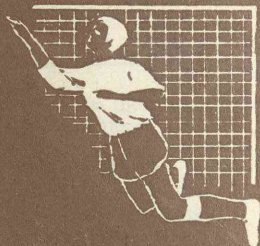




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*Gerry Lindsay and Alan Niven confront Leichhardt's Col McAusland*



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**STATE LEAGUE ROUNDUP — ROUND 8**

MT. GRAVATT 2 (G. Bohan, P. Thompson) d SOUTHSIDE EAGLES 1 (Melbergs).

Halftime: 1-1;  
Referee: Col Amos;  
(Rating 8 out of 10).

Mt. Gravatt, the State League leaders, made hard work of their 2-1 win over Southside Eagles on Saturday at Perry Park. Leading 1-0 after four minutes from a Gary Bohan header, Mt. Gravatt appeared to have left off where they finished the previous round against Mareeba. The early goal appeared to relieve the urgency, and Eagles fought back to hold sway late in the first half.

Their persistence was rewarded when Ivars Melbergs hit home a Mark Davis clearance to equalise. The second half started in the same manner with Mt. Gravatt in full control, through the dominance of Phil Thompson and Dave Costa. Again, midway through the half Eagles hit back, placing the normally calm Mt. Gravatt defence under great pressure. From a clearance, Mt. Gravatt broke down the right wing through Mal Bland, and his high cross was misjudged by John Bennett, who only succeeded in knocking it to Phil Thompson, who made no mistake with the helpless Bennett prostrate on the ground.

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TOWNSVILLE KERN UNITED 0 v ST. GEORGE SOUTHS 0.

Halftime: 0-0;  
Referee: Dave Nugent (Rating 9).

Surprise, surprise, TKU again drew in front of their home supporters, to record their sixth split result out of eight. For some strange reason, Townsville cannot score regularly at home, and spent 75 per cent of this game in St. George's half. Contributing to the scarcity of goals for the home side was great work by keeper Ross Kelly, the woodwork and poor finishing. Chris Young hit the post in the 17th minute after a pass from Mick Geoghegan. These two players, plus Tom Walton, all had other chances during this session.

St. George's best chance came in the 35th minute when Barrie Fairbrother set up Ricky Bow with a good chip, but Phil Figgins came out well to save. In the second half, Kern threw everything forward and again in the 55th minute, Frank Houston put Geoghegan through, and he did not even have the keeper to beat, but hit the crossbar. In the next 15 minutes, just about every Kern player, Figgins, excepted, had some sort of a crack at goal. Then with only 10 minutes left, Billy Fagan almost stole the match for St. George when he burst clear, but Figgins advanced to pluck the ball off his foot.

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GRANGE THISTLE 2 (Sokeni, K. Swan) d IPSWICH UNITED 0.

Halftime 1-0;  
Referee: Dieter Klose (Rating 6).

This match was not regarded as an attractive advertisement for State League Soccer. Too many petty fouls, and too many players not prepared to accept as good as they got. Ipswich suffered a severe setback when John Dann was sent off five minutes before halftime for alleged swearing. But by then Thistle had established the lead with a goal in the 23rd minute, when a free kick was headed down by the Ipswich defence, and Ben Sokeni was on hand to rattle the ball home.

Ipswich dominated for the first 20 minutes of the second half, but found the back four of Thistle, with Mark Aponas particularly prominent, too much of a hurdle. An interesting new face at leftback for Thistle was that of Mickey Tripp, who was signed during the week from Brisbane City. Thistle settled the issue with Ken Swan's goal in the 80th minute, after the Solomon Islands duo Sokeni and Wilson Maelaua, had made the opening.

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MAREEBA UNITED 1 (P. Trovalusci) v ACROSS THE WAVES 1 (Young);  
halftime 1-1; Referee Ron Richmond  
(Rating 6).

Mareeba is still to win at home, similar to Ipswich, but shared the points in this

tough encounter with Across The Waves. It was far from being a spectacular game, but was highlighted by outstanding individual efforts from the respective sides. Gary Bromfield was the undoubted star of the Waves attack and Ivor Schofield played his best match of the season for Mareeba. Mareeba up front relied heavily on the constructive passing of Mick Boot while Bromfield, John Wood and Ron Kidd were a dangerous attacking trio for Waves. Ron Smith (Waves) and Mareeba's Steve Trovalusci also had a rugged personal duel, with honours finishing fairly even.

The home side hit the front in the 15th minute with a move started on the half way line by leftback Michael Pirovich. The buildup was carried on by Dave Watson, whose cross was headed in like a bullet by Paul Trovalusci. Pirovich later received a yellow card for what seemed a pretty tame tackle. Waves managed to pull level three minutes from the break, when Wood bypassed Ted Kristens and set up the opportunity for Graham Young to beat John Hardaker. The second half was an equally well fought session, after which both sides would have been considered unlucky to lose.

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FRENCHVILLE UNITED 1 (Arnold) d GOLD COAST CITY 0. Halftime 0-0;  
Referee Alan Kibler (Rating 7).

This match was between the League's two strugglers, and turned out that way, with the Rockhampton side at least securing their first points of the season, with Cliff Arnold's (who we hear is called Kermit the Frog) winner in the 88th minute. It resulted from a corner, which had been headed on and Arnold finished off with another header. The Gold Coast side which took the field bore practically no resemblance to the lineup featured in Go Soccer, such is the infusion of new faces in the team.

