skill, pace, strength and confidence where it should be and, what the hell, there is only one way to go down, fighting.

Gyula Vincze may not see it our way personnel wise, but we are right behind him in his hopes. Let's show these fear ridden southern sides how to play and at the same time entertain the public.

GO TO IT LADS.

Insideman

THE CUP DRAW

A WEEK past Wednesday evening saw the best P.S.L. crowd for weeks come along to see another local derby. Seems our Brisbane fans would rather watch two local sides playing against each other than watch them take on the pride of other states each Sunday. This is rather strange when one considers local derbies seldom live up to their expectations, whereas the inter-state matches have the built in "edge" even before they begin. Perhaps the drought of Queensland games these last few years is now beginning to take its toll.

City came up with the major surprises in team selection, Pimblett, Echeverria, Iozzelli, Marley and Kibbey all dropping out of that side that had performed so spasmodically against South Melbourne when going down narrowly 3-4. Rathmell and Lavelle came in at fullback and "old favourites" John Coyne and Ian Johnson took over the vacant places in midfield. With the hard running Kevin Caldwell preferred to Alan Marley it was obvious the plan was to pressure the middle of Lions back line with a bit of power and pace.

Eddie Spearritt made a welcome return to Lions midfield but the human battering-ram Fairbrother was missing and it was obvious from the start John Neale was going to have a long hard evening ahead of him for his front running partners were Alan Hughes and Geoff Morris who both like to get back deep midfield so as to get involvement.

And so it proved, an entertaining, closely fought struggle saw a lot of cut and thrust football played but seldom if ever was a clear cut chance created such was the defensive standards attained by both sets of players. Both goalkeepers dealt with any long speculative shots and all in all it would be hard to fault any player in both sides for they gave all they had and yet the magical something wasn't there. It was a game for the purist and both coaches would have been happy with the result at the end of ninety minutes for, in the more important business of league football, the ability to grab points with "limited resource" teams is vitally important to both sides in their respective league positions.

And so came the lottery. The penalty kick settlement and for those who like their excitement laced with a bit of tragedy we suppose it is a satisfactory method of decision but for our money it

is a diabolical way to finish a game as important as a national cup-tie.

Let us examine the economics of the situation. The cost of restaging last Wednesday's match was negligible yet the crowds were never given the opportunity of fronting up for more. In a overall situation where money is supposed to be at a premium here was further evidence that the planning and organisation of these competitions is sadly lacking. Even if the cup's later rounds do necessitate inter-state travel surely the cost of retaining a team in a motel overnight and paying a days wages to the visiting players would be amply covered by the resultant gate. We realise that the day of return matches in event of a draw are perhaps out of reach but a replayed 90 minutes is eminently more desirable to players, officials and spectators alike rather than this farcical lottery when it has long been recognised in soccer that the goalkeeper, by the letter of the law, has no chance. Only the pressure of nerves on the kicking players and an ability on the part of the goalkeeper to move before the kick is taken, hopefully in the right direction, without being found out, combines to give a decision. Perhaps better than a tossed coin, but only just. If City carry on the good work they could become the only team ever to win and retain a national cup without winning a match. Anyhow that's in the lap of the powers that be. Go to it City, keep the Queensland flag flying.

STRUGGLING CITY

ADELAIDE — West Adelaide maintained their lead in the Philips Soccer League with a decisive 2-0 win over struggling Brisbane City at Hindmarsh Stadium.

After a scoreless first half West Adelaide pressured Brisbane City and were rewarded with goals from Dave Pillans and David Jones.

It was West Adelaide's tenth win in their last 12 matches. It was an impressive performance from the League leaders because they took the field without four of their top players — Graham Honeyman, Ian McGregor (both injured), and Barry Reynolds and Graham Norris (both suspended).

Pillans, who has missed the last two matches because of flu, was also expected to be left out of the side after injuring himself at training on Thursday night.

However, Pillans took the field and was instrumental in Wests' victory.

His 63rd minute goal came after Alex Zervas hit a delicate cross and Pillans headed powerfully past Kim Wishart.

Fourteen minutes later young John Batchelor found Nick Pantelis near the far post and he crossed to David Jones, who slammed the ball from five metres into an open goal.

West Adelaide had dominated the second half and Pantelis, one of South Australia's top goal scorers for almost a decade and playing his first game this season, missed a golden opportunity in the opening minutes of the second half.

He sprinted through Brisbane defence but at the crucial moment with only the goal keeper to beat he overran the ball and the chance was lost.

Brisbane City lacked fire power and their strikers gave West Adelaide few problems.

And when they did get through West goal-keeper Martin Crook was in fine touch.

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	11	7	2	2	28	14	16
West Adelaide	10	7	—	3	19	12	14
Sth. Melbourne	10	5	3	2	18	10	13
Fitzroy Utd.	11	5	3	3	18	13	13
East. Suburbs	10	5	2	3	17	8	12
Adelaide City	11	5	2	4	18	12	12
W. Suburbs	10	4	4	2	19	15	12
Brisbane Lions	10	3	5	2	12	11	11
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.	11	2	5	4	17	19	9
Syd. Olympic	10	2	3	5	13	17	7
Footscray	11	1	3	7	11	18	5

AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	11	6	3	2	15	11	15
East. Suburbs	10	5	3	2	20	12	13
Sth. Melbourne	11	4	5	2	16	15	13
Syd. Olympic	11	5	3	3	16	18	13
Footscray	10	4	4	2	9	12	12
Marconi	10	4	3	3	14	12	11
Brisbane Lions	11	3	4	4	17	19	10
St. George	11	3	2	6	15	18	8
Newcastle Utd.	10	2	4	4	11	16	8
Fitzroy Utd.	10	2	4	4	14	20	8
W. Suburbs	11	3	2	6	16	24	8
Canberra City	11	3	2	6	9	18	8
Adelaide City	10	2	3	5	12	18	7
Brisbane City	9	2	1	6	11	18	6

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	21	13	3	5	34	23	29
Marconi	21	11	5	5	42	26	27
Sth. Melbourne	21	9	8	4	34	25	26
East. Suburbs	20	10	5	5	37	20	25
Brisbane Lions	21	6	9	6	29	30	21
Fitzroy Utd.	21	7	7	7	32	33	21
W. Suburbs	21	7	6	8	35	39	20
Syd. Olympic	21	7	6	8	29	35	20
Adelaide City	21	7	5	9	30	30	19
Canberra City	21	4	10	7	23	33	18
St. George	21	7	3	11	29	33	17
Newcastle Utd.	21	4	9	8	28	35	17
Footscray	21	5	7	9	20	30	17
Brisbane City	20	6	3	11	24	34	15

LEADING P.S.L. GOALSCORERS

- 10 Goals — Allan Fisher (Wests)
- Ken Boden (Newcastle)
- Clive Eaton (Wests)
- Roberto Vieri (Marconi)
- Jim Campbell (Fitzroy)
- 9 Goals — Peter Ollerton (Marconi)
- Gary Cole (Fitzroy)
- 8 Goals — Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
- Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)
- Terry Byrne (Canberra)
- Alan Hughes (Lions)
- 7 Goals — Hilton Silva (Sydney City)
- Ernie Campbell (Sydney City)
- Phil O'Connor (St. George)

Points to Ponder

WELL known Ipswich scribe reckons he got what he deserved last Sunday at Ebbw Vale. Eagles were trailing 0-1 against Ipswich United and were about to take a corner through Jim McCabe. Scribe admits he did not go out of his way to retrieve the ball and return quickly to field, an action which brought a wry smile from McCabe. From the eventual corner, Eagles scored the equaliser.

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SEEN at a senior colts match last weekend. One of our men in black who seemed to be in need of a labrador, owing to the many fouls he missed in the first half, left the field at half time and went straight into the LADIES (marked in 2 inch high letters) toilet. Need we say more!



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CLUB NEWS

DUTTON PARK UNITED

"BLAZING A TRAIL"

Last week Dutton Park United continued to blaze a trail to premiership honours with a 4-0 victory over Samford.

The first half was a tight old affair with neither side willing to give an inch, the only sparkle for United was the new found form of mid-field ace Steve George who is hitting his straps just at the right time, with only a handful of games to go to the premiership. Half time nil all.

What a different half the second half was. John Carningham was replaced by (Mr. Magic) Duncan Brampton (who missed his bus for the first half), this player added thrust to the forward line that was missing in the first half and it was at the Thirteenth minute mark that United put in number one from the boot of winger Jim Quinn. (Mr. Magic) Duncan Brampton performed a little bit of magic only one minute later for number two. Club captain Roy Carter controlled the mid-field at leisure and was rewarded for his efforts when he put in numbers three and four in the twenty-second and thirty-fourth minutes to take the final score to 4-0 to United.

The only sad event in the whole game for United was the booking of Vice-Captain Ray Yates for ungentlemanly conduct. How can a gentleman be booked for ungentlemanly conduct?

Note to all fifth division clubs . . . Heard around the bars about the Hoo-har between South Star and the R.A.A.F.

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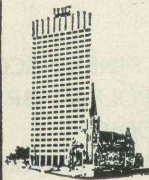
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WE CARE ABOUT TOMORROW

last week. It's a sorry state of affairs when clubs have to consider hiring a police officer to keep the peace. Rest assured that Dutton Park United will be ensuring there's plenty of peace.

