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FORMER Lions, Grange Thistle and Southside Eagles midfielder Ritchie Wilson, now playing some forceful stuff in the green and white of Ipswich United.

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CLUB NEWS

DUTTON PARK UNITED

"QANTAS CUP"

LAST week we managed to get the side to Beerwah for our second round clash with Caloundra and a 6.45 p.m. kick off. The game ended in a 5-1 win for Dutton Pk. and without going into the game in detail the whole side played well and it was a great result for us. Goal scorers for United were Mr. Magic Duncan Brampton a hat trick, scoring in the 34th, 65th, and 86th minutes, Iron Man Ian Robinson in the 16th minute and Dashing Doug Carningham in the 72nd minute. This now takes us into the final sixteen sides and we welcome and look forward to our next round clash against Westside.

CONGRATULATIONS
"R.A.A.F."

DUTTON Park saw any chance of winning this years premiership fly off last week when we were soundly beaten by the R.A.A.F. at Amberley.

Dutton Park was in fact the first side to score when "Mr. Magic" Duncan Brampton spun a web around the R.A.A.F. defence to score a perfect goal in the eleventh minute. The R.A.A.F. not to be denied came back strongly and equalised 3 minutes later. Spurred on by this goal they again found the net to take the score to 2-1 after only fifteen minutes. Up to half time play saw both sides having their chances but not scoring.

After the break saw twenty minutes of

tight football with no side gaining the advantage until out of the blue the United defence cracked and allowed the R.A.A.F.

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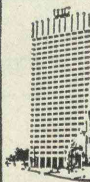
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to pop in number three. And to top the day off disastrously for Dutton Park the R.A.A.F. pushed home an obvious off side goal to make the final score 4-1.

The style of football the R.A.A.F. play is to say the least physical (ask our players) but it must work, as I'd say they have taken out this years premiership with only this weekends' match against Moggill to go. Once again Dutton Parks' congratulations go to the coach, officials and players of the R.A.A.F.

UP A GHOST . . . CASPER

Footnote . . . Sorry we missed the party chaps, negotiations broke down somewhere

LAST GAME DECIDER

THIRD DIVISION — Salisbury play Rovers at Fairfield this week in a match that will decide the Third Division premiership.

Salisbury lead Rovers by one point and need only a draw to win their fourth divisional premiership in five years. Had they not had a loss of form in several games about a month ago Salisbury could by now have sewn up the premiership race. This year's achievement has been a credit to the players and coach Bob Butchard. After being promoted from the fourth division last year many thought Salisbury had reached their standard and would have an average season.

The team proved otherwise and much to the delight of their fanatical supporters were among the pace-setters throughout the whole season. Last week's game against Westside was typical of the team's performances this season. They played as a unit and always strived to attack. Although four players had physiotherapy prior to the game Salisbury were comfortable 2-1 winners. Their goals came from Bruce Austin who timed perfectly a ball crossed from the right and a Steve Donald penalty.

The Westside goal was against the run of play and although they provided fine competition were perhaps lucky not to have conceded more than two goals. The Salisbury midfield of Graham "Rocky" Stone, John "Thommo" Robinson and Dave "Jinx" Mahoney were again outstanding. Johnny Slater and Gary Jackson both went well in the forwards. Hopefully all players will be recovered from injuries on Saturday and we can field our best side for what is sure to be an action-packed close to the season.

EIGHTH DIVISION — Salisbury may have faltered at the last hurdle in their attempt to win the eighth division premiership.

They lost 2-1 to Westside last week and are now second in the division by one point. They now must get three points from their last fixture against University and their deferred game against Newmarket to ensure they win the premiership. Last Saturday's match was a game of two halves with Salisbury on top in the first half but Westside dominating the second. Salisbury started the game without three regulars due to injury and a wedding commitment. The missing players were not noticed in the first half and Salisbury played like a premiership winning team.

The midfield won almost every ball and were responsible for creating the movement that gave the home team their only goal. After half-time a complete change came over the game and Westside constantly attacked the Salisbury goal. But for some brilliant goal-keeping by Ian Houghton and sturdy defence by Greg Gillespie, Westside may have got more than their two goals. An all-out effort will be required by the team to win the premiership which on footballing performances this season is rightfully theirs.

SENIOR COLTS — Congratulations to every player in last week's game against Mitchelton for what can only be described as a guts effort.

Salisbury were beaten in the corresponding first round fixture 5-nil but it took a suspect penalty decision to rob them of a well deserved point in last Sunday's game at Massinger Street. It was a make-shift Salisbury team that went on the field but they made Mitchelton fight all the way. Although Mitchelton were by far the more skilful team Salisbury showed solid running and determined tackling could make up for their lack of ball skills. The defence of Ian Houghton, Gary Weir, Keith Forrest, John Troeger and Steve Brown were outstanding and although they had some shaky moments were always willing to fight back when they lost the ball.

Gary Weir was particularly good in the back-line and won almost every challenge in the air. In midfield Dave Mahoney and Mick Somers both had solid games and continued running to the final whistle. It was in the forwards that our luck ran out. Rob Haigh, Glen Switzer and Stephen Downey constantly broke through a flat Mitchelton defence but were unable to put the ball in the net. Rob Haigh in the last five minutes had three shots which

scrapped outside the upright. Although this team will probably finish in the lower half of the division in the second round they have been far from disgraced and have shocked some of the higher ranked clubs.

R.A.A.F. REPORTING

R.A.A.F. v DUTTON PARK

IT was a black day for the Black Knight at RAAF Amberley on Saturday's clash between the league leaders. While we were confident of winning this game, it was very satisfying to do it with such a good margin. Thanks must go to all of our team who performed magnificently, with special thanks to Keith Logan, three goals, Fitzzy Fitzgerald, one goal, other players who must rate a mention are Shorty Messer, Trevor Kay, Greg Parker and Col Davidson.

Throughout the season we have always held a social gathering with our opponents at our clubhouse after the game. So far all teams we have played have joined us except Dutton Park. We feel though, that this should be a good financial gain for them as they will have enough sour grapes to keep them in wine for a long time.

The Exorcist

ANNERLEY ANALYSIS

by Bill Williams

IT seems incredible that I could go on three full weeks leave at this part of the season and only miss one of our first division games. This was the case, however, due to Ampol Cup finals and surely the programme could be arranged better than this. On the other hand, some teams had four matches in a week, far too many for any teams.

Anyhow we made our comeback against Richlands at Lions Stadium last Friday on the first day of spring, and wouldn't you know it two storms swept the ground, the first about 5 p.m. and the second about 7 p.m. As a result the field was largely underwater and to be frank, I thought it unfit for play. Referee Jack Wood apparently did not consider this to be so and strode out to commence play only 10 minutes late. The following 90 minutes proved his decision correct and a fast, exciting and hard fought match resulted, with a good degree of skill considering the conditions.