And for this reason, it is felt City may improve as the season progresses, when the new men settle in. Former Melbourne player Tony Kinnear, who had previously on y played half a match for City, was included in the midfield and emerged as his team's best performer. Other new men were striker Paul Teefy, sweeper Mike Benton, midfielder Gordon Heny and fullback Greg Hanley, who are all local players from the Coast. We'll done Frenchville, who were led best by skipper Ian Proud.

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AMPOL CUP FINAL 16 PROSPECTS  
MT. GRAVATT v ANNERLEY (Sunday,  
Perry Park, 12.30 p.m.) — A few years  
back, when both clubs were in the first  
division, this would have shaped up as a

tough encounter. However, as the undefeated State League pacesetters, Mt. Gravatt should now be fancied to easily bypass the Annerley Blues, now under the control of Brian Lampitt, who ironically played for the Mounts last season. So at least Lampitt should know what he's up against. Phil Thompson, Mal Bland, Eric Thompson, Dave Costa and company shouldn't carry too many big guns for their middle of the first division opponents in this opening Cup match. Our prediction 3-0 Mt. Gravatt.

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GRANGE THISTLE v INDUSTRIAL (Sunday, Perry Park, 3 p.m.) — This would appear to be another lop-sided encounter, with Thistle running second in the State League and Industrial, now the second division leaders. An interesting starter in the Industrial lineup is former Brisbane Lions striker Paul Laszlo, who played a major role when his team bypassed first division Acacia Ridge to reach this stage. Some funny things happen in Cup football, and from memory it was Darra which gave Thistle a fright last year, but it would be foolhardy to tip anything but a comfortable Thistle win. Our prediction 6-0 Thistle.

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IPSWICH UNITED v SUNSHINE COAST (Sunday, Ebbw Vale, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunshine Coast obviously must earn respect, after being upset winners of the southern qualifying zone in Stanthorpe, and they have some pretty useful players available for these representative matches, under coach Bill Saunders. The key players are expected to be Graham Stevenson, Terry Roe, Phil Shaw, Neil Beavis, Tony Dobinson and Mark Perks. The team has trained very hard for this clash. Ipswich of course are now without Coalstars players Bruce Penman and Dave Allen and most certainly will be without John Dann. The team's poor record at home will be another factor against it, and a tough match is assured. Our prediction, Ipswich 2-1.

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TOWNSVILLE UNITED v GOLD COAST CITY (Townsville Sports Reserve, Saturday 8 p.m.)

By now Townsville supporters have despaired of the team doing anything but drawing at home. They must win this one of course if they are to stay in the Cup, and coach Tim White will be keen to see that the match does not reach the extra time or penalty series stage. It may be that the floodgates are soon to open, and if that is the case, the struggling Coast boys are in for a difficult evening, in front of the largest crowd they are certain to experience this year.

Even allowing for the influx of new talent in the Coast side, the goals for Townsville should finally come this time. Our prediction, Townsville 3-0.

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MAREEBA UNITED v ST. GEORGE SOUTHS (Monday, Mareeba 2.30 p.m.)

This match is shaping as one of the best drawcards of the round. Mareeba of course are also yet to win at home and St. George, like Townsville, are shaping as draw specialists. The home side will rely heavily again on Boot and Watson and Paul Trovalusci up front and big Ivor, a former St. George man, to steady things at the back. St. George on their day are capable of anything, but we tip this match will be one to go into extra time. After that our prediction is St. George 1-0.

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FRENCHVILLE UNITED v MACKAY FEDERATION (Saturday, Rockhampton, 7.30 p.m.). Frenchville's struggling form in the League and the unknown quality of the Mackay rep. side make this another match likely to be close and difficult to forecast. Frenchville will have taken great heart from their opening win last week and they will benefit from the support of an expected 1,500 crowd on their home ground. Mackay's leading goalscorer in the central zone victory was former Brisbane player Richard Shortman, and he obviously will warrant close attention. Our prediction Frenchville 1-0.

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BUNDABERG FEDERATION v SOUTH-SIDE EAGLES (Monday, Bundaberg, 2 p.m.)

We know very little about the Bundaberg rep. side, except that they were impressive winners of the central zone, without of course any Waves State League players. But Eagles showed plenty of fight at times against Mt. Gravatt last week and their defence should hold out. Our prediction Eagles 2-0.

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ACROSS THE WAVES v MERTON EAST (Sunday, Bundaberg, 2.30 p.m.)

Bundaberg supporters get another chance to cheer the locals when their State League side takes on Merton, the former great first division Brisbane side. Waves have been performing pretty consistently in the League with good service from the likes of Kibbey, Wood, Kidd, Smith and Ford, and although Merton will be well served by Rod Stein, Bruce Rehbock, Lex Donsky and Chris Carroll, Waves should have the edge. Our prediction Waves 3-1.

## TOOWONG TOPICS

### THIRD DIVISION:

Last Sunday's game against North Star promised to be a tough tussle between the first and third teams in the competition, and tough it was. After weathering the early onslaught from North Star, Toowong pressed strongly with several good attacks and were finally rewarded with the opening goal in the 10th minute. John Kennedy made a break down the left, and his final cross fell for Robert Russian, who gleefully hammered it into the roof of the net from only a metre. Toowong remained on top for the remainder of the half although wasting several more chances through woefully inaccurate shooting.