UP A GHOST . . . Casper

RETURN TO FORM

THIRD DIVISION — Salisbury got back on the winning trail by beating Inala Rangers 1-nil at Inala, last Saturday.

The win was a lack-lustre performance but came as a welcome change after two disastrous losses to Nerang and St. Albans.

John Slater's goal was enough to earn Salisbury two points but they really should have scored more against a scrappy looking Inala. The game was not an enjoyable one to watch and play seemed to get bogged down in the middle of the park.

Several chances in front of goal were squandered and too many players turned in only average performances. Reliable goal-scorer, Peter Wybranokski, was sadly out of touch and tried hard but couldn't seem to capitalise on the space he was given.

Dave Murray also was a little unlucky, especially when his shot into an open goal was stopped by a defender who didn't know where the ball was. Salisbury's defence turned in a solid game and although the two centre-backs were booked, they both played well.

Not much more can be said about this game except the team achieved the main purpose of the game, a win for ex-Inala coach, Bob Butchard.

EIGHTH DIVISION — Complacency in the second half cost Salisbury an even more convincing win in their game against Inala Rangers last week.

Salisbury won the game 5-2 but were leading 3-nil and totally in command at half-time. The second half though saw a dramatic change and Salisbury played with less conviction and failed to show the will to win of the first half.

Their first performance though was brilliant and Dave Mahoney was particularly outstanding. He stamped his dominance in midfield and played constructive accurate passes.

Salisbury's first goal came after only five minutes. Mark Brigden, returning to his old position on the left wing, crossed a great ball to Bruce Austin who headed it well.

Former Salisbury keeper, Ian Randall could only parry the ball and Pat Bowers did well to follow it in and tap the ball into the net. The second Salisbury goal came from a long Brigden corner which Dave Mahoney pumped into the goal-mouth where little Ted Hutchinson pushed the ball into the goal.

After playing a part in the two previous goals Brigden decided to go it alone for Salisbury's third and scored what could

be rated as Salisbury's goal-of-the-season.

Brigden took the ball on his famed left foot, after a clever pass by Dave Grunwald, and smashed a 25-yard shot that rocketed into the top of the goal. The goal was certainly vintage Brigden. Salisbury's second half goals were both scored by Bruce Austin who is now approaching his pre-wedding form.

The goals were both in typical Austin style, fast running, beating a defender and outwitting the keeper. While it was generally an attacking game for Salisbury the defence played well when required.

Pommy Al Barrow was particularly good at left-fullback and covered and distributed well. Greg Gillespie also had a good game as sweeper. Overall the win was a good morale booster for the team which has had some hard games approaching before the end of the season.

SENIOR COLTS — Failure to capitalise on a second half wind advantage cost Salisbury any chance of getting points from their game against North Brisbane at Massinger Street, last Sunday.

Salisbury played well in the first half against the wind, and conceded only one goal in the blustery conditions. At half-time it seemed the team had every chance of equalising and perhaps getting a winner.

It was not to be and Salisbury's football deteriorated in the second half and the team ended up being crushed 4-nil. Both teams failed to show any constructive football under the conditions and the game was mainly a kick and hope affair. North Brisbane had by far the better chances but poor shooting cost them goals.

Salisbury keeper, Steve Brown had a good game and saved brilliantly on at least three occasions. Salisbury's only real chance to score in the game was when left winger, Brad Cotton, out-paced the North Brisbane defender and blasted a shot that scraped outside the far post.

The last 15 minutes were absolutely pathetic for Salisbury with nobody wanting to run, call or pass. Amidst the rabble only two players showed any signs of football and determination, fullbacks John Troeger and Gary Weir.

This Colts team will really have to start putting effort into its game if it wants to finish anywhere but the bottom of the table by the end of the season.

Finally it was good to see club president, John Winner up and about after his recent operation. All club supporters wish John, who is a tireless worker, a speedy recovery after his major operation in August.

RIDGE BEAT SOUTHS

THIS game could hardly be called a classic, but after the Ridge's disgraceful exhibition against Oxley the week before, it was a vast improvement. 75 per cent of this game was played in the Souths half and from the kickoff it looked just a matter of time before the Ridge won and by how many. When Randall Jackson picked up a clearance from the Souths defence, he turned on one of his rare feats of speed, left the backline for dead and scored a delicate goal, slipping it past the diving keeper.

This lad has a lot of ability and if you really put your heart into it Jacko you could match any player in Brisbane for skill. The second goal was a real do or die effort from the gutsy Nick Griffin. The second half started as the first finished with the Ridge doing most of the pressuring and it was no surprise when Terry Kennedy made it 3-0 with a well placed shot. Sorry I missed it Terry but your dad told me it was a cracker and at only 12½ stone, who am I to argue with 15½ stone.

The Ridge continued to press for No. 4 but it did not eventuate.

Best players were captain and ex Souths player Jimmy Spence and it was good to see a return to form from little Kirk Lillee. Would like to thank all supporters for really getting behind all the lads during the season. You are worth your weight in gold, and would leave most first division teams for dead in numbers and vocal support.

GREENBANK GO AHEAD

by the Grasshopper

We would like to tell Go Soccer readers a little about the youngest and one of the most go ahead clubs in Queensland, Greenbank, and about our benefactor out here in the sticks, Ed Hillier, former Queensland and Brisbane representative and Oxley United star of the late 50's and 60's, who is now with Greenbank in the 70's.

The club had progressed into senior ranks this year in the 5th division and is backed by six junior teams, and has had the distinction of being named by the Southside Juniors Association as the fastest growing junior club in Queensland. Our facilities out here are second to none.

We have a \$40,000 clubhouse completed and totally owned by the Greenbank Sports Association. Ten light poles have already been erected and lights we hope will be installed by the 1979 season, and, where it counts, a full size ground already top dressed and seeded, but as with all grounds this year no rain and not much grass.

The ultimate aim of club president Barry White is a lush, green, well grassed and level ground, work on which will begin as soon as the season finishes. With all the local businessmen in the area supporting by sponsorship and a committee that realises you must grow and work hard to achieve your main objective, this club will prosper and continue to thrive. Our junior ranks will swell to about 10 teams and two senior teams for the 1979 season. As this is a young family area, the juniors will be a big force in the years to come and will be a great backup for the seniors, as Ed Hillier believes that the home grown talent is not being used enough.

Greenbank looks forward to the 1979 season with great relish and we know that it can only improve and benefit Soccer as a whole. While having a couple of beers with an old friend and the greatest administrator Queensland Soccer has ever had, Bill Waddell, we discussed football in general and about the old times. We were in agreement that all levels of administration and playing facilities move to unite the game of Soccer.

Match report: Greenbank last week travelled to Moggill United's top of the river ground, with great success, to win a scrappy match 3-1, with all goals coming in the second half. On a minimum sized ground good football was totally non-existent but Greenbank took their opportunities well and took the lead three minutes into the second half with a good first time shot from Alan Burden, followed in quick succession with two goals, the first from Col Burns. The highlight of the game was Greenbank's third goal, when a tremendous 40 yard free kick by Ed Hillier pinpointed Steve Andrews' climbing header which slammed off the crossbar and was tucked away by Col Burns. The difference in the two sides was Greenbank's Hillier-led defence and strong midfield backed by the backline of Ed Ashton, Lee Bryant and Steve Busby.

Moggill never gave up and were rewarded with a great goal in the closing stages. I suppose you are wondering why I call the ground top of the river. It must cost Moggill a fortune in balls as five are now floating down the river. Any ball that clears their fence drops in

the drink. This result must hearten Greenbank. The boys have been playing quite well in their first year but the goals have not been coming. Let's hope they can keep it up.

TRIDENT CHALLENGE

SECOND DIVISION

TRIDENT maintained their challenge for the premiership with a 2-1 victory over Gold Coast at Raymond Park.

It was a thrill-a-minute match from the first whistle with neither side able to control play for long. It was also a game that required courage to contest any loose ball and was no place for the faint-hearted.

Despite the close contact evident throughout the match there were moments of excellent soccer.

Both sides had outstanding contributors, especially in midfield where an intriguing contest developed. In this area Trident had the outstanding man on the field in John Shepherd who had great support from Dennis Lockhart, John Kennedy and Dave Southern.

Trident was unlucky not to snatch an early lead in the tenth minute when John Shepherd's inswinging corner kick hit the bar and bounced over. Ten minutes later John was again robbed of a scoring chance when he sprinted into the penalty area, rounded the defence and then placed a delicate chip shot (which had goal written all over it) over the keeper only to see this ball bounce to the left of the post.

Trident's persistent attacking paid off in the fortieth minute. John Kennedy made a scintillating run on the right wing beating at least three defenders before putting over an inch-perfect cross to Dave Miller. Dave prepared for the perfect goal shot but was put off target when this ball was deflected from a Gold Coast defender's leg. However, fate would have it that Trident score and Dave, after retrieving the wildly bouncing ball, took the shot which, would you believe, hit the same defender's leg and bounced into the net.

At 1-0 and half time the match was perfectly balanced and had featured some good attack from both sides.

After the break Gold Coast picked up dramatically and caused Trident plenty of trouble with a stream of dangerous attacks but were denied any scoring chances by the solid Trident defence of Bart McConaghy and Peter Tencate. Fine saves by Sam Mancini enabled Trident to take up the attack and in the fifty

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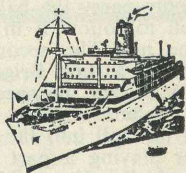
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seventh minute Trident went further ahead when John Kennedy brought the ball closer to the goal mouth, rounded the keeper and nipped in an easy goal.

