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TWO of the big men will be imposing figures in this weekend's Philips Soccer League clash at Perry Park, Brisbane Lions' Socceroo centre half Col Bennett and Fitzroy United's newest international, Gary Cole.

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'GO SOCCER'

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PROGRESS — THE BEGINNING?

Mr. David Young, an American businessman, chairman of Collins Food International, Lions sponsors continued —

He slated the newly established PSL Marketing and Promotions Committee as little better than a policeman telling clubs what *not* to do rather than what to do to sell themselves. He quoted his own experience on the Lions Promotions Committee as to the request for an inter-State game that had run into more red tape and amateurish correspondence than he had ever encountered in his business career. He had felt that as his company was willing to underwrite such a game permission would be granted but no, politics and politicians had taken over and not only had the Lions Promotions Committee been knocked back, but it now appeared the QSF who had originally given permission had taken the game over for themselves.

Mr. Young closed with the old cliché "With friends like this who needs enemies?" He has learned his lessons quickly, our American friend. His whole speech could be summed up by the following—

"POINTS TO PONDER"

1. Soccer lacked professional, business orientated administrators.
2. On a truly business footing any club needed a 5000 crowd to operate successfully at PSL level.
3. There are far too many 'serious' soccer teams in Brisbane leagues.
4. Far too much 'in fighting' between bodies aiming at one goal, the betterment of soccer.
5. QSF, the Federation of Clubs, not doing enough to aid their PSL representation preferring instead to talk of Lions and City as competition.
6. Too much amateur management at club level.
7. A suicidal apathy among Brisbane soccer people that saw Channel 0 and 7 treat their sport with utter contempt.

Mr. Bill Waddell then spoke and intimated he agreed with Mr. Young on many points but pointed out that under the present structure the Council controlled the decision making process of the Management Committee. He also intimated that \$75,000 had been spent on

Perry Park improvements and this money had to be raised somehow. He hated to say it, but if both clubs moved to their home grounds the Federation would have no option but to play State League in opposition.

After all the discussion, and our regular readers will know GO SOCCER'S stand on most of the points, it was decided that as a dynamic step a Soccer Promotions Committee be set up immediately.

That was the night that was, hopefully the first of many such meetings, and the first task of the new committee is to widen the scope of their operation to include other clubs who need to make money at gates if they are to be successful in their sphere, i.e. State League Clubs.

Without representation at PSL level, Queensland soccer will once again be regarded as a failure area. Believe us, this is a lot nearer fact than most people imagine, and if we are to have PSL soccer on the local scene, some very deep thinking had better take place at all levels of the code.

Insideman

SIX-A-SIDE

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CLUB NEWS

DUTTON PARK UNITED

'ADAPTABLE'

LAST week we travelled to Moggill to play on the smallest pitch that this writer has ever seen, plenty of grass (which is a pleasant change) but really small.

Being used to the wide open spaces of Dutton Park it took some time for the players to adapt to the conditions, in fact it took 39 minutes and a goal against for Dutton Park to plonk in number 1 which came from the experienced boot of Wayne (crash) Norris. (Mr. Magic) Duncan Brampton not to be outdone slotted home a magnificent goal from 20 yards out just four minutes later to take the score to 2-1.

In the closing moments of the first half 'right-back' Peter Hely played what everyone but the referee thought was the ball in a close tackle and gave away a penalty. It was from this penalty that Dutton Park's keeper Eric Summons proved his brilliance. After going the wrong way when the ball was hit he somehow managed to have the time to flick up a left leg and clear the ball over the bar—**BRILLIANT** — Half time score 2-1 to United.

After the break Dutton Park piled on the pressure and it took only one minute for Doug Carningham to make it 3-1 with a scorcher from way outside the box. Fifteen minutes later Mr. Magic was on the spot again with a shot that took a deflection and careered into the back of the net. 'Iron Man' Ian Robinson converted a penalty in the twenty-fourth minute after a Moggill back had hand balled. Final score 5-1 to Dutton Park.

The highlight of this match was the accurate shooting of Doug Carningham

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who could have easily picked up a hat trick but for some great saves from the Moggill keeper.

The lads also had a good 3-1 win in their first round match of the 'Quantas Cup' against Mt. Gravatt Colts. 'Mr. Magic' Duncan Brampton played a blinder

in the first half scoring both goals. Wayne Norris scored five minutes into the second half to put the match beyond doubt. Mt. Gravatt came back strongly and put in the goal of the match from a flying header in the twenty-second minute to take the final score to 3-1 to United. An Iron Man performance was put in by centre-back Ian Robinson for Dutton Park.

UP A GHOST . . . CASPER

MITCHELTON v TARINGA

LAST weekend saw Mitchelton take on Taringa in an attempt to recapture their great form of season's start which, after showing a brief resurgence crashed against Gold Coast when they lost 0-2. Taringa, apparently doomed to a role of Bridesmaid having lost six of their seven losses by the odd goal were at full strength and old Mitchelton favourite Gordon Arrowsmith was on the wing against another 'old stager' (he'll hate us for that) Ian Perry. The game started brightly with Mitchelton looking the faster side, moving much more quickly to the ball than the apparently tentative Taringa players who looked extremely sluggish. Mitchelton went quickly to a 1-0 lead when Kenny Green, playing right fullback, made a devastatingly timed run to a well played set-ball to get behind the 'dreamy' defence and net from close range. It looked as if Taringa's great defensive record was going to be shred to tatters as Jones, Hayes and Cruse continually got 'blind side' of defenders but I'm afraid their biggest enemy is still their ground which is extremely 'fast' and with an uneven surface the ball does strange things. Gradually Taringa got back into the game, especially in mid-field, and it became obvious that Mitchey were going to find more goals hard to come by.

The second half started with Taringa knocking the ball around well and beginning to get behind the defence especially on the Mitchelton right flank but both Eedy and Arrowsmith, after good runs just held a bit too long and only won corners. Suddenly there was turmoil and it was seen Kenny Green was on the ground. Young received a red card and at the time of writing it wasn't really apparent what had happened as the incident had occurred well behind the ball. Green was taken off and Barry Anderson came on with Perry moving to right back. Taringa im-

mediately replaced Arrowsmith and Eedy with Brimson and Dobinson and a new dimension came into the game for the two 'giants' made the Mitchey defence very uncomfortable to say the least. It came as no surprise when Taringa's midfielder Bristow broke through to place a shot under Eliot to equate the scores. Surprise also came as Taringa showed the temerity to go after the winner and suddenly the game flashed into life, both sides putting lots of effort and no little skill into some good attempts at scoring and some good defensive work at saving. Neville drove in an awkward ball that was kicked off the line and Brimson had two good runs down the left that were stopped with last ditch tackles. At the other end keeper Bowen had three great saves, one with his feet from the aggressive Perry who had made a great run. Mick Hayes broke through and his shot hit the post which equalised an Arrowsmith attempt in the first half. Play was rugged but never dirty, few players shirked their responsibilities though a few still tried the old dive acts which on the whole didn't fool the young Bundaberg referee Mr. Savage who did a reasonable job on a game that historically is not the easiest to handle. Both teams could be well satisfied with a point as both had periods of ascendancy but never looked capable of overcoming the ground conditions, with the result the game never really reached the heights. Mitchey would be a harder task on a good playing surface, for Syd Tucker has them moving well and looking a slick, professional side. However they have to maintain their 'good spells' for much longer periods of time if they are to prevail. Taringa are playing to their limitations, always a good sign in a team. They have learned to absorb punishment from technically better players and break back with some fast attacking football. Both teams are on the right track towards betterment.

IPSWICH ITEMS

by Iain Kesson

A REAL top of the table struggle with no quarter given or asked, and I'm sure the crowd got it's money worth. There was good football played by both sides and credit to St. George they did try to go forward and keep the game open. St.

George created two chances in the first half when Glen Barry found himself clear on the 6 yard box but he misread the flight of the cross and it swung away from him at the last moment.

Glen was again clear but on quite an acute angle with Greg Donnelly closing him down quickly, Glen's shot was high and wide of the target. Our contribution was two Steve Dann rockets which were both goalbound until they were deflected, a Gavin Johnston header which just cleared the bar and the very unusual sight of Brian Kathage being chased right out into the corner by Ross Kelly and getting skinned only to see Tony Edwards head away the resultant cross with Kelly stranded 25 yards out of his goal.

I'd give the first half just to St. George who were unfortunate to lose Iain Fagan only 10 minutes with a twisted knee. They just had the edge on United. The second half was a tight old struggle with United gradually getting on top. We were still not being direct enough in front of the box and on three occasions we kept going wide when it was one on one. Ian Lawrie had three chances in this half but his finishing shots were off target. It was a game where both keepers never made a mistake and also put in some great saves

The two sets of defenders were on top of their opposition forwards and with both midfields very wary of one another and not prepared to gamble, this could have been the key to the game. I feel we should have done more with our extra possession in this second half. We were not direct enough and this result makes things a little difficult for us. Our reserves had a 3-1 win over Thistles in the 6th division and I'm not exaggerating when I say we should have scored at least 20. Thistle's keeper was the busiest man on the park and he came off exhausted. He would have had more touches of the ball than any other two players on the park. Apart from this great game, our finishing was nothing short of disastrous. On many occasions it would have been easier to score than miss, and we had so many players in scoring positions they were getting in one another's way.