The second half was more evenly matched and both teams again missed good opportunities. Two minutes from the end of normal play, after some sustained pressure from North Star, a cross to the far post was headed in by their fullback making the final result a 1-1 draw. In all, a game which Toowong should have won, had they taken their chances, but most importantly a return to form for a team which has suffered severe setbacks in the last two weeks.

### SEVENTH DIVISION:

This game against Inala City again featured two teams desperate for points. The early exchanges had Toowong breaking dangerously from defence, and they gained success after 15 minutes. T. Kearney put T. Bray through a gap and he made no mistake with a low left foot shot. Inala applied the pressure and looked particularly dangerous in corner situations. Toowong however, bombed three openings, when they had only the keeper to beat. The second half followed a similar pattern but this time it was Inala who scored when K. Proudlove handled in the penalty area. Again it was a game of missed chances for Toowong but the first point of the season was very welcome.

*"We try to get together people who can pass to people in the same coloured shirt; there's not too many of them about now. We try to insist that the goalposts at each end of the pitch are there for a particular reason."*

Andy Nelson — Manager of Charlton Athletic.

## POINTS TO PONDER

IT is with sadness that we record the "passing" of one of our most reliable contributors to Go Soccer, one Casper the Ghost, who has kept us consistently in touch with the doings of Dutton Park over the seasons. As mentioned in his final report last week, Casper, who is former Dutton Park secretary, Mike Henrikson, is moving to greener pastures, or as he said, maybe black and white. Mike is turning his hand to refereeing, and if he handles that commitment as well as he has performed his duties of publicity officer of Dutton Park, Go Soccer predicts it won't be long before we see him in charge of a State League fixture. Good luck, Mike, or Casper, from Go Soccer readers.

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DID you hear the story about three travellers, a mixture of soccer writers and officials, who went to Sydney for the Centenary international. One had trouble figuring out that "Fire Escape" did not in fact spell Toilet, another made his discovery of a lifetime (a poker machine without a handle) and the third was the only visitor to Sydney that weekend who tried to order a steak and kidney pie "medium to well done". How would they get on if they went to see the Irishmen play.

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ONE very prominent referee seemed on the verge of giving the game away last weekend after handling a senior match. He was disgusted at the petulant behaviour of so-called semi-professional footballers, and still is amazed at the lack of discipline coaches of clubs exert over their players these days.

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DID you also hear the one about a team which went north recently for a match and almost missed the return flight home? They boarded at the right time, no problem there. But the "wanderings" of one player almost forced the entire team to be ordered off the plane.

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IF Go'd Coast keeper Glenn Ahearn is not Australia's No. 1 keeper in the Coca-Cola World Youth Cup next year, then the game isn't honest. Ahearn has produced some amazing performances in the south, none the least his effort when the youth

team drew with Australia B in the curtain-raiser to the Centenary International. After the game, one of the Australian players walked down to the goals to shake his hand. The player who exhibited the nice touch of sportsmanship was John Coyne.

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IT'S official. Players can now deliberately handle the ball without fear of receiving a yellow card. During last week's PSL match, Adelaide City's David Jones jumped and caught a long pass from George Potter, which was headed for Kevin Low, who was in full flight. We were told by a senior referee later that the rule no longer applies, even when the offender stops an attacking move.

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BRISBANE Lions confident they can secure a very big name player for guest appearances next season. Nothing definite yet, but we can tell you he played in the F.A. Cup final and for England against Australia last Saturday week. That cuts it down a little anyway.

TWO rumours floating around that definitely are not true. Townsville United are not going to rename their Club Drawsville United and the players aren't going to demand draw instead of win bonuses.

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THERE were plenty of complaints that there were not enough well-known names in the England squad which came to play in Sydney. Well you couldn't exactly say the players in the Northern Ireland squad are household names either. How many of these have you heard of: Goalkeepers: Jim Platt (Middlesbrough), George Dunlop (Linfield);

Defenders: Jimmy Nicholl (Manchester United), Chris Nicholl (Southampton), Bryan Hamilton (Swindon), John McClelland (Mansfield);

Midfielders: Tommy Cassidy (Newcastle), Tom Sloan (Manchester United), David McCreery (QPR), Martin O'Neill (Notts Forest);

Forwards: Tom Finney (Cambridge), Terry Cochrane (Middlesbrough), Noel Brotherston (Blackburn Rovers), Gerry Armstrong (Spurs), Billy Hamiton (Preston North End), Colin McCurdy (Linfield), Derek Spence (Southend).

# BECKENBAUER: IS THE KING NEAR THE END OF THE ROAD?

Continued from last week —

But just as he was slated to reappear in the starting eleven some four weeks later, a combination of damp grounds and astro-turf sabotaged the knee in practice. This time the tear was as extensive as the pain and Dr. James Nicholas was called upon to repair the injury.

To the defending champs, the absence of their leader only served to illustrate his value to the side. Without the "Kaiser" to cover for him, Alberto was noticeably reluctant to join in the attack. The Cosmos' offence suffered from predictability on more than one occasion.