Most players adapted well and the sureness of their passing and kicking was remarkable, except of course when the

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ball stopped dead in the water. Particularly good for Annerley were Oakes, Gray, Grundy and Reid while the home team players Ball, Ogden and Sleight made all out efforts. Both keepers Ferguson and Wilson were outstanding and handled the slippery, muddy ball with ease on most occasions. An even first half looked like ending scoreless until two minutes before the break when Gary Lovell contested an even match race down the right wing with a defender. The ball, from wide out skidded across the water past the stranded keeper and into the net to give Annerley a 1-0 lead.

Midway through the second session Richlands levelled the score from a good corner which resulted in a goalmouth scramble in the water and from the mass of players, Wally Lesniak was successful. It looked as though a draw might be a final and fitting result but Annerley then scored the two best goals of the match. The first came from a Tom Gray free kick which was headed in by Stan Dunlop from close range and the second from a cross by Brian Lampitt, who had replaced the injured Pat Blackall. The ball went across the goal and a great left foot shot by Glenn Burden from about 16 metres found the back of the net. Our two Peters, Fullager and Browne were tireless throughout and contributed in no small way to the team effort. There is a rumour that if you win at Richlands they turn the hot water off in the visitors' showers. Don't really believe this is true but with lots of mud and dirt to remove, our players found the cold water quite invigorating, to say the least.

The following day our ninth division travelled westward for a very important match against Taringa. The home side were three points ahead of us and had not suffered a defeat in the entire season, a magnificent achievement by any standards. With only one match after this, a win was vital for us to have any chance of the premiership and we managed to scrape home 2-1. There was obviously some needle in the game and the referee was determined to keep a tight control over proceedings.

During the game, six caution cards were issued and three kicks from the penalty spot awarded, from two of which goals were scored. The scorers were John Di Bartholomeo and Bob Marshall for Annerley and Richard Dinsdale for Taringa. The premiership now rests on this week's match, where Taringa appear to have the easier draw. It was good to meet old friends at Taringa and be afforded the hospitality of their quite magnificent club,

with its new viewing balcony overlooking the field.

To continue our travelling weekend our sixth division went out to Prentice Park on the Sunday to play North Brisbane. With the park in poor condition the football was not of a high standard but Annerley managed to go in at halftime leading 2-0. Shortly after the break it became 3-0 and it looked all over. However Norths came back to score three goals in seven minutes to level at 3-3. The final 20 minutes then provided tense football and Annerley managed to score two more goals to make the final count 5-3. Our scorers were Laurie Christisen with two, while Keith Packer, Jim Thornton and Ritchie Smiles knocked in one each.

OXLEY v TARINGA

THE season is almost over and if this game was indicative of the standard then both sets of supporters will be glad, for seldom has the writer seen such rubbish being perpetrated on the public under the guise of the name soccer.

Three occasions were memorable in the

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ninety minutes, two of them by Paul Yueuell the ex Queensland player and the other by Gordon Arrowsmith. Paul, who is so obviously out of condition is still a player of considerable class and his first effort was a worked set piece that saw him, overweight and all, dart through a mesmerised Taringa defence to cut a ball back on to the crossbar with keeper Bowen well beaten. His second contribution was late in the second half when he lost his marker completely and threw himself at the cross only to see his header rocket over the bar. Arrowsmith at the other end showed Taringa players what skill is all about when, fed up standing on the wing as a spectator, he moved into the middle and with his back to the goal, collected a ball, pivoted and crashed a great shot with his left foot goalwards only to see the Oxley keeper bring off another good save. That was it, the rest of the game was totally forgettable, to see two or three players, so obviously coming on, or out of condition show the others what the game is all about is an indictment on the standard of young players. Both back lines played reasonably well in a destructive role, though keeper Bowen of Taringa has to question his positioning of the wall, for the ball that beat him from a free kick was a trundler. Oxley played with ten men for eighty minutes so they have to get full marks for guts none more so than another veteran, Ron Hansord who ran his heart out for those eighty minutes when he was left alone by player coach, Trevor Jones who was the player sent off. That was it, probably the worst game we have seen yet in second division, a game totally devoid of good football, no advert for either side.

TOOWONG TITBITS

by *The Twig*

IN the recent fourth division match between Toowong and Rochedale, the former were first to score in the 32nd minute from a long through ball from John Michaels that resulted in misunderstanding in the Rochedale penalty area and Tony Moore was right on the spot to take advantage. Rochedale came back quickly to equalise in the 35th minute with a header from their left winger. The match from then on was a tough physical game with neither able to get on top.

Toowong were unlucky not to win when

John Elliott put a penalty past the right hand post. In the eighth division match Toowong scored the first goal after eight minutes through good work by midfielder Dave Johnson, with fullback turned striker Steve Coleman able to put the cross in without too much trouble. Toowong's second goal came after 21 minutes when Keith Whittam capitalised on a Rochedale mistake and scored the easiest of goals.

Right on halftime Toowong lost striker John Kelly with an eye injury. Rochedale scored in the 41st minute after their centre half ran through on a loose ball and poked it in the corner giving keeper Simon Kelly no chance. Having only his third game for the club, Simon played well. Rochedale pursued Toowong all the way in the second half but just couldn't get the equaliser.

IPSWICH ITEMS

by *Iain Kesson*

WE played our last home game of the season against Redlands and thanks to Dickie Karreman it turned out a real cliffhanger, with Ipswich scoring two goals in the last two minutes. We went into attack right from the whistle with Ritchie Wilson forcing Karreman to make the first of many good saves. Redlands came right back at us and strong defence by Wayne Warren kept them out. There is nothing scientific about this young Redland side but with two more than willing workhorses up front they are certainly a handful.

But there's more to this game than being physical. If young Danny Hill can acquire some of the skills of the game he is going to be an even bigger thorn in defenders' sides. He put Redlands ahead with a good shot from 12 yards after unexpectedly finding himself in the clear, Bryan Kathage beat two men in a 30 nothing scientific about this young side yard run but this shot was blocked, leaving it 1-0 at halftime. With Ipswich creeping back into the game Karreman was again in action to push Martin Breen's shot over the top. The Redlands defence came under heavy fire but managed to survive three successive shots with Ian Lawrie, Kathage and Breen prominent.

Gavin Johnston replaced Kathage and was immediately in action forcing Karreman into two good saves. With 11 minutes to go it was all Ipswich, with corner after

corner and quite a few free kicks. Kathage had done his job well, earlier supplying a head flick which enabled Ian Lawrie through the defence, when he drew Karreman and coolly scored. Laurie Devereaux came on for Randall McKeand and finally got one past Karreman with a great right foot shot from 18 yards. From the kickoff, Ian Lawrie did well to get through three tackles and turn back a cross which Gavin Johnston got down to head in from two yards at the near post. That was it. Just enough time for the restart and two hard earned points. Not one of our best efforts but all points at this stage are vital.

