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HUGE BOOST

Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles and \$750,000 — that's the financial sponsorship for junior soccer announced by McDonald's family restaurants last week.

Sir Arthur George, President of the Australian Soccer Federation, unveiled the McDonald's Soccerroo Super Skills Award Scheme — the official ASF Junior Coaching Scheme, to be adopted by all coaches in clubs and schools throughout Australia.

McDonald's Soccerroo Super Skills is an award scheme designed to take youngsters under the age of 13 through all the required techniques and skills to develop their playing ability, to set accepted standards. Six separate awards' tests have been devised, incorporating the all important skills of touch, heading, passing, controlling, dribbling, kicking and shooting.

Youngster will be coached in these skills at clubs and schools before being tested by two coaches for their award. These awards are designed for the 7 to 13 age group and are colour graded — Blue, Red, Black, Green and Gold, increasing in difficulty at each level, gradually building aptitudes and standards.

To undergo the Gold Award, two other grades must have already been successfully completed. For those children under the age of seven, a special Mini Award has been created as a preliminary test for youngsters before attempting the main awards. Once a child has passed his award test, he or she pays \$2.50 and receives cloth and enamel badges, together with a certificate acknowledging the achievement.



The McDonald's sponsorship includes a direct payment of \$500,000 to the Australian Soccer Federation over three years, with a further \$250,000 committed to in-store promotional activities and the provision of \$2.50 food vouchers to each child who successfully completes an award grade.

\$750,000 Coaching Scheme

Sir Arthur commenting on the McDonald's sponsorship said, "The Soccerroo Super Skills Scheme represents a major breakthrough in our development as a code. The scheme will draw more youngsters to the game, as it will provide them with a thorough grounding in the necessary skills to help them become better players. Soccerroo Super Skills represents the cornerstone of the Australian Youth Soccer Development Scheme and we are particularly grateful to McDonald's for the establishment of such a worthwhile programme".



The eight state coaching directors who report directly to Eric Worthington, the National Director of Coaching, will be responsible for the introduction of Super Skills into the school and club network in Australia.

"Too often in the past, 22 young players have spent the entire match chasing a ball from one end of the field to the other," said Mr. Worthington. "McDonald's Soccerroo Super Skills will bring the degrees of skill and ball control to the young people's game which will help them adapt to the demands of competitive soccer".

Mr. Peter Ritchie, Chairman and Managing Director of McDonald's, commenting on his Company's support for Super Skills said, "We have watched the growth of soccer in recent years, particularly at junior level and are impressed by the number of youngsters and their parents who are being attracted to the code."

FOR JUNIORS



McDonald's intend to undergo a massive promotional support effort with posters, trays and in-store activities to assist the launch of the scheme to schools and clubs in the localities surrounding their 123 restaurants throughout Australia.

To mark the beginning of the 1982 soccer season Soccerroo Super Skills has commenced with a mass mailing to clubs and schools, which contains full details of the Scheme, together with support literature and an invitation to participate in the nationwide programme.

AND FUJI TOO!

Fuji film has also launched a national promotion of junior soccer in Australia involving Fujis major sponsorship of the World Cup in Spain from June 3-11.

For every box of Fuji film sold, the Australian Soccer Federation is eligible to receive 10 cents. As well as this cash bonus, individual soccer clubs and associations can win World Cup hats and T-shirts, sporting bags and watches.

Entries will then be put into a barrel and one club will win an all-expenses paid trip for two to Spain for the World Cup. The promotion relies heavily on individual soccer players, clubs and associations.

Each box of Fuji film has an Espana '82 soccer symbol on one end. About 1000 pharmacies and photo shops throughout the country are taking part in the promotion and are acting as "drop-off" points for the box tops.

The competition closes on May 31, 1982, and winners of the trip will be announced one week later.



● The film to look for.

"Our philosophy for supporting young sportsmen and women is an integral part of McDonald's growth plan in Australia. We very much look forward to a long term partnership with the Australian Soccer Federation in coaching boys and girls towards senior competition".