Ten minutes from full time Gold Coast's tricky work along the left wing confused the Trident defence enabling them to hammer a two metre ball into the back of the net, completely beating the keeper.

The game once again showed that the Trident forwards and midfielders are eager and successful and that their defence is an efficient, professional machine.

A hard, entertaining game with the standard being much higher than second division.

SEVENTH DIVISION

IN Seventh Division Trident was once again victorious defeating Gold Coast for the second time 3-0.

The first half opened at a crackling pace with both sides playing a hard game which produced good football.

Trident held complete command throughout the first half and it was not surprising when they took the lead in the tenth minute as a result of a direct corner kick taken by Bob Rogers. Five minutes later Trident further increased their lead. Leigh Fett drove a thundering shot to see it hit the woodwork and bounce back into play allowing Terry to score from the rebound.

Mark Bond, with the support of the defence, had a great game between the sticks picking two certain goals out of the air thus holding Gold Coast to a scoreless first half.

The second half proved to be a replica of the first with Trident completely dominating Gold Coast and within 3 minutes of the second half Steve Lumley (second half replacement) latched onto a loose ball, rounded the keeper and scored an easy goal.

Once again Mark Bond was called upon to save a pile driver that had goal written all over it.

With three goals up Trident did not relax and kept up the pressure. A good break through by Rob Robers on the left wing saw Rob pass a square ball to Steve Lumley who slammed it goal bound only to see it being cleared off the line by a Gold Coast defender. Minutes later young Steve was again robbed of a goal.

Mark Bond's fine display of goal-keeping set the scene for the team's 3-0 win. All players on the day performed well and no one could really single out a "best player of the day" — the title applied to the team as a whole.

Well done fellows. Let's continue on our winning run next week.

MERTONS MOVE UP

by Eric Sinclair

FOLLOWING their two very welcome points against Annerley, Mertons travelled to the Cleveland Showgrounds to do battle with Redlands. Unfortunately injury continues to make selection difficult for Mal Bland, this week No. 1 keeper Chris Carroll out with blood poisoning and Wayne Williams still nursing an ankle injury. Their absence was bad enough but the admission to hospital of Phil Thompson in the early hours of Sunday morning added to the problems. We hope Phil's condition is not as bad as it would seem at this stage.

These continuing injury problems, although worrying to Mal Bland, are giving some of the lower division players an opportunity to show their wares in division one. This week Brad Baker, promoted in lieu of Chris Carroll, made a promising debut. He made only one mistake and was punished for it by conceding the only Redland goal. He made up for this later in the game with a good save to stop Redlands from grabbing a point they really didn't deserve. Mark Griffiths playing only his second full game again made few mistakes and those he did make he made up for by intelligent use of his long throw, one of which again led to a goal for Merton, as was the case against Annerley last week.

The first fifteen minutes provided some bright attacking football from the patched up Merton side before Mark Griffiths picked up the ball on the sideline, threw it onto the head of Mal Bland lurking near post, a flick on to Billy Fisher and a blasted volley, which Dick Karreman got hands to but was unable to hold again saw Merton with an early lead.

This lead almost lengthened a short time later when Karreman was again unable to hold a shot from Billy Fisher, the ball landed awkwardly for 'Andi Kap' whose hurried shot went narrowly wide with Karreman helplessly looking on. A let off for Redlands.

Within a few minutes Redlands were again on the receiving end of a let off. Gerry Kay broke free down the left, cut in towards goal and cut the ball back for a support to net the ball, only to have the referee disallow the goal on the signal of a Redlands Club Official who was acting in lieu of the linesman who failed to turn up for the fixture. A goal kick was awarded but the only time the ball got within a half metre

of the goal line was when it passed over it into the net.

From this point on Redlands began to get back into the game but never really looked dangerous before half time.

Merton went in with a one nil lead but this could have been larger.

From the resumption Redlands looked a new side, they continued from where they had left off in the first half and applied pressure to the re-organised Merton defence. Peter Houghton failed to return after taking a bad knock immediately before half time. Steve Robinson replaced him. Our back four seemed to have left their composure in the dressing shed as the Redlands side constantly mounted attack after attack. It was from one of these attacks that Merton got their second goal, completely against the run of play at that stage. A long clearance from Brad Baker found the head of a Redlands defender but glanced off to leave 'Andi Kap' in the clear well inside the Redlands half. He saw Dick Karreman well off his line and was able to chip over his head into an open goal. Two nil Merton.

Redlands lost a little of their impetus after this and allowed Merton to get back into the game. During the next ten minutes we saw some of the most attractive football of the game with good end to end moves from both side. With twenty minutes to go Redlands forced a corner. The resultant kick swerved all over the place and dipped very late leaving Brad Baker groping for it at the near post, the ball bobbed into the goalmouth for Chris Hill to bury it into the back of the net. Merton 2 Redlands 1.

The scene was set for a torrid finish. Redlands spurred by their goal seemed more determined than ever, but "Mal's Mixture" didn't let him down. They also intended not to be outdone. It seemed that they were taking turns to attack. First Redlands then Merton and vice versa. Towards the end Redlands were attacking with regular monotony. They were almost rewarded with an equaliser five minutes from time but Brad Baker was equal to the task. Time ran out for Redlands. Final score Merton East 2 Redlands 1.

IPSWICH ITEMS

by Iain Kesson

LAST Sunday against Eagles we played our first home game in six weeks and I don't think the big crowd went home disappointed. The game was a cliff-hanger

which always pleases the paying public. I felt Matt Carson's men were feeling the strain of being the front runners for so long.

Millman, Brennan and Bohan were never allowed to become dangerous, because of the tight attention of McKeand, Warren, Nielsen and Jeff Dann. The mid field was pretty evenly contested but Ipswich got on top towards the end of the second half. Marszaleck, Gordon, Cochrane and Sinclair were doing a good job of containing Johnston, Devereaux and Kathage so it looked like the first team to make a mistake would lose.

And that's exactly what happened. Ipswich went ahead in the 7th minute through Kathage when Eagles defence was all at sea in a goalmouth melee. Kathage and Johnston both were clear in Eagles six yard box and Bryan found the ball bouncing in front of him but seemed to take an eternity to hit it. He finally did and with Marszaleck's challenge coming just too late, it screwed off Alan's legs and into the bottom corner giving keeper Bennett no chance. Eagles best effort and the only direct shot Greg Donnelly was required to save came from a nice one-two by Millman, but his shot from 18 yards was well saved by Donnelly, who dived to his left to smother.

Ipswich were playing better football (technically) with more passes in their buildups but Eagles were dangerous with their long passing game, to the fast front runners. It was a real contrast of styles. If anything the second half was faster than the first and it speaks volumes for the fitness of both teams. Marszaleck moved forward to a central striking position and almost scored with a snap header. Ian Lawrie replaced Kathage, who had taken a hard knock on his ankle for us and then Eagles equalised with a real freak goal which was hit head high and dipping.

Jeff Dann, who was a yard off the backline and two yards in front of our near post, allowed it to go past him and it completely deceived Glen McKeand on the near post. It hit Glen on the hip and fell in at the post, with the nearest Eagles player five yards away. What a tragedy for the defence, which had played so well. These incidents are what makes this game so unpredictable and interesting.

Ipswich kept up the pressure in the last 20 minutes and were unlucky to see Lawrie's 25 yard rocket clear the bar with the keeper beaten. Two good bursting runs by Jeff Dann in the last five minutes went close to producing a goal.

One was forced away for a corner and the other was shot just wide by brother Steve. We did have the ball in the net from a free kick when Wayne Warren's header beat the defence, but the ref had blown for offside for another player.

Speaking of the ref I felt Barry Such should have and could have been much stronger in his control of the match. There is a lot at stake this time of the year, players have been working hard since January to get this far and their efforts are whole-hearted and enthusiastic. Needs a strong man to control them. This last 20 minutes nearly got out of hand and it would have been congratulations to the ref, instead of constructive criticism from me. We just could not find the back of the Eagles net and each set of supporters probably would say they should have won. But lady luck always has the final say.

The reserves played a very close game with Eagles, running out 1-0 winners, Rick Kitching scoring Saint's goal eight minutes into the second half. It was a match of two halves and as in the later game, the ref could have been a little stronger. Looks like two premierships in a row coming up for this side. The senior Colts had their first defeat for many weeks to Inala City in a rough encounter, with more than its fair share of dangerous tackles. You have to learn to cope with all kinds of opposition and stay cool. You lost the physical battle and also the points in this one.

The 4-1 scoreline is certainly not an indication of your football ability. Booval Stars also had a loss, 4-0 to Goodna. Stars reckon they were sorely hit by injury and suspension to some of their key players.

This statement can only be believed, if next week with the inclusion of said players the required result is achieved. If not it looks a pretty lame excuse. We will have to wait and see. Saints first junior colts had another big win, 7-1 and the second junior colts also got up to win 3-1. Well done lads, this is the time to keep up your form.

With only a few points to go you can't afford to drop any points. After last weeks efforts against top side Eagles we should get a bumper crowd at Ebbw Vale for our clash with Merton this Sunday and St. George the following week, also on the Sunday. They are all top games now regardless of who the opposition may be.