Our reserves also left it pretty late to run out convincing 5-1 winners over Redlands. We should have been five up at halftime but our finishing let us down. Trevor Broadbent shot wide in a goal-mouth scramble and three chances in quick succession from Murray Kitching, Steve McDowall and Kenny Auld were all blocked. A first time drive by Blue Roberts went just over and again we were suffering at the hands of the officials, a term I use loosely.

Every 50-50 foul went against us. Redlands have a quick breakaway and Ian Humphreys rushed in and gave away a penalty. Redlands made no mistake and led 1-0. Very frustrating to have the bulk of the game yet find yourself down a goal. It's a funny game this. Steve McDowall could have put us on level terms at least with three chances right on halftime but all were off target. We had three good chances early in the second half but then Redlands broke back and Benny Tognini did well to keep us only a goal down.

Greg Dobbie joined the list of over the bar merchants and when Steve McDowall was brought down on the edge of the box, where do you think the free kick ended. You guessed it, over the bar. With 26 minutes played Devereaux finally got the equaliser with his head from close in. That's the one we had needed and within a minute we had scored again with Blue Roberts slamming in from 18 yards. In the 30th minute McDowall got on the blind side of the defence. His header was only partially saved and Blue was on hand to slam it home. Bryan Dowse beat his opposite number and crossed hard and low into a crowded box. Just who put it in the back of the net to make it 4-1 is anybody's guess. Five minutes from time Peter Binnie scored our fifth to complete a good win—although we went about it the hard way. Good to

see Steve back after eight weeks off with a bad leg injury.

Our senior Colts also had a convincing win, downing Newmarket 7-0 and while the scoreline indicates a walkover, it wasn't quite that way. Newmarket have only got to learn to finish off their moves. In the 2nd minute Dave O'Toole was required to save well when centre half Phil Greenall slipped over allowing the Newmarket striker a clear shot. Phil went close at the other end shortly after with a good 35 yard drive. Newmarket's occasional breakaways relieved the tremendous pressure we were applying but when that happened, centre back Jeff Lindsay's strong tackling served us well. Newmarket got their first corner after 40 minutes and Saints were lucky to scramble it away.

No score at halftime but the second half started with a bang with Newmarket forcing two quick corners. We strung together three corners then and from the third came our opening goal, when Greenall used his height well to head in from five yards. Saints proceeded to deal out the KO blows with another two goals inside three minutes. Norm Pennells flicked on a good header at the near post to set up Eric Baddley and Norm a minute later squeezed his shot under the Newmarket keeper.

Newmarket to their credit did not drop their heads and battled on well but their biggest problem was to stop red-headed Pennells from continually bursting down the centre. Steven Muller found the back of the net for the first time, and Greenall and Baddley each added their second to make it 6-0, before Pennells completed the job. Again Newmarket came back bravely and in the last few minutes, only a good diving save from O'Toole kept them off the score sheet. Seven goals in 45 minutes was a good effort lads.

Booval Stars went down 4-2 to Kingsridge in a game they should never have lost, after being two down in the first 20 minutes. They came back to level at 2-2 by halftime through Wally Robbins and in the second half Stars had the chance to clinch it but missed two penalties. Kingsridge picked up — who wouldn't with this kind of let off and scored twice in the last 20 minutes to take the points. Saints' under-11 and under-14 both had convincing wins over Bankstown in two exhibition games after the main match on Sunday night. There was some great football played. Well done the under-13 premiers who defeated Lions in a cliffhanger to go on to meet Mertons this weekend in the grand final.

Now on a very sad note the Ipswich United and St. Helens Soccer clubs and all in Queensland Soccer I'm sure will join with me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Col Kitching and family on the tragic loss last Sunday of their son Ross, who was killed in a road accident.

DARRA UNLUCKY

SECOND DIVISION — Trident defeated Darra 3-2 in a match in which Darra were unlucky not to gain the two points. Both teams started well, attacking their respective goals. It was Darra who drew first blood by scoring in the thirty second minute. This lead was short-lived when the referee awarded a penalty to Leigh Fett.

John Shepherd, back in the side after four weeks on the side line through injury, made no mistake when he took the kick levelling the score at one all. Trident progressed further when a cross ball from Bart McConachy to Dave Miller who

passed to Leigh Fett who was in a position to score. In the second half Trident faded away and Darra applied the pressure and was eventually rewarded by scoring another goal. Dennis Lockhart again put in another untiring ninety minutes of football in defence and had it not been for this, Trident's win might have been a loss.

The winning goal for Trident was scored by the opposition. Darra had nothing to gain by winning this match but are to be congratulated for playing attacking football thus forcing Trident to play very negative football.

SEVENTH DIVISION — The game between Darra and Trident was a 'do or die' affair for Trident. Trident only needed one point to stay in the final four. On a very short field with wet, greasy patches anything could have happened but Trident stayed in tune and played good constructive football being unlucky not to have scored on a few occasions.

Trident's first goal came twenty minutes into the first half. Terry Kirkwood ran the ball almost to the line, laid it square to Mick Dorian and an easy goal even-

tuated. Trident's second goal (in the twenty-third minute) came from a penalty when Ivan Sukic was pushed off the ball and the referee rightly awarded a penalty. From this point onwards Trident kept the pressure on Darra's defence.

Trident's third goal in the fortieth minute resulted when Terry Kirkwood again laid a square ball to Mick Dorian who pushed the ball into an open space enabling Steve Mecner to run onto it and score. Trident rested on their morals after scoring one more goal via Mick Dorian (his second for the match). Trident's lead did not seem to daunt Darra and Darra went on to score a goal midway through the second half.

Q.S.F. — QANTAS POINTS TABLES

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THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rovers	21	13	6	2	39	21	32
Salisbury	21	14	3	4	44	19	31
Pine Rivers	21	13	3	5	46	30	29
St. Albans	21	11	3	7	43	28	25
Newmarket	20	10	4	6	42	25	24
Westside	21	10	3	8	48	26	23
Olympic	20	10	2	8	39	32	22
Nerang	21	9	2	10	25	32	20
The Gap	21	5	3	13	27	37	13
North Star	21	3	7	11	15	38	13
Inala Rangers	21	3	4	14	18	48	10
Willowburn	21	3	2	16	22	72	8

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Twin Towns	21	14	6	1	67	25	34
Industrial	21	16	1	4	86	35	33
Kingsridge	21	14	4	3	77	43	32
Goodna	21	14	2	5	46	16	30
University	21	10	4	7	35	27	24
Booval Stars	21	8	3	10	39	39	19
Northside	20	8	3	9	37	41	19
Brighton	20	8	2	10	64	51	18
Rochedale	21	5	4	12	33	43	14
Toowong	21	6	1	14	23	42	13
Bayside	21	4	4	13	45	51	12
Padua	21	1	—	20	20	159	2