Numbers tell the story best. With Beckenbauer, the Cosmos dropped but one of a dozen regular season games. Without him, they were a relatively undistinguished 13-5. For the first time since they moved to New Jersey, winning at home became a chore.

Fortunately for metropolitan area soccer fans, no man has ever worked harder to rehabilitate an injury than did Beckenbauer.

Rosenstein and Beckenbauer made a perfect team. The former constructed an extensive program which the latter followed to the letter. The sessions ranged from weight training to running with a ball in a swimming pool filled to waist height with water. Such an exercise combines simulated game action (to utilise muscles employed under match conditions) while the buoyancy of the water protects the knee.

The fact that the entire rehabilitation process of surgery to soccer took a mere seven weeks is testimony to the "Kaiser's" dedication and hard work. In all of his experience with professional athletes, the Cosmos trainer asserted that "none ever worked harder" than did Beckenbauer.

Such habits put him in good stead in the off-season when an extensive weight training program was re-initiated to ensure against future injury.

Meanwhile, the debate continues on the merits (or lack thereof) of playing the world's most popular sport on astro-turf.

There is one subject on which no controversy exists: the effect of the Beckenbauer presence on his team-mates. From the most experienced international to the

youngest American, the praise is as universal as it is sincere.

To fellow midfielder Terry Garbett, Beckenbauer's flawless ball skills enable him to take off-the-ball sojourns into enemy territory confident that Franz will cover for him.

Garbett marvels at Beckenbauer's talent. "Franz has the best basic skills that I have ever seen in a soccer player. It's awe-inspiring to watch him. He does the simple things so very, very well that it's frightening. He makes it look so easy. And I know that the simple thing is the hardest to do on a soccer field."

Team captain Werner Roth is in the final link to the days of Hofstra Stadium and the Cosmos' '72 title contingent. It was Roth who helped Beckenbauer learn English. In turn, Franz tutored Roth's soccer skills.

"Watching him, learning from him, and getting tips from him helped to bring together parts of my game that were lacking," Roth testified.

Young Rick Davis went from a seldom-employed substitute in '78 to the North American Player of the Year award last summer. Davis credits the tactical help of his teammates as being the key ingredient in his drastic improvement. He is quick to cite Beckenbauer as "the most helpful of the Cosmos."

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As so often happens with Beckenbauer, the highest compliment came from a coach. After the obligatory remarks concerning his skill level, ex-Cosmos coach Firmani likened Franz to Pele in the most flattering of ways: "Pele possesses a great sense of humanity. Beckenbauer has the same."

Beckenbauer's humanity embraces both his concern for others as well as diversified interests. Unlike his fishbowl existence in Germany, his new home affords him the opportunity to attend concerts, the ballet and have dinner in relative privacy.

As soccer has become Americanised, so has Beckenbauer. In the course of living in Manhattan he has evolved into quite a hockey fan, following New York's Rangers as closely as the European press had followed him.

Franz credits living in America with "broadening" his horizons enabling him to "learn new language", and meet "a lot of very kind people."

Beckenbauer has a high opinion of the Giants Stadium crowd as well. Comparing Cosmos supporters to their European counterparts, he applauds their improving knowledge of the sport, adding, "They now recognise everything."

Listening to Beckenbauer as he relaxes after a recent practice, it is obvious that his teammates' admiration is quite mutual. Franz compares donning a Cosmos shirt to playing for "a world selection" side.

But it is one thing for a side to possess talent, it's quite another matter to become a successful team.

"Blending ten nationalities into a winning unit is difficult," Beckenbauer offered, because the "British style is different from the Brazilian style. The Brazilians like to show how they can handle the ball while the English run and kick. It's tough to get the right mixture."

But the Cosmos have obviously found the correct blend. After a mediocre and often disappointing '77 campaign, the team jelled in time to cop the crown with a dramatic playoff run that delighted the record crowds that had come to bid Pele farewell. The following summer saw the team solidify its claim to North American supremacy with a 24-6 ledger and a second straight Soccer Bowl triumph.

All of the above should be no surprise, for winning and Beckenbauer have become synonymous over the years. The NASL honours garnered by the Cosmos join a list that includes having captained Germany to the '74 World Cup as well as leading Bayern to three European Cups, four Bundesliga titles, four German Cups one Cup Winners Cup and a World cup crown.

In a career filled with champagne, dis-appointments have been few and far between. However, the Cosmos' 7-1 loss to Bayern was an experience that Beckenbauer would just as soon forget.

Tired, injured, and with a lineup featuring four loan players on defence, the NASL champions were in no condition to challenge the San Jose Earthquakes, much less a world class side. The severity of the loss in 1978 was a personal embarrassment to the proud Beckenbauer.

