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RECOGNISE the player in the No. 3 shirt diving forward to repel an Arsenal raid when playing for Carlisle in the English first division in 1975? Give in. It was none other than Lions' midfielder Eddie Spearritt, who that day had some pretty formidable opponents, including Brian Kidd, Terry Mancini and Alan Ball.

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'GO SOCCER'

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LUB NEWS

DUTTON PARK UNITED

"THANKS"

BEFORE I get to football I have a very important word of thanks. Last week we travelled to Wacol to take on the chaps up there, during the second half our player Alex McLaren suffered a kick to the knee causing a dislocation. It is to the police officer who popped his knee back into place and stopped our player suffering more than only a couple of moments of agony, that I'm sure Alex and the rest of the club thank sincerely.

Now to the game and a welcome back to the side of centre back Ian Robinson. Ian was on holidays when we went down to Adams Park a couple of weeks ago, and from the form he produced in this game one wonders what the result would have been had he been available that day.

It was Wacol who put the first point on the board in the fourteenth minute when a suspect Dutton Park back pass was intercepted and struck into the net. Dutton Park weren't having this and struck back in the fifteenth and sixteenth minutes with magic goals. The first one came after some great build up work by "Mr. Magic" Duncan Brampton who crossed the ball to the waiting head of Ole Jepperson who made no mistake. The

Mr. Magic himself after some great work by Doug Carningham. Just before half



second only a minute later was scored by time Wacol were unlucky enough to pop one into their own net. United 3 Wacol 1. Quiet lulled over the park for the first thirty-one minutes of the second half until that Dane again Ole Jepperson exploded down the left wing and crossed a great ball to who else but Mr. Magic Duncan Brampton who to use his own expression "whooshed it into the net off his head" score 4-1. In the forty-third minute dashing Doug scored what was a tremendous individual goal after walking through half of the opposition and around the keeper. Final score 5-1 to Dutton Park.

The whole United side from brilliant keeper Eric Summons down to (stand in orange boy) yours truly are playing great football and have timed their run to the end of the season perfectly.

Look out R.A.A.F.

UP A GHOST ... CASPER.

TARINGA v REDCLIFFE

LAST weekend saw Redcliffe set out to prove to their Taringa "friends" that their soccer was no longer of the "kamikaze" type and they did just that. This team has done a lot of work on their game and what a pleasure it was to see balls being laid along the ground to team-mates, in attempts to build up moves, which, on not a few occasions, caused the Taringa back line all sorts of bother. The Taringa boys were missing the guiding influence of skipper Larsen, who was off on his honeymoon, and were playing some utter rubbish allowing the Redcliffe youngsters to pressure them time after time into all sorts of trouble. Their passing, never their strongest point was atrocious, and by half time they could consider themselves extremely fortunate to be level. After the break Redcliffe continued to dominate for a spell but gradually Taringa began to get a semblance of a game together and some good penetrative runs were made but they were all too individualistic to be of great value. Redcliffe lost a bit of their earlier composure and their play became a little ragged. With the release of pressure Taringa had their best spell of the game and could have stolen the points with some good attacks, but the Redcliffe defence showed good organisation especially in the last minute when a Dobinson header was charged off the line by a covering player. On the day Taringa were perhaps lucky to share the points, they had their worst game of the season and couldn't possibly play so badly again. Redcliffe on the other hand have shown distinct improvement during the season and this is what lower division football should be all about. Their goalkeeper and left winger Jenkins are still the pick of the team but

they have been joined by Peter Hewitt who played extremely well at centre-half and if they can get their game together for the full ninety minutes they could have a good season next year for they are a voung side. Referee Stefanovic had a good game, perhaps at times just a little too strict but in the lower divisions this is a more acceptable trait than leniency for it causes players to desist from showing their "lesser talents" and in fact forces them to be inventive.

HANGING IT THERE

THIRD DIVISION - Salisbury maintained their premiership challenge with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Newmarket last Saturday.

The first half was an even battle with both teams missing the few chances they had to score. The three second half goals turned the last 45 minutes into an exciting tussle.

Salisbury's tall centre-forward John Slater was domineering in the air and on several occasions created panic in the Newmarket defence when he headed the ball down to penalty box expert, Bruce

Unfortunately the report I received on this game was limited hence the small write-up. I did hear though the team played well which is a good morale booster for the two tough remaining games, especially the one against Rovers which could well decide the Third division premiership.

EIGHTH DIVISION — Salisbury's onenil win over Newmarket last Saturday enabled them to keep their one point lead at the top of the table.

The team unfortunately came out of the encounter with some serious injuries which could weaken them for their last two important games. The most serious injury was to Peter Wybranowski who had to be carried off the field after receiving a kick in the kidneys. Although an ambulance was called Peter was able to walk from the field but is extremely doubtful for this week-end. Other injuries were to midfield dynamo, Dave Grunwald and Scottish import, Joe Docherty.

The game against Newmarket was even with few moments of entertaining football. Both teams failed to play constructive passes and often the ball was intercepted before reaching the man. Salisbury goal came from a Dave Grunwald penalty after Wybranowski had been brought down. The ball was arguably going wide

before hitting a bump and bouncing into the corner. Salisbury's performance was not as good as in past weeks but Greg Gillespie, Ian Houghton and Mick McIntyre all played well.

SENIOR COLTS — Two gift goals in the first five minutes were too much for Salisbury to peg back when they played Acacia Ridge last Sunday.

Acacia Ridge won the game 3-1 but on the standard of goals and football a 1 all draw would have been a fairer result. The Acacia Ridge goal came after a misunderstanding by Gary Weir, who otherwise had a brilliant game, and goal-keeper, Steve Brown. The hard pass slipped under a diving Brown and into the goal. Acacia Ridge's second gift goal came after a mixup in the Salisbury defence allowed the Acacia Ridge forward to tap the ball in.

Although two goals down Salisbury continued fighting and Johnny Carter, returning from injury had a great game in midfield. Salisbury could have scored earlier had they used the width of the park and played football on the ground rather than in the air where the opposition seemed to go best. Salisbury's goal came through a well-flighted free kick by Alan Barrow. He flighted the ball behind the Acacia Ridge defence where Geoff Stead headed it wide of the keeper into the corner of

the goal. The goal was labelled by one spectator as vintage Charlie George.

In the second half Salisbury could have equalised and gone ahead but they failed to convert their chances and as the game wore on the midfield started to lose its influence and Acacia Ridge got a deserved goal off a corner kick with minutes to go.