MT. GRAVATT CLUB NOTES

OVERCONFIDENCE THE KILLER

by Brian Richardson

ON Sunday, 23 July, the North Brisbane mob crossed the river to do battle with the Mt. Gravatt push. Little wonder the boys from up country looked a little worried as they entered the cage that surrounds Dittmer Park. Their coach, Brian Addison attempted to relieve their tension by wearing a funny hat, while trainer Noel Brown tried to convince them the heading on this column last week *Mt. Gravatt's Mighty Week* should have read *Mt. Gravatt's Mighty Weak*.

After eleven straight wins (including their Ampol Cup games) our boys in green and gold looked supremely confident while our official cheer squad was in full-throated roar. Other Clubs may have their pretty girls dressed in Club colours, but our squad goes one better.

Out front we have Harry Schmitz (brickie) who calls the tune. Jumping to it are Bill Denny (chippie), Romano Trevisan (concretor) and Adam Stewart (beer drinker). Not only do they call encouragement to our boys from the sideline in four different tongues but also they position themselves to be able to give home team advice to the opposing wingers as they take their corners from the South West end of the park.

Except for the stiff westerly wind blowing across the ground everything was set perfectly for the Mt. Gravatt supporters who had turned out in force to see their boys reach for the top.

Almost from the moment the referee blew his whistle to set the game in motion the casual observer could sense the changed attitude of the crowd. What started off as a picnic atmosphere turned to tension when only 4½ minutes from the start North's Wayne Walker set the tone of the match with an impressive shot into the back of the net from just inside the penalty area.

Most of the half belonged to North Brisbane but it took another thirty minutes for their Ronnie Kidd to find a hole in our defence through which he slotted their number two.

After the turn the game continued agonizingly similar to the first half. However whereas it took 4½ minutes for Norths to get their first goal, only 3½ minutes elapsed before Ronnie Kidd

knocked home his second and his team's third for the day.

Being three down seemed to strike a chord with our boys, and they started to lift their game. Johnny Ferguson and Chris Corcoran defended with more gusto. Ross Denny used his speed along the line to great advantage and Harry Stewart demonstrated his all-round skills to upset the opposition. Full credit too must go to Gary Bohan (plumber). There were three very real scoring opportunities for Mt. Gravatt in this half and he was in the thick of each.

At the sixty-eighth minute the ball broke loose from a scuffle in mid field and headed towards the North Brisbane goal line. Hot on its trail however was Gary Bohan (plumber). Peter Roberts, playing in goal for Norths sensed the danger and advanced.

The ball moved into the penalty area and the goalie and the plumber each did their thing. The plumber got there first though and his shot flew straight at the airborne goalie. He had no chance of holding it but stopped its path into the net. The plumber seeing the goalie on the ground and an open goal mouth behind him, leapt towards the ball only to have his forward motion restrained by Peter Roberts' firm grip on his leg.

It was a double tragedy for Mt. Gravatt — the referee, in halting the game (from the other end of the ground), awarded a free against the plumber for attacking the goalkeeper. This farce, so late in the game, put paid to Mt. Gravatt's chances of salvaging a point.

However, in spite of this unfortunate incident, plumber got his own back — twice. A few minutes later when the attack again forced the ball back into North's goal area, he waved his striking foot tantalizingly at Peter Roberts for a few seconds before using it to strike the ball into the net.

Minutes later, in an act that surely would have earned him an award, he was brought down for a penalty. Some of us who were standing in line of vision were somewhat concerned for a while that he would not make it to the area before he landed. But he did. Eric Thompson's shot at goal portrayed the dejection in his team. It was not a good one and was easily saved by keeper Roberts.

The result was a 3-1 victory to North Brisbane — a well deserved win. However I'm still confident we have a premier-ship team as long as they have learned their lesson and do not approach future games overconfident.

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RAPT IN ROCHEDALE

Rochedale Rovers 4th Division v Industrial United at Underwood Park, Saturday, 22nd July, 1978

ROCHEDALE Rovers made all the early running with strong shots from Don Bowers and Des Heath narrowly missing the net. The Industrial keeper found himself under constant pressure and saved brilliantly from a Gordon Simpson leader after good work from Ian Glover.

Wingers Gary Biddlecombe and Ian Glover caused the opposition defence to panic and there were several mistakes and desperate saves by them before, completely against the run of play, Industrial scored from a penalty for an apparent handling offence by a Rovers defender.

Fullbacks, Steve Hoare and Ian Chevis were both overlapping to good effect and indeed Ian Chevis was unfortunately pulled up in full flight for goal but Industrial were able to clear the ensuing free kick. Rovers were caught trying for an offside decision and although Stewart Butler managed to thwart the initial shot on goal, Industrial put the ball in the net from the ensuing goalmouth melee.

Rovers hit back and just before half time, they finally got the goal they deserved when Gary Biddlecombe squared the ball from the by-line for Des Heath to pick his spot with a powerful header. There was no doubt about Rovers being the better team in the first half but it was Industrial who took a 2-1 lead into the dressing rooms with them.

In the second half Industrial came more into the game and their big striker, Alan Villers, who had not been given much scope by Rovers central defenders Alan Hamilton and Billy Walker, finally broke the shackles to score a fine individual goal. Industrial applied plenty of pressure to the Rovers defence and keeper Stewart Butler had to be in top form to keep them from increasing their lead.

Don Bowers, Harry Stewart and Gordon Simpson were toiling hard in mid field but it was when Des Heath changed positions with Harry Stewart that Rovers pulled a goal back. From a cross ball Harry Stewart unselfishly gave Rovers

man of the match, Gary Biddlecombe the chance to score from close range.

Ian Chevis, who had carried an ankle injury for most of the game, finally had to come off and Peter Reardon substituted. The game which had been played at a fast pace throughout understandably went flat in the last ten minutes as both teams tired and the final result was Industrial 3, Rochedale 2.

Tony Hill

NORTHS NOTES

by Noddy

NORTH BRISBANE COLTS 'A'

EIGHT straight wins, we ought to be congratulated, fine, congrats are in order, we're now a team not to be taken lightly. BUT and that's a very heavy but, testing time is now. We have, amongst others, Coalstars, Thistle and Redcliffe to play, and these, repeat these, are the games that will need our most determined efforts. Go to it proudly, triumphs are deserving of you.

The last eight wins have been due to consistency, persistency and obstinacy. The records show that players like John Mlynarczyk (in particular), Tony Robertson, Neil Harvey and Mark Conlon are consistent, and have calibre which others could mould themselves to.

Dean Dvornicich, Stu Inglis, Tony Hartley and Peter Merefield are persistent in thinking and conversing throughout each game, this pays off. Gugi, Brent, Peter Hall and Brendan Ryan, you are obstinate, be obstinate, your refusal to be defeated and the use of determination and skills which you so obviously have, can be counted on under pressure. Peppi, Harry, keep in there, you are fine men and you too are starting to show the qualities that take this team to victory.

Your coach, Bernie Neville, and manager, Errol Marsh must have some magical effect to get the co-operation and results from you. Never question them as to how they do it. They obviously know what is to be done and act upon that.

It is unfortunate, but necessary, that Andrew Spencer has been hospitalised. He is determined to return within a few weeks. Sorry to hear about Brendan Ryan's accident before last weeks match, but knowing Brendan, he will be back.

Word has it that a certain officious b..... as described by Salisbury officials last week, (winners may laugh last — losers can do what they please), will be at Perry Park with yours truly this Saturday

to specifically capture action shots, the like of which may never be opportune again, of one Dean Dvornicich doing his thing, which so far though not eluding him, has not been allowed him this season.

The winner of the 100 stobbies plus 12 Crystal drinks, drawn 23rd, was Mr. P. Thompson, of 12 Paul St., Kallangur. Ticket: Pink F083. It may be a long drive out there but if you're thirsty enough . . . ?

ANNERLEY ANALYSIS

by Bill Williams

STANDING at least 10 feet tall at the moment and nominated for father of the year is our popular goalkeeper John Ferguson, who became a dad for the first time on Monday, July 17 at 11.35 p.m. His wife Lynn presented John with a lovely blue eyed 6lb 14oz daughter, who has been named Jillian Ann. Both mother and daughter are doing very well but there is some doubt whether the father has returned to earth yet. We offer them our heartiest congratulations.

Last weekend we had good results on Saturday from our 9th division, who beat Goodna 10-0 and our Colts, who were victorious 7-0 over Pine Rivers. On Sunday our sixth division ran out worthy winners 3-1 over Grange Thistle with goals from Ritchie Smiles, Peter Browne and Terry Madigan. Our first division played St. George Souths and the records will show that we lost 1-2. The records will not reveal however the sensational incidents during the game. Annerley ended with one player sent off and two players cautioned and St. George had two players sent off.

To comment here, I should state that I regard myself, although with Annerley, as a fair minded observer during a game and do not always agree with my own team supporters or officials in their comments. Likewise I do not like criticising referees and much prefer to compliment them if I can. In this case however there is much criticism to be directed at the referee and his control of the match left much to be desired. It culminated in a brawl on the field approximately 10 minutes from the end and involved several players from each side.

Leading up to this had been mystifying decisions which had both sides irate and needling was evident. Prior to the actual incident, Annerley's Gary Lovell had been injured and was lying on the ground in mid field, obviously needing attention.