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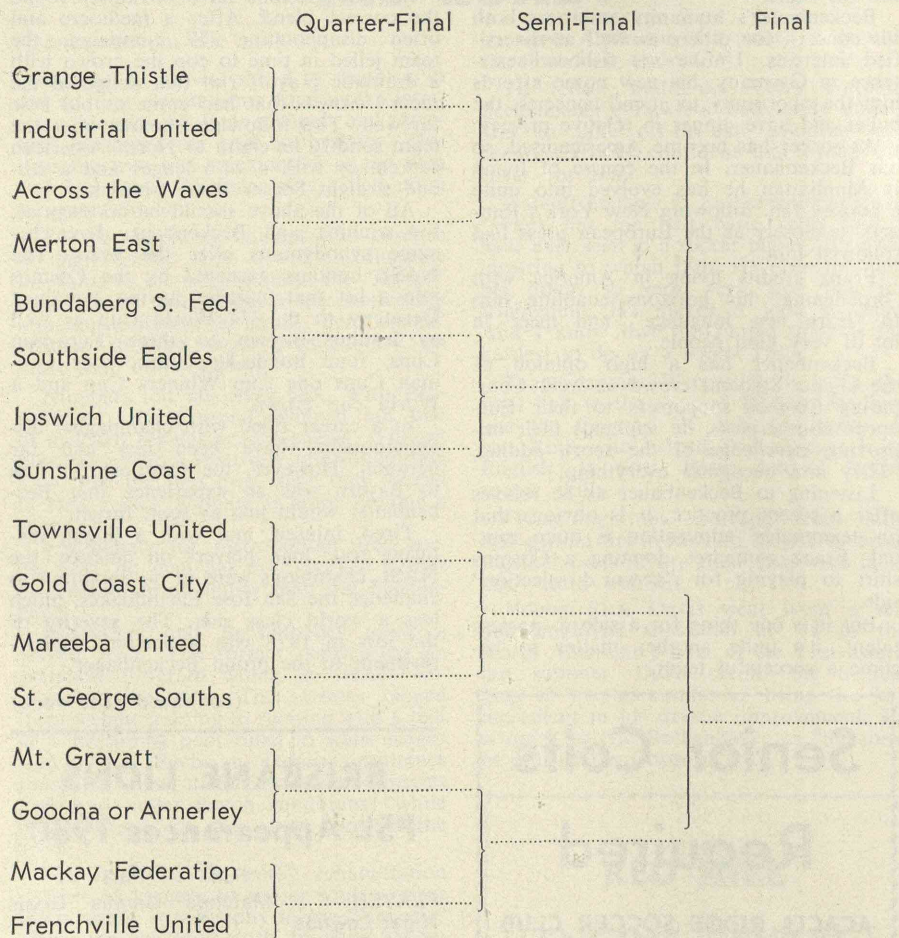
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PLAYER	Full Matches	Part Games	Goals
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Tony Scanlan	9	—	—
Paul Ontong	9	2	1
Col Bennett	12	—	—
Jim Hermiston	12	—	—
Alan Niven	12	—	—
Gerry Lindsay	9	2	2
Ron Millman	12	—	6
Graham Wilson	5	3	—
M. McNaughton	2	6	1
Tom McGregor	6	3	2
Steven Hogg	9	2	—
Johan Verweij	5	4	1
John Ogden	1	3	—

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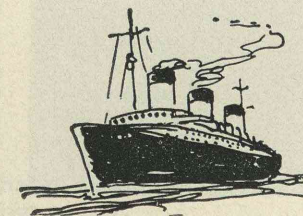
Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Goal Scorers
March 9	Canberra City	Away	W 4-2	McNaughton, Hughes, Niven, OG.
March 16	Sth. Melbourne	Home	L 1-2	Reid
March 23	Footscray	Away	L 1-3	Lindsay
March 30	West Adelaide	Home	W 2-1	Millman, Verweij
April 6	Adelaide City	Away	D 0-0	
April 13	Sydney City	Home	W 2-0	Niven, Millman
April 20	St. George	Away	W 3-2	Lindsay, Ontong, McGregor
April 27	Blacktown City	Home	W 1-0	McGregor
May 4	Marconi	Away	L 1-2	Millman
May 11	Leichhardt	Home	W 2-1	Millman, Spearritt
May 18	Newcastle Utd.	Away	D 0-0	
June 8	Sth. Melbourne	Away	D 2-2	Millman 2.
June 15	Canberra City	Home		
June 22	West Adelaide	Away		
June 29	Brisbane City	Away		
July 13	Footscray	Home		
July 20	Adelaide City	Home		
July 27	Sydney City	Away		
August 10	St. George	Home		
August 13	Heidelberg Utd.	Home		
August 17	Blacktown City	Away		
August 24	Marconi	Home		
Sept. 7	Leichhardt	Away		
Sept. 14	Newcastle Utd.	Home		
Sept. 21	Brisbane City	Home		
October 5	Heidelberg Utd.	Away		

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**MARK APONAS**

Despite Mark's almost automatic selection into the first team and his longevity of service to soccer, he is still only 19, turning 20 later this year.

Mark has only played for two clubs in Brisbane, Grange Thistle from Under 7 to Under 10, The Gap Under 11 to Under 16 and back to Thistle for his entire senior football. He has represented Brisbane every year from Under 10 to Under 16, making many trips interstate and one to New Zealand during the concourse of his junior representative football. He has represented his State at Under 16, Under 18 and Under 19, receiving full Queensland honours against New Caledonia last year.

Mark partners Huisty Lazenby in the centre of the defence and not too much gets past him. He makes the occasional foray up front, scoring from the occasional set play. He scored 4 goals during the State League last season and so far this year he has scored 2.

Favourite players of Mark's include Glen Huddle, who recently played against the Australian team in Sydney, Martin Buchan, a Man. United player seen frequently on TV, and current Socceroo player from Brisbane, Steve Perry.