IPSWICH ITEMS

by Iain Kesson

WHAT a week. After four games in six days the Ipswich lads were pretty tired when they finished on Saturday night. We didn't quite have the success we expected, lining up against Wynnum on the Tuesday night in the Ampol Cup. Wynnum must have thought they were home and hosed in a tight match when they led 2-0 with 12 minutes to go, after great goals from Jim Carpenter and Dave Large. With 15 minutes left we finally started to wake up and replacement Randall McKeand scored from close range six minutes from the end. Gavin Johnston continued the revival with the equaliser, again from close in, with only two minutes left. Into extra time and Wynnum keeper Mick Hoare kept his side in the game with three brilliant saves. So at the end of two hours of

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In the replay on Thursday night we again didn't play all that well with our passing letting us down. Both teams again kept the game wide open and neither set of forwards could get past the opposing keepers, who were also both in fine touch. After 84 minutes Wynnum went ahead through the ever dangerous Nigel Rehbock, after a free kick had been blocked by our defence. Again we were stung into action and Bryan Kathage got away and hit a great shot which looked home all the way until that man Hoare appeared from nowhere to finger the shot round the post and that was that.

So Wynnum were through to the Cup final and we had to play Mt. Gravatt for third money. I would like to congratulate my old mate "Wee Willie" Bryant and his boys for two great games that must rekindle hope for true Soccer supporters in Queensland. In two matches and a total of $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours football I cannot recall one really bad foul. On to Saturday and my lads surprised me as I did not really expect too much, but they went out and really turned it on. Ian Lawrie put us one up with a good volley from 6 yards after Martin Breen had been put through by a great ball from Ritchie Wilson. Bryan Kathage outpaced the defence in pursuit of a Breen through ball and hammered home from 200 yards to give us a 2-0 halftime lead. We should have scored more in the second half apart from Steve Dann's good angled drive. Third in the Cup for the second year in a row.

No reserves last week but Booval Stars had a good 5-0 win over Northside with Wally Robbins 2, Graham Hilliard2, and Gary Franklin the scorers. The game was played at a slower pace than usual so maybe the thought of relegation made them relax and push the ball around a little. Robbins played well for his two goals and supplied many accurate through balls for his front runners. The experienced Ron Piper tried hard to rally Northside and they dominated the game for 15 minutes after Booval's first goal. But when Stars got No. 2 Norths were never in it.

The senior Colts had a landslide 12-0 win over Virginia on Sunday. Again this proves what many have been saying all season, that the two divisions should have been graded at the start of the season. It can be seen that the top seven in each division would have been evenly matched and the lads at the bottom would have been playing more in their own class, not

getting a real hiding each week. Saints scorers were Eric Baddley 4, Phil Greenall 2, Kevin Gardiner2, Steven Muller 2, Norm Pennels and Andy Scarff. Congratulations to Richard Barnard, another Saints junior selected in the Qld. under 13 team, who are playing in the nationals at Redcliffe this week.

Don't forget the club is holding another cabaret on September 9th, at 7.30 p.m. until midnight at Booval Stars Bowls Club at \$10 a double. Contact Jill Soppa (288 8249), Jeanette McQueen (282 3009) or the club canteen for tickets.

Here are a few details of our big gala day at Ebbw Vale to celebrate our last home fixture in the premiership at the end of the home and away games. The date is September 3 and the action will go from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. At 11 a.m. St. Helens senior Colts play Newmarket, at 12.45 our reserves in the 6th division play Redlands and at 2.45 p.m. there is the big first division match between Ipswich United and Redlands. Added attractions will be Saints under 11 and 14 teams playing

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against Bankstown juniors of the same age groups in two matches immediately following the first division game. Stay on afterwards, welcome the Bankstown lads and enjoy a monster BBQ and a cold "soft drink".

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 | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 38 | 25 | 28 |
| St. George | 19 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 25 |
| Ipswich Utd. | 19 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 35 | 17 | 24 |
| Thistle | 19 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 39 | 20 | 24 |
| Mt. Gravatt | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 25 | 23 |
| Nth. Brisbane | 19 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 39 | 25 | 22 |
| Spencer Park | 19 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 27 | 41 | 16 |
| Merton | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 17 | 29 | 15 |
| Annerley | 19 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 29 | 14 |
| Richlands | 18 | - 5 | 2 | 11 | 23 | 35 | 12 |
| Sunnyside | 19 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 25 | 44 | 12 |
| Redlands | 19 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 24 | 43 | 11 |

SECOND DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Wynnum | 19 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 51 | 19 | 32 |
| Gold Coast | 20 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 41 | 27 | 27 |
| Trident | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 33 | 28 | 25 |
| Coalstars | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 33 | 29 | 24 |
| Mitchelton | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 40 | 24 | 22 |
| Acacia Ridge | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 30 | 28 | 20 |
| Oxley | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 36 | 38 | 20 |
| Taringa | 20 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 26 | 24 | 19 |
| Darra | 20 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 33 | 31 | 17 |
| Redcliffe | 20 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 25 | 41 | 17 |
| Souths | 20 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 47 | 9 |
| Fort. Valley | 20 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 31 | 58 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | |

THIRD DIVISION

| | P | VV | D | L | F | A | PIS | |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|--|
| Rovers | 20 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 35 | 19 | 30 | |
| Salisbury | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 42 | 18 | 29 | |
| Pine Rivers | 20 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 45 | 30 | 27 | |
| St. Albans | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 43 | 26 | 25 | |
| Vestside | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 47 | 24 | 23 | |
| Newmarket | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 38 | 24 | 22 | |
| Olympic | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 37 | 28 | 22 | |
| Verang | 20 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 32 | 18 | |
| North Star | 20 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 15 | 37 | 13 | |
| The Gap | 20 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 23 | 37 | 11 | |
| nala Rangers | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 18 | 44 | 10 | |
| Willowburn | 20 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 21 | 68 | 8 | |

FOURTH DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Twin Towns | 20 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 66 | 24 | 33 |
| Industrial | 20 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 85 | 35 | 31 |
| Kingsridge | 20 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 73 | 41 | 30 |
| Goodna | 20 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 44 | 15 | 28 |
| University | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 26 | 24 |
| Booval Stars | 20 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 37 | 35 | 19 |
| Brighton | 19 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 63 | 49 | 18 |
| Northside | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 35 | 40 | 17 |
| Rochedale | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 32 | 42 | 13 |
| Toowong | 20 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 22 | 40 | 13 |
| *Bayside | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 33 | 51 | 10 |
| Padua | 20 | 1 | _ | 19 | 20 | 147 | 2 |

FIFTH DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| RAAF | 19 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 58 | 14 | 33 |
| Dutton Park | 20 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 78 | 16 | 32 |
| Adams Park | 19 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 46 | 17 | 31 |
| South Star | 19 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 43 | 26 | 27 |
| Albany Creek | 19 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 53 | 24 | 25 |
| Wacol | 20 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 52 | 32 | 24 |
| Samford | 20 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 34 | 41 | 21 |
| Slacks Creek | 19 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 17 | 44 | 12 |
| North Pine | 19 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 22 | 48 | 10 |
| Moggill | 20 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 24 | 81 | 8 |
| Greenbank | 20 | 3 | 750 | 17 | 14 | 91 | 6 |
| Police Acad. | 20 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 15 | 22 | 5 |