We finally got two late goals after being stuck on 1-1 for three quarters of the game, with the Saints scorers Kenny Auld, Trevor Broadbent and Brian Dowth. On the Saturday our senior Colts were away to Spencer Park, who were lying second in this division, and we went down 2-1. Spencer Park could have had at least another four goals had it not been for a great display of keeping for us from Dave O'Toole.

We could not string two passes together and were slow in thinking and movement. We had no answer to Spencer Park's quick passing and were lucky not to be behind at the break.

Saints improved for a 20 minute spell in the second half and managed to force a goal from a corner but we then allowed the Spencer Park striker to run half the length of the field with three defenders around and allowed him to get his shot in and score. Shocking defence. Our biggest fault on the day was lack of guts and determination and only two players produced any kind of form and determination. Well done Dave O'Toole and Jeff Lindsay, who never stopped trying. Well gentlemen, you can still take out this title, but not on your current form and attitude. Everyone has to be giving his all, not just a couple of you. With five matches left, let's see some of the determination which put you at the top in the first place. Booval Stars went down 2-1 to University last Saturday. Sorry, no report received on this one.

GRANGE-THISTLE NOTES

from "The Sporan"

ON paper, last Saturday's match at Perry Park could well have been termed 'Match of the Day' with Mt. Gravatt lying second on the points table and Grange Thistle equal fourth, only one point behind.

Unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way, as both sides were guilty of fundamental errors, bad passing, miskicking and some useful shooting.

Many good moves were created, but spoilt by incredibly bad finishing.

Craig Dickson opened the attack for Mt. Gravatt by making a good run from the halfway line and beating two of his former teammates, until Davy Jones gave away the corner to stop him opening their account.

Brian Sampson for Thistle caught a good ball on his chest in the goal and hit it on the turn, a good shot, which again went out for a corner.

Eric Thompson showed a lack of composure by passing back to his keeper without checking first if all was safe. Tony Bailey was there and, but for a last second save by Mark Davis, Thistle would have scored.

Again Craig Dickson got away this time

looking suspiciously off-side, he outran the defence, but Peter Gee came out and smothered the ball at Craig's feet.

Mick Rooney was the most dangerous player for Mt. Gravatt as he was in the thick of everything, while for Thistle Steve Dolan was having another good game, making some good attacking runs down the right flank.

Mike Brzozowski headed goalwards from a corner, with Peter Gee beaten, but Davy Jones headed off the line. From some more slipshod Thistle defensive work, Rooney and Gary Bohan combined well and, as keeper Gee smothered the ball at Bohan's feet, we had the first real excitement of this half. The ball burst! I think that woke all the spectators up. Half Time score 0-0

The second half started rather sensationally as Steve Dolan put in a high cross to the box and under no pressure whatsoever Mike Brzozowski guided the ball into the net past his own keeper.

Thistle started to take advantage of this and for a few brief minutes looked dangerous. Tony Bailey missing the upright by centimetres, followed by John Patterson who slipped a square ball to Jim

Lavery, and his shot brought off a good save by Mark Davis.

Weak finishing was the name of the game as Ian Steele gave a good chance to Gary Bohan, who gave a futile poke at the ball which Peter Gee had no trouble picking up.

Mt. Gravatt then proceeded to set up camp in and around Thistle's penalty area, but all for nought, until Jim Lavery gave a high lob to his keeper. Gary Bohan intercepted the ball but alas, missed the goal again.

More miskicking by Thistle allowed Craig Dickson to get away and cut the ball back from the bye line for Bohan to nod in, but for some mysterious reason known only to the linesman the goal was disallowed.

With barely 2 minutes to go, Ian Steele found the small amount of space he'd been looking for all day on the edge of the box and headed in a great looping ball over Peter Gee's head.

The final 2 or 3 minutes provided us with the best football of the match as both teams realised that there were goals to be had and a vital 2 points at stake. Ian Steele had another header saved by

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Peter Gee, while good lead up by John Patterson had Tony Bailey mere millimetres away from getting the winner at the other end.

This was not a great game. Maybe top-of-the-table nerves had a lot to do with it, but far too many mistakes were made by both sides which belies their table topping positions.

Both keepers played well, stopping some good shots whilst on the field Dickson and Brzozowski (despite his goal) played well for the greens, and Dolan and Jones did well for the tangerines.

SALISBURY CLEAN SWEEP

THIRD DIVISION — Salisbury continued their premiership challenge with a 1-nil win over Pine Rivers last Saturday.

The team has started to regain some of its earlier season form and are becoming a real contender for the title again after slipping out of contention following a trot of losses last month. The win over Pine Rivers was hard-fought but well-deserved.

The game started at a furious pace which was surprisingly sustained through the whole match. Both teams refused to give anything and the game was largely a mid field battle.

Graham Stone and Dave Mahoney were the workhorses for Salisbury and continued running the entire game. It was Stone who got the vital break-through with a well taken goal after some good build-up. The Salisbury defence again played well with Steve Gillard always dominant. Col Jensen, Tony Collins and Dave Murray all had their usual solid games. While the team is starting to regain form, coach Bob Butchard still has his work cut out to try and get them at peak form for their last few games, which are all against highly-placed teams.

EIGHTH DIVISION — It was a successful return to Rochedale for coach Keith Forrest and mid fielder Pat Bowers, last Saturday night.

Salisbury ran out easy 3-1 winners with Pat getting the second goal. Keith was a coach at Rochedale last season while Pat came to Salisbury in a mid-season signing. Salisbury, in a repeat of the last three games, played brilliant football in the first half but seemed to become complacent in the second spell. Their first goal was scored by Gary Jackson after Dave Grunwald, Pat Bowers and Ted Hutchinson

combined well on the right-hand side of the field.

The three players used quick short passes to stretch the Rochedale defence then Hutchinson crossed the ball, which was missed by the goal keeper, giving Jackson the easy job of tapping it into the goal. After the goal Salisbury played entertaining football. They had 90 percent possession in a fine display of team work.

The second goal, scored by Pat Bowers was from a hard, long shot from the edge of the penalty box. With the half time score 2-nil Salisbury must have thought all the work had been done and went into the second half looking a second-rate side.

Although the team got another goal, scored by Bruce Austin who ran onto a long ball then beat the keeper, Salisbury never looked anywhere near as domineering as in the first half. The Rochedale goal came through slack marking that allowed a player to get too much room near the goals. It was in stark contrast with the first half when the Salisbury defence, controlled by Greg Gillespie and Al Barrow, was virtually unbeatable. Best players for Salisbury were Dave Grunwald who had a shot cleared off the line, John Robinson and Mark Brigden.

SENIOR COLTS — Congratulations Salisbury! For the first time in months you showed you could play football and were prepared to put effort into your game.

The team ran out 2-1 winners over Gold Coast at Massinger Street, last Sunday. The win was due to a gutsy second half from Salisbury and a final 10 minutes that saw the team play the best football since the early first round games. The first half was typical of Salisbury performances in past weeks, dull and unimaginative. But after a half time pep talk from coach Gary Plant, it was a new Salisbury that walked onto the field.

All players were willing to run for each other, think before they kicked the ball and constantly tell each other what was happening. The star of the second half must be Rob Haig who took the initiative and dribbled around Gold Coast players. Rob, who is returning to the game after a four year absence, showed he still has the skill and ability to make it in a top team. By the end of the game Gold Coast were assigning two players to mark him.

Salisbury's goals came in the last ten minutes. The first was by Geoff Stead who hit a low shot from the edge of the penalty box after the Gold Coast defence had failed to clear a Brad Cotton

corner kick. Cotton then scored himself with a good shot after a great ball from Joe Docherty. Docherty, who had a good game, nearly set up another goal in the first half. He took the ball down the right then pushed it through to his tartan twin, Michael McIntyre, who blasted a shot that hit the upright.

Gold Coast's goal came in the first half when a long shot skidded under keeper Steve Brown's body. They played well in patches and probably deserved a draw but Salisbury have been in similar positions many times this season and thoroughly enjoyed their win. Alan Barrow, Gary Weir, Ian Houghton, Glen Switzer and Nigel all played well.

NORTHS COLTS UP

ANOTHER one up, defeating Annerley 3-0. Bad field conditions did not help either side, twenty minutes into the first half our first goal scored by Brent Neville. The second ten minutes before half time, Mark Conlon being the scorer.

We never stopped trying in the second

half and should have put another three into the net, but had to settle for only one, this by our substitute who only had his first touch since coming on, to see it go into the back of the net, well done Peppi.

Neil Harvey took over as captain since Tony Robertson was injured, good work Neil. John Mlynarczyk and Peter Merefield were tireless workers for the full ninety minutes. Tony Hartley at right back, with Stuart Inglis left back, along with Harry Tsoumbaras, were towers of strength Dean Dornicich worked well mid field.

Peter Hall, troubled by injury in recent weeks, well on the way back to full form. Gugi in goal dealt very well with the muddy conditions. Well fellas, from here on in we play the top teams, Thistle, Redcliffe and Merton. It will be very interesting indeed to see if these teams rely on the players who have helped carry them to the top, or, will we see stacked sides from now. We'll see all these clubs that scream about giving youth a go, at their word, if they leave their oldies on the benches.

Coach — Bernie Neville

P.S. — Thought the man in the middle, Col Amos had a good game, we've had our share of other referees indecisions and lack of thoughtfulness in allowing flow on football.