The sponsorship announcement for Soccerroo Super Skills follows twelve months of intensive negotiations between McDonald's, their consultants, Spectator Sports Marketing and Australian Soccer Federation Marketing. Spectator worked closely with ASF Marketing to construct a proposal which overlaid the marketing and promotional opportunities to be developed through the Soccerroo Super Skills programme.

Soccerroo Super Skills will be supported by a mass of printed material, including posters, booklets and leaflets, issued directly to clubs and schools to assist coaches, teachers and children in understanding the totality of the programme.

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1982 STATE LEAGUE DRAW

All kick-offs at 3 p.m. unless otherwise stated

<p>ROUND 1: 17/4 Townsville v Lions 8 p.m. 18/4 Ipswich v Twin Towns 18/4 Valleys v Waves 18/4 Olympic v Brisbane C. 17/4 C'cornia v Nambour 8 p.m.</p>	<p>ROUND 7: 5/6 Townsville v Valleys 8 p.m. 4/6 Lions v Ipswich 8.30 p.m. 6/6 Brisbane C. v Nambour 6/6 Waves v Twin Towns 2.30 5/6 C'cornia v Olympic 8 p.m.</p>	<p>AUGUST 7-8: Ampol Cup Semi-finales ROUND 13: 1/8 Lions v Waves 31/7 T'ville v Twin Towns 8 p.m. 1/8 Olympic v Nambour 1/8 Valleys v Ipswich 31/7 C'cornia v Bris. C. 8 p.m.</p>
<p>ROUND 2: 26/4 Brisbane C. v Townsville 25/4 Waves v Olympic 7.30 p.m. 25/4 Twin Towns v Valleys 24/4 Nambour v Ipswich 24/4 Lions v Capricornia</p>	<p>ROUND 8: 13/6 Twin Towns v C'cornio 2.30 12/6 Nambour v Waves 14/6 Ipswich v Brisbane C. 13/6 Lions v Valleys 14/6 Olympic v Townsville</p>	<p>ROUND 14: 14/8 Nambour v Townsville 15/8 Lions v Twin Towns 15/8 Waves v Brisbane C. 2.30 15/8 Ipswich v Olympic 15/8 Valleys v Capricornia</p>
<p>MAY 1-3: Ampol Cup qualify rounds and unplayed fixtures</p>	<p>JUNE 19-20: Ampol Cup ROUND 1: Knockout final 16 teams</p>	<p>ROUND 15: 21/8 Capricornia v Waves 8 p.m. 22/8 Brisbane C. v Twin Towns 21/8 Lions v Nambour 21/8 Townsville v Ipswich 8 p.m. 22/8 Olympic v Valleys</p>
<p>ROUND 3: 8/5 Townsville v Waves 8 p.m. 7/5 Lions v Bris. C. 8.30 p.m. 9/5 Valleys v Nambour 9/5 Olympic v Twin Towns 8/5 C'cornia v Ipswich 8 p.m.</p>	<p>ROUND 9: 26/6 T'ville v C'cornia 8 p.m. 27/6 Lions v Olympic 27/6 Valleys v Brisbane C. 27/6 Waves v Ipswich 27/6 Twin Towns v Nambour</p>	<p>ROUND 16: 29/8 Valleys v Townsville 29/8 Ipswich v Lions 28/8 Nambour v Brisbane C. 29/8 Twin Towns v Waves 29/8 Olympic v Capricornia</p>
<p>ROUND 4: 16/5 Waves v Lions 2.30 p.m. 16/5 Twin Towns v T'ville 2.30 15/5 Nambour v Olympic 16/5 Ipswich v Valleys 16/5 Brisbane C. v C'cornia 1.00</p>	<p>ROUND 10: 3/7 Lions v Townsville 8 p.m. 4/7 Twin Towns v Ipswich 4/7 Waves v Valleys 2.30 p.m. 4/7 Brisbane C. v Olympic 3/7 Nambour v Capricornia</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 4-5: Ampol Cup Final</p>
<p>ROUND 5: 22/5 T'ville v Nambour 8 p.m. 23/5 Twin Towns v Lions 23/5 Brisbane C. v Waves 23/5 Olympic v Ipswich 22/5 C'cornia v Valleys 8 p.m.</p>	<p>ROUND 11: 17/7 T'ville v Bris. C. 8 p.m. 18/7 Olympic v Waves 18/7 Valleys v Twin Towns 18/7 Ipswich v Nambour 17/7 C'cornia v Lions 8 p.m.</p>	<p>ROUND 17: 11/9 C'cornia v Twin Towns 8.00 12/9 Waves v Nambour 2.30 p.m. 12/9 Brisbane C. v Ipswich 12/9 Valleys v Lions 11/9 T'ville v Olympic 8 p.m.</p>
<p>ROUND 6: 30/5 Waves v C'cornia 2.30 p.m. 30/5 Twin Towns v Brisbane C. 29/5 Nambour v Lions 30/5 Ipswich v Townsville 30/5 Valleys v Olympic</p>	<p>ROUND 12: 25/7 Waves v Townsville 24/7 Brisbane C. v Lions 24/7 Nambour v Valleys 25/7 Twin Towns v Olympic 25/7 Ipswich v Capricornia</p>	<p>ROUND 18: 18/9 C'cornia v T'ville 8 p.m. 19/9 Olympic v Lions 19/9 Brisbane C. v Valleys 19/9 Ipswich v Waves 18/9 Nambour v Twin Towns</p>