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RAAF	20	16	3	1	62	15	35
Adams Park	20	15	3	2	49	17	33
Dutton Park	21	15	2	4	79	20	32
South Star	20	13	3	4	43	26	29
Albany Creek	20	12	3	5	57	24	27
Wacol	21	12	2	7	58	36	26
Samford	21	9	3	9	34	45	21
Slacks Creek	20	4	4	12	17	47	12
North Pine	20	3	5	12	24	50	11
Moggill	21	3	2	16	28	87	8
Greenbank	21	3	1	17	16	93	7
Police Acad.	21	2	1	18	15	22	5

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eagles	20	13	4	3	42	27	30
St. George	20	10	7	3	34	18	27
Ipswich Utd.	20	10	6	4	38	18	26
Mt. Gravatt	20	11	3	6	38	26	25
Thistle	19	9	6	4	39	20	24
Nth. Brisbane	19	8	6	5	39	25	22
Annerley	20	4	8	8	21	30	16
Spencer Park	20	6	4	10	29	45	16
Merton	19	6	3	10	18	31	15
Richlands	19	5	2	12	24	38	12
Sunnyside	20	4	4	12	25	48	12
Redlands	20	4	3	13	25	46	11

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	20	16	2	2	58	20	34
Gold Coast	21	12	5	4	44	27	29
Trident	21	11	5	5	36	30	27
Coalstars	21	11	4	6	38	31	26
Mitchelton	20	10	4	6	42	24	24
Oxley	21	9	4	8	37	38	22
Acacia Ridge	21	8	4	9	30	30	20
Taringa	21	6	7	8	26	25	19
Darra	21	5	7	9	35	34	17
Redcliffe	21	6	5	10	27	46	17
Souths	21	4	1	16	15	50	9
Fort. Valley	21	1	4	16	32	65	6

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt. Gravatt	20	16	1	3	46	21	33
St. Helens	19	15	—	4	52	22	30
Annerley	20	14	2	4	44	28	30
Eagles	20	13	—	7	63	33	26
Wynnum	19	9	3	7	38	40	21
Sunnyside	20	9	2	9	44	32	20
Redlands	19	9	2	8	38	36	20
Nth. Brisbane	19	9	2	8	38	44	20
Merton	19	6	4	9	31	39	16
Richlands	19	2	4	13	26	73	8
Thistle	19	3	2	14	17	69	8

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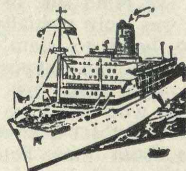
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SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	21	19	1	1	76	18	39
Mitchelton	21	17	3	1	71	19	37
Trident	21	13	2	6	64	34	28
Taringa	21	13	—	8	53	29	26
Darra	21	9	4	8	49	35	22
Gold Coast	21	10	2	9	58	47	22
Oxley	21	8	3	10	46	61	19
Redcliffe	21	6	6	9	37	44	18
Souths	21	6	2	13	35	51	14
Rovers	21	3	4	14	26	62	10
Pine Rivers	21	4	2	15	28	70	10
Fort. Valley	21	3	1	17	27	100	7

COLTS B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	24	20	1	3	88	16	41
Spencer Park	23	18	2	3	71	18	38
Thistle	23	17	4	2	69	19	38
Inala City	24	18	2	4	87	30	38
St. George	23	16	4	3	76	26	36
Redlands	21	9	5	7	49	40	23
The Gap	23	11	1	11	39	34	23
Wynnum	23	10	1	12	58	66	21
Bardon Jnr.	23	8	3	12	34	45	19
Newmarket	24	6	2	16	33	97	14
Ipswich City	23	6	1	16	30	82	13
Souths	23	4	1	18	24	101	9
Virginia	23	3	1	19	19	88	7
Nth. Brisbane	24	2	—	22	17	32	4

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Westside	21	14	3	4	38	20	31
Salisbury	20	13	4	3	51	22	30
North Star	21	13	3	5	59	23	29
St. Albans	21	12	2	7	55	33	26
Newmarket	20	11	3	6	64	27	25
The Gap	21	10	4	7	38	25	24
Olympic	21	9	4	8	45	44	22
University	21	8	4	9	38	35	20
Inala Rangers	21	6	3	12	44	81	15
Rochedale	21	5	4	12	31	42	14
Toowong	21	3	5	13	27	61	11
Brighton	21	—	3	18	30	107	3

NINTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa	21	15	5	1	86	17	35
Annerley	21	16	2	3	96	21	34
Mitchelton	21	14	3	4	60	18	31
Wynnum	21	14	3	4	74	23	31
Goodna	21	11	3	7	75	48	25
North Star	21	10	3	8	54	40	23
Mt. Gravatt	21	8	1	12	44	58	17
Industrial	21	7	2	12	51	62	16
Bayside	21	6	2	13	34	73	14
Redcliffe	21	5	—	16	25	113	10
Adams Park	21	4	1	16	27	62	9
Souths	21	3	1	17	18	109	7

COLTS POINTS TABLE

COLTS A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nth. Brisbane	22	19	1	2	57	15	39
Thistle	22	17	3	2	67	16	37
Redcliffe	23	15	5	3	49	25	35
Merton	20	13	4	3	39	18	30
Richlands	23	14	2	7	56	31	30
Coalstars	24	12	4	8	45	33	28
Mitchelton	23	11	1	11	61	48	23
Acacia Ridge	24	9	4	11	39	49	22
North Star	24	7	2	15	39	56	16
Annerley	24	5	5	14	44	56	15
Salisbury	21	6	3	12	26	55	15
Mt. Gravatt	24	6	2	16	39	68	14
Pine Rivers	24	4	3	17	37	86	11
Gold Coast	24	1	5	18	22	64	7

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

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

STATE LEAGUE — PROSPECTS ??

WITH the great silence emanating from Perry Park about our new State League, we at GO SOCCER would like to take our reader into the realms of supposition and see what the chances are of this great idea meeting with success. That it is a great idea is indisputable but like most great ideas it requires more than praise to make it work and this is the area we would like to investigate to see what work, if any, has gone into the competition, for it is now over a year since it was first mooted by this magazine.

From the few reports it would appear Southside Eagles, St. George Souths, Grange Thistle, Ipswich Utd., Mt. Gravatt, Gold Coast, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay and Bundaberg will be the inaugural members. The criteria for Brisbane sides appears to be vague and in fact, doesn't stand up too well to an inquiring search. Grange Thistle and Ipswich United are in the throes of adding lavish clubhouses to their already established complexes. Mt. Gravatt, growing strongly these last few years are no doubt thinking along the same lines with their field now in tip top condition and a few experienced players added to their squad. St. George and Eagles are different kettles of fish. Although St. George have a ground, no one in soccer would say it is anywhere near ready for big match promotion and from all reports the club itself is in the throes of reorganisation at administrative level, throes that are not altogether "peaceful" in their workings. Eagles have an experienced squad of players, some very dedicated workers, a hard-core of die-hard fans and precious little else from all appearances. Finding a common denominator in these five clubs is extremely difficult and again one wonders why Wynnum and Redcliffe with their potential supports were not considered. The country clubs will of course welcome the league, it is in fact a great leap forward for them and whether they have the "soccer acumen" to match their un-doubted business acumen only time will tell.