Good to see Brendan Ryan at the game, recovering well from bad car accident.

ANNERLEY ANALYSIS

by Bill Williams

FOR our first and sixth division matches at Cleveland conditions could have hardly been worse. Heavy rain during the morning had made the ground something of a quagmire with several pools of water and the outfield and surrounds were extremely muddy.

The water had apparently entered the building and the dressing room had a wet, dirty floor, was only big enough for about half the team and some of the players had their pre-match rub **STANDING** on the table. It was worse after the match, when the players, all covered in mud, were trying to use the one cold shower and keep their change clothes dry. Nevertheless we came away happy after winning both games 2-0, scoring the goals in the second half of each match.

In first division, we put together our best opening 20 minutes for some time and were unlucky not to be in front through John Reid's efforts on the left wing providing good chances for Brian Lampitt and Keith Packer, but Redlands defence was able to hold out. After that the game evened out until half time.

We started the second session confidently and combined play between the Lovell brothers and Tom Gray saw Reid's snap shot saved off the line with the keeper beaten. Our defence was capably handling the Redlands breakaways led by Danny Hill and Dave Grundy was in everything in our mid field.

In the 76th minute, Lampitt broke down the centre and seemed certain to score with only the keeper to beat but the ball stopped dead in a pool of water and was cleared by the home side. Not to be denied, about a minute later, Lampitt came again to some 10 metres to the left of the water and this time his shot slammed into the back of the net. Two minutes later a cross from the left wing was only partially saved and Brian was on hand again to seal the game at 2-0. After this good result, it's a pity we don't have a game this week to maintain our form.

MT. GRAVATT CLUB NOTES

by Brian Richardson

AFTER the much appreciated write-up in the Sunday Mail last weekend there is little left for me to say about the first division game against Grange Thistle. However I do feel I should make a few observations.

The game was fairly even, with well developed moves by both teams. Thistle's Steve Dolan and John Paterson made life miserable for our boys with their good clean handling of the ball whilst Tony Bailey always looked dangerous.

A lesser keeper than Peter Gee may have made a big difference to the result. He was called on a number of times to halt Mt. Gravatt offensives. After the game though, one of Thistle's supporters tried to tell me Peter saw less of the ball than our Mark Davis. Jack Cassidy you had to be watching the game through the bottom of a stubby of Brisbane Bitter.

Craig Dickson gave his old comrades a



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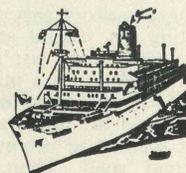
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hard time. He does look better in green and gold though, doesn't he? What a fearsome sight he is in full flight! I don't know how Peter Gee felt when he saw him bearing down on him with no one around to render assistance, but he certainly sent a shiver through me the time he charged in my direction — and I was sitting in the stand.

In spite of his slight indiscretion early in the second half when he slipped a header past Mark Davis, Mike Brzozowski played a good hard game. I was interested in the way he went onto his knees after the unfortunate event and hit his head on the ground. I assume he was trying to forge it into a square shape to make for greater accuracy.

If ever Stevie needed to score a goal this was the game. I wish he hadn't left it until so late however.

"And the game was so terrific that ere half the time was gone, A spectator's leg was broken — just from merely looking on".

Instead of describing a polo game, Banjo Patterson could well have used these words in a report of this match especially when Gary Bohan (plumber) scored in the thirtieth minute of the second half. As a measure of the excitement which gripped the Mt. Gravatt supporters, Adam Stewart almost left his position at the bar. Luckily he didn't though as the goal was disallowed. It was a very unpopular decision amongst our team and their supporters especially when many believed the ball deflected to the plumber from a defender.

I feel our boys were justifiably disappointed at only netting one point from the match. After all they put the ball into the net three times to nil by Thistle.

After the game I spoke to the Manager of the Queensland under 18 Schoolboy's team which is heading for Newcastle in the near future. We wish you good luck and may the boys be a credit to Queensland junior soccer.

It has been some time since I reminded GO SOCCER readers that we have teams on the Mountain other than First Division. For that I apologise. Bill Bryant, Manager of our Sixth division team is loud in the praise of his boys. After thirteen straight wins they are in a neck and neck tussle with St. Helens for top spot on the premiership ladder.

Dashing Dave and his Dittmer Devils played at home last week against Mitchelton in the ninth division competition and

came out victors to the tune of 3-0. This very satisfying result, although it earned them two valuable points, did not improve their position on the ladder. They are lying in seventh place and are lining up for a rails run to the finish.

Our Senior Colts are not having a very successful year, but, as I have pointed out before, they are all very young and are receiving invaluable training for their future careers in the game.

Finally I would like to send a Get Well wish to a staunch Club supporter and one of our hardest working Committee members of two seasons ago. Lorraine Howsan is in hospital recovering from a recent operation. Get well soon Lorraine and hurry back to again add your voice to the band of loyal Mt. Gravatt supporters.

TRIDENTS TOP EFFORT

TRIDENT were at home to Coalstars and with the first round ending in a one all draw, with both teams in third position there was plenty of interest in this match as both teams have gone from strength to strength. One of the best second division games resulted. Fast, exciting, clever football which switched from end to end with chances for either side and with both keepers being called upon regularly. Finally, after thirty eight minutes, the first goal was scored by Trident as a result of a direct corner kick by John Kennedy. Coalstars retaliated and equalised within a minute. Lo and behold if Trident did not score their second goal within a minute via John Kennedy who received a good pass and was able to side step two defenders and chip the ball over the keeper and into the back of the net. The goal was typical of Kennedy's fast running style — beating the defence and outwitting the keeper.

Three minutes and three goals!! Half-time score — Trident 2, Coalstars 1. The second half was no different from the first with both teams maintaining the same standard of play. Fifteen minutes into the second half Steve Mecner was replaced by Ivan Sukic and five minutes later John Shepherd replaced Leigh Fett. The performance of both Steve and Leigh was not that of players who have been absent from second division for so long. Good work fellows. Seconds later John Shepherd received the ball and while running down the wing was tackled hard and brought down — result a free kick. Ivan took the free kick which he crossed to the far post



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and six yard box. John Shepherd who was unmarked, made no mistake and headed this ball into the top right hand corner of the net.

All this happened within thirty seconds of John Shepherd coming onto the field—two touches of the ball and, bingo, a goal. Trident's fourth and John Shepherd's second goal came in the last minute of the game when John ran through onto the ball just outside Coalstars' eighteen yard box, beat the defence, drew out the keeper and put the ball into the back of the net. Final result. Trident 4, Coalstars 1. Bart McConaghy again proved his dependability and was selected as Man of the Match.

SEVENTH DIVISION

TRIDENT played Rovers at Raymond Park and this most disappointing game resulted in a scoreless draw. Twenty two players put together a game that was one big yawn from beginning to end Trident failed to finish movements in a positive manner and their only pass mark was earned by John Panasuik, Bob Rogers, and to a lesser extent Paul McMaster. The first two named ran themselves to a standstill and for their effort alone they deserve a mention. As for Paul, he played spasmodically and there was no similarity between this performance and the way he ripped Taringa apart the previous week. Rovers deserved their one point. They certainly earned it. They knew they were up against a top team and yet this did not undermine their morale. They defended to the end and though they did not score, full points should be given to them for their effort in holding Trident to a scoreless draw.

The Man of the Match nomination goes to Donnie MacDonald, not for his performance in Saturday's game but, for becoming a Dad for the first time on Tuesday August 1st. His wife, Kerry, presented Donnie with a lovely 9lb. 3oz. daughter. Both Mother and Daughter are doing very well but there was some doubt on Saturday whether Donnie was back with us. The Management and players extend hearty congratulations to them.

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

- 16 Goals —
Steve Perkovic (Sunnyside)
- 14 goals —
Ian Steele (Mt. Gravatt)
- 12 Goals —
Brian Lampitt (Annerley)
Tony Bailey (Thistle)

9 Goals —

Len Pollock (Norths)
Tony Brennan (Eagles)
John Patterson (Thistle)

8 Goals —

Glen Berry (St. George)

7 Goals —

Gerry Kay (Merton)
Ron Millman (Eagles)
Craig Wallace (Spencer Park)
Gary Bohan (Mt. Gravatt)
Gavin Johnston (Ipswich Utd.)