SEPTEMBER 25-26: Knockout semi-final.

OCTOBER 2-3: Major semi-final.

OCTOBER 9-10: Preliminary final.

OCTOBER 16-17: GRAND FINAL

(Finals subject to change if country teams involved).

NOTE: Draw correct at time of printing, but subject to late changes.

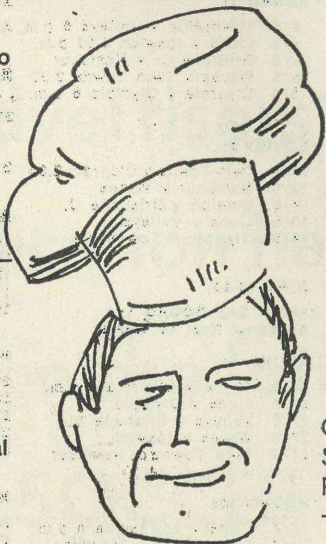
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Peru's World Cup 'gem'

Julio Cesar Uribe, the "Black Diamond" of Peruvian football, wants to do more than sparkle at the World Cup finals. He intends to outshine the rest.

An international soccer magazine recently judged the 24-year-old forward the third best player in the world, after Argentina's Diego Maradona and Zico of Brazil. Flattered he may be, but Uribe is not planning to rest on his laurels.

"The World Cup will show who is the best and there's no reason why it shouldn't be me. Maradona, Zico, Rumenigge — all these players have great reputations. But they've got to prove their class in Spain, where it counts."

Uribe has the smooth, good looks of a film actor and the physique of a boxer. A player of perfect poise and dizzy acceleration, Uribe can wrong-foot defenders in one slick movement. As a boy, he appeared on television juggling a ball more than 1,000 times with his feet and performing 2,000 consecutive headers.

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"My job is to score goals and my aim is to create constant danger," he said.

A natural dribbler, he is at his best collecting the ball in midfield and running at the defence. Pushed up front, with his back to the opposing goal, he lacks space to display his talents and becomes vulnerable to bruising challengers. But he does not shirk a tackle. He learned his craft with boys twice his age and size as a youngster in a shanty town on the outskirts of Lima.

"I've never been afraid of getting kicked," he said.

His main failing, according to critics, is his inclination to try to beat one man too many or to go it alone when a colleague is unmarked. Uribe accepts the criticism but says his individualism has been curbed by playing with established stars in the Peruvian national side.

Uribe has spent all his career with Sporting Cristal but looks certain to move abroad after the World Cup. Despite his one million dollar price tag, his club has been approached by several foreign sides. Uribe said his first choice would be Leeds United, struggling in the depths of the English First Division.

Uribe sees the World Cup finals as a springboard to fame.

"The World Cup will put me in the showcase of football, it's the golden opportunity of my life. Peru could cause a sensation in Spain, we have the skill, style and determination to surprise the world," Uribe said.