Can State League succeed in Queensland? An economic investigation does not answer this question too confidently. Applying business costing to the exercise is reasonably easy but throws up disturbing figures. Here is a breakdown, on a club like Eagles, who it would be reasonable to expect would do well in the first season, on the field of play.

Weekly expenditure to cover costs on two matches:—

\$1,000 (Entry bond)
\$1,400 (Players wages)
\$300 (Coach and masseur)
\$100 (Referees)
\$150 (Ground rent)
\$200 (Team insurance)
\$20 (Laundry)
\$10 (Balls)
\$20 (First Aid Needs)

Total \$3200

From these figures it would appear Eagles would need an income of \$3,200 per game to break even on costs of putting one team on the field. At \$1.50 entrance fee for paying adults, this represents a Perry Park crowd of 2,100 people, for every home game??? Raffles and doubles represent small regular income but this money could be accounted for by the fixed costs that all club treasurers know about, fees to Federation, training ground rental, fines, donations, training lights, training gear, playing gear etc. etc.

This figure would be decreased considerably by sponsorship being found to offset the \$100,000 'bond' figure but at this late date little success appears to have been accomplished in this field though maybe that is another well kept secret, hopefully it is.

Grange, Ipswich, Mt. Gravatt and the country clubs will no doubt enjoy the benefits of added income from drink and food sales at their grounds but it is doubtful at this stage if any club in the State league would draw a 2,000 regular following to every home game. So what's ahead for our State league clubs if success has to be achieved. As we said in last weeks GO SOCCER there are two choices, — promotion or subsidy. Our State League entrants must learn from the Philips League clubs. Subsidising teams with no apparent let up is a long term road to disaster, a throwing of good money after bad. Promotion has to be the name of the game, and it is here the lessons have to be learned. With Philips League turnover now getting near \$200,000 a year and from our figures a minimum turnover of \$100,000 a probability at State level it is absolutely necessary that the PSL and QSL teams get their bright minds together and come up with a plan that will mean not only survival but a semblance of progress to be achieved in the code. As

it is just now, no communication, no aid to each other, no pooling of ideas, there can only be a long line of failure. It doesn't have to be that way unless we

want it, what does the reader think, can our clubs be so blind to the obvious, we'd like to hear your ideas.

Insideman.

THE BIG MATCH

MADISON Square Garden, home of some great battles, has never seen a fiercer fight than the one brewing between two desperate opponents, in one corner the Queensland Soccer Federation Management Committee, in the other the Brisbane Lions Soccer Club, to date our most successful Philips League team in terms of league position attained.

We in GO SOCCER warned of this confrontation some weeks ago but the preliminaries were fought and now it appears the big one may have to take place in order that a decision be made.

The local press, fighting all the usual problems they have in Brisbane, have attempted to report the issue in a fair unbiased manner but their coverage and space has been scanty and brief. This week we in GO SOCCER would like to put the facts as we know them in front of the soccer public in order that they understand the dilemmas of both factions and who knows, may in Reader's Forum suggest a solution to the undoubted problem.

The Queensland Soccer Federation Management Committee are in a terrible position. In 1968 they took upon themselves a project that had no equal in Australian soccer, the establishment of a headquarters for the game in Brisbane, Perry Park. The story is history and we have today a beautiful ground, nice environs, good floodlights, spectator cover and almost foolproof turnstiles. It is doubtful if the original concept will ever be completed as building costs have escalated considerably since 1968 but few can deny that at the moment it is the premier soccer stadium in Brisbane. The present position the Management Committee find themselves in, was foreseeable five or six years ago, when, after a temporary lull, a decline in soccer attendances began to show itself again. With falling crowds all over Australia something had to be done and with the coming of Philips League, a national competition, the Management Committee saw the means and wherewithal to get back on the "profit trail" and immediately set about upgrading Perry Park by adding the lights and ex-

tending the grassed bankings. Then, after a semi-successful first season, turnstiles and the cover was added. Everything in the place seemed rosy for both PSL clubs had agreed to play their home games at Perry Park for three seasons. Even the method of payment for the cover gave out optimism, a surcharge of 50c would make sure the public would provide money, however the public was the one variable that no one could forecast and as usual the fickle public upset the appletart last season by staying away in their droves, the decline increasing week by week until a low of 1,200 was reached by Lions a few weeks ago. The Management Committee, responsible to the Council of Clubs for the operation of the ground and its environs (not the club and bars as everyone thinks) must have been worried as they saw income drop off almost every week and by end of season they must have known the writing was on the wall. Perry Park operates as a successful club five days a week but the ground gives very little, if any income. Saturday or at least every alternate Saturday sees a first division team use Perry Park as a home ground. This club could count their regular supporters in figures of two digits so it would probably be correct to say that that Saturday is an operating dead loss. The other Saturday sees a constitutional option game played but even these have not been successful, seldom drawing more than 200 people to "Match of the Day". With crowds down to between 1,500 and 2,000 on a Sunday the future looks bleak, for that sort of crowd does not generate the type of finance to pay for the extensions to Perry Park. The QSF Management Committee have their backs against the wall for three of their sixty-six member clubs, yes 3 out of 66, are not generating enough interest to create an income for Perry Park.

This statement bears investigation for it is true that three clubs — Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions and North Brisbane are now the only clubs subsidising a stadium that is in effect owned by the sixty-six member clubs of the Queensland Council of Soccer Clubs. These 3 clubs and their supporters regularly con-



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tribute money to the upkeep of Perry Park while the other 63 pay up their dues grudgingly and then get on with the job of developing their own complexes, no matter how grand or humble. That is the situation facing the QSF Management Committee today.

Brisbane Lions are in a terrible position. Lions who are indisputably Queensland's top soccer club are facing a terrible dilemma, they are in the process of going broke. Their management have taken a long hard look at things and are forced to make a decision which on the face of things looks to be detrimental to soccer, or arrogant, or self interested, or whatever the cynic likes to label their action. Back in 1969 the Lions club took a great leap forward and established a costly complex at Richlands with a view to wooing the great British population in Inala back to soccer. At the time the QSF mooted this as the thing for all clubs to look to and in fact blessed the project with their approval. The complex grew and grew and Lions became one of the foremost soccer identities, not only in Queensland, but in Australia; playing host to Sydney clubs and even the Australian team at their Pine Road ground. Then came Philips League and with crowds expected in the 4,000 region the club agreed to play at Perry Park as they felt their own ground could not handle such a crowd and with

a 4,000 crowd they could operate on a break even figure. The first season was not good, the team never received the backing that Brisbane City enjoyed and their crowds were always a bit lower than expected. A loss was incurred during the first year of PSL operation. The second season saw the club gamble big money on name players and as expected became the better performed of the two Brisbane clubs but still the crowds stayed away, their average dropping to a 2,000 mark before seasons end despite a huge effort on promotion and marketing by a special committee. Now came the start of the problems for with another huge loss apparent, the junior orientated committee began to ask why the club was not developing Richlands any further. It was apparent that the ground could handle the meagre crowds they were getting at Perry Park, it was apparent that very few if any, supporters were making the journey from Inala to Abbotsford Road and the loss of income when one compared Pine Road and Perry Park was tremendous. This had to be explained so that the reader has full comprehension.