SIXTH DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|--|
| Mt. Gravatt | 19 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 44 | 20 | 31 | |
| St. Helens | 18 | 14 | _ | 4 | 47 | 21 | 28 | |
| Annerley | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 39 | 25 | 28 | |
| Eagles | 19 | 12 | _ | 7 | 56 | 31 | 24 | |
| Redlands | 18 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 37 | 31 | 20 | |
| Nth. Brisbane | 18 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 35 | 39 | 20 | |
| Wynnum | 18 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 38 | 40 | 19 | |
| Sunnyside | 19 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 39 | 32 | 18 | |
| Merton | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 30 | 37 | 16 | |
| Thistle | 18 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 17 | 64 | 8 | |
| Richlands | 18 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 24 | 66 | 8 | |

SEVENTH DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|--|
| Acacia Ridge | 20 | 19 | 1 | _ | 76 | 16 | 39 | |
| Mitchelton | 20 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 69 | 19 | 35 | |
| Trident | 20 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 60 | 33 | 26 | |
| Taringa | 20 | 13 | _ | 7 | 52 | 26 | 26 | |
| Darra | 20 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 48 | 31 | 22 | |
| Gold Coast | 20 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 56 | 46 | 20 | |
| Redcliffe | 20 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 36 | 43 | 17 | |
| Oxley | 20 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 43 | 60 | 17 | |
| Souths | 20 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 34 | 49 | 14 | |
| Rovers | 20 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 25 | 61 | 9 | |
| Pine Rivers | 20 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 26 | 70 | 8 | |
| Fort. Valley | 20 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 27 | 98 | 7 | |

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EIGHTH DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|--------|-----|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Salisbury | 19 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 50 | 20 | 30 |
| Westside | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 36 | 19 | 29 |
| North Star | 20 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 57 | 23 | 27 |
| The Gap | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 38 | 22 | 24 |
| St. Albans | 20 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 54 | 33 | 24 |
| Newmarket | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 62 | 26 | 23 |
| Olympic | 20 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 44 | 41 | 22 |
| University | 20 | . 7 | 4 | 9 | 35 | 34 | 18 |
| Rochedale | 20 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 31 | 40 | 14 |
| Inala Rangers | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 41 | 81 | 13 |
| Toowong | 20 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 27 | 60 | 11 |
| Brighton | 20 | - | 3 | 17 | 29 | 105 | 3 |
| | GROWN. | | | | | | |

NINTH DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|-------------|----|-----|---|----|----|-----|----|
| Taringa | 20 | 15 | 5 | _ | 85 | 15 | 3 |
| Annerley | 20 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 94 | 20 | 3 |
| Mitchelton | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 56 | 17 | 2 |
| Wynnum | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 63 | 22 | 1 |
| Goodna | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 74 | 44 | : |
| North Star | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 53 | 29 | 1 |
| Mt. Gravatt | 20 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 41 | 56 | |
| Industrial | 20 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 46 | 61 | |
| Bayside | 20 | . 6 | 2 | 12 | 33 | 68 | |
| Redcliffe | 20 | 5 | _ | 15 | 23 | 110 | - |
| Adams Park | 20 | 4 | _ | 16 | 27 | 62 | |
| Souths | 20 | 3 | - | 17 | 18 | 109 | |
| | | | | | | | |

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

- 17 Goals Steve Perkovic (Sunnyside)
- 14 goals Ian Steele (Mt. Gravatt)
- 13 Goals Tony Bailey (Thistle)
- 12 Goals Tony Brennan (Eagles) Brian Lampitt (Annerley)
- 10 Goals Len Pollock (Norths)
- 9 Goals John Patterson (Thistle)
- 8 Goals —
 Gerry Kay (Merton)
 Glen Berry (St. George)
- 7 Goals —
 Ron Millman (Eagles)
 Craig Wallace (Spencer Park)
 Gary Bohan (Mt. Gravatt)
 Gavin Johnston (Ipswich Utd.)
 Martin Breen (Ipswich Utd.)

COLTS POINTS TABLE

| COLTS A | P | W | D | L | F | Α | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Thistle | 22 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 67 | 16 | 37 |
| Nth. Brisbane | 21 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 52 | 14 | 37 |
| Redcliffe | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 45 | 21 | 34 |
| Merton | 20 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 39 | 18 | 30 |
| Richlands | 22 | 13 | 2 | 7 | 55 | 31 | 28 |
| Coalstars | 23 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 42 | 33 | 26 |
| Mitchelton | 23 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 61 | 48 | 23 |
| Acacia Ridge | 23 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 39 | 46 | 22 |
| North Star | 23 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 39 | 55 | 16 |
| Annerley | 23 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 42 | 53 | 15 |
| Salisbury | 21 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 26 | 55 | 15 |
| Mt. Gravatt | 23 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 36 | 66 | 12 |
| Pine Rivers | 23 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 33 | 82 | 10 |
| Gold Coast | 23 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 59 | 7 |
| | | | | | - | | Dto |

| COLTS B | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|
| St. Helens | 23 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 81 | 16 | 3 |
| Spencer Park | 22 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 70 | 16 | 3 |
| Thistle | 23 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 69 | 19 | 3 |
| Inala City | 23 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 84 | 28 | 3 |
| St. George | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 74 | 25 | 3 |
| Redlands | 21 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 49 | 40 | 2 |
| The Gap | 22 | 11 | 1 | 10 | 37 | 31 | 2 |
| Bardon Jnr. | 23 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 34 | 45 | 1 |
| Wynnum | 22 | 9 | 1 | 12 | 52 | 64 | 1 |
| Newmarket | 23 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 33 | 90 | 1 |
| Ipswich City | 22 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 30 | 82 | 1 |
| Souths | 23 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 24 | 101 | |
| Virginia | 22 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 17 | 82 | |
| Nth. Brisbane | 23 | 2 | _ | 21 | 17 | 32 | |
| | | | | | | | |

OPEN LETTER TO Q.S.F.

It is my opinion that there has been a decline in Soccer in Queensland over the last 20 years and it was this that prompted the QSF to initiate State League for which they must be applauded in an attempt to halt this decline. I would like to point out also in my opinion this decline started in my city, Ipswich. (In the fifties we fielded four teams in the 1st division competition and won the pennant on many occasions. We haven't won a pennant since and have only one team in the competition.)

In the last two years in Ipswich there has been a positive approach to promote soccer in Ipswich and I now ask for a positive approach from the Q.S.F. in that if Ipswich United reach the semi-final of this years competition that that game be played in Ipswich. We have a first class neutral field in Ipswich, namely Coalstars and I am sure that the Coalstars Committee if approached would permit such a game.