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	18	11	4	3	34	24	26
St. George	18	8	7	3	27	16	23
Mt. Gravatt	18	10	3	5	35	21	23
Ipswich Utd.	18	8	6	4	33	17	22
Thistle	18	8	6	4	36	20	22
Nth. Brisbane	18	7	6	5	34	24	20
Spencer Park	18	6	4	8	27	38	16
Annerley	18	3	8	7	18	27	14
Merton	17	6	2	9	16	28	14
Richlands	17	5	2	10	21	32	12
Redlands	18	4	3	11	23	38	11
Sunnyside	18	4	3	11	24	43	11

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	17	13	2	2	47	19	28
Gold Coast	17	10	4	3	35	23	24
Trident	17	10	3	4	31	23	23
Coalstars	17	9	3	5	30	26	21
Mitchelton	17	8	3	6	37	22	19
Acacia Ridge	17	8	2	7	27	24	18
Oxley	17	6	4	7	29	33	16
Taringa	17	5	5	7	24	23	15
Darra	17	4	6	7	31	29	14
Redcliffe	17	6	2	9	23	39	14
Souths	17	4	1	12	15	37	9
Fort. Valley	17	—	3	14	24	55	3

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rovers	17	10	6	1	30	15	26
Salisbury	17	11	2	4	36	16	24
Westside	17	10	2	5	44	19	22
St. Albans	17	10	2	5	38	20	22
Pine Rivers	17	9	3	5	37	30	21
Newmarket	17	8	4	5	35	22	20
Olympic	17	8	2	7	34	27	18
Nerang	17	6	2	9	20	31	14
North Star	17	3	5	9	13	34	11
The Gap	17	4	2	11	23	35	10
Inala Rangers	17	3	3	11	17	40	9
Willowburn	17	3	1	13	19	57	7

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Twin Towns	17	11	5	1	50	20	27
Industrial	17	13	1	3	74	30	27
Goodna	17	12	2	3	36	9	26
Kingsridge	17	11	3	3	66	39	25
University	17	8	3	6	29	24	19
Brighton	16	7	2	7	50	41	16
Northside	16	6	3	7	33	31	15
Booval Stars	17	6	3	8	29	32	15
Toowong	17	6	—	11	18	34	12
Bayside	17	3	4	10	31	39	10
Rochedale	17	3	2	12	27	41	8
Padua	17	1	—	16	20	123	2

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dutton Park	17	13	2	2	64	12	28
RAAF	16	12	3	1	44	12	27
Adams Park	16	11	3	2	35	14	25
South Star	16	10	2	4	36	24	22
Samford	17	9	3	5	32	28	21
Wacol	17	9	2	6	40	26	20
Albany Creek	16	8	3	5	41	23	19
Slacks Creek	16	4	3	9	15	33	11
North Pine	16	2	3	11	20	44	7
Moggill	17	3	1	13	19	69	7
Greenbank	17	3	—	14	13	67	6
Police Acad.	17	2	1	14	15	22	5

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt. Gravatt	18	14	1	3	41	19	29
St. Helens	17	14	—	3	46	19	28
Annerley	18	12	2	4	37	24	26
Eagles	18	12	—	6	55	28	24
Redlands	17	9	2	6	36	27	20
Nth. Brisbane	17	9	1	7	35	39	19
Sunnyside	18	8	2	8	38	29	18
Wynnum	17	7	3	7	34	39	17
Merton	17	5	4	8	27	36	14
Thistle	17	3	1	13	17	64	7
Richlands	17	1	4	12	24	66	6

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	17	16	1	—	68	14	33
Mitchelton	17	14	2	1	62	17	30
Trident	17	11	2	4	52	27	24
Taringa	17	11	—	6	41	24	22
Darra	17	7	4	6	41	26	18
Gold Coast	17	8	1	8	45	42	17
Redcliffe	17	5	4	8	29	32	14
Oxley	17	6	2	9	34	48	14
Souths	17	5	—	12	23	45	10
Rovers	17	3	2	12	21	53	8
Fort. Valley	17	3	1	13	24	58	7
Pine Rivers	17	3	1	13	25	79	7

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salisbury	16	11	3	2	42	17	25
Westside	17	11	3	3	26	12	25
St. Albans	17	11	2	4	54	22	24
North Star	17	10	2	5	53	21	22
Olympic	17	9	4	4	40	27	22
The Gap	17	9	2	6	31	20	20
Newmarket	16	8	3	5	49	22	19
University	17	6	3	8	29	28	15
Rochedale	17	4	3	10	23	37	11
Inala Rangers	17	4	2	11	31	71	10
Toowong	17	1	4	12	21	56	6
Brighton	17	—	3	14	27	93	3

NINTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa	17	13	4	—	68	12	30
Annerley	17	13	1	3	82	17	27
Wynnum	17	12	1	4	54	17	25
Mitchelton	17	11	2	4	44	13	24
Goodna	17	10	1	6	64	41	21
North Star	17	9	2	6	48	25	20
Mt. Gravatt	17	7	1	9	39	36	15
Industrial	17	6	—	11	44	54	12
Bayside	17	4	2	11	22	58	10
Adams Park	17	4	—	13	24	52	8
Souths	17	3	—	14	16	95	6
Redcliffe	17	3	—	14	15	100	6

COLTS POINTS TABLE

COLTS A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	20	16	2	2	62	15	34
Nth. Brisbane	19	16	1	2	48	13	33
Redcliffe	19	14	3	2	41	16	31
Merton	18	12	3	3	35	15	27
Richlands	19	10	2	7	44	28	22
Coalstars	20	9	4	7	32	27	22
Mitchelton	20	9	1	10	48	43	19
Acacia Ridge	20	7	4	9	31	39	18
North Star	20	7	2	11	33	46	16
Salisbury	19	5	3	11	25	52	13
Annerley	20	4	4	12	37	48	12
Mt. Gravatt	20	5	2	13	34	57	12
Pine Rivers	20	3	2	15	29	69	8
Gold Coast	20	1	5	14	18	49	7

COLTS B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	20	16	1	3	60	14	33
Thistle	20	15	3	2	57	17	33
Spencer Park	19	15	2	2	57	14	32
St. George	19	14	3	2	73	22	31
Inala City	20	15	1	4	77	27	31
Redlands	18	8	4	6	40	34	20
The Gap	19	9	1	9	32	28	19
Bardon Jnr.	20	7	2	11	26	40	16
Wynnum	19	7	1	11	46	55	15
Ipswich City	19	5	1	13	27	64	11
Newmarket	20	5	1	14	26	82	11
Souths	20	4	1	15	23	86	9
Virginia	19	3	1	15	16	62	7
Nth. Brisbane	20	2	—	18	17		



IN THE LIONS DEN

THIS week's game is a 'four pointer'. With Fitzroy and Lions battling out for the fifth position a win this Sunday is really worth something to either side. The form book sees Lions beating Newcastle 2-1 two weeks ago and Fitzroy beating Newcastle 1-0 last week which tells us absolutely nothing!! Both sides *have* to win so a cracking game is guaranteed.

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LAST weeks fiasco proved once again how badly our national soccer is organised. Lions, due to play Adelaide City last Sunday had to leave Brisbane Saturday morning. Rain began Friday night in Adelaide and was still pelting down when the team left Adelaide on Sunday. No words of warning were passed on to Lions and to crown all, three games were played on the ground on the Saturday. Organisation? never heard of it.

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WOULD like to have been a fly on the wall? Who just happened to be on the plane to Brisbane last Sunday when disgruntled Lions officials and players were ending the tiring and extremely costly weekend? Sir Arthur George, big white chief of soccer and decision maker supreme!!!

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THE club is extremely proud to have nine of their top team representing the state against N.S.W. Many people in the club felt President John Morcus was wrong in declaring that the players would not play for Queensland but as usual the story got out of context. Actually the club committee had no axe to grind at all because it was the Lions Promotions & Marketing Committee who originated the idea of the inter-state game and it was with this committee the decision to argue or not to argue should have been taken. John Morcus, just back from overseas, acted like most human beings would on being told the Q.S.F. had taken over the match. To cut out all the ballyhoo and innuendo for once and for all, it should be said that the Promotions Committee were more inter-

ested in seeing the game put on rather than having to run it and now that it has become reality feel that some success has been achieved in the promotion of the code, their main objective and the reason for their creation, to promote the code of soccer first, and Lions second.

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ACTUALLY for all those who are interested the Promotions and Marketing Committee has very little true connection with the Lions Soccer Club, the members being Mr. David Young, businessman, Mr. Don James, businessman, Mr. Wim Vander Waal, businessman, Mr. Simon Boeghiem club secretary, Mr. Paul Templeton, club director and Mr. Jim Binnie. The meetings held are actually 'open meetings' and can be attended by anyone, particularly if he or she has some good promotional ideas to offer.

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AUSTRALIAN schoolboys off on a tour of America with every major soccer state represented except you know who, yes that's right, poor old Queensland, who get what they deserve a good kick in the . . . teeth. With the sort of representation we have in the south don't suppose names like Paul Burns (who's he?) ever cropped up. Still we get what we get because we do what we do and the southerners treat us accordingly.

—oOo—

PEOPLE asking Paul Templeton when he's going to organise next big auction out at Pine Road. No truth that Nigel Lownds is to be offered to the highest bidder. Nigel reckons 'reserve' would be too high, at \$5. Nigel??

—oOo—

COACH Gyula Vincze, now approaching season's end as P.S.L. coach, has to be congratulated for a job well done. Thrown in at the deepest end by the departure of Brian Daykin, Gyula has gone about his duties in his usual quiet unobtrusive way but results speak for themselves and very few people would deny him the accolades the team's present fifth equal (potential) position deserves. With limited resources he has managed to blend a team together which has kept the club name high in esteem all around Australia, and with just an ounce of luck they could quite easily have been battling out a top four spot just now.

SOCCER'S SURGE

IN order that soccer fans in sleepy old Brisbane town know what is really going on around the country we thought we'd like to get the following story into print while the memory of these wonderful, noisy Newcastle fans were still with us.

Newcastle are on the crest of a wave. They are averaging 8,000 people to their home games and, if last week's 150 were a true sample of their feelings for their team their stadium has to be the 'in' place in soccer at the moment, a real must for soccer's pleasure seekers.