At Perry Park a club's income is confined to gate money, raffles and doubles. The Queensland Soccer Club takes all profits made on bars and food stalls in the main building. We are not sure who gets the profits from the stalls and bars on "the

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hills" but it certainly is not the club who is playing. At Pine Road Brisbane Lions could expect to draw income from gate, raffles and doubles, sale of food, drinks, and of course there is no doubt the advertising around the field would contribute larger funds if bigger crowds were being drawn. Someone has estimated all this "extra" income would amount to \$50,000, in fact 25% of Lions turnover of last year. More worrying is the fact that Lions "bread and butter" supporters, the workers who handle juniors, work at the grounds and their clubhouse are now asking the big question. Why play at Perry Park when Pine Road is capable of handling the meagre Sunday crowds. They have offered to throw in their lot and urgently upgrade the facilities should the decision be made and local businessmen and tradesmen have also offered help. If the games are not played at Perry Park these same people, sick of the ever increasing debts are threatening to withdraw their support completely, if this happens the club is doomed. They have in fact recommended that the club withdraw immediately from PSL, surely the most backward step Queensland soccer could take. That is it then, Brisbane Lions predicament in total.

What of the preliminaries we spoke of? It would appear Lions first request to the Management Committee was knocked back cold with no questions asked, but a full explanation of the Queensland Soccer Federation's problem given as reason. Lions sympathetic and yet aware of their own plight, countered with an offer to play selected games at Perry Park, e.g. Brisbane City, Marconi, South Melbourne or West Adelaide, in fact any game that was likely to draw a crowd in excess of 3,000 people. They also offered the Lions

PSL team for any friendly matches that the QSF cared to arrange. This was rejected also!!

So where do we go from here. Queensland soccer, always apparently in one impasse after another, major or minor, is now on a threshold and it would appear this could be the biggest yet. On one hand we have a QSF Management Committee facing payments from an ever decreasing income, an income which, to be honest, they do very little to help increase preferring to leave promotion to the clubs involved, despite the profit equation, more people at PSL games = more money for BOTH parties. On the other hand we have a club, Brisbane Lions, facing financial ruin for the same reason. Despite spending money on "attractions" they still cannot attract a break even crowd to Perry Park. Progress at their home complex has come to a halt these last two years. Their "local support" has almost completely deserted them. Their financial position is precarious to say the least and their own members are telling them "Pine Road or get out of Philips League".

Can anyone help? Is there a solution? The "case" is to go in front of the PSL, perhaps they can help, who knows, but perhaps you'd like to air your views. It may be by the time you read this someone somewhere, will sort it out but from past performance it would be extremely unlikely. One thing is for sure, no one side can come out on top without the other being hurt. That is why GO SOCCER has been asking all season for discussion, discussion, and more discussion, from talking over problems solutions can come, from ignoring them, nothing, only the status quo, the enemy of progress.

Insideman

TALES OF AN IPSWICH GRANDFATHER

by Reg Irskine

THERE they sit — Soccer followers all — Soccer players of yesteryear and even Soccer administrators of days long gone. Where, on the "bleachers" at Ebbw Vale; When, whenever Saints (pardon, Ipswich United) are at home; Who, venerable, knowledgeable, mature gentlemen, all of their score years and ten. At least all eight of them.

Pete Sander, Len Warrell, Dave Waugh, Joe Hainsworth, Jim Henderson, Eric Nunn, his brother Bill and yours truly.

Please note that the three aforementioned adjectives may not or do not apply to me. A ninth is Arthur Tucker. He's a bit younger and as he came from Blackstone we call him a foreigner. Two discussions on the Sunday when Ipswich annihilated Merton were relative to the first Soccer fields in Ipswich. One statement, attributed to Davey Waugh, who incidentally was the secretary of St. Helens when they were founded in 1924, was that the Ebbw Vale ground is the longest serving park in

Ipswich for first division (and probably Queensland). I can hear the 'Rats' the Rovers and the Rangers all snorting what Rot.

I'll admit Blackstone could have a case. Their ground was a gift from the one time coal magnate of Blackstone, Lewis Thomas but no first division games have been played there for many years. Now to Dinmore and the Bush Rats. Their present ground, the Old Reliance, named after a nearby pottery, was not their first pitch. I am led to understand that their first field was near the railway station at Dinmore, not far from the overbridge leading to the primary school. But the land was wanted for houses and a shift was made to Nunn's paddock near the meatworks, and then later to the present site.

Bundamba — the Rangers founded in 1883 — I believe had their first ground on the racecourse side of the main highway in what is now a car park on race-days near the present school residence. And while I'm on old grounds, Booval Stars, formed in 1902, had their original ground near where the Presbyterian Church now stands on the corner of Glebe Road and Elun Street. They later shifted to Gedge's paddock near the Dudleigh Street overbridge in Booval. That ground had a hump in the middle at one end and the outside left could only see the head and shoulders of the outside right. Just after World War One, they had a ground opposite the site of the former Racecourse Hotel (between Walker's Lane and Stafford Street). Reformed in 1930, they put down a field which is now occupied by Woolworths at Booval.

Back to Ebbw Vale. The ground was

first used by a team called Whitwood, named from a colliery nearby and the ground is a full sized pitch — has been for decades. It, and Blackstone were at one time smaller than the Bundamba ground, but that was remedied long, long ago. Back to those gentlemen. As they reminisced, they called to mind a match played in 1929 in which four participated, two each on opposing sides and the fifth that day was a spectator.

The game was Saints v Rats. Pete Sander was in goal for Dinmore, Len Warrell was their centre half, Jim Henderson was outside left for Saints and I played at left half. International Eric Nunn was not playing that day but he was at the game. The result was a 6-3 win for Dinmore. A highly elated young Saints team led 3-0 at halftime but the loss of Jimmy Henderson early in the second half — he was taken to hospital with concussion following a solid charge by Les Jeffrey — had a demoralising effect on the locals and they were no match for a goal hungry forward line led by Wally McDowall.

A relic from the past — the article not the owner. It was at the same match that Mrs. L. McDowall, Steve's grandmother, was passing the panel of critics when she was asked about the health of her brother "Fat" Kitching, who had been hospitalised. Hanging from a gold necklet she had a gold medal. She's very proud of it, and also of young Steve. The medal was presented to her late husband for being the best Ipswich player in the match against the 1925 English professional side (the first to visit Australia) on June 17 of that year, played at the North Ipswich reserve.