Sincerely, Nev. Whittle (Riverview)

THE AMPOL CUP FINAL



LINESMAN'S VIEW

SATURDAY night last saw the final of the Ampol Cup between Eagles, way out leaders in first division and Wynnum way out leaders in second division so the game had an in built "edge" before it even started for many people in soccer now believe the second division is in fact the "best" division in the QSF leagues. Wynnum had added fuel to this fiery argument by disposing of Grange Thistle and Ipswich United, State League entrants, on the way to the Final and here they were to play their fourth game in eight days, a devilish test of their stamina, endurance and spirit, for in two of the games they had had to participate in extra time periods. So here it was, the test to end all tests for the club, rejected by the QSF for State League, but by their own efforts given a chance to make the decision look an extremely bad one.

Eagles started off magnificently, pushing the ball around in midfield where get back on to their "first twenty minute"

McCabe, Bohan and Lindsay looked to be far too clever for their second division counterparts. The Eagles boys took the lead after two minutes when Marzaleck drove a tremendous header into the net from close range. The Wynnum defence was given a grilling for 15 minutes or so but gradually Carpenter and Large picked up their pace and with faster movement Wynnum emerged as the better footballing unit for, by their very pressure, they began to force the Eagles backline into kicking their long balls up the field where Porter was getting his men marshalled against Brennan and Millman. Rehbock, with strength and pace, was causing most of the problems and from a free kick awarded in the box Wynnum got back to equality when Fisher slotted home the quickly taken foul.

After the break Eagles attempted to correct their follies of the first half and

form and it bore fruit when Millman was sent through with a good ball to slip the ball home. Wynnum were not deterred and kept up their good approach work with Porter, Carpenter, Wilkins and Large all combining well. Quickly they upset the Eagles momentum once again and we had the unusual sight of Matt Carson roaring at players from the bench as his team was put "through the hoop". Young Gracev for Wynnum was doing a good job at the back and time after time got to the long balls before Ronnie Millman and Tony Brennan who must feel like Bernborough and Gunsynd sometimes, the amount of running they have to do. Then the fat was in the fire, a ball laid into the area saw Rehbock outjump a defender and send the ball arching high over John Bennetts' hands into the net. Wynnum went for broke and Lelliot, with Rehbock powered forward strongly looking for the winner. Rehbock made himself a great chance when he dragged a ball all the way through the backline only to hammer his shot over the top. Carpenter also blasted a shot high and wide but these were to be the last real chances for the "four game marathon" was beginning to take its toll and Edwards had to leave the field to join Deegan who had already

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gone. Matt Carson replaced Frank Marinec with old stager Trevor Catchpole and this gave Eagles strength where it now mattered, in midfield. Gerry Lindsay began to show us his attacking talents and with McCabe also probing the balance of play once again swung Eagles way. Tony Brennan found himself all alone behind the weary defence and easily chipped the ball over Hoares head for the winner. In the dying minutes Ronnie Millman was right through when he had his legs pulled from under him but no penalty was awarded. Perhaps it was justice, for had it been awarded and converted it would have been a travesty of justice to see Wynnum go down 4-2. As it was they barely deserved to lose 3-2 and many of their fans would still say the cup was not lost on Perry Park but in Perry Park. However they, Wynnum, went down fighting, their colours flying, and very few people would argue that on the night they were the team to play the more attractive football. Eagles showed in spells they can do it, but always they fall back to this tiresome percentage game that bores all but the most fanatical of their followers.

Insideman.

SPOTLIGHT ON "GO SOCCER"

VARIOUS players during the year have been under the personality spotlight, so just for a change we thought it was time Go Soccer had its turn.

| Full name | Go Soccer |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Birthplace | Brisbane |
| Birthdate | July 31, 1976 |
| Height | |
| Weight | approx 2 ozs. |
| Previous clubs | nil |
| Married | of course not |
| Occupation | conveyor of |
| news | to Soccer public. |
| Car Boot | of various makes |
| Favourite player An | yone who scores |
| against | Southern teams. |
| Favourite team | Queensland and |
| | Socceroos. |
| Most difficult opponents | Soccer Action. |
| - Designations Appropriately | Jost Woors' |
| Most memorable match | Philips Cup final. |
| Biggest thrill Having | pages turned by a |
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KENTUCKY FRIED CUP FINAL

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THIS was it, the day twenty-six kids had been looking forward to all season, and what a day it turned out to be, the weather—perfect, the crowd—all of 2,000 as the time got near, the cup—on display with the gold and silver medals, and a host of fun things leading up to kick-off time to get the crowd in a good mood.

At 12.45 on the dot the proud teams of Newmarket and Kingsridge walked on to the field to a tumultous welcome from their fans. They trooped to the centre field, turned around, waved to the crowd then like warriors of old went to their respective corners.

Half time 0-0.

Second half saw the famous Kingsridge surge begin and Newmarket were forced further back into their own territory as seige was laid on their goal. With a good move down the wing Kingsridge sent a ball swinging into the goal where little Jones got underneath it and headed it over the bar. Chris Saril was doing his usual good job in the Newmarket goal but even he had to admit defeat when the winning goal was scored, and what a goal it was, worthy of winning any Cup Final. After sustained pressure the ball broke out of the penalty box where the games

Kingsridge, who many considered favourites lined up:

Michael Senescawl

Steven Knights, Rodney Metzroth, Darren Pratt, Clint Hodge Brian McNicol, Nigel Wilson, Gary Rosmund Darren Carlisle, Carl Burton, Chris Jones Reserve: Richard Van Wyn Coach: Brian McNicol

Newmarket who had fought their way to the final used:

Chris Saril

Jason Hanrahan, John Ceccotelli, Noel Tennant, Paul Tatters
Craig Griffiths, Stephen James, David Krol
Daniel McKenna, Dene Cerezo, Paul Van Eyk
Reserves: Michael McKenna, Warren Cox, Ricky Chambers
Coach: Eddie Masters

The game started briskly under the control of three excellent officials who showed immediately they were prepared to let the game flow whenever and wherever possible. The youngsters were obviously very nervous in the early play and passes were very hurried giving the overall play an untidy look, something we hadn't seen before in the Kentucky Fried Cup, but then a cup finel is a cup finel Cup but then a cup final is a cup final anywhere and to many of these kids the thought of making a mistake must have been foremost in the mind. As play eddied and flowed around the midfield both goalkeepers were relatively undisturbed but even then certain players began to show they could become forces in the match namely Chris Jones and Brian McNicol for Kingsridge and for Newmarket Craig Griffiths and Dene Cerezo. All these boys showed good skills and an aggressive outlook that saw them as the main springs of their respective teams. Just before halftime Chris Jones had a great run down the left wing and sent a low hard cross across the goalmouth but to his horror not one of his mates was "at home".

best player, Brian McNicol, was surging forward. The little mid-fielder wasted no time in setting himself and from twenty metres he sent a rocket shot soaring into the roof of the net. There was to be no more goals, and on the day Kingsridge just decerved their narrow victory.

Then came the end to end all finals when President Bill Waddell made the presentation to the victors. The mighty Kingsridge warriors showed great sportsmanship in waiting until the Newmarket boys had received their silver medals and then invited them to go on a lap of honour to show the crowd that the true spirit of the game is not yet dead.