● Action from last year's world youth championships . . . Uruguay striker Jorge De Silva takes on Polish defender Modest Boguszewski.

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QUEENSLAND UNLUCKY

by Mark Brigden

Queensland's Youth team was unlucky to be beaten by a strong combination from the Australian Institute of Sport at Perry Park last week.

The final score was 2-1 to the A.I.S. after Queensland had lead 1-0 at half-time.

It was a determined display by the home team who dominated for most of the first half. With Russell Stewart controlling the midfield, Queensland forwards Mick Geratsin and Steven Glockner found several gaps in the Institute's defence.

Following concerted pressure, Queensland's goal came in the 31st minute when Andy Tighe controlled a through ball and scored from close in. The second half saw a more even passage of play with a more competitive attitude adopted by the A.I.S.

Luciano Fabrizio and Frank Farina

combined in the 59th minute to score the equaliser following a mix-up in the Queensland defence. One of 4 ex-Queenslanders in the Institute team, Farina, got the winner in the 78th minute with a low drive from the corner of the penalty area.

Queensland were unable to again penetrate the visitors' defence, in which Andrew Young and John Kowtan played superbly in the second half and goalkeeper Chris Hummel continued his fine first half display.

Whilst a draw would have been a more deserved result, it was an encouraging display by Queensland. Indeed, the standard of teamwork, individual ability and tactical knowledge found within the team augers well for the future of soccer in this State.

DOWN WYNNUM WAY

This year's junior competition got off to a good start, and on the first weekend out of the nine games played, Wynnum won six and lost only three.

The biggest win was by the U/15's with a 12 goal to nil win over Tudor Rovers.

Recently the U/10's played in a carnival at Redlands and after winning games against Capalaba, Clairvaux and Inala City, they went on to play Annerley in the final and after a full time score of 1-1, they then lost on penalties.

On March 21, the Wynnum U/7's side played in the Annerley Carnival at Ekibin.

The final saw Wynnum opposed to Goodna and after a very keenly fought

first half, the score was locked at nil all. The winning goal was scored by Wynnum with only a few minutes remaining in the second half.

On Saturday, March 26, the U/8's defeated Clairvaux 5-0 and 6-2. All the boys played a good game, with goals being scored by Cleb Cook (1), David Partridge (3), Darren Powell (4) and Nick O'Sullivan (3). Keep up the good work boys.

CUP TO THISTLE

The final of this year's Ampol Colts Cup was a hard-fought match between Grange Thistle and North Star. Grange Thistle just edged out North Star by 2-1, to hold on to the Cup for the second year.

In the earlier game which was the play-off for third and fourth place, Annerley

over-came pressure from Mt. Gravatt to win by 2-0.

The presentations were made on behalf of Ampol by Mr. Barry Wood the manager of Ampol Refinery and by the president of Wynnum Soccer Club, Mr. Geoff Garner.

A. Johnson from North Star took out the \$50 open order to the Sports Factory at Lutwyche, for the Best and Fairest Player of the Finals.

Wynnum would like to thank all the clubs who played in the competition and made it a success. We thank you for your support.

ALL THE POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunnyside	1	1	—	—	5	2	2
Thistle	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Mt. Gravatt	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Taringa	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
Darra	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Easts	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Acacia Ridge	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
Wynnum	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
North Star	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Mitchelton	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Goodna	1	—	—	1	2	3	0
Coalstars	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Annerley	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Pine Rivers	1	—	—	1	2	5	0
Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Annerley	1	1	—	—	9	1	2
Mt. Gravatt	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Nth. Star	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Taringa	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Acacia Ridge	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Pine Rivers	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
Easts	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Mitchelton	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Sunnyside	1	—	—	1	2	3	0
Wynnum	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Goodna	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Darra	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Coalstars	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
Thistle	1	—	—	1	1	9	0
Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Industrial	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Eagles	1	1	—	—	5	2	2
Redlands	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Bardon	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Redcliffe	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
University	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
Gap	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
Newmarket	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
Souths	1	—	—	1	0	1	0
St. Albans	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Nth. Brisbane	1	—	—	1	2	5	0
Riverside	1	—	—	1	0	5	0