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Ipswich were beaten 3-0, Queensland went down three days later 11-0 and Australia a week later was beaten 5-1, the Test being played at the Exhibition Ground Wally McDowall played for Bundamba

and later with Dinmore, but his earlier football career was a centre three quarter for Booval Swifts Rugby League team. He saw the "light". I knew him well and he was one of nature's gentlemen.

READERS FORUM

Dear Sir,

I would just like to point out the appalling conditions of the facilities available at St. George's ground at Godwin Park, Yeronga. I attended the game there between St. George and Richlands. I went to use the ladies' toilets and my son said "Hey mum we've got two toilets in there with no doors on." Well the ladies' were even better. We had three toilets with no doors not even a curtain to pull across. There's nothing like privacy is there?

On my way back from that embarrassing venture I stopped at the so called canteen where I bought a hot dog in a stale roll for 50 cents, a Crunchie at 35 cents (they are 30 cents in the shops) and a packet of potato chips with a Supa-Valu 19 cents label on the packet, which had been changed to 20 cents.

That is what I call a rip off.

Yours,
Richlands Windmills Supporter.

Dear Sir,

Once again we had a rather ridiculous situation last Sunday when a team (Merton East) turned up at the ground (Heath Park) to play in the main match of the day but by kick off time it was painfully obvious that the opposition (Grange Thistle) were not going to appear nor, indeed were the match officials.

If the above situation appears familiar to all Colts players and supporters please spare the thought for Merton East, this is the third time this season it has happened to them.

NON EVENT No. 1

North Brisbane v Merton Easts, Colts A division.

Both teams were actually on the field limbering up when it became apparent that the men in black were not going to appear.

Both sets of club officials conferred and decided, quite rightly so, that as the result of this game could prove vital later in the season, it was much too important to allow any sideline volunteer to officiate.

Results: Approx 26 keen young players — the kind our code can ill afford to lose disgruntled — and unknown numbers of supporters deprived of what should have been a close, keenly fought game, muttering such well known pleasantries regarding the inability of the QSF and/or the ASRF (Qld. Br.) to organise a "drink in a brewery."

NON-EVENT No. 2

Merton-East v Salisbury. Colts A division.

Once again both sides take the field — once again it is the main match of the day and yet once again our match officials are conspicuous by their absence. Club officials confer and again agree that the result could prove vital and once again no match. Response from the QSF & ASRF (Qld. Br.) a resounding silence.

NON-EVENT No. 3

Please refer to the opening paragraph— however there appears to be a slight twist. During the usual rumour mongering which accompanies such non-events one in particular catches the fancy: Grange Thistle had applied to the QSF and had been given permission to postpone this match because they had some representation in the Qld. under 16 squad. Of course by this stage of the proceedings the situation was becoming more and more clouded and various suggestions were being made as to what the club should or should not do in relation to the non event.

Then following thoughts began to form a consensus of opinion;

(a) Grange Thistle appear to have representation in the Qld. U 16 squad and have successfully applied for a postponement but this is a strong youth orientated club fielding a 6th division, Colts both A and B divisions, probably Junior Colts and under 16 teams and yet because they

have some players selected for the state team at the under 16 level cannot field a Colts side.

(b) Opinion appears to be that the Colts were formed to give those young players in the 16-21 age group a chance to play senior soccer without their being thrown into somewhat more robust levels before they have made the complete transmission from Junior to Senior Soccer.

(c) Even if the QSF had, in their wisdom agreed to the match being postponed surely with a full time office staff it would not have been too difficult to not only advise Grange Thistle and the referees of their decision but more importantly the other team. As it was these young players gave up a Sunday afternoon to play soccer and ended up being disappointed as were the supporters and club officials. If Merton East had been informed that the game had been postponed then the ridiculous situation last Sunday etc.

I believe in the basic concept of a Colts Division wherein good young players are allowed to develop their skills by playing other good young players and in the fullness of time taking their place in the senior grades but it appears that both the QSF and the ASRF (Qld. Br) by their actions do not. What a pity.

Ben Fagan P.O.P.

Dear Sir,

Regarding letters printed in your last issue, may I suggest that Mr. B. Taylor Redcliffe, and Mr. R. Palmer, Margate may require the services of their eye specialist

POINTS TO PONDER

JOHN Deegan is honest, last week's "insight into Deegan" saw him vindicate Jim McCabe who earlier had said his favourite actor was "John Deegan in the box." John agreed last week. Pity our referees don't read GO SOCCER a bit more, the wee man has played his "part" a few times this season.

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SPENCER PARK or Brisbane City players got plenty of match practice last week with some players fronting up for two

Firstly, Mr. Taylor, the really mature aspects of Norths is their ability. Secondly Mr. Palmer, from the first whistle this season right up until the Redcliffe game, we had never used senior players, but almost every team we played against did, the exceptions being Acacia Ridge and Mt. Gravatt.

Circumstances and not choice altered our situation, so we used two senior players. Out of a squad of fifteen, we were down to ten through illness and injury. Seven weeks ago, we had a similar situation, and rather than use senior players, against Mitchelton, I drove from Brisbane at 3.00 a.m. to Yamba and return to pick up a Colts regular player.

As to being desperate for a win, Mr. Palmer, why did Redcliffe have two senior club coaches at the game? Their seniors were playing at the same time that day at Taringa. Could this be the reason for their present position.

Tis a pity for one of the seniors who played for us, we don't know what pre-match instructions the Redcliffe coaches handed out, but this player was black and blue from knees to toes, some Redcliffe player was obviously intent on kicking him off the park.

To say that the Redcliffe team was the same as that which played us in the first round is bunkum, when your team is not stacked you also struggle, two weeks ago against Annerley 2-1, Pine Rivers last week 4-4. Who's kidding who Mr. Palmer? Last but not least a good suggestion would be for two people in particular to turn up at Heath Park, Sunday morning 11.00 a.m., when we play Merton-East, I'll bet there will not be a senior player on either side.

Bernie Neville,
Coach,
North Brisbane Colts 'A'

games, when not a few PSL stars reported in unfit and of course the club had to beware of stacking accusations, or vice versa, fielding a weakened team. Altogether an untidy state of affairs which will be passed up because Eagles won. Wonder what would have happened had Spencer Park got up??

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"CONFUSED" friend at Wynnum is really confused. The P to P he read had the word rejects in inverted commas usually

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a sign of irony when used in a passage of prose. However we would argue the point that David Large, Nigel Rehbock, Nigel Fisher have in fact been rejected by St. George, Jim Carpenter has been rejected by Merton and Thistle, Steve Brown has been rejected by Sunnyside, and John Deegan has been rejected by Redlands. Whether these clubs were right or not in rejecting these players matters not, the fact remains they preferred a sum of money to the players. Bill Bryant has bought wisely and welded the "rejects" into a unit and the players are now proving the clubs who "rejected" them to be wrong. But we bet "Confused" could never convince them, the clubs we mean. No insults intended, just facts, we try very hard to keep our P to P, topical and honest.