The final was over and we had 26 youngsters who had come, tried, won and lost but had remained friends through it all. For that alone kids, if nothing else, thank you. A magnificent end to a magnificent competition.

UP THE CUP

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REFLECTIONS ON A SEASON - PSL

THE second season of soccer's national league, the Philips Soccer League, has come to a close. This week we would like to reflect upon what has happened during this season regarding the league itself as we in Brisbane have seen it and what the season has seen happen to out two Queensland representatives, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions.

First of all the introduction of Newcastle K. B. United into the league in place of Mooroolbark, who had found the financial burden a great strain, was a winner all the way. The Newcastle club sold itself to the Newcastle public and in doing so showed all the other participants in the league what being in a national competition is all about.

Whether the lesson has sunk in will be told only with the passing of time however one thing is sure, many of the present clubs are going to have to examine the workings of the Newcastle backroom if their continued participation is to take place. Despite being curtailed by good business principles the Newcastle team was reasonably performed and now that the first year's lessons have been absorbed their next year's performance should be worth waiting for.

Canberra continued to draw crowds and kept their team performances at a reasonable, if not exciting level. Again economics governed team content but from lots of little reports it was obvious a lot of work was going on behind the scenes and with their new club premises opened up, a growing interest in the team, and lessons learned and absorbed, it would be reasonable to suggest that next season could see some improvement in Canberra City's fortunes.

Adelaide continued to be a boom town. For years before the beginning of PSL the South Australians laid claim to being the equal of any soccer in Australia and they have certainly made the most of the opportunity to prove it. First of all the Italian orientated Adelaide City set the whole of Australia on its end with their ability to go into the "lions den" of Sydney and beat the pants off the moneyed giants. Then they gave us the first five figure club attendances in Philips League and this season the Greek backed West Adelaide have risen to the challenge to

be right up there at season's end. Both clubs appear to have the necessary income and potential to keep up the good work done in the first two seasons and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that there will be no more "easy" trips to Adelaide on soccer business.

Melbourne finally wakened up to the fact that national soccer was being played and with the shrewd mind of Dave McLaren at the helm doing his usual masterly job of wheeling and dealing South Melbourne began to come good on the field of play, that being the signal for the thousands to make their way to Middle Park on a Sunday and the five figure crowds showed up on the gate figures once again, especially against certain opponents. Fitzroy did their usual hot and cold act to finish in the top six but had to play second fiddle to their neighbouring Greeks. Footscray, ethnic till the end, must now look to their organisation if they are to live in the same competition as the "big

Sydney through Marconi and Hakoah Easts continued to dominate the top four placings, and no true soccer student expected it otherwise, these two clubs long ago learned the meaning of the success equation, professionalism equals money. With two old campaigners like Rasic and Chaldi at the helm purchases were usually of the highest calibre so strengthening squads already proven to be strong. Rasic suffered the usual Latin reaction when the team slipped but there is no doubting Marconi's drawing power all over the country for their charisma was sufficient to draw people at all centres. Hakoah, backed by an affluent "pleasure palace" at Bondi must start to promote themselves and in doing so attract a crowd deserving of their play. They are probably the best all round soccer side in the country and yet cannot command a better average crowd than 2,000, and that isn't good enough for the code's image. Wests and Olympic are still in the "filler" class, clubs doing nothing positive in an attempt to better themselves, Olympic looking to an almost limitless number of coaches to improve the status quo, Wests finding out the hard way that local youngsters en masse are still not good enough to perform in this league.

And so to Brisbane. Brisbane Lions appointed a local as coach and with Day-

kin having spent thousands building up the squad with Hermiston, Fairbrother, Lownds, Amos and Ontong then moving on, Gyula Vincze proceeded to take the team to a position many would have thought unattainable by a Brisbane club two years ago. Unfortunately for the team their play never kindled enthusiasm among spectators so disproving the old adage about winning teams drawing crowds. As the season progressed it became apparent that the club needed a striker of goals to convert their many draws into wins and bring, not only the top four, but indeed the title, to within their grasp. However the cat was chasing its tail, with falling crowds the money for such a player was no longer available and so the sorry tale continued. All the old problems of Brisbane soccer bubbled and boiled just beneath the surface ensuring that once again Queensland was to remain an also ran in the new competition.

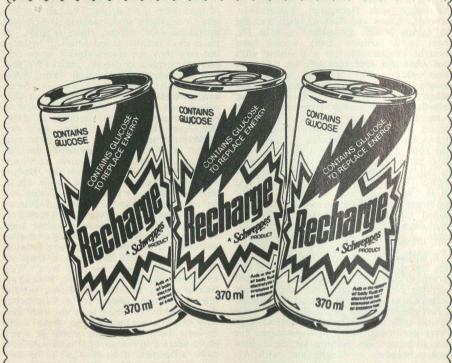
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Brisbane City missed out on Hermiston, lost the giant Borzi, saw Tom McLeod return to Scotland and with Ian Rathmell carrying obvious injuries the once rugged defence was decimated beyond recognition a fact obvious when one looks at the goals against tally in their league statistics. Steve Perry performed like a man possessed but one man can do nothing lasting against onslaught after onslaught and with defeat after defeat came the desertion of the fanatical, exuberant, supporters. With their passing something irreplaceable went out of Perry Park PSL soccer and once again that little cat began to chase its tail as income dropped off. Dennis Ford found to his dismay that there is much much more to running a team than teaching them to play as a unit. By the end of the season his experience quotient had risen but it was too late, he suffered the fate of many more of his kind in PSL.

Where does Queensland soccer go from here? One must surely accept the argument that we have to have representation in the national soccer competition. It is GO SOCCER'S opinion that both Queensland representatives Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions have found the Philips League an expensive exercise somewhat greater than they first expected, and, believe us as far away as the moon for any other club in Brisbane at the moment. We also feel that both clubs now realise they must cater for the Australian soccer identity whether his name be of Italian, Dutch English, Scottish, German, French or Asian origins. We are in fact a multiracial society, we Australians, and our clubs have to be likewise in their appeal if acceptance has to be general.

National soccer is going to boom ahead of that there is no doubt. The tide has begun, it is years since we had five figure attendances at soccer club matches, in those days usually grand finals in Sydney, but now they are commonplace when certain teams play in certain cities. (We had two last weekend) Marconi, West Adelaide, South Melbourne, Canberra, Newcastle, Adelaide City have all proved that soccer can become a financial success. All have used different methods to attain that level, but in itself that does not matter, the success level is the important factor. St. George are showing signs of breaking out of their negative approach and with big plans ahead for Barton Park they will surely now inject effort into their team so that former glories can be repeated. Brisbane Lions and Fitzroy have proved they are prepared to spend on their teams in order that a decent standard can be achieved on the field of play but one still gets the feeling there is much to be done behind the scenes if they are to get up there with the "big boys" Western Suburbs, Sydney Olympic, Footscray, Brisbane City and Hakoah Easts, yes the mighty Hakoah, appear to be little better than expensive hobbies to a few rich men who must pour money into these teams to keep them in a league where in a few short years every successful club will have to be a business if success has to be continuing. The public relations aspect of the national league would never be able to allow a championship prospect, as Hakoah have been for two years, to be watched by 1,000 people. This is where the changes will have to be made, that "brake" that for years has been dragging soccer back from advancement, the amateur thinking administrator, who deludes himself he thinks professionally.