When Mark left school, he went straight into the banking profession and is currently in the head office in the city. In his off duty relaxation times he enjoys a good meal and listening to his favourite music "Paul McCartney and Wings".

## CLUB NEWS

With the State Junior titles coming up at the end of this month, a number of our juniors have been on trial during May, culminating in the Inter-City Carnival held on the weekend May 24th to 25th.

Junior players from Thistle successful in selection were:

Under 13: Robert Sarri.

Under 14: Grant Beevers, Clayton Tronc, Jeffrey Jasch, Andrew Rainbird.

Under 15: Mark Menhinnitt, Andrew Brown, Jason Burr, Paddy Jilek.

The Under 13's will go to Townsville, the Under 14's play in Brisbane, and the Under 15's Toowoomba. We at Thistle congratulate these lads and hope they are successful in their quest to be the Champion Zone in their aim for Queensland selection.

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Another Thistle junior who will be at the Titles, in a different capacity, is referee Mark Gilbert. Mark, who was runner-up junior referee of the year in 1979 has recently returned from a fortnight's refereeing in Newcastle. He has been selected by the AASRF as one of the six referees to officiate at the Under 14 Titles.

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Some more news on former Thistle favourite Len Pollock. Len is currently training with Victorian State League club George Cross. It is quite likely a definite

move will be made for him to start playing with them as one of the George Cross players is moving to Brisbane in the very near future. Negotiations are currently underway on this player swap.

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New player wearing Lennie's No. 10 shirt and who made his debut last week is Mickey Tripp. Mickey, who is 22 years old, was an apprentice with Brentford in London, an English 3rd division club. He started this year with Brisbane City with the ambition to play PSL. He didn't settle into their setup and City released him. We believe it will assist Thistle in their aim to retain the Championship for 1980. He had a fine debut and adds more depth to the defence following Sam Ata's return home to the Solomon Islands.

Sam couldn't settle into the environment in Queensland. His absence from his family upset him more than his compatriot's Ben and Wilson, so Sam has returned home in an endeavour to get his personal problems solved.

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Good to see Steve Dolan back in the top side last week. Steve has worked overtime trying to regain fitness after his cartilage operation. He had a couple of set backs in his drive to get back to his previous year's form. We are all glad to see him back in action.

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### HOME

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Mt. Gravatt	4	2	2	—	6	0	6
St. George	4	2	2	—	4	1	6
Thistle	4	3	—	1	12	3	6
Waves	4	2	—	2	5	5	4
Townsville Utd.	4	—	4	—	4	4	4
Eagles	4	1	—	3	6	7	2
Mareeba Utd.	4	—	2	2	5	7	2
Ipswich Utd.	4	—	1	3	5	10	1
Gold Coast City	4	—	—	4	1	11	0
Frenchville	4	—	—	4	1	13	0

### AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ipswich Utd.	4	4	—	—	13	1	8
Mt. Gravatt	4	4	—	—	11	2	8
Townsville Utd.	4	2	2	—	5	2	6
Thistle	4	2	2	—	6	3	6
St. George	4	1	3	—	4	2	5
Mareeba Utd.	4	2	1	1	10	10	5
Waves	4	1	2	1	2	2	4
Eagles	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Gold Coast City	4	1	—	3	5	14	2
Frenchville	4	1	—	3	1	7	2

### AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Mt. Gravatt	8	6	2	—	17	2	14
Thistle	8	5	2	1	18	6	12
St. George	8	3	5	—	8	3	11
Townsville Utd.	8	2	6	—	9	6	10
Ipswich Utd.	8	4	1	3	18	11	9
Waves	8	3	2	3	7	7	8
Mareeba Utd.	8	2	3	3	15	17	7
Eagles	8	2	1	5	10	13	5
Gold Coast City	8	1	—	7	6	25	2
Frenchville	8	1	—	7	2	20	2

## Leading State League Goal Scorers

### 7 Goals —

Kenny Gordon (Eagles)

### 6 Goals —

Gary Bohan (Mt. Gravatt)  
Paul Trovalusci (Mareeba)

### 5 Goals —

Barrie Fairbrother (St. George)  
Iain Fagan (Thistle)

### 4 Goals —

Chris Young (Townsville)

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## LIONS LEAD, THEN LUNGE BACK

BRISBANE Lions secured one of their toughest away points of the season when they drew 2-2 with South Melbourne last Sunday, and it represented part revenge for the 2-1 loss at home to South in the first round.

Mat Carson took his squad of 14 to Melbourne, one which is now close to the smallest in the League, and one in which there is still strong competition, despite its size. Graham Wilson took the right-back spot, allowing Paul Ontong to play further upfield and the balance of the Lions defence was again unchanged.

Things almost began disastrously, when South slipped through from the kickoff and could well have scored, but for a misdirected blast over the bar. Lions held firm against the fuent Melbourne side for the first 20 minutes, and then bounced back to score against the run of play. Steve Hogg broke away and Laumets could only parry his fierce shot, allowing the ever present Ron Millman to finish off.