Canberra, poor old stuffed shirt, dignified, staid, upper-crust conservative Canberra have cocked a snoot at convention and are moving behind their team to such an extent that the fans are now driving out to the airport to meet the homecoming heroes, victorious from the fray. By way of the usual 'cut throat logic' in Ausfied, staid, upper-crust conservative Cantralian soccer the team is forced to play most of its games on a Saturday and yet are consistently pulling 5-6,000 people to their games.

Melbourne, with four teams in the national competition, are sorting out the men from the boys and the biggest man is the mighty South Melbourne team that can now draw crowds of 12,000 people to the ground and, by ploughing the income back into the purchasing of bigger name players placing the 20,000 crowd only a matter of games away.

Footscray, on the other hand, having stuck to their truly ethnic image are suffering the consequences and their results, and gates are telling the sad tale that can only have one end, disaster.

Adelaide, last year's boom city, has come up with the new front runners in the league and last weekend saw 12,500 people watch West Adelaide and Marconi. Adelaide City who proved last year's trend setters, still, despite not getting the same results, draw their 5,000 loyal supporters.

Sydney, for long the home of the super (subsidised) teas is now being forced to 'waken up its' ideas. Marconi, despite a little internal strife and a bad run of results have built up a hard core support of 5,000 out at Fairfield and this will grow as the new suburb develops. St. George, now settled at Barton Park are doing all in their power to increase their drawing power and are being rewarded with im-

proving gate figures. Easts Hakoah and Wests are still very much in the 'gypsy state' and must soon take steps or else, find even their mammoth club subsidies cannot compete with fortnightly gate income of \$15,000 - \$25,000, plus other revenue generated at one's own ground.

Brisbane, poor old Brisbane, always to be trusted, no matter what, to hide behind, and stay behind the proverbial eight ball. Two weekends ago saw a mammoth 1,250 people turn up to watch Lions, not BRISBANE Lions, just Lions, beat Newcastle to stay in the hunt for the top four. Last weekend saw not too many more watch BRISBANE City take on St. George in an attempt to drag themselves off the table bottom. Compared with the previous figures our figures make distressing reading. Why is it so? In Brisbane Soccer, Lions and City are precisely that, Lions and City not BRISBANE Lions or BRISBANE City but, THEM, 'them' that have never done a thing for the code except lord over everyone with their money and superior airs. 'them' who, by winning all that was to be won on the local scene threw in their lot in attempt to bring national football to Brisbane 'them' who, now finding themselves in the same position 'we' have been in are getting what they deserve, 'them' who we must do our utmost to bring 'to heel' in order that they eat dirt!!

Who in Brisbane soccer can deny that these thoughts are not being echoed and re-echoed all round our 'small' soccer world at the moment? Who in Brisbane soccer can, and will, put up an argument that this thinking is good for the code of soccer in general?

However all is not black. People are human and soon we must see a resurgence of interest in the code of soccer because soccer is now the only true national sport played in winter and not even local media's 'ostrich thinking' can ignore that fact for long. Brisbane, with its sleepy attitude towards anything progressive will trail along behind the rest of Australia, we always do, but these legions of supporters now travelling the countryside cannot be ignored forever and soon the old equation will begin to work its magic.

What sells papers? What sells goods? What do people watch? What do people listen to? The answer to all these questions is simple what they like. There is no doubt more and more people are liking soccer

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at a national level, especially in the places that matter, the populous south. Supporters there are willing to make a noise, (they showed us last weekend) and those noises are going to increase a thousand fold until the word soccer will be heard above all others wherever sport is talked about.

THE soccer supporters are now on the move. Canberra regularly take ten buses or so to big matches in Sydney, Newcastle are taking eleven buses to Sydney and had a coach at Perry Park. South Melbourne have a travelling band who go to Sydney and Adelaide and Adelaide have taken support to Melbourne. These bands of supporters will grow in number for one has only to see them, and speak to them, to realise they are enjoying every moment of their trips, whether it be because they are meeting new friends or just that they enjoy watching their team so much, that they will travel the coast to do so. One thing is for sure, when fellow supporters hear the tales of the good times they will be tempted to try, and sooner or later these hundreds of joyous people will even get through to the Perry Park faithful. Take the case of Lions, when they organised a coach to take 'like supporters' to Sydney for an important game versus Marconi they were hard pushed to fill all the seats yet if you were to ask those who made the trip how they were treated the answer can only be 'Fabulous'. Marconi committee members feted these people like royalty, wining and dining them for free before they left for home. Lions did the same two weeks ago with the Newcastle contingent, after the game they were invited into Perry Park and wined and dined before they left on their long trip home, beaten but never dismayed.

These then will be the saviours of the game, these pioneer travellers, not whinging knockers you hear everywhere, but these joyous, exuberant, happy, loud, raucous travelling bands who are carrying the message all across the nation and shall surely amass more and more numbers as they go on their merry way. The day ten or twenty busloads roll into Perry Park and are met with our own brand of 'fanatic' will be the day soccer will truly have arrived. May it be soon.

Insideman

P.S. This article was written before Don Thorburn's excellent letter was published in last weeks Go Soccer. Again its nice to know there are people in BRISBANE on the same wavelength.

REPLIES TO LAST WEEKS READERS' FORUM

WELL, WELL soccer has its own answer to the Bionic Man or Woman. E. Barker from Ipswich is the person with the incredible talents. He, or she, appears to be able to watch an inane (to borrow a word) television programme, well past normal bedtime, and, after reading reference to it in a magazine at least one week later can recall, in exact detail, word for word, what was said. How is it done? Photographic memory? Tape recorder memory? Computer recall system attached to bionic ear- or perhaps it's a top secret system.

At least his or her ears seem to work better than his or her eyes for he or she read a letter to the Editor where no letter existed, no Dear Sir, no Signing off. However it could be our writer made an error (although its doubtful for the error was heard by three other people and he, the writer jotted it down as it occurred) and if so he apologises, but would still like to know E. Barkers secret system. By the way our writers wife agrees with E. Barker, no not over the error (she doesn't even watch the programme any more) but over the 'deaf' and 'stupid' accusation. Agrees husband is deaf (when something is needing done) and stupid (for sitting up to midnight watching rubbishy T.V. shows).

One reader whose eyes do work is Mr. Bob Butchard who in last weeks issue saw fit to take us (correctly) and Brisbane Lions Promotions Committee (incorrectly) to task over the reply to Mr. Lou Iovenetti. Actually Bob, the article was compiled by a staff writer who used some information supplied by the B.L.P.C. as part of the story. To cut corners he used the copy supplied and unfortunately the name B.L.P.C. was still on the paper as it went to press. Our view is the same as yours Bob, we think the sponsorship money (more than we've ever had) could be used in a competition incorporating the whole of South East Queensland. Just imagine the interest in Beerwah, if, after a few early round wins, the locals drew one of the Brisbane giants in a "sudden death" tie to be played at Beerwah in front of the Beerwah supporters. That is the stuff 'real' cup competitions, and dreams, are made of and we are all for that sort of interest. The Kentucky Fried Cup info, was for Mr. Iovenetti who had expressed interest in how quickly a competition could be organised. No dark skeletons in the cupboard Bob, but thanks for pointing out our error.

AUGUST 27th — FUN DAY

AUGUST 27th is a date to mark down on your calendar, for it is the day there will only be one place to be if you are a soccer fan, senior or junior, or just a fun loving person, Perry Park, Abbotsford Road Mayne.

August 27th — Fun Day will be starting early for a privileged few, all the great little soccer players who played in the Kentucky Fried Cup. These kids who performed so magnificently have been invited to a party at Perry Park and all the goodies will be there to ensure a great day is had by all. The party will commence at 10 a.m. and until 11 a.m. the organisers will do all in their power to see that the kids enjoy themselves.

At 11 a.m. a Country and Western Band will perform for the kids and their parents and of course the gates will be opened to the public for at 11.30 a.m. Brisbane will see its' first game of Celebrity Soccer when stars of Sport, T.V., Sponsors and Radio will take to the field to do battle in this 'new' game that's grabbing everyone, SOCCER.

Then at 12.15 when all the Celebrities will have adjourned to the sidelines exhausted, the fans will see another first, a game of Kentucky Krazy Soccer, and it will be the turn of the deposed kids to grace Perry Park again for the teams will be made up from clubs who have participated in the Kentucky Fried Cup.

At 12.45 comes the 'big one' of the Kid's day, the Kentucky Fried Cup Final, between Kingsridge and Newmarket and there is no doubt this will be a game to be remembered, as anyone who has seen one of these ties will tell you. The winners will receive their trophy, a magnificent cup and each player a gold medal. The runners-up will get their silver medals and just to complete the day for the youngsters who will make an appearance? At 1.30 Boris the Black Knight from Channel 7 will put on a super show for kids and Boris has spared no effort to make sure this show will be one of the biggest and best Kids shows ever.

At 2.15 there will be a jazz-band and a fashion parade to please the mums and

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dads and from all reports this will be worth seeing. This will bring us through to the Big Match, Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City, the final P.S.L. game of the season, a season that has seen the Lions team perform better than any of us could have expected two years ago.

So there it is, what a programme has been arranged to entertain you, the customer and if you think that's all here are some more goodies to get you along.

Sponsors are rushing to buy into this great Fun Day and already some giveaways are promised. Here they are.