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eagles	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Newmarket	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Industrial	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Redcliffe	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Souths	1	1	—	—	4	3	2
Redlands	1	—	1	—	2	2	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
Bardon	1	—	—	1	3	4	0
Riverside	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
University	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Gap	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Nth. Brisbane	1	—	—	1	0	5	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Albany Creek	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Booval	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Kingsridge	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
Rochedale	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
Bayside	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Brighton	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Nerang	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Rovers	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Oxley	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
Inala *	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Westside *	1	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Results not advised

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Samford	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Taringa	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
RAAF	1	1	—	—	5	2	2
Slacks Creek	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Valleys	1	—	1	—	4	4	1
Woodridge	1	—	1	—	4	4	1
Mitchelton	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
Virginia	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
Greenbank	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Annerley	1	—	—	1	2	5	0
South Star	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
North Pine	1	—	—	1	0	5	0

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leichhardt	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
North Star	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Brighton	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Inala	1	1	—	—	5	3	2
Rovers	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Ipswich	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Kingsridge	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Moggill	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Wacol	1	—	—	1	3	5	0
Clairvaux	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Oxley	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
Souths	1	—	—	1	0	4	0

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Logan City	1	1	—	—	9	1	2
Beenleigh	1	1	—	—	6	0	2
Griffith Uni.	1	1	—	—	6	1	2
Booval	1	1	—	—	4	3	2

1982 PSL STANDINGS

HOME

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	4	3	1	—	8	2	7
Leichhardt	4	3	1	—	9	4	7
Heidelberg	4	3	1	—	8	3	7
Sth. Melbourne	4	2	2	—	10	3	6
Preston	4	2	2	—	9	3	6
Brisbane City	4	2	2	—	8	5	6
St. George	4	3	—	1	6	3	6
Lions	4	2	1	1	12	7	5
West Adelaide	4	2	1	1	7	2	5
Sydney City	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Adelaide City	4	1	2	1	7	5	4
Olympic	4	2	—	2	7	5	4
Wollongong	4	2	—	2	6	8	4
Canberra	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Footscray	4	—	3	1	4	5	3
Newcastle	4	1	1	2	4	6	3

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albany Creek	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
St. Helens	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Nerang	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Valleys	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Annerley	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Willowburn	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Mitchelton	—	—	—	1X	0	3	0
Woodridge	—	—	—	1X	0	3	0
North Pine	1	—	—	1	0	5	0
Taringa	1	—	—	1	0	5	0
Acacia R. *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redcliffe C. *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

X — Forfeit * — Results not advised

COLTS A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valleys	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Easts	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Acacia Ridge	1	1	—	—	4	3	2
Mt. Gravatt	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
North Star	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Lions	1	—	—	1	0	1	0
Mitchelton	1	—	—	1	2	3	0
Thistle	1	—	—	1	3	4	0
St. Helens	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Capalaba *	1	—	—	1	0	3	0

COLTS B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Olympic	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Eagles	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Albany Ck.	1	—	1	—	6	6	1
Nerang	1	—	1	—	6	6	1
Annerley	1	—	1	—	4	4	1
Newmarket	1	—	1	—	4	4	1
Mt. Gravatt	1	—	—	1	0	1	0
North Star	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Redcliffe *	—	—	—	1X	0	3	0
Caboollure *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

X — Forfeit

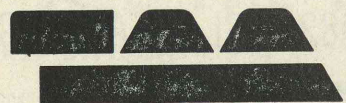
AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympic	4	3	1	—	10	5	7
Leichhardt	4	3	—	1	9	4	6
Sydney City	4	3	—	1	8	4	6
Preston	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
St. George	4	1	2	1	5	7	4
Heidelberg	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Sth. Melbourne	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Lions	4	—	3	1	4	6	3
West Adelaide	4	—	3	1	4	6	3
Canberra	4	—	2	2	4	9	2
Wollongong	4	1	—	3	2	10	2
Adelaide City	4	—	1	3	3	7	1
Newcastle	4	—	1	3	3	9	1
Marconi	4	—	1	3	1	7	1
Footscray	4	—	1	3	2	10	1
Brisbane City	4	—	—	4	1	14	—

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leichhardt	8	6	1	1	18	8	13
Olympic	8	5	1	2	17	10	11
Sydney City	8	5	1	2	12	7	11
Preston	8	3	4	1	14	9	10
Heidelberg	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
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The coming International Youth Championships of Europe, South America, Africa, Asia and CONCACAF (North, Central America and the Caribbean) are the qualifying battlegrounds for Mexico. Australia begins its campaign in Port Moresby in December against New Zealand and New Guinea.