(He had to be replaced). Had the referee stopped the game then, as I believe he should, the brawl may not have occurred, although I for one could see it coming. When order was restored, the ref, was heard to say that one from each side had to go off and he nominated Annerley No. 3 and St. George No. 7 but then changed his mind and sent off Annerley No. 7 and St. George No. 3.

What confusion. The red card was waving all over the place.

It is interesting to note that this game in the first round was capably handled by Terry Ellison, who this time was at the ground, presumably to do a field report on referee Turkington.

To the game itself a points decision would go to St. George for the first half when they had more of the play and scored through Billy Fagan a couple of minutes before half time. A few minutes into the second half the home side equalised when awarded a penalty. Brian Lampitt's shot was partially saved by Ross Kelly but unluckily for him the ball then hit the post and allowed Lampitt to follow up and head it home.

Some 15 minutes later, from a doubtful free kick awarded to the visitors, Iain Fagan's shot deflected off the wall into the Annerley net to make it 2-1. This settled Annerley's chances and the game deteriorated towards the incidents already mentioned. Just before full time another St. George player was sent off. In between all these things, there was some good football at times and it should really have been a good match for the whole 90 minutes.

GRANGE-THISTLE NOTES

by "The Sporan"

IN a hard fought match, played on Friday night at Richlands Stadium, Grange Thistle defeated Richlands 1-0.

Thistle fielded the same team that took the park against Ipswich the previous week, while Richlands had a blend of "old hands" with their youth, Paul Ontong and Alan Venables giving the experience up front and at the back.

The match started quietly enough with both teams finding their way and getting adjusted to the dewey conditions. The excitement started when Thistle were given a free kick on the half way line. John Wilkinson hit a long deep ball to the far side of the penalty box, Richlands defence jumped and succeeded only in back heading the ball further into danger, and John Patterson just "hap-

Last Weeks Lions — Olympic Action



JIM Hermiston moves in on one of Olympic's best players during their 2-1 last minute win, midfielder Mike Cross.



IT'S Jim Hermiston again but this time with Eddie Spearritt as they attempt to take care of Olympic striker Dave McIntosh.

pened" to be there and put it away. 1-0.

Richlands immediately applied pressure on Thistle, and when the defence failed to clear effectively, Paul Sleight very cleverly lobbed the ball over a stranded Peter Gee's head, it hit the crossbar and fell into a thankful keeper's hands.

Thistle then decided it was time to get back into the action and were successful in winning four corners in quick succession, but unfortunately for them, nothing came of any of them.

Mid fielder Ken Swan then got involved and made a very clever run through the middle, outpacing the Richlands defence, he laid off a good ball for Tony Bailey who got in his shot but Alan Venables got the vital touch to put it out.

It was midway through this half when a linesman earned the wrath of the sideline by giving Patterson offside, when he very clearly wasn't. This linesman insisted on staying 5 yards behind the defence, thereby making his view across the park a diagonal one and not a square one. Two minutes after this incident, he allowed Steve Dolan to pick up a through ball and run with it when Steve was quite clearly 1½ metres off side, again his diagonal view gave him a completely false placing of the players.

In Thistle's defensive third, a bad series of miskicks allowed Paul Ontong to go through unhindered and only a dive by keeper Gee at his feet averted the equaliser.

In this half, Eddie Bylstra made a number of fine runs down the left flank but his crosses came to nought, whilst Alan Venables was a tower of strength in the centre of the defence.

For Thistle, Tony Bailey played well in this half, combining well with John Patterson, unfortunately he took a bad knock just before half time and was replaced during the interval by Brian Sampson.

During the first few minutes into the second half, Alan Venables left a lasting "impression" on a number of Thistle players by giving away three free kicks within 8 minutes, one of them a rather dangerous "over the ball" tackle.

Paul Ontong for Richlands obviously got his second wind and was by far the most dangerous forward for Richlands, he squared a good ball to 16 year old Paul Burns who was unlucky with his shot.

At the other end, it was Richland's turn to live dangerously when they failed to clear the ball and Steve Dolan attempted a chip over the keeper, but Rod McKenzie extended his arms and plucked it out of the air.

Winger Jim Lavery then put Brian Sampson away and he did everything

right including dummying the keeper, but McKenzie didn't buy it.

Tom McGregor by this stage was on the park and he forced a point blank save from keeper Gee at the other end.

In the last 15 minutes it was good attacking football from both teams, the difference being Richlands used the full width of the park in their build ups but due to excellent defence by Grange they were forced to continuously shoot from 25 metres or more. Thistle on the other hand, when they broke out of defence, made things easy for Richlands by going straight down the middle.

All in all, it was an enjoyable match to watch. Richlands can take heart by the good performance of their youngsters and Thistle can look forward to a more prolific season's end judging by Friday night's performance.

SPIKED BY THE THISTLE

by Reg Erskine

THERE'S an old Scottish saying — "You canna sit on a thistle mon, and get awa' wi' it.". And that's just what happened to the Lions Cubs at Richlands last Friday night. They sat on Barry Dann's bannock burners' for practically the full 90 minutes — their midfield superiority was superlatively evident, and yet they finished up pointless.

Grange had their moments — the first was their winning goal — just 14 minutes after the start. Their black-bearded "Rhoderick Dhu", unmarked in the penalty area, was slipped a pass by Ken Swan. With the slippery speed of the Flying Scot, John Patterson was awa' between the two backs standing as far apart as the two ends of the Forth Bridge and into the net went the pill — a bitter pill for the luckless Richlands.

Again, Grange well into the second half, had a real attacking spasm that broke through the tenacious Richland's defence only to see Stevie Dolan put his shot into the welcoming arms of Rod McKenzie, Patterson fired one over the bar (almost over the full moon) and again Rod Mac (a Scottish name for sure) made a point blank save from Dolan. Richlands, enjoying a territorial advantage with superior midfielders, had their chances before Thistle scored. Paul Sleight had Peter Gee diving to his left but the ball was centimetres wide. Edwin Bylstra made a brilliant run down the left but his cross was too deep and then the Flying Dutchman was also wide a left foot first timer.

And so continues the Netherlands

saga. Wally Lesniak hit the crossbar with a placement shot over Gee's head. Paul Ontong (who, methinks overdid the lone star ranger work) was wide of the target and then was robbed by Gee as he was balancing to get in a shot. And Paul Burns blasted one that was rather aimed at the Richlands Tavern than Peter Gee's domain. And so into the second half with a good cross from Ontong going to waste — then he also wasted a chance with a shot over the bar. Then David Jones proved his head was more than a parking spot for a safety helmet by using it on the goal line to clear. Then finally Bylstra with a hook shot over his shoulder was just wide.

And so it was the goal that counted. Grange, your back four did a mighty job and Gee Whiz, your Peter was a whizzer. And from one who liked to see the blue jerseyed Thistles of the 20's beaten when they came to Ipswich, may I make amends by hoping sincerely that your luck and skills hold and that you make it.

COALSTARS v TARINGA

COALSTARS played host to the "Chopper Squad" at Bundamba and were desperate to maintain their challenge at the table top, while the Taringa boys were just as keen to get the goodies and push further up the ladder. Coalstars, a good blend of experience and youth, started off brightly, however, found what both Wynnum and Gold Coast, their co-front runners, had found out in recent weeks, goals aren't so easy to come by against this Taringa team. However it must be said that Taringa were not playing well, they were winning a lot of ball and pushing it around in midfield where they had a preponderance of players but seldom did they move as a unit and look dangerous. So it went on and the first half dragged a bit, the only highlights being some physical jousts between Ian Davis and others that finally saw Ian come off the worse for wear. Thereafter he toned down his aggression and became twice as effective a player to the team. The young Stars keeper showed he is no slouch in the air by cutting out a few high spinning crosses very calmly, while he was ably supported by Errol Kreis. The second half saw Taringa come more into the game substitute Brimson's powerful running having an unsettling effect on the previously solid looking defence. The Coalstars goal was put under a bit of pressure but as

is usual in such cases it was the Ipswich boys who broke away and scored. Their young midfielder was allowed to turn on the edge of the box and he sent a screamer of a shot rocketing into the Taringa net with goalkeeper Bowen standing flat-footed. Taringa took umbrage at this and immediately went after the equaliser. Their pressure paid off when ten minutes from time Sullivan, lurking deep, sent a vicious 25 metre grounder into the corner of the net. Midfielder Bristow should have tied the game up two minutes later when he hurriedly blasted at a ball ten yards out and lifted it sky high over the bar. Alec Cummings who had been well contained all match by Chris Black gave all the Taringa players and fans heart failure in the dying seconds when he went on one of his famous loping, jinking runs but he just took the ball too far and it crossed the line before he cut it back. The whistle blew and a result stood 1-1, just about right for neither team deserved two points for their 90 minute performance.