Hanimex — cameras and soccer balls; Canberra Television — a substantial door prize; Travelodge — a prize to be donated Turtlewax — Hamper of Car Cleaning Goodies; Kentucky Fried Chicken — \$200 worth of vouchers; Freixenet — 5 dozen bottles of champagne — Remember August 27th — FUN DAY.

TRAVELODGE "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

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

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

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

Last weekend the points were awarded:

Brisbane City v St. George, August 6 —

- 3 — Kevin Caldwell
- 2 — Ian Rathmell
- 1 — Barry Kelso

The progressive points after 23 home matches (12 for City and 11 for Lions) are:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 22 — STEVE PERRY (BC) | 4 — BARRIE FAIRBROTHER (BL) |
| 12 — JIM HERMISTON (BL) | PETER TOKESI (BC) |
| 11 — NIGEL LOWNDS (BL) | BARRY KELSO (BC) |
| 10 — ALAN NIVEN (BL) | 3 — WILLIE CONNER (BC) |
| 8 — ALAN MARLEY (BC) | GEORGE POTTER (BL) |
| 7 — KEVIN CALDWELL (BC) | SAURO IOZZELLI (BC) |
| 6 — COL BENNETT (BL) | KIM WISHART (BC) |
| STEVE AMOS (BL) | BRIAN KIBBEY (BC) |
| 5 — LARRY GAFFNEY (BC) | 2 — JOHN COYNE (BC) |
| FRANK PIMBLETT (BC) | IAN RATHMELL (BC) |
| GEOFF MORRIS (BL) | 1 — PAUL LASLO (BL) |
| JOHN NEALE (BL) | EDDIE SPEARRITT (BL) |

Remember the people who sponsor soccer —
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READERS FORUM

Dear Sir,

As the standard of Soccer has improved so dramatically since the advent of the PSL, it would be logical that spectators would increase in proportion. As this is not so, and the same applies to all sport, I wonder if a lack of understanding of the Australian way of life could be the real reason.

Most Australians, Queenslanders in particular, like a family night out in an open air atmosphere where they can get barbecue-type food and bring their pyjama-track suit clad children, preferably with a day off work the next day, when they pack a picnic lunch, get in the car and go to the beach, boating, rivers, mountains, anywhere as long as it is out of town.

Just check the traffic on north and south coast highways or on the bay any Sunday. To expect them to attend any function every Sunday for as long a time as a soccer season is positively un-Australian. I don't think it is coincidental that the popularity of cricket with a

limited amount of games in any city, then moves off to complete the series in another State and we happily follow results by transistors while at the beach.

Was the instant popularity of night cricket down south last season noted? I think there is a huge untapped audience that actually wants evening weekend entertainment. Australians haven't had a 'habit' night out since TV killed Saturday night at the pictures. Just watch Kerry Packer capitalise on that next cricket season. Add hamburger and hot dog stands, plenty of hot chips — don't forget the tomato sauce and tinnies. Even a small merry-go-round with lively music to add a happy carnival type atmosphere to amuse small children.

Also consider a specific area where juniors are actually invited to kick a ball around between games or at halftime. There aren't many young children who could watch even Pele for more than half a game without wanting to move around. If the kids get cranky the parents say

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Previous monthly winners have been Alan Marley (May) and Kevin Caldwell and Barrie Fairbrother, who tied for the July award. Elsewhere in Go Soccer you will find the Freixenet ad. besides which each week we list all the Brisbane goalscorers. The award for July covered rounds 18-22, with Lions in that first round beating West Adelaide with a John Neale goal and City going down 3-0 to Eastern Suburbs in their deferred match.

In round 19, Lions lost 2-1 to Canberra City with Neale again scoring and City drew nil-all with Western Suburbs. Round 20 saw Lions drawing 2-2 with St. George, Alan Hughes scoring both and City lost 4-3 to South Melbourne, with Steve Perry, Barry Kelso and Alan Marley the scorers. Round 21 and Lions lost 2-1 to Sydney Olympic after Geoff Morris scored first and City lost 2-0 to West Adelaide. Finally to round 22 with City losing 4-0 to Canberra City and Lions downing Newcastle United 2-1 with a goal apiece from Fairbrother and Jim Hermiston.

So the two goals each for Hughes and Neale make them the joint Freixenet winners for July.

'forget it, let's go' and you are left with the 'experts' who sit in stony silence except for an occasional mutter of 'rub-bish'. Make a family night out of soccer — Australian style — and advertise it as such.

I wouldn't presume to say this is the complete answer but if you can't beat 'em, join 'em and have the best of both worlds. After all, there are more Australians in Australia. I would really like to see each team that visits Brisbane play, not just the games that the team I support play, but with our usually perfect weather, it isn't even logical to spend the one day the whole family has free at a football field. Could this be tried, even just once for each of the two Brisbane PSL teams before the 1978 season ends.

*D. V. Edgar, 'a Queenslander'
Salisbury*

Dear Sir,

As a new chum to Brisbane soccer is one permitted to ask why 'home games' are held on 'Queensland ground' at Perry Park? Surely Perry Park should be for all representative games, the staging of which should be of prime importance. One of these games last year and only one so far this season. You don't take your soccer very seriously do you?

All semi-finals and finals should be held there of course, anytime neutral ground is required. This should apply to secondary schools as well as Federation, and also all Cup games. I noticed that the moment the sporting complex at Nathan was completed, schools athletics climaxed their sports seasons with a carnival there, a quite logical venue for their most important part of the year.

Public transport from Ipswich to and from Perry Park is non-existent. This factor should be taken into consideration when the venue for any sport is decided. The resulting hour's drive compared to only the 15 minutes that should be required defeats the supposed concern for decreasing gates. I don't believe any consideration is given to the convenience of the paying spectator of soccer in Brisbane. Would it be possible for clubs to make available, on request at Perry Park (head office) hand bills of a map giving details of location of their fields.

*Soccer Fan, (letter unsigned)
Brisbane*

Dear Mr. Kesson,

Obviously you were not at the Inala City v St. Helens game or you would have seen which side received the cautions plus card for dangerous tackles, etc. I am

referring to your remarks in the Ipswich Items column of GO SOCCER, edition 22.

Inala City Colts have pulled together to make a great bunch of boys and team and, may I add, without the support of any senior players. As it is teams which call on seniors that are on top (except Inala City) many people can not regard it as a fair win or competition. City's coach has been coaching a great many years with a great many boys of all age groups and clubs without much of a mention but plenty of criticism.

He has had years of good results, knows almost every boy in the game regardless of Club and it all spells SOCCER to him, not cancer, as Mr. G. A. Stinson put it in his letter to GO SOCCER on July 28. Do report the game as you see it Mr. K. but not from hearsay.

K. Graham, Ipswich

Dear Sir,

For some years I have faithfully attended matches at Perry Park whoever is playing because of my deep interest in football (note—not soccer) and naturally now have my favourite team in the Philips League. I mention this because if either Lions or Brisbane City have any ideas of playing on their own grounds they will lose a lot of support, which is miserable to say the least at present.

I feel the standard of play is improving and crowds of 10,000 at each match is not unrealistic if the powers that be took a professional view of the organisation instead of the Sunday afternoon picnic which seems to be the norm. It took supporters from Newcastle in the recent match here to give the game some enthusiasm and atmosphere.

It does not need imagination to start planning now for next season beginning with a Football League management committee (not the present mob) to control all football in the Brisbane area and State League. All matches should be played on Saturdays, except State League which should be a curtain-raiser to the Philips League on Sundays. Seating should be provided on the north and south banks with cover (there are many fine weather only supporters) with stewards around to control boys playing with balls and stone throwers.

The Sunday matches should be widely advertised throughout the metropolitan area on posters and of course, more pressure for media coverage. With the advent of faster and more frequent electric trains next year there is scope for advertising at railway stations and I feel more support-

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ers would travel by train who cannot otherwise attend. To the officials of Lions and Brisbane City I would say forget your reliance on local and ethnic support and remember in a national league there is a large area of metropolitan supporters who will fill Perry Park if you don't isolate yourselves.

Why not have a team song played when you run on the field (not biased as played occasionally for Brisbane City) to engender some atmosphere. Make sure the gate on the south side is not blocked with cars and the gate is opened before the match finishes. This gate was not opened at all after the Newcastle-Lions match to the frustration of many supporters. Lastly, I hope players will show more sportsmanship for the good of the game, without petty dissent and that referees will watch the goal keepers who get away frequently with kicking the ball when outside the 18 yard area.

E. Jones, Sherwood Rd., Toowong

Dear Sir,

Being a senior citizen (almost) and having watched a fair amount of Soccer over the last decade I'd like to put my two bob's worth in re the apathy of Brisbane followers of the code. Sure, I am a Perry Park regular and go, hoping to see a good game and to cheer our local boys in the PSL matches.

Once in a while there is a certain 'something' in the air (atmosphere) and both

teams are out there putting it all together beautifully. Then even the critics are happy. But we can't guarantee this atmosphere at every game as players are only human and can have their off days. This is the time, when, if the coach can turn a negative attitude into a positive approach he can perhaps turn the tide. How many times have we seen a 'beaten' team go off at half time only to come back onto the field and turn the tables?

But we musn't forget that coaches are only human too and hard to believe — but so too are the members of the black brigade. Although to hear one unhappy Newcastle supporter when their team was here, you would have imagined that Woodsie had been included in that \$5000 bonus offer too! But, like I said, we're all human. Just one thing I would like to query while my pen is running hot.