The whole administrative set up has to be re-thought. At A.S.F. level, and PSL level this re-planning should be easy for as of yet both bodies haven't attained great numerical strength. A successful and learned man like Sir Arthur George must ensure that he is surrounded by people who are successful in their own right and have soccer, and its furtherment, as their main motivation. Without this at the treetop growth will be stunted. The State levels are disaster areas for their administrative set-ups are completely introverted to progress, their decision making processes being controlled by the supposed democratic process that sees small clubs, numerically superior, decide on every policy whether it affects them directly or not. Queensland is a classic area of this type of problem and if we are not to continue our slide to oblivion that has



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been going on these last ten years something should be done NOW, NOW, NOW before we once again are awarded the title Cinderella State of Australian soccer, with more teams than anyone else, more juniors than anyone else, more experts than anyone else and a future as bleak as Antarctica as far as true progress is concerned. Everyone in soccer administration has to examine his motives, from Perry Park to the lowest club in ninth division. If the examination comes out first, soccer second, or individual first, soccer second then these people should get out of the game, the game is well rid of them. "Amateur thinking" is rife everywhere from the top to the bottom and soccer at the top is no longer an amateur game. Big money is being spent up there and when clubs are spending over \$200,000 a year in turnover the time for change has come. Only business thinking can control money like that and only people educated in business principles know how to control money in such a manner as to steer clear of financial ruin. Business men would never stand for the political manoeuvring and bitter in fighting that goes on in today's soccer administrations. They would sweep it out as being unproductive and restricting. Recent years have proved that our administration here in Queensland can no longer manage the affairs of the ever expanding OSF and at the same time come up

with the dynamic policies that we need to play our part in the great surge that is going on.

Promotion has to be given top priority. No longer is it enough to sit back, enjoy a drink, and wait for people to roll in Competition in Queensland is great, the promotions battle is going to be work, and gut-tearing work, and it is essential that our top soccer, national and state is promoted and marketed to the fullest extent possible. The ridiculous situation that has seen a recent trip to Europe and the Americas by a member of PSL, ostensibly to find out the methods of their promotion, and now, months later no report has gone out to member clubs, is ludicrous to say the least and would not be tolerated in private enterprise and should not be tolerated in what is now a million dollar

PSL, or national soccer is here to stay, but improvements will have to be made and they should be made now before clubs go broke or break out of the restrictive shackles of amateurism. The saying is oft heard, "they couldn't breakaway". but that has been heard before. Desperate straits make deseperate men, Should it come to that. We leave it to you our reader to think about.

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READERS FORUM

Dear Sir.

I am a great admirer of the 'GO SOCCER' publication and derive great pleasure weekly from reading its' contents. In particular I enjoy reading the 'Points to Ponder' section as the author raises some controversial issues and is usually accurate in his assessments.

However, I was rather confused and annoyed at one point raised in last week's issue. The author paid tribute to Wynnums successful run in the Ampol Cup this season (thank you), but then proceeded to 'insult' a number of very talented Wynnum players by placing a rather harsh 'rejection' label upon them.

Players mentioned as being 'rejected' by first division 'big names' at some stage in their career included Nigel Rehbock, Dave Large, Jimmy Carpenter, John Deegan and Steve Brown. I would like to know what criterion the author uses for labelling these players as 'rejects.'

If he is using the fact that they have moved to a 'less fashionable' club in his judgement I would have to disagree. Would one have labelled Ron Millman a reject when he moved from Merton to Redlands three seasons ago? Was Steve Dolan a 'reject' when he moved from first division Merton to second division Thistle last season? Certainly not! The movements of Richard Shortman and Sam Mancini further highlight this point.

Last season John Deegan starred in a Redlands team which won the grand final. This season he moves to a progressive second division club for the cool fee of \$1,500 and he is a rejected player?? Between them, Dave Large and Nigel Rehbock cost Wynnum Soccer Club \$4,000. I would suggest that these are not the prices readily paid for players who are only 'rejects'.

Jimmy Carpenter is a player of sheer class who has served a number of first division clubs well within his short career. There is not a person at Wynnum who doubts that Jim could not claim a first division team spot with any club in Brisbane.

Jim openly admits he is enjoying his football at Wynnum more than with any previous club, yet alas, he too, is a 'reject'.

All of the players mentioned asked for

transfers themselves, and just for the record, none were given free transfers, which is a sure indication of a rejected player.

Finally it is no exaggeration to say that the number of reserve grade games played by these players for their previous clubs could be counted on the fingers of a one armed man. Surely this is a more realistic criterion to use than to brand a player simply because he has moved to a club that is CURRENTLY playing in second division.

Yours Sincerely,

"Confused" (WSC)

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate two junior referees on their performances in an eighth division game last week-end.

The game was between Salisbury and Newmarket and for the third time the two teams have been drawn together this season a referee failed to show. The two juniors, B. Nolan and Stephen Fern, were the only officials at the game and were asked if they would referee.

They agreed and gave one of the best displays of refereeing and line running seen for many seasons by players and spectators.

Stephen Fern, who I was told later is only 15, was linesman and played the offside rule to perfection. He understood the section of the rule involving "when the ball was kicked" and made his decisions quickly and firmly.

The professionalism and skill of these youngsters was appreciated by both teams and hope for the game's sake they continue to the higher ranks of refereeing.

Well done boys.

Geoff Stead, on behalf of the Salisbury players and supporters.

Dear Sir,

Re stacking Colts teams article by Bernie Neville the North Brisbane coach. In the game between Redcliffe and North Brisbane at Redcliffe last Sunday, I came



WELL DONE SAINTS

As mentioned in the Ipswich Items column last week, four players from Spencer Kitching's junior Colts side at St. Helens are representing Queensland in the national under-15 titles in Gosford. Spencer, a former international who is certainly putting something back into the game, is pictured with his four stars of the future (from left to right) Brett Kitching, Nev O'Sullivan, John Miller and David Perrett.