Lions came out after halftime with their handy 1-0 lead but it lasted only a minute when Buljevic snatched the equaliser. South broke again, this time for them against the run of play and through some slack marking. George Campbell beat two defenders before firing in from 20 metres. Carson substituted McNaughton, who worked tirelessly up front, with Verweij, and the Kiwi international made all the difference to the attack. It seems the big fellow may be getting back to the form he is capable of. With eight minutes left, Millman again broke away from his marker, picked his spot and calmly beat Laumets to pull Lions level. At this point the Lions were firing on all cylinders and could well have snatched that vital third goal.

Since losing to South in the first round, Lions now have lost only one match, to Marconi in Sydney. A great effort. The Lions team in Melbourne was: Scanlan, Wilson, Bennett, Hermiston, Niven, Ontong (Ogden), Hogg, Lindsay, McGregor, Millman, McNaughton (Verweij.)

## INDUSTRIAL MUDLARKS

AMPOL CUP (May 28th) — On a rain soaked pitch (what an understatement), this Cup match against Acacia Ridge got underway with both teams finding it hard to stay on their feet (floatball would have been a better name for it). Acacia Ridge attacked Industrial from the kick-off and were rewarded with the opening goal. Then Industrial slipped into gear, and urged on by Paul Laszlo, the equaliser soon resulted from a lofted shot from some 20 metres, which dropped over the keeper's head.

Industrial by now had got the message. Use the high long balls and hope for a mistake. The Ridge defence made that mistake 10 minutes later and young Steve Daniels was there to slot in No. 2. The second half began with Industrial in front 2-1 and the conditions becoming worse all the time. Our supporters were praying that the game would not be stopped because of the state of the pitch, and replayed. But the game was completed and we survived to go into the big draw, which puts us up against Grange Thistle this Sunday.

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## OVER THE RANGE

SAMFORD RANGERS 8, WACOL WANDERERS 0.

The Dynamic Duo "Benson and Griffiths" have come out of the wilderness of mediocrity and are leading the Rangers back into the competition. The gates slammed behind the team as they entered the prison to play fixture no. 8.

The referee arrived "thank you sir for coming a.l that way and controlling the game so expertly". At 3.09 Neil 'Sylvester' Griffiths confidently smashed Samford's no. 1 goal through the posts, 5 minutes later Clint Argent's cross, pin-pointed Neil's head which then deflected off a Wacol player, and went past a bewildered keeper. "No. 2 for Samford." With the concrete defence of Gil espie, Brown, Nahuyssen and Perry our keeper looked lonely.

Play continued with Samford monopolising every minute of the game. Ten minutes before half time an infringement in the goal mouth gave Samford a penalty, with Mike Benson taking the shot the ball had nowhere else to go, thus No. 3 for the Samford Rangers. Victory was written all over Samford while Neil Griffiths kept

pounding the goal-mouth. 4 times the ball hit the cross bar or upright. There was absolutely no stopping the Rangers now.

In the 65th minute the ever-determined mid-fielder Tom Arrowsmith, with true composure, and one who specialises in this sort of strike, slammed home a comfortable winner.

The slaughter continued with Wacol Wanderers still striving to score and playing clean football into the bargain. In the next 15 minutes 3 more goals were scored, one for Mike Benson, Clint Argent, with severe attacking effort, directed 2 smashing shots which found target. It was all over and a very disheartened Wacol who still never gave up, was not prepared for the final goal which Graham Beehre made possible with a superb cross, which was caught by George Neilson who baptised his first goal for Samford Rangers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank 2 very dedicated and professional men, Ron Smith and Denis Ford for their time and invaluable advice with the Samford Rangers from all of us thank you . . .

Lois Lane

## RIDGE REPORTING

BEFORE I begin this article, I would like to point out that statements and opinions expressed are those of the writer, and are not necessarily those of my club or coaches. What I would like to say could not be written in a magazine like Go Soccer. For the sake of not appearing too biased, I cannot even write a report on this first division match against Olympic, which, what should have been a good soccer match, was turned into a fiasco by some very poor tackles, both on and off the ball, and most importantly, a very poor display by the referee, who failed to control the match from the kickoff.

As I see it, a referee's job is to see that fair play is observed at all times, with the help of his linesmen. He has the responsibility for the safety of all players. Even allowing that he may have been on a field test, he failed to do so miserably. A referee is paid \$25 to control a first division match. A player on a blue form can receive no more than \$15, and in most cases only if his team wins. So if his performance is not up to scratch, he would find himself on the bench, or in the reserves the following week.

This is certainly not the same position for a referee, as I guarantee that nine times out of 10 he will be out again the next week collecting his \$25. I just feel it's a pity a referee cannot be subjected to the same standards of performance as a player. Lucky for the Ridge players, they have a break in fixtures this week, which they will need in order to recover from injuries sustained in this battle. Unfortunately, one player will not be playing soccer again this season. Gerry Kay had his leg broken, and at the time of writing this report, is being operated on to have a pin placed in the leg. From the club, we wish you a speedy recovery Gerry.

This lad by the way is a white form player, so does not get paid for playing. Makes you wonder if it's all worth it. Score of the game was Acacia Ridge 0, Olympic 4, that's if you consider that ye low cards win games. It seems some players thought this was the right way to go about it. Good to see our fourth division team keep up their undefeated run by beating the R.A.A.F. 1-0 on Saturday.