Why can't padding be put around lower part of each front grandstand support to the height of about three or four feet. This would not further obstruct the view and would perhaps offer some protection to any player who might crash into one. It was Peter Tokesi who gave us some time ago a demonstration of this. (Rather dangerous and rather painful I should imagine). The padding could be zipped or press-studded for easy removal and storage at close of play. Yours in sport, but never apathy,

*I. Rehbock,
Grannie from Kangaroo Point*

POINTS TO PONDER

ALL in soccer is not bleak Newcastle woman most distressed at after-match reception two weeks ago in Perry Park club-rooms. Seems she had mislaid her purse with \$140 in it, a lot of money these days. A whip round among Lions directors raised \$100 to reimburse the soul somewhat. Wonder of wonders, in this supposed fast uncaring, society. Young Mark McGregor, assistant groundsman at Perry Park found the purse on Monday when cleaning up and handed it over to Alan Vessey, contents still intact, so everyone will get their 'lot' back again, and Mark has sent us on our way with a little more spring in our step. Nice to hear of honesty and decency in these times when the almighty grab seems to be the 'in thing'.

—oOo—

JIMMY Rodgers, Mt. Gravatt's irrepresible manager reckons with all the tradesmen in his team (see reports) he may get around to knocking up quick structure around Mark Davis during games.

SEEMS letter of thanks on way to two First Division clubs, after recent match, when both sides refused to use each end of the field during a game, and sent the few spectators to sleep such was the hypnotic effect of twenty players all running around the middle of the field. However saved wear and tear in goal areas, hence thanks.

—oOo—

COACHES corner. Seems all the big guns in the south are on the move again, all sorts of fancy money being bandied around and makes one wonder who initiates the offers and leaks them to the press, clubs, or in fact coaches. Happens every year and some of the money would stand the reader on his ear, \$25,000 plus a car, plus fringe benefits, from clubs who cannot pull \$2,000 at a gate. The lack of business principles in soccer is absolutely astounding, or tragic, depending how naive you are.



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WILLIE CONNER (BC)

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BARRY KELSO (BC)

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OLD friend Don Thorburn also-right on beam with his comments re BRISBANE or should it be QUEENSLAND soccer supporters. Article prepared before last-weeks issue was released concurs with Don's views and adds hard, cold, figures to back up argument. Keep the cards and letters rolling in as old Dino used to say.

—oOo—

GOOD to see David Marshall, City's livewire promotions man back on the local scene. A good man, he has been missed during his holiday overseas, and no doubt City officials will be glad to see him back in harness, for we are sure David is not the only one to notice the declining gates.

—oOo—

JACK Speare, a man who has been around soccer circles longer than most, sums up soccer ailments in a brief phrase pregnant with truth. 'Too many people think club first, soccer second'. No great speech or philosophy but an awful lot of wisdom in a few words.

—oOo—

MOST enjoyable game at Perry Park last Friday saw Payne Road school beat local neighbours Gap 2-1. Queensland coach Denis Ford 'taken' by young ball wizard with style grace and pace. Just showed talent is easily recognisable. Player was young Chris Clark who was written up as new Georgie Best in the report of the first Kentucky Fried Cup tie when he scored a great goal for Gap.

—oOo—

LOCAL first division coach, well known for his flamboyant ways, reckons that beside old friend Brian Addison he's a Cistercian monk.

LAST weeks visitors St. George, are rumored to be bringing in big name Hungarian coach for assault on next seasons' P.S.L. championship.

—oOo—

WONDER what the press barons will do now? For years their 'excuse' for allocating space was the numbers attracted to the main game of each code ostensibly meaning the best supported code had the highest crowd, a stupid and statistically erroneous assumption. Now, with the Sunday Mails excellent sports results coverage a more indicative situation is presented as to which code has the most participants (hence interested people). League always the top space receiver has 7" of results Union 3½" of results, Rules doubled League at 14" of results and Soccer a mammoth 24" of club results. If that isn't food for Circulation Management thought what is???

—oOo—

SEEMS the Marconi big boys are set to challenge the system and no wonder. Millions of T.V. viewers saw Roberto Vieri play one of the oldest tricks in the book when he, while taking a throw in, quickly bounced a ball off a nearby opponents back. The referee, officious unto the end, immediately cautioned him. Marconi, assuming the usual 'ungentlemanly conduct' charge were astounded when told he, Vieri had been charged with 'Violent Conduct,' had thus amassed full penalty points, and thus missed the important West Adelaide game. Mind you not really surprising for everyone in soccer knows Roberto is a malicious, vicious, hatchet man of gigantic proportions, and is taken to these attacks

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of 'Violent Conduct'!! What a pathetic joke!!! Come on P.S.L. sort out these rules for once and for all, either that or get off Marconi's back. Everyone with a whit of common sense knows that players have got to have the right of appeal and that they haven't in P.S.L. is just another insight into the terrible state of soccer's administration and administrators.

—oOo—

TONY Lowndes spent a week at Gold Coast, but has now gone over to Trident so there's a move to beat all moves. Start with two clubs in one week. Almost beat his 'stretch' with St. George which consisted of one advert in the paper. **THE I'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE MAN.**

—oOo—

GEORGE FRASER, everybody's pal in soccer and a master of repartee was in fine form last week at Perry Park. Some of his Points to Ponder.

—oOo—

ON asking Des Miles (a garage owner) how much to renew the clutch on his rather ancient Holden, George was quoted a figure. Immediately asked Des if he had the decency to wear a mask when fixing the clutch as even Dick Turpin did that when robbing a coach. Des immediately put the price up \$20.00

—oOo—

THREE scribes were arguing very knowledgeably outside club when George asked them a question. Question was "What player (British) seeing his team down 0-2 in European Cup Final, played in Britain, came on as substitute and scored hat-trick to ensure his club won the trophy for the first time." After much deliberation, humming and hawing, and scratching of heads comparison of notes, dates and ideas three scribes finally gave up. Fraser walked away with a casual 'Roy of the Rovers' thrown over his shoulder. (For the uninitiated, 'Roy of the Rovers' is character in popular British comic.)

—oOo—

YOUNG lady selling tickets was working her way along group when Fraser, supposedly blind, vanished. After girl had passed he returned to be greeted by hoots of derision from companions. When asked where he had been replied he had been away seeing where 'Willee' was (Willie Connors) as he felt Willie and a 750 Honda was just what City's forwards were needing. Sorrowfully reported he couldn't find Willie.

AFTER match George asked old team mate Martin Coe if, "Ralph Coates ever mentions me". Seemed quite certain that if "Ralph knew I was here Uncle Joe (Vlasits) would be up to see me right away." Des Miles chipped in but his repartee is unprintable. George replied that Des was jealous of his (Fraser's) refereeing skills. Des replied Fraser was only referee he'd ever seen who had 79 punishable offences in a game and never blew a whistle.

—oOo—

GREAT to see the editor being flooded with so many letters but this one was not to the editor but rather by a Mr. B. Lowther from Mosman in NSW and was sent to both P.S.L. manager John Frank and Brisbane City secretary Guido Canale.

It reads: A belated note to mention that on returning to Sydney from Perth on TAA flight 1 on Sunday, July 23 we were joined by members of your football club. Occasionally one reads accurate reports of regrettable behaviour by such a group of men and this greatly and adversely affects public opinion. Obviously there has developed a great spirit of comradeship in your team, which like any other, is comprised of members with varying personalities and interests. Being seated adjacent to them on that flight, it gives me great pleasure to compliment them upon the manner in which they conducted themselves. Whatever their achievements upon the field, they are a team for which your club can be justifiably proud and I extend my best wishes for your club's continued effort and success.

No doubt the pat on the back will have come at the right time, considering City's unhappy on field form of late.

—oOo—

PLENTY of activity in the Lanham Park area again with the formation of a Grange Thistle Old Boy's Association. Anyone who has ever worn a Thistle shirt, in any grade, can join up and enjoy many functions, sporting and otherwise being organised. There have already been some enjoyable events completed, with more coming up and this Friday night the Old Boys had organised an Australia v The Rest match. Anyone who has worn the Thistle tangerine can contact former first division players, president Barry Jardine (44 0151) or secretary Ian Shaw (221 1111) for details.

THE JUNIOR PROBLEM

SEVERAL nagging problems exist which could stunt the growth of soccer and should not be glossed over.

One of the major problems in soccer at the moment as I see it is the attitude of coaches, administrators and parents toward the hundreds of thousands of junior soccer players.

The weakness of some of the coaches and officials at youth level is their preoccupation with leagues, systems, trophies etc.

This encourages the uninformed coach to overemphasize the win aspect of the game instead of concentrating on teaching boys how to play the game properly.

Children, as a rule, are very poor defenders, and so a team which can kick a ball into the opponents' half and then chase after it is more than likely to come out the winner.

These kick-and-rush tactics may succeed at youth level, but are a very poor foundation in developing skilful players for senior soccer.

Junior soccer should be approached as the preparatory stage for the senior game and not so much as an entity in itself. It is the first link in a long chain.

In a player's formative years, the emphasis should be placed on ball techniques and skilful play. It should be stressed that each boy should work with a ball, thus increasing their fun and enjoyment in the game by improving their own personal skills.