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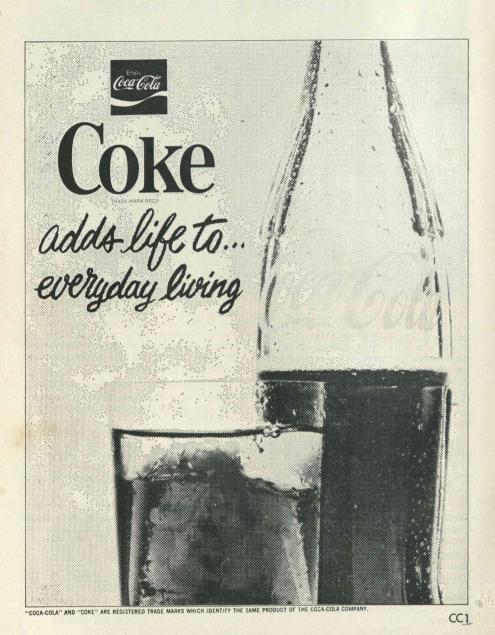
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to the conclusion Norths have the most mature looking Colts team in the League, or was it, the oldies have been taken off the bench.

Practice what you preach Bernie.

B. Taylor, Henzell Rd., Redcliffe

Dear Sir,

Newmarket Soccer Football Club wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Brian Nolan for the splendid job he did last Saturday in refereeing the 8th division game between Salisbury and Newmarket at McCook Park. As hard as it may seem to believe, for the third time in a row no official referee turned up to ref. matches between these two teams. Brian is a junior referee and had been appointed as a linesman for the afternoon's senior matches. Thanks Brian for a job well done.

Newmarket S.F.C.

Dear Sir,

I would like to add my support to Mr. Bob Butchard, whose letter in Reader's Forum last week brought up an old chestnut local products (Australia wide) v overseas products (world wide). I congratulate the ASF for going to the lengths they have to try and find the top quality required in a coach to take on the challenge of World Cup Soccer. But I agree with Mr. B. Why go to all that expense when we have the proven product here? I feel their judgement has been clouded by personality clashes in the past and it appears to be happening again. In other words, if your face doesn't fit you have no chance.

Let's look at some of the problems an outsider faces here in Australia, regardless of who it is or what qualifications he has. It's a brand new ball game here. Mr. Gutendorf is used to working in a country where Soccer is a religion, a way of life. As we saw in the last World Cup, finance and facilities would be no problem. Full time players at his disposal and full time staff to assist him. Chile is a much smaller country than Australia so wide travelling is essential here. Mr. Gutendorf will have to go all round the country and look us over, and time is a commodity we don't have a lot of, as four years is not long

for the job at hand. All of this already known to our local product — the state of the game here and what talent is available, how conditions vary from state to state, the political intrigues between the States etc.

All time consuming. One of the biggest drawbacks to any coach is the last mentioned item, and I know for a fact Australia's last two coaches found it very hard to get on with the job and handle this problem as well. Time is the most important thing in our World Cup build-up or should I say waste of time. Look at one of the greatest Soccer nations, Brazil. They are currently working three Cups ahead of themselves with three squads of different ages working towards their individual goals. America is now about to make an assault and they are looking not to the next one, but the one after — in eight years.

So in closing let me once again agree with Mr. B. and his choice of Rale Rasic who knows all about our problems and who did a remarkable job before with limited resources. Not that I agreed with his tactics in the 1974 Cup but I felt he was worth another go in this particular case.

Iain Kesson,
Ipswich United.

Dear Sir,

Re issue "Go Soccer 11th August 1978." A quote from North Brisbane Coach Bernie Neville article on Senior Colts teams' "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 on. We'll see all these clubs that scream about giving youth a go at their word and leave their oldies on the bench." end of Quote.

When I read that Mr. Neville, it sounded almost sincere until I watched Redcliffe v North Brisbane at Redcliffe on Sunday Aug. 27th then I realised you aren't any different from the people you shout about. Redcliffe Colts was the same team North Brisbane played before. It was a compliment indeed that you thought they were such strong competition you reinforced your team with 50% of your A Grade Team, or were you so desperate for a win.

R. Palmer, Kurrowah Cres. Margate.

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TRAVELODGE "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

BRISBANE City's Steve Perry has already been presented with his award from Brisbane Travelodge manager, Mr. Barrie Roberts, so all that remains is to list the players who won points in Lions' final home match, with the three point winner securing the final dinner for two at the Polynesian Room at the Travelodge.

The three points went to young Graham Wilson for yet another promising performance. It is significant that Graham also won points in his PSL debut earlier in the year against Canberra City. Two points were awarded to Steve Amos and one to Alan Niven.

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POINTS TO PONDER

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NEWCASTLE must have been the place to be last Saturday. Picture the scene, the mighty Marconi, the great Bobby Charlton the local heroes, and last but never never least 16,000 fanatical Newcastle fans roaring, singing, screaming, possibly even willing their boys to a 1-0 win. Can anyone who attended Perry Park recently and watched and heard 160 of these supporters imagine what it was like increased a hundred fold? Not to mention Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions treasurers who must be wondering what it is like to take home "a gate" of a least \$32,000 for one game instead of their usual \$2,500.

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A brand new soccer magazine on sale, a monthly edition called SOCCERLIFE and at \$1.25 it compares most favourably with any overseas publication. One sad note although it is an Australian magazine once again sad old Queensland has missed out on inclusion. So what's new??? The reasons are a bit obscure for the magazine does mention four Queensland stalwarts, Cyril Boland, Alan Vessey, Cliff McClurg and Nick Hretchke for their great work in the recent national youth titles held in Brisbane. The praise was unstinting and these four deserved every word of it for their organisation was as good as could be under difficult and trying conditions, least of all the lack of finance always so well provided by ???

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Lions and City now know what the public want if Sunday afternoon soccer is to be persevered with. Last week's promotion showed what can be done, with some good hard work by their respective committees. Wouldn't it be nice if the QSF showed a bit of initiative and formed a SOCCER PROMOTION COMMITTEE and in so doing did everyone, including themselves, a favour. Or is it too much to ask that the obvious be taken action upon.

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SECOND division clubs all walking around with a jaunty step these days for though Wynnum have a seven point lead the division Bill Bryant's men would be the first to admit they've had to fight every inch of the way for their seven

points. Every game is a cup-tie, only two weeks ago the top side had to battle all the way to beat second bottom Souths by one goal. And to think only one club was allowed to participate in the Ampol Cup, one club that has reached the final. Imagine some of the battles that could have taken place had all the teams been allowed to participate in a sudden death situation. What was the reason again?? Oh yes, not enough time or places, or something in the usual vein.

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WYNNUM with probably the best facilities of any club in Brisbane must be wondering if anyone would back them in the proposed State League. The Baysiders already way out leaders in second division have "done the deed" twice and lined up for the big test against Eagles after having knocked over Thistle and St. Helens. The State League position is laughable for on one hand we have finalists Southside Eagles already in State League with no apparent assets other than their players' contracts, on the other, Wynnum with their own ground, a good team and plans passed for a new clubhouse are not "IN". Ponderable Point??? Okay perhaps they didn't apply properly, but doesn't it make you wonder what the pre-requisites are for successful entry. Maybe some more "unfair guarantees".

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SOCCER staticians will have noted that even at the late stage of the 19th fixture in second division, Darra, fourth from the bottom still had a positive goal difference 33 for 31 against. This is most unusual and again is indicative of the tightness of the competition.