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	16	9	4	3	29	23	22
St. George	16	8	5	3	24	13	21
Mt. Gravatt	16	9	2	5	28	20	20
Ipswich Utd.	16	7	5	4	27	16	19
Thistle	16	7	5	4	28	17	19
Nth. Brisbane	16	7	5	4	32	21	19
Spencer Park	16	5	4	7	25	31	14
Merton	16	6	2	8	15	22	14
Richlands	16	5	2	9	21	31	12
Sunnyside	16	4	3	9	21	32	11
Annerley	16	2	7	7	15	26	11
Redlands	16	4	2	10	20	33	10

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	15	12	1	2	39	15	25
Coalstars	15	9	2	4	28	21	20
Gold Coast	15	8	4	3	30	23	20
Trident	15	8	3	4	24	20	19
Mitchelton	15	8	2	5	36	19	18
Acacia Ridge	15	8	1	6	27	21	17
Taringa	15	5	4	6	21	19	14
Oxley	15	5	4	6	24	25	14
Redcliffe	15	6	1	8	19	34	13
Darra	15	3	5	7	27	27	11
Souths	15	4	—	11	11	31	8
Fort. Valley	15	—	1	14	23	54	1

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rovers	15	9	5	1	26	13	23
Westside	15	10	2	3	42	15	22
Salisbury	15	9	2	4	31	16	20
Pine Rivers	15	9	2	4	35	27	20
St. Albans	15	9	1	5	36	19	19
Newmarket	15	7	3	5	30	21	17
Olympic	15	7	2	6	30	22	16
Nerang	15	5	2	8	19	27	12
North Star	15	3	4	8	13	33	10
The Gap	15	3	2	10	20	31	8
Willowburn	15	3	1	11	17	50	7
Inala Rangers	15	2	2	11	14	39	6

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Twin Towns	15	10	4	1	45	17	24
Goodna	15	11	1	3	34	9	23
Industrial	15	11	1	3	59	28	23
Kingsridge	15	10	2	3	59	33	22
Brighton	14	7	2	5	47	30	16
University	15	7	2	6	26	22	16
Northside	14	6	2	6	32	28	14
Booval Stars	15	5	3	7	26	29	13
Bayside	15	3	4	8	30	36	10
Toowong	15	5	—	10	17	32	10
Rochedale	15	2	1	12	15	40	5
Padua	15	1	—	14	19	101	2

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dutton Park	15	11	2	2	55	10	24
RAAF	14	10	3	1	34	8	23
Adams Park	14	9	3	2	31	11	21
South Star	14	9	2	3	34	20	20
Albany Creek	14	8	3	3	38	17	19
Samford	15	7	3	5	27	28	17
Wacol	15	7	2	6	36	25	16
Slacks Creek	14	3	3	8	13	29	9
North Pine	14	2	3	9	18	35	7
Moggill	15	3	1	11	18	63	7
Greenbank	15	3	—	12	10	61	6
Police Acad.	15	2	1	12	15	22	5

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	15	13	—	2	43	16	26
Mt. Gravatt	16	12	1	3	38	18	25
Annerley	16	11	1	4	35	24	23
Eagles	16	10	—	6	47	27	20
Redlands	15	9	1	5	34	23	19
Nth. Brisbane	15	9	—	6	32	31	18
Sunnyside	16	7	2	7	38	27	16
Wynnum	15	7	1	7	31	36	15
Merton	15	4	3	8	23	34	11
Richlands	15	1	3	11	20	60	5
Thistle	14	2	—	12	14	59	4

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	15	14	1	—	58	9	29
Mitchelton	15	12	2	1	55	14	26
Taringa	15	11	—	4	38	19	22
Trident	15	10	1	4	50	26	21
Gold Coast	15	8	1	6	41	33	17
Darra	15	5	4	6	31	23	14
Redcliffe	15	4	4	7	24	27	12
Oxley	15	5	2	8	29	43	12
Souths	15	5	—	10	22	39	10
Rovers	15	3	1	11	21	50	7
Fort. Valley	15	3	1	11	20	66	7
Pine Rivers	15	1	1	13	17	57	3

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	15	10	2	3	51	19	22
Salisbury	14	10	2	2	39	16	22
Westside	15	9	3	3	22	10	21
North Star	15	9	2	4	50	18	20
The Gap	15	9	1	5	28	16	19
Olympic	15	8	3	4	37	25	19
Newmarket	14	7	3	4	45	20	17
University	15	6	1	8	26	25	13
Rochedale	15	4	2	9	21	33	10
Inala Rangers	15	3	1	11	26	67	7
Toowong	15	1	4	10	20	51	6
Brighton	15	—	2	13	22	87	2

NINTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa	15	12	3	—	66	11	27
Mitchelton	15	11	2	2	44	9	24
Annerley	15	11	1	3	72	16	23
Wynnum	15	11	1	3	49	12	23
North Star	15	9	1	5	46	20	19
Goodna	15	8	1	6	51	38	17
Mt. Gravatt	15	6	1	8	35	34	13
Industrial	15	5	—	10	39	48	10
Bayside	15	4	2	9	21	52	10
Adams Park	15	3	—	12	18	48	6
Souths	15	2	—	13	13	84	4
Redcliffe	15	2	—	13	12	94	4

COLTS POINTS TABLE

COLTS A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	18	14	2	2	51	14	30
Nth. Brisbane	17	14	1	2	43	13	29
Redcliffe	18	13	3	2	40	16	29
Merton	17	11	3	3	33	14	25
Coalstars	18	9	4	5	32	24	22
Richlands	18	9	2	7	42	27	20
Acacia Ridge	18	7	3	8	28	33	17
Mitchelton	18	7	1	10	41	42	15
North Star	18	6	2	10	31	44	14
Annerley	18	4	4	10	36	41	12
Mt. Gravatt	18	5	2	11	33	52	12
Salisbury	18	4	3	11	23	51	11
Pine Rivers	18	3	1	14	26	59	7
Gold Coast	18	1	5	12	16	45	7

COLTS B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	18	15	1	2	52	12	31
Spencer Park	18	14	2	2	55	13	30
Thistle	18	13	3	2	50	15	29
St. George	17	12	3	2	65	20	27
Inala City	18	13	1	4	65	23	27
The Gap	17	9	1	7	30	22	19
Redlands	17	7	4	6	36	33	18
Wynnum	17	7	1	9	44	49	15
Bardon Jnr.	18	6	2	10	24	32	14
Ipswich City	17	5	1	11	25	55	11
Newmarket	18	4	1	13	24	75	9
Virginia	17	3	1	13	13	55	7
Souths	18	2	1	15	20	84	5
Nth. Brisbane	18	2	—	16	17	32	4

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

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

WESTSIDE REPORT

A large crowd and fine weather greeted the clash of the two top teams in division three. Rovers and Westside. What should have been an entertaining game turned into a dismal flop, with the amount of good football played being able to be written about on a postage stamp. Rovers, who have only been beaten once this year (incidentally by Westside), showed nothing to prove that they were worthy leaders and in fact it confounds the writer as to how they are the top dogs, as even though Westside played without fire and imagination they should still have overrun Rovers to the tune of 4-1.

Westside played without determination but still had enough possession to score more than once. The only player in the Westside team who played with that will to win was Tiger Biron, a 34th minute

replacement for Garbo Berka, who left the field due to injury.

Probably the final scoreline of 1-1 was a just result as neither team deserved to win. All in all a game that promised so much but gave so little.

Kentucky Fried Cup

THE first of the weekends two ties saw Newmarket take on Kenmore. Newmarket were quickly into the lead when their Craig Griffiths, a real free spirit, found himself with the ball on the right wing. He took the ball to the goal line, advanced past about three defenders and as he looked set to cut the ball back changed his mind and left footed a shot past the keeper.

Newmarket poured on the pressure. During this time Kenmore full backs Ferris and captain Webber stood out as class players of the future with cool positional play, stuffy tackling and good distribution. Kenmore had a good break when left winger Berglet hared down the wing but his cross was chested out by Tennant who was being assisted by stand in centre back Stevie Jones.

Half time saw a change in the pattern of the game and none tried harder to peg back the lead than Craig Atkinson who worked like a horse in the front line. Gavin Milne then had a brilliant save to keep Kenmore in the game but it took a tactical change to bring the equaliser. Kenmore coach moved Webber up front and some forceful running by this youngster saw the ball fall to Atkinson who didn't miss.

SHOOTOUT

Shootout started disastrously for Kenmore when young Ferris was forced to drive his shot past the keeper and the post. Newmarket made no mistake the ball blasting into the postage stamp corner to see them into the next round.

The second tie was expected to be a scorcher and so it proved Brisbane City going ahead almost immediately when Anthony Napoli scored a great individual goal dribbling past two defenders before calmly slotting it home. City broke away again and should have scored but Napoli chose to go alone instead of passing and goalkeeper Jonathan Bray came off his line to bravely smother the ball.

That was the end of the goalmouth action and play settled down to lots of mid field thrust and counter thrust. During this time Russell Densen for Pine Rivers and Anthony Chivdarella

made outstanding contributions to their defences.

The second half saw a gradual pressure build up on City goal but young Chivdar-ella was doing great cover work on "goal threat" Lindsay Dynes but finally after some hair raising escapes by City, Dynes broke free from his shackles and powered a great drive into the net for the equaliser.

READERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Dear Sir,

It seems illogical — to use the mildest word I can think of — that the Queensland Soccer Club, having raised its dues to \$20 this year, should let Lions SC keep members locked out of the stadium and thus out of the clubhouse on the busiest day of the week.

There's no profit in opening the clubhouse to serve drinks and lunches at 12 noon if the turnstiles are going to remain closed till a quarter to one.

The present arrangement is intended to save money for Lions, but if they are going to make it lose money for the QSF, then it will have to be scrapped. In fairness to its own members the QSC must either insist on the stadium being open at the same time the clubhouse is, or open the front door.