I strongly oppose running children around a field in the guise of 'training.'

I also oppose the unnecessary pressures placed upon these young people by shouting at them from the sideline and by overemphasising that winning is everything.

We seem to learn the team techniques first and then hope to acquire the skills incidentally.

The malaise starts very early. Boys of seven years old and some younger are involved in fiercely competitive leagues where success and only success is important. Coaches of these sides dwell constantly on physical fitness and team play. Consequently, by the final year of high school I meet players who are extremely good at tracking down opponents, providing cover for other defenders, supporting the player with the ball, etc., yet who can't trap a sack of potatoes, nor pass farther than two yards.

Not only this, but because winning is so important, shirt-pulling, ankle-tapping, elbowing and the grossly misnamed 'professional foul' can all be performed exquisitely.

Sure, competition is the lifeblood of any sport, but for the sake of soccer, let's preach skill, skill and more skill to our young players.

Let's minimize competitions and start teaching boys and girls the very essence of the game.

No Mr. Purrer not the ravings of GO SOCCER staffmen.

An extract from the editorial by Mr. Lou Gautier in the April 1978 edition of the great American Soccer magazine Soccer Corner.

NATIONAL PHILIPS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Marconi Back

SYDNEY—Marconi joined Eastern Suburbs jointly in second place on the Philips League Soccer League ladder when they proved too strong for Canberra City in a 2-0 win at Marconi Oval.

The teams were locked at 0-0 at half-time, after Canberra manager Johnny Warren packed the back with five players to deaden Marconi's lethal strike power.

Two minutes before halftime Marconi midfielder Mark Jankovics jabbed a ball towards the bottom corner of the Canberra goal.

Keeper Ron Tilsed pushed it round the post for a corner, but the close shave indicated the shape of things to come.

Five minutes after the break it was Bert Mariani, who earlier had received a roasting for some cumbersome buildups, who put Marconi ahead.

Mariani drove a blinder from the corner of the penalty box into the far left hand top corner, after the cunning Roberto Vieri had laid on the pass.

The home crowd was in a ferment of excitement as winger Peter Sharne and fullback Paul Degney, selected this week for New South Wales against Queensland in Brisbane on August 16, tore at the Canberra defence.

Sharne was usually well marked by young Canberra defender Danny Moulis, who was more inclined to rely on skill

for his tackles after a caution by referee Richard Lorenc.

The blue and gold decked Canberra contingent were unlucky not to be able to welcome an equaliser in the 75th minute.

Canberra striker Terry Byrne drove high and hard from 25 metres but Marconi's socceroo goal keeper Allan Maher managed to flick the ball over the bar.

Peter Ollerton, who had been quiet throughout, tested Tilsed in the 81st minute. Tilsed parried and Mariani blasted over the bar from close range.

Marconi sealed the result one minute into injury time with Mariani and Vieri leading up for Mark Jankovics to burst through and drive an unstoppable shot into the Canberra net.

Souths Hopes Nosedive

SYDNEY—South Melbourne's PSL title hopes took a severe nosedive when they were beaten 3-0 by a rejuvenated Western Suburbs at Wentworth Park.

West's grabbed the upper hand after only four minutes when their prolific goalscorer Clive Eaton netted the first of a hat-trick.

Brian O'Donnell took a fine corner on the right and Eaton rose high to send the ball flashing into the net.

South Melbourne kept in the game for

half an hour but finally cracked when West's scored their second goal.

It was the dominance of West's midfielders Peter Stone and Dave Harding who worked hard to supply their strikers and the brilliant keeping of Greg Woodhouse which sent Wests to victory.

West's second goal came after 36 minutes when Alan Fisher flicked on a pass for Eaton to run through the defence and score from 15 metres, beating Jack Reilly with a low shot.

The first half gave by far the better value with both teams going forward in numbers but the second half was something of an anti-climax.

Chances were limited as South Melbourne looked disheartened while Wests were well satisfied with the two goal margin.

Eaton grabbed his hat-trick in the 60th minute when he pounced on a mistake from Mike Pye who miskicked in the penalty area allowing Eaton a free shot at goal, which he whipped away.

For the last ten minutes South Melbourne were pushed forward by Duncan Cummings and George Campbell but the Wests defence was too strong.

To cap off a bad day South Melbourne lost their expensive centre-back Frank Munro in the 88th minute when he was sent off by referee Tony Boskovic for dissent after earlier receiving a yellow card.

Westad Down

SYDNEY — A determined fight back by Eastern Suburbs gave them a valuable 2-1 victory over League leaders West Adelaide at Wentworth Park.

West Adelaide stunned everyone by going into the lead after only two minutes when lanky striker Graham Honeyman scored.

The Hakoah defence split wide open when Graham Norris beat two defenders before sending a fierce shot past Todd Clarke onto the crossbar allowing Honeyman to snap home the rebound.

However West Adelaide were unable to find their rhythm as Hakoah completely baffled and outplayed them throughout the first half.

After 14 minutes Hakoah grabbed their equaliser when Terry Smith pounced on a parried shot from John Stevenson to slot the ball past Martyn Crook.

Hakoah continued to play fine football with Joe Watson and Hilton Silva causing Havoc along the wings and Murray Barnes and Stevenson continually grafting in midfield.

West Adelaide could find no answer to the quick interpassing by Hakoah along the flanks and this resulted in the winning goal.

Some clever work by Stevenson and Barnes in the 35th minute allowed Watson to skirt past his marker and send a perfect cross into the area.

Hakoah's Brazilian winger Hilton Silva flew onto the ball and sent it flashing into the low corner of the net from six metres.

The normally creative Ian McGregor was unproductive while captain Neil McGachey had a difficult time both holding his defence together and trying to urge his team forward.

Hakoah slackened in the last 15 minutes but even then West Adelaide could not raise their game and a golden opportunity for the Adelaide team to seal the championship was lost.

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	12	8	2	2	30	14	18
East. Suburbs	12	7	2	3	21	9	16
West Adelaide	11	8	—	3	21	13	16
Sth. Melbourne	11	6	3	2	21	10	15
Fitzroy Utd.	12	6	3	3	19	13	15
W. Suburbs	12	5	4	3	24	18	14
Brisbane Lions	11	4	5	2	14	12	13
Adelaide City	11	5	2	4	18	12	12
Canberra City	11	2	8	1	18	15	12
St. George	11	5	1	5	17	16	11
Brisbane City	12	4	2	6	14	20	10
Newcastle Utd.	11	2	5	4	17	19	9
Syd. Olympic	11	2	3	6	14	20	7
Footscray	12	1	3	8	13	21	5

AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	12	6	3	3	16	13	15
Syd. Olympic	12	6	3	3	19	20	15
East. Suburbs	11	5	3	3	20	15	13
Sth. Melbourne	12	4	5	3	16	18	13
Footscray	11	4	4	3	10	15	12
Marconi	11	4	3	4	15	14	11
St. George	12	4	2	6	19	19	10
Brisbane Lions	11	3	4	4	17	19	10
Fitzroy Utd.	11	3	4	4	17	21	10
Adelaide City	11	3	3	5	15	20	9
Newcastle Utd.	12	2	4	6	12	19	8
W. Suburbs	11	3	2	6	16	24	8
Canberra City	12	3	2	7	9	20	8
Brisbane City	11	2	1	8	11	24	6

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	23	14	3	6	37	26	31
Marconi	23	12	5	6	45	28	29
East. Suburbs	23	12	5	6	41	24	29
Sth. Melbourne	23	10	8	5	37	28	28
Fitzroy Utd.	23	9	7	7	36	34	25
Brisbane Lions	22	7	9	6	31	31	23
W. Suburbs	23	8	6	9	40	42	22
Syd. Olympic	23	8	6	9	33	40	22
St. George	23	9	3	11	36	35	21
Adelaide City	22	8	5	9	33	32	21
Canberra City	23	5	10	8	27	35	20
Newcastle Utd.	23	4	9	10	29	38	17
Footscray	23	5	7	11	23	36	17
Brisbane City	23	6	3	14	25	44	15

LEADING P.S.L. GOALSCORERS

- 13 goals — Clive Eaton (Wests)
- 11 Goals — Ken Boden (Newcastle)
Phil O'Connor (St. George)
Jim Campbell (Fitzroy)
- 10 Goals — Allan Fisher (Wests)
Roberto Vieri (Marconi)
Gary Cole (Fitzroy)
- 9 Goals — Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)
Terry Byrne (Canberra)
Peter Ollerton (Marconi)
- 8 Goals — Hilton Silva (Easts)
Alan Hughes (Lions)
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- 10 ALAN HUGHES
- 12 STEVE AMOS
- 13 BARRIE FAIRBROTHER
- 14 PAUL ONTONG
- 16 GEOFF MORRIS
- 18 LEON WILSON
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- 8 JIM CAMPBELL
- 9 ANDY BOZIKAS
- 10 MIKE MICEVSKI
- 11 BRANKO BULJEVIC
- 13 NICK RAKOVALIS
- 15 THEO SELEMIDIS
- 16 GARY COLE
- 20 JIM MARNER

Coach: JOHN MARGARITIS

Previous Results

1977 —

Brisbane Lions 2 v Fitzroy United 1
Fitzroy United 4 v Brisbane Lions 1

1978 —

Fitzroy United 0 v Brisbane Lions 0

Next Weekends Matches

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