Yours in SPORT? Mike Collins

## STATE LEAGUE—VALLEY WORLD TRAVEL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

THE Halfway mark of the State League is almost with us, with eight rounds completed, and we see that Mareeba United's consistent striker Paul Trovalusci is still in the lead. But as the three point awards each week are concealed, he could well have several unknown players breathing down his neck. Our correspondents at every game award points on a 5-3-2-1 basis and the player with most points at the end of the season wins a return air ticket for one to New Zealand, compliments of Valley World Travel. The winner will be announced at the Soccer Writers' annual presentation night later this year.

Points awarded for round eight last week-end:

SOUTHSIDE EAGLES: 5 John Lavelle, 2 Brad Ryan, 1 Kenny Gordon.

MT. GRAVATT: 5 Phil Thompson, 2 John Ferguson, 1 Bevan Bohan.

MAREEBA UNITED: 5 Ivor Schofield, 2 Paul Trovalusci, 1 Mike Pirovich.

ACROSS THE WAVES: 5 Gary Bromfield, 2 John Wood, 1 Brian Kibbey.

GOLD COAST CITY: 5 Tony Kinnear, 2 Graham Hayward, 1 Paul Teefy.

FRENCHVILLE UNITED: 5 Ian Proud, 2 Tommy Pike, 1 Craig McLatchey.

TOWNSVILLE KERN: 5 Kevin Johnson, 2 Dale Whalley, 1 Frank Houston.

ST. GEORGE: 5 Ross Kelly, 2 Billy Fagan, 1 Paul Mylonas.

IPSWICH UNITED: 5 Randall McKeand, 2 Bryan Kathage, 1 Mark Korhecz.

GRANGE THISTLE: 5 Kenny Swan, 2 Mark Aponas, 1 Mickey Tripp.

PROGRESSIVE POINTS (three point awards not included):

24 P. Trovalusci (MU); 20 Young (TKU); 17 Kibbey (ATW); 16 Gordon (SSE); 15 E. Thompson (Mt.G), McKeand (I); 13 Johnson (TKU); 12 McLatchey (FU), Mylonas (St.G.); 11 Schofield (MU), Boot (MU), Bromfield (ATW); 10 Lazenby (GT), Dunlop (St.G), Low (I), Jeff Dann (I).

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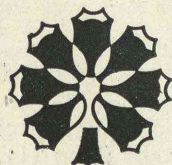


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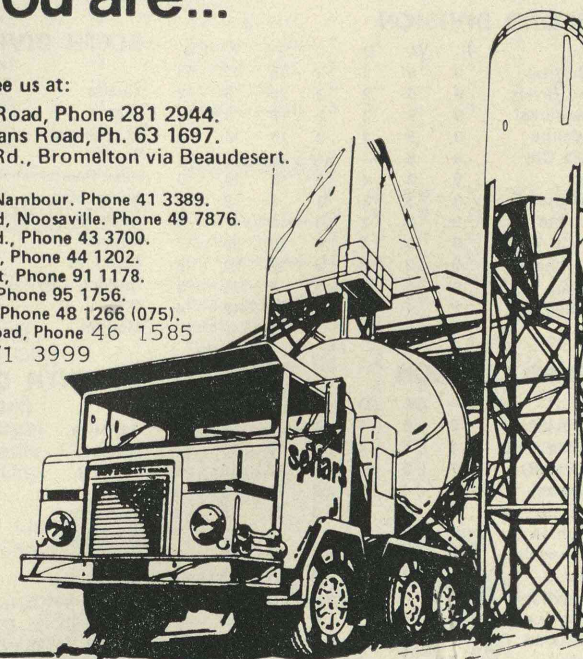
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## MATCH OF THE DAY



### BRISBANE LIONS

- 1 TONY SCANLAN
- 2 PAUL ONTONG
- 3 ALAN NIVEN
- 4 GERRY LINDSAY
- 5 COL BENNETT
- 6 JIM HERMISTON
- 7 STEVEN HOGG
- 9 MARK McNAUGHTON
- 10 RON MILLMAN
- 11 JOHAN VERWEIJ
- 13 GRAHAM WILSON
- 14 JOHN OGDEN
- 15 TOM MCGREGOR
- 20 NIGEL LOWNDS

**Coach:** MATT CARSON

### CANBERRA CITY

- 1 STEVE HOSZOWSKI
- 2 DANNY MOULIS
- 3 MIKE MILOVANOVIC
- 4 ROBERT O'SHEA
- 5 HARRY WILLIAMS
- 6 TERRY BYRNE
- 7 DON McLAREN
- 8 JOHN O'SHEA
- 9 SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO
- 10 WALTER VALERI
- 11 TONY BRENNAN
- 13 MIKE O'SHEA
- 14 ISAAC FARRELL
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### Next Week's Matches

Brisbane City v Marconi  
 West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions  
 Blacktown City v Heidelberg Utd.  
 Sydney City v St. Melbourne  
 Leichhardt v Newcastle Utd.  
 Canberra City v St. George  
 Footscray v Adelaide City

### Today's Other Matches

Footscray..... v Brisbane City.....  
 Newcastle Utd..... v West Adelaide.....  
 St. George..... v Blacktown City.....  
 Adelaide City..... v Leichhardt.....

FIRST ROUND RESULT:

Canberra City 2 v Brisbane Lions 4.