Terry Driscoll, Paddington

—oOo—

Dear Sir,

Each week I dutifully read my copy of GO SOCCER which, make no mistake, is as good a publication as any printed for this code in any part of the world.

At times I feel that if the game, in general was as well presented as this magazine we would not have too many problems. However, we do have problems and most of these occur as a result of jealousies and complacency. These two items are cancerous and in many people's mind the cure is to get out with the nett result — the "faithful few" left to cope.

Unfortunately, in numerous instances the "faithful few" have over a period become hardened and bitter, even frustrated to the point where new and progressive ideas are scorned.

On this subject, I will not elaborate further except to say that there are countless numbers of ex players who would be able to put something back into a game that has given much if

SHOOTOUT

As in the other, City, who had elected to shoot first had their first attempt brilliantly saved by Bray who palmed Cataland's shot wide. Dynes then took his attempt and gave the City keeper no chance.

Two great ties settled in a novel, exciting way. Up the Cup.

Miniman

only we could cut out the "cancer."

Personally, I do not know Iain Kesson except for one game of golf which he will not remember nor do I know Eric Sinclair but I suspect that these gentlemen are on the correct course and feel that they and others like them should be supported for their contributions to the code.

Like Eric Sinclair I have for some time wanted to comment on "insideman" especially after his criticism of Redcliffe Soccer Club in their home game against Taringa. Unlike Eric I know the identity of "insideman" and at times I feel perhaps he is trying to awaken people so that they will perform better. On the other hand he does go overboard as he did in his criticism of Redcliffe who incidentally have performed well ever since — perhaps they were awakened!

Well, I had better wind up before I go overboard. You see I am involved with a club that is supposedly in the sticks (outside 10 mile radius of Brisbane) and naturally enough we "cannot play soccer" so should not warrant too much criticism from insideman but financially we are keeping out of the red.

G. A. Stinson, Kallangur

—oOo—

Dear Sir,

Having been one of a fairly large crowd watching the Lions-Brisbane City match, I was given an entertaining evening as I expected from these two. The game, despite the efforts of the referee (Dave Nugent) was played with lots of skill and guts and I felt, particularly cleanly. My thanks to both teams for making my effort to attend worthwhile. Sorry Lions but I felt the best team on the night won.

Lions! When will you and no doubt some other clubs learn to see the trees in spite of the forest. You have recently acquired a Dutchman (I forget his name) from the Gold Coast to play on your

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left wing, when you already have on your books one of the best natural wingers that I've seen for a long while. Although I don't very often agree with the best and fairest awards, some other people do, so I'll say for their benefit — Craig Low, this diminutive speedy winger, somehow earns a lot of points.

Think about encouraging lads like Craig (there are a number around) or you'll continue to spend a lot of money. Give some thought to the number of players you've bought over the years only to find you'd made 'another' bad buy.

One last comment, open for debate. I have spent a lot of time watching club coaches and have found, in first and second division four who I consider tops. The rest are a lot of plodders, who certainly give their clubs honest service and therefore should not be criticised, and a number of obvious yes men (I personally call them another name) The yes men are a disgrace both to themselves and to the committees they know how to. A good coach should be able to impart his knowledge without serious interference from committees who should have hired him because they believe he is a good man for the betterment of the club's football not because he'll do what he's told.

Having realised how much more I'd like to complain, e.g. about the person who doesn't have the guts to let his name be printed with his submitted article to complain also about the lack of club and Federation assistance to help foster schools football (the Inala district is almost out of schools participating) and naturally to once more protest about inaccurate match reports — I decided I'd better shut up before I'm called a whinging pommie b . . . Well, I'm not a pommie anyway.

Don Thorburn, Inala

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity through GO SOCCER on behalf of all second division players in thanking the powers that be for denying these players the chance they all deserve in playing in any of this season's knockout competitions.

The format this year was that the team leading the second division after nine games would represent that division

in the Ampol Cup. This year it was Wynnum, who we wish all the very best of luck. Lads, we would love to see you take it out and the way you are going you obviously have a great chance. So now we have 11 second division teams left, consisting of some 143 or more players who are looking forward to the Qantas Cup, which replaces the previous season's Cumberland Cup, only to find Big Brother has ignored them completely by making the Qantas Cup for third division and lower. The reason given was that last year not enough lower division teams entered the Cumberland Cup because second division teams were competing.

The standard of the Soccer does not seem to matter because there is no way in the world you will see a game in the Qantas Cup up to the standard of the one I saw last year between Grange Thistle and Sunnyside. So now we have the Qantas Substandard Cup which must surely please the sponsors. It is little wonder we have trouble finding people to support our code when there is such small mindedness as this.

Another point worth a good laugh is in the competition rules which states that any player whose name has appeared on the team sheet of a higher grade is ineligible for the team nominated. e.g. say my club Acacia Ridge has second and seventh division and the latter has been nominated for the Cup. This means seven players in our seventh division cannot play in this Cup because their names have appeared on a second division team sheet, regardless of whether they have played or sat on the bench.

We are fortunate to have a colts team which we will have to call upon for players, but what happens to teams like Valleys, Trident and Darra who do not have colts or even junior. I suppose Big Brother thinks they will all have a top hat from which to produce the necessary players to take part. All I have to say is with the advent of the PSL and the State League we appeared to be going ahead, but the mastermind who devised this, by the sound of it when he was in the Loo, has taken us back five years.

Mike Collins, Acacia Ridge

P.S.—I would like to congratulate Inside-man on his article, Wake Up Brisbane, in last weeks GO SOCCER. I think and hope it will hit home and point out the apparent apathy we have in our code at the present time.



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IN THE LIONS DEN

BEHIND the scenes at Lions a tremendous amount of work is being done to bring the club up to date with the happenings that have been going on. At the clubs annual general meeting it was decided to throw open the club membership to all and sundry as it was felt Lions now represent not a minority out at Inala, but the whole of Queensland soccer at a national level. Life memberships, with far more inherent benefits than usual are now available and all interested parties, individuals, businessmen or businesshouses should apply to any of the directors or to the club at Coconut Grove, Inala.

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ALAN NIVEN'S recent good form could be due to the fact that he and his lovely wife Jackie have now, finally, received notification of the fact that they are now considered "Aussies" by the government. Alan who a while back decided that his future lay in Australia applied for permanent residency but for one reason or another was finding it extremely difficult to get the necessary permit. Alan and Jackie had just about given up hope but continued personal representation by no less a personage than Mr. Bill Hayden, the Leader of the Opposition finally resulted in success.

—oOo—

ANYONE of the many Australian soccer fans who travel overseas may get a shock in Canada soon by seeing Brisbane Lions. Seems a keen soccer fan in Canada

has requested the club's permission to use the club name. No problems, so keep an eye out for Brisbane Lions (Canadian variety).

Lions colours are also fancied by the International club of Mareeba in far north Queensland and are likely to be worn by the team in the near future.

—oOo—

LIONS have been asked to supply the opposition in a novel "take the game to the people" experiment being conducted by Newcastle KB United the most progressive club in the League. Newcastle are to tour Northern NSW with guest player Bobby Charlton and for their big match in Lismore have asked Lions to be their opponents. You can see the game on August 23rd if you want, as a bus is being arranged for the trip. Want to go? Contact Simon Boeghiem, or Eddie Spearritt at the Coconut Grove.

—oOo—

LIONS take this opportunity of congratulating its three "sister clubs" Ipswich United, Southside Eagles and Mount Gravatt on their official acceptance to the proposed State League. The "sister club" idea already working in a quiet way, Ian Lawrie loaned to Ipswich for the season and both John and Harry Stewart having trialled with the PSL team.

—oOo—

THE canteen at Richlands has become an outlet for club gear and souvenirs. Please remember your purchases help the club in no small way, so if you are buying bags, jerseys, track suits, etc. don't forget to look at the "canteen quality" first.

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TRAVELODGE "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

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

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

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

Last weekend the points were awarded:

Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic, July 23 —

- 3 — Alan Niven
- 2 — Steve Amos
- 1 — Jim Hermiston

The progressive points after 21 home matches (11 for City and 10 for Lions) are:

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| 22 — STEVE PERRY (BC) | 3 — BARRY KELSO (BC) |
| 12 — JIM HERMISTON (BL) | STEVE AMOS (BL) |
| 9 — NIGEL LOWNDS (BL) | WILLIE CONNER (BC) |
| ALAN NIVEN (BL) | GEORGE POTTER (BL) |
| 8 — ALAN MARLEY (BC) | SAURO IOZZELLI (BC) |
| 6 — COL BENNETT (BL) | KIM WISHART (BC) |
| 5 — LARRY GAFFNEY (BC) | BRIAN KIBBEY (BC) |
| FRANK PIMBLETT (BC) | 2 — JOHN COYNE (BC) |
| GEOFF MORRIS (BL) | 1 — PAUL LASLO (BL) |
| JOHN NEALE (BL) | EDDIE SPEARRITT (BL) |
| 4 — KEVIN CALDWELL (BC) | |
| BARRIE FAIRBROTHER (BL) | |
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Reply to Mr. Lou Iovenitti

Sir,

Your letter was received last week with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm among our staff. Suddenly we were no longer alone, hammering away at the establishment, but were aware that our readers do discuss our articles, debate the end result, and most important make public their findings. With co-operation like this we will go from strength to strength.