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ITS "stacking" season again. What a laugh. Everyone is hollering all over the spread of leagues yet these same clubs refuse to set standards in the constitution. Worse still they refuse to punish teams when the teams are found guilty???

—oOo—

LET battle commence. Would appear the fight for survival is about to begin between a PSL club and a local federation; if a report in the Telegraph is to be taken as gospel. What a tragic situation when people can't sit down round a table and come up with solutions to problems; not one sided solutions, but solutions that are satisfactory to both parties.

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THE Taringa ninth division side after a magnificent season long undefeated run lost their first game to nearest rivals Annerley by the narrowest of margins 2-1 and the winner was a penalty. Only one more game to go at that.

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GEORGE Potter, the popular captain of Lions is available for transfer. George, who's contract expires this year past cannot come to terms with the club for next season and regretfully has asked to be put on the transfer list. We say regretfully for George assures us that he and his wife have enjoyed their two year stay in Bris-

bane. Actually a few players contracts are up for renewal out at Richlands, we believe Paul Laslo, John Neale, Alan Hughes and Roddy McKenzie are all in the process of looking over new terms.

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SEEMS to be some confusion over players that are reported as coming to play with Brisbane City. George Armstrong we all know about but if the Jim Robertson who played with Newcastle is in fact the Jimmy Robertson who played with Arsenal, Spurs, Stoke and a North American team then City have got themselves another winner for he was a real hot flyer of a winger in his heyday.

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ST. George's latest move sees Con Petredis take over the coaches position at Godwin Park and ex Management Committee man Mike Penklis becomes manager.

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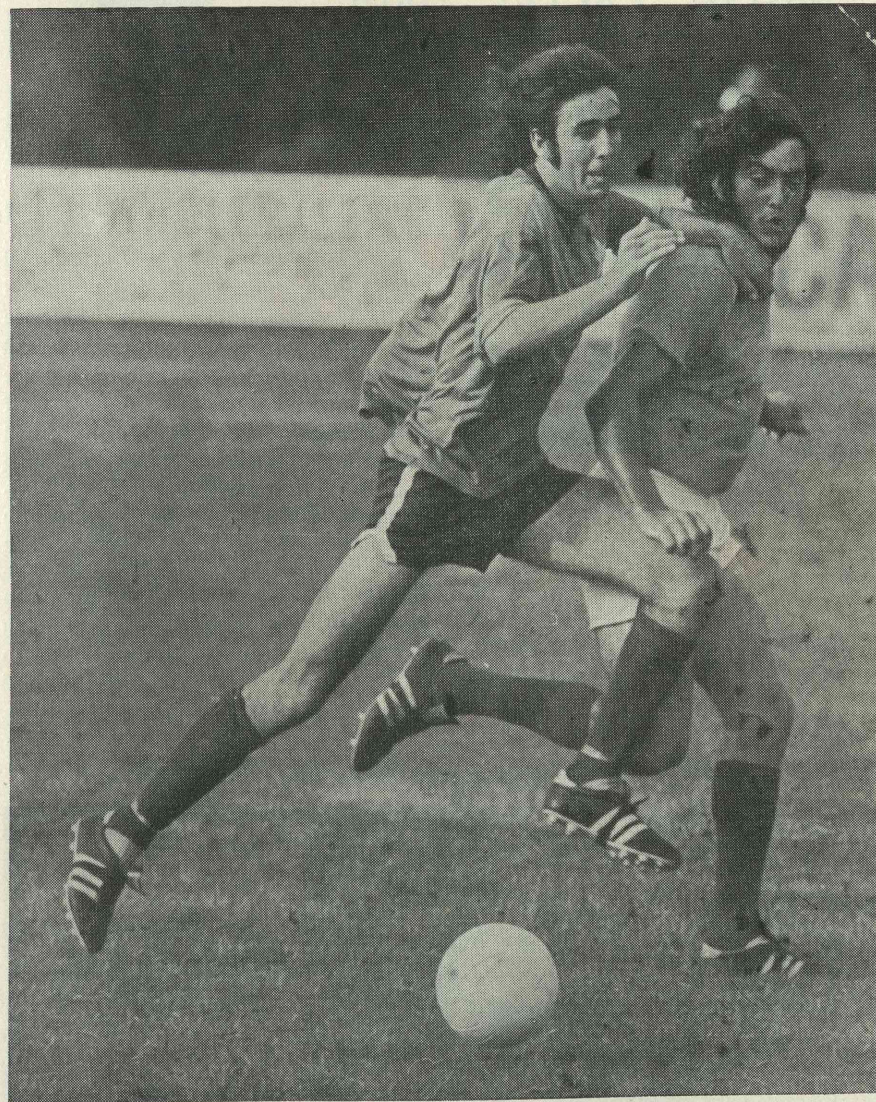
NO more musical chairs to report this week but no doubt it will be a continuing story, just like Peyton Place.

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TELEGRAPH last week had interview with President Bill Waddell and quoted him as saying "The only way people will come along (to Perry Park) is if the best games possible are played." The facts and figures don't back this statement up, the "best games" have been played all season at Perry Park and neither club, Brisbane City or Brisbane Lions can lay claim to "increasing" or "holding" gate figures. So what exactly did the president mean with his statement? Have City and Lions to carry on playing to ever diminishing numbers of fans just because they play the "best games"? The logic doesn't bear investigation. Sorry Bill, something more is needed to get the thousands back. Better look elsewhere for the magical answer.

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What do you know, Saturday also saw the last undefeated team, Acacia Ridge in the seventh division, lose their record to Mitchelton. So they joined Taringa in a day of despondency. Both teams were playing the twenty-first match of a 22 match season. A great run indeed.



STRONG battle here between Annerley's John Reid (left) and St. George Souths' defender Tony Edwards. Their teams are scheduled to clash next weekend in the final premierships fixture.

WHERE EAGLES DARE



Car Valiant
 Favourite player Paul Mariner
 Favourite other team Merton
 Most difficult opponent Steven White
 Most memorable matches Qld. v Sth.
 Aust. Redlands v Eagles 1977 grand final
 Biggest thrill playing for Queensland
 Biggest disappointment National service
 Best country visited Brazil
 Favourite food Lobster
 Miscellaneous likes Golf
 Misc. dislikes getting out of bed
 Favourite TV shows When the Boat
 Comes In, Nightmoves.
 Favourite singers Eagles, Nazareth
 Favourite Actors, Dustin Hoffman, Jack
 Thompson.
 Best friend Eric Pattison
 Biggest drag in soccer training
 Which person would you most like to
 meet Jack Nicklaus

Name Ron Millman
 Birthplace Brisbane
 Birthdate March 10, 1950.
 Height 5ft. 10 ins.
 Weight 10½ stone
 Previous Clubs Merton East, Redlands
 Married Yes to Shona

Who's going to keep you warm this winter?

Who's going to keep you warm this winter?
 Who's going to win your heart?
 Who's going to keep you warm and cosy
 And rip your cheeks apart?
 Wacnee Poo that s who!

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