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ANOTHER five figure crowd showed up Sunday last when 15,000 people fronted up to witness the Adelaide battle. With all gate totals counted PSL drew 50,000 people through the turnstiles last weekend, not bad when you consider two of the games were played on a Saturday. With only four teams involved in final four place fight an average gate for seven matches of 7,000 isn't bad in anyone's langage.

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LOCAL first division player when asked his opinion of a spectators' eye view of Ampol Cup Final just shook his head. Wonder why???

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WHAT'S this, good friend Eric Sinclair getting upset at the lack of communication in the code? Comparing club administrators to mushrooms, but actually Eric, these same club administrators are the people who control soccer, so it may be that the "mushrooms" are being treated as they deserve to be treated. You got very close to agreeing with our "Insideman" when you made your point about Ampol Cup Ties being played at weekends, after all the Queensland Soccer Federation, that is the Council of Clubs, has gone to some great expense to provide excellent lights and accommodation at Perry Park??? By the way Eric, you criticised, well what's to be done??? That's the problem.

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THE Lions roared out a challenge to Newcastle last week. Their own cheer squad turned out at Perry Park and what a difference it made for before long the challenge was taken up and, you'd never believe it, the roars could have even be heard at the top of Abbortsford Road. Miraculous. As an aside it was nice to see Kevin Caldwell "baiting" his "tormentors" in a manner acceptable to the general public, this was the sign of maturity and professionalism that has long been absent in his makeup. He made more friends than enemies with his antics and that's the way it should be. What a contrast to the Ampol Cup Final when a certain young gentleman was extremely lucky to get only a vellow card for his antics.

Final Philips League Standings

| HOME | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|-----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Marconi | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 14 | 19 |
| West Adelaide | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 14 | 19 |
| East. Suburbs | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 11 | 18 |
| Sth. Melbourne | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 12 | 17 |
| W. Suburbs | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 18 | 16 |
| Fitzroy Utd. | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 14 | 15 |
| St. George | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 17 | 15 |
| Adelaide City | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 18 | 14 |
| Brisbane Lions | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 14 |
| Canberra City | 13 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 19 | 20 | 12 |
| Newcastle Utd. | 13 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 12 |
| Brisbane City | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 22 | 10 |
| Syd. Olympic | 13 | . 3 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 23 | 9 |
| Footscray | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 21 | 7 |

| AWAY | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | |
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| East. Suburbs | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 16 | 17 | |
| West Adelaide | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 17 | |
| Syd. Olympic | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 20 | 16 | |
| Sth. Melbourne | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 18 | 15 | |
| Footscray | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 16 | 15 | |
| Brisbane Lions | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 24 | 12 | |
| Marconi | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 17 | 11 | |
| Fitzroy Utd. | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 20 | 25 | 11 | |
| St. George | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 21 | 23 | 10 | |
| Newcastle Utd. | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 20 | 10 | |
| Adelaide City | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 26 | 10 | |
| W. Suburbs | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 27 | 8 | |
| Canberra City | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 21 | 8 | |
| Brisbane City | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 14 | 27 | 8 | |
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AGGREGATE

| | P | VV | D | L | F | A | Pis |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| West Adelaide | 26 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 42 | 27 | 36 |
| East. Suburbs | 26 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 49 | 27 | 35 |
| Sth. Melbourne | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 45 | 30 | 32 |
| Marconi | 26 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 46 | 31 | 30 |
| Fitzroy Utd. | 26 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 39 | 39 | 26 |
| Brisbane Lions | 26 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 37 | 39 | 26 |
| St. George | 26 | 11 | 3 | 12 | 41 | 40 | 25 |
| Syd. Olympic | 26 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 35 | 43 | 25 |
| W. Suburbs | 26 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 41 | 45 | 24 |
| Adelaide City | 26 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 38 | 44 | 24 |
| Newcastle Utd. | 26 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 33 | 40 | 22 |
| Footscray | 26 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 29 | 37 | 22 |
| Canberra City | 26 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 28 | 41 | 20 |
| Brisbane City | 26 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 29 | 49 | 17 |
| | | | | | 32 | | |

Final Leading P.S.L. Goalscorers

14 Goals — Ken Boden (Newcastle) Clive Eaton (Wests)

12 Goals — Jim Campbell (Fitzroy) Phil O'Connor (St. George)

11 Goals —
Roberto Vieri (Marconi)
Gary Cole (Fitzroy)

10 Goals —
Duncan Cummings (Sth. Melb.)
Alan Hughes (Lions)
Alan Fisher (Wests)

9 Goals —
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
Ivan Gruicic (Canberra)
Terry Byrne (Canberra)
Peter Ollerton (Marconi)

8 Goals — Hilton Silva (Easts) Ernie Campbell (Easts)

7 Goals — John Nyskohus (Adel. City) Alan Ainslie (Olympic)

NATIONAL UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 3rd '78

Queensland v South Aust.—3.00 p.m. G. Thistle A.C.T. v Tasmania—1.15 p.m. G. Thistle N.S.W. v Vic.—3.00 p.m. Annerley Western Aust v North. N.S.W.—1.15 p.m. Anner.

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 4th '78

A.C.T. v Northern N.S.W.—3.00 p.m. Perry Pk. N.S.W. v Western Aust.—3.00 p.m. G. Thistle Queensland v Tasmania—1.15 p.m. Perry Park South Aust. v Victoria—1.15 p.m. G. Thistle

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 5th '78

Queensland v Victoria ...1.15 p.m. Annerley Tasmania v North. N.S.W.—3.00 p.m. Annerley South Aust. v Western Aust.—3.00 p.m. P. P. A.C.T. v N.S.W.—1.15 p.m. Perry Pk.

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6th '78

Queensland v North. N.S.W.—3.00 p.m. Perry Pk. Victoria v Western Aust.—1.15 p.m. G. Thistle Tasmania v N.S.W.—3.00 p.m. G. Thistle South Aust. v A.C.T.—1.15 p.m. Perry Pk.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 7th '78

REST DAY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8th '78

Queensland v Western Aust.—1.15 p.m. Annerley North. N.S.W. v N.S.W.—1.15 p.m. Perry Pk. Victoria v A.C.T.—3.00 p.m. Perry Pk. Tasmania v South Aust.—3.00 p.m. Annerley

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 9th '78

North. N.S.W. v South Aust.—10.00 a.m. Annerley Victoria v Tasmania—6.00 p.m. Perry Pk. Queensland v N.S.W.—7.45 p.m. Perry Pk. Western Aust. v A.C.T.—10.00 a.m. G. Thistle

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10th '78

Queensland v A.C.T. Perry Park N.S.W. v South Aust. Perry Park Western Aust. v Tasmania Perry Park North. N.S.W. v Victoria Perry Park

NOTE: On the final day all games will be played at Perry Par 10.00 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. Times will be allocated to matches during the week of the competition, (taking into account the position of the teams.

Who's going to keep you warm this winter?