Your suggestion regarding the schools is an excellent one and you can rest assured we at Go Soccer will investigate the possibilities inherent in it, and, if feasible will make public our findings. We, like you, have long felt some of the sponsorship money coming into soccer these last few years has been badly used, being allotted to competitions that to be honest created as much interest as a City Council bus in Queen St. at peak hour. A side issue, unpleasant as it may seem, has been that these competitions always had to take place at Perry Park so that one could not help think it was a cheap-skate way of ensuring some beer sales for the choice piece of real estate during off peak hours. The Wednesday night "Phut"!!

The Kentucky Fried Cup was the brainchild of a non soccer man, Mr. David Young, an American businessman, whose reasoning is so simple as to be almost elementary. He reckoned that youngsters and their parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, friends, brothers and sisters all had to be made aware of P.S.L. football. He fed this idea to a marketing and promotions committee set up by Lions Soccer Club, a committee not totally aimed at promoting Lions but promoting soccer as a whole and seeing Lions reap benefits from the offspin. The organisation and managing of this competition has shown up a wealth in soccer that has never been exploited.

First of all a two hour meeting drew up the basic requirements for the K.F.C., a 14 week competition (confined by the number of Lions homegames). The juniors were approached and immediately showed co-operation and decisiveness in nominating the best twelve under 10 teams in Brisbane North and South at that time. Every team was contacted and again inside two days affirmative answers were given. The draw was made at another two-hour meeting, the draw sent out to all clubs with rules and reg-

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ulations, the junior referees chief Mr. Parry Scott was contacted and the following Sunday the first tie was played! The total organisation time from idea to commencement was ten days, four hours of meetings, innumerable phone calls, and a mountain of co-operation from the junior clubs, coaches, and the junior refereeing organisation.

All have thrown their weight behind the wheel so much so that the organising of the actual games is negligible, each team manager doing all that is necessary to get the matches "on". Mistakes have been made, there always will be, but the mistakes are recognised and will be acted upon before the next round matches. The important thing is the kids are now participants in "big time" soccer, and Lions are most gratified at the response shown by kids and their parents.

The thought had occurred to the people who run the competition that next year

it may be expanded, hence the experiment of trying two cup-ties before the main game these last two ties. It has been a success and means we could in effect double the number of teams to twenty four, but if Brisbane City agreed to stage it as well it could mean 64 teams gaining entry to this new concept. Just think of it, as you suggested, total coverage of the Brisbane area by a form of entertainment that costs nothing to produce but identifies the two extremes of soccer as one. Sponsors would fall over themselves to have their name linked with the competition, of that there is no doubt so you see all is not lost in soccer, only a need for rethinking and rechanneling of the assets. Whether we shall succeed or not remains to be seen but we, with the aid of people like yourself, will keep trying.

Brisbane Lions Promotions Committee

POINTS TO PONDER

AN avid reader rang Go Soccer last week and complained bitterly of the defensive nature of the soccer played in the Philips Cup match between City and Lions. He slated the Lions defence for the number of times they played balls out to fullbacks, across the field and back to the goalkeeper. He intimated that this may be football acceptable to the purist (the art of possession), but as 80% of the soccer fans who attend Perry Park are not purists, he reckons this could be a main reason in the drift of spectators. Know something? we are inclined to agree. When "put on the spot" the personality (a top First Division player) agreed "the troubles" were greater than this whinge, but as a suggestion he said both clubs should play on their own grounds and nurture some "home town" support, as he thinks the Perry Park regulars are only going along to watch the soccer, not really interested in who's winning. Hence no atmosphere. Again, could have something. His final statement worried us somewhat. He and his wife, regular attenders will not be going back and workmates who have been asking to go see top soccer will be getting the cold shoulder until the top soccer is good enough to impress, and keep, new spectators.

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TELEGRAPH newspaper now has "real" soccer writer. Geoff Stead, who has taken over the column from Roger Muspratt,

is a soccer man from way back and his work is known to our readers through his covering of the Salisbury soccer clubs goings on.

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OUR reader's mail continues to filter in all too infrequently but when it comes in they usually are beauties. First we had Mr. Josef Purrer with his constructive criticism, then the fiery Eric Sinclair who mellowed somewhat to come up with good suggestions, then last week Mr. Lou Iovenitti felt the urge to participate and came on strong with criticism and also eminent suggestion, (see reply elsewhere). This is the type of response we need. You know we are human and do get despondent when week after week we hammer away with no apparent effect. Nice to know many of our readers agree (or disagree as is their whim) with our views. Don't hesitate to write in. Even if you are not the best writer in the world our editor will brush it up for you and no one will ever know the difference.

—oOo—

NEW body set up in soccer, a body long overdue but, with the proper nutrition, a body that could become a powerful ally in the crusade to better soccer. Bruce Waddell, our editor and long time Courier Mail soccer writer has taken it upon himself to start a Queensland branch of the Australian Soccer Writers Association, a body already well

entrenched in the populous southern States. The body has already met and in no uncertain manner has immediately got down to business calling for a meeting of the QSF, the two Queensland PSL teams, and the two major sponsors. The meeting will be over by the time you are reading this and it is hoped frank and constructive information will have emerged that will lead to broader fronts, for there is no doubt the ills that ail soccer are manifest across the total structure. GO SOCCER will keep you, the public well informed of the goings on. Here's strength to Bruce and his cohorts.

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COALSTARS fans, all too few of them now, are the salt of the earth. Took to Taringa nicknames like a duck to water and every bit of body contact was greeted with "Get the Chopper," "That's what they are trained for." "You're an animal, you big chopper." In contrast, every time a Coalstars player fouled someone (they do occasionally) a visitor to the ground may have thought himself in a cemetery, such was the timbre of the deadly hush. Good on you lads, can't you find 500 mates to bring along, then we might again have atmosphere, the magical ingredient that makes a soccer match an occasion.

—oOo—

STORY in the grapevine that Eddie Carrigan has resigned from the Sunnyside coaching position. No real confirmation yet but it appears to be based on fact. Who is at the reins now nobody knows, or nobody is telling. Could be a revolution in sight for last weekend saw Sunnyside topple Spencer Park to take two valuable points, and with leading goalscorer Steve Perkovic obviously "on song" the teams above had better watch out for it has always been felt Sunnyside had too many good footballers to be holding up the league.

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ALAN SINCLAIR and wife Liz had bouncing baby boy last Sunday morning. No truth in story that Matt Carson was seen around Mater with blue form in pocket. Reckons one Sinclair is enough. George Fraser asked doctor if there were any engines apparent at the birth?

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SIMPLE mistake by young referee almost caused national incident last weekend. Youngster miscalculated length of Ken-

tucky Fried Cup tie and overran by 5 minutes each half. Very irate Olympic (Sydney) official, who was born when he was twenty, didn't like being held up for five minutes for "a junior match". Put in place quickly; should have paid two dollars to watch his team playing and maybe next time he'd have preferred to watch the kids.

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SHOOT OUT is definitely a much better way of settling a game than penalties. Three factors involved; skill, speed and the clock. Both parties, ball player and goalkeeper start on fair footing only the stop watch over-rides all. Two smart pieces of goalkeeping saw Pine Rivers and Newmarket advance to the semi-finals of the Kentucky Fried Cup as a result of shootout.

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ONCE again the disturbing sight of people leaving Perry Park mid-way through the second half should make the powers that be sit up and take note, before the inevitable crunch comes.

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THE big four for the Kentucky Fried Cup are as follows. Kingsridge, Clairvaux, Newmarket and Pine Rivers. The semi-final draw was made on last Sunday's Sports scene by Neil Rudd and David Young, the chairman of Kentucky Fried Chicken. The magnificent trophy was on show and the draw came out —

Kingsridge v Clairvaux

Newmarket v Pine Rivers

No doubt the semi-finals will pull out a huge crowd but GO SOCCER hopes very irate "foreign woman" who set after their reporter is kept under control by whoever she belongs to, as there is no doubt she could be a danger at a soccer match if allowed to run free. Take their soccer seriously these junior fans.

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OH to be a soccer official. First division teams last week doing duty by phoning in results after time up. First phone call states score 1-2 for away team. Second phone call reports 1-1 draw? When questioned further, official had "confab" off stage then admitted he hadn't seen second goal going in? This is first division 1978!



Philips League MATCH OF THE DAY



BRISBANE LIONS

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

Coach: GYULA VINCZE

NEWCASTLE UNITED

- 1 PHIL DANDO
- 2 PETER WILLIS
- 3 NEAL ENDACOTT
- 4 CRAIG MASON
- 5 BILL SUMMERSCALES
- 6 ROY DRINKWATER
- 9 KEN BODEN
- 11 BILL AMEY
- 13 MIKE GALPIN
- 14 JOHN SNEDDON
- 15 COL CURRAN
- 16 PETER TREDINNICK
- 17 GEORGE NIZNIK
- 18 RALPH DIXON
- 20 OSSIE BELLAMY

Coach: ALAN VEST



GEORGE POTTER (Brisbane Lions)

Next Weekends Matches

- Brisbane City v St. George
- Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions
- 1 Fitzroy United v Newcastle United 0
- 2 Footscray v Sydney Olympic 3
- 3 Western Suburbs v South Melbourne 1
- 2 Eastern Suburbs v West Adelaide 1
- 2 Marconi v Canberra City 0