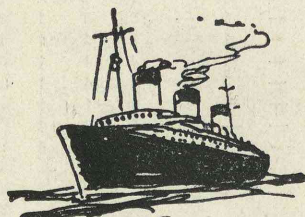
The FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup, first won by the Soviet Union in Tunisia in 1977, has since witnessed the sight of the great Diego Maradona captaining Argentina to victory in Japan in 1979 and the astonishing giant-killers from the little oil state of Qatar reaching the final in Australia last year. Qatar played their first round games at Lang Park in Brisbane.

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Marshall Soper — THE "LEICHHARDT STRIKER"

Sydney club, Leichhardt has taken everyone by surprise with an incredible start to the season that has seen them take 13 points from eight games. Much of that credit is due to the astute coaching of Willie Wallace but to win you must score goals, and one of the players scoring the goals for the Strikers is young Australian-born and bred Marshall Soper. Go Soccer today takes a closer look at the man who at the moment is THE Leichhardt Striker.

GS: Marshall, can you tell us a bit of your background and how you got to the Leichhardt Philips League team?

MS: I was born in Newcastle 21 years ago and began playing soccer at about age seven. I started with my local club Raymond Terrace but I had a couple of years with other clubs like Western and Kurri. I played my senior football with Stewart's and Lloyd's in the northern New South Wales League but last year after I scored 21 goals in 18 games I was transferred to Leichhardt for \$5,000.

GS: How did you find the change to Philips League?

MS: It was obviously a lot faster and required more dedication and it took me a few games to adjust but I finished last season with eight goals from as many games I think and I had a feeling everything would come right this year.

GS: Have you always been a striker?

MS: Yes, for as long as I can remember I have played in the forward line. I have

always wanted to score and each season now I set myself a goal-scoring target. My target this year is at least 20 goals.

GS: Have you any representative honors?

MS: I played once in the under 16 northern New South Wales team but I didn't try for many other teams.

GS: Do you do any special training and what do you think of the Leichhardt team?

MS: I am a semi-professional player and don't have another job so that gives me plenty of spare time to train. I try to kick a ball at every chance I get and in training I do as much shooting as I can. Leichhardt is a great team to play in because we have the best forward line in Australia. There is so much competition for places the pressure is incredible which brings out the best in everyone.

GS: What is Willie Wallace like as a coach?

MS: He is one of the best in Australia and commands the respect of the players because he picks every team on form and no one gets into the side because of who they are.

GS: Have you done any special preparation for this weekend's game and what do you know about Brisbane City?

MS: I don't think about the opposition in the way that I could let it worry me but before a game I try to sum up their defenders and decide which would be the best way to beat them. From memory last year Bobby Hamilton impressed me as a good player and big Barry Kelso is always dangerous in the air.

GS: What does the future hold for Marshall Soper?

MS: My two year contract with Leichhardt finishes this year and I think it might be good to move around a bit at this stage of my career. I guess I could say at the end of the year I would be open to offers. My overall aim though is to play for Australia.



● Action from Leichhardt's last visit to Brisbane when they beat Lions 4-0. Pictured are Col Bennett (left) and Marshall Soper.

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— IT'S TOUGH FOR CITY —

Brisbane City could not have struck Leichhardt at a worse time — there is nothing more dangerous than a top team smarting from its first defeat.

Leichhardt's unbeaten run of seven games came to an end last weekend when they were downed by the exciting Sydney Olympic and now the Strikers, who two weeks ago looked runaway leaders, are only two points in front.

Coach Willie Wallace will no doubt be desperate not to let his side fall into a slump and will want to register a win to boost their confidence which had grown with each earlier victory.

And it will take a mammoth effort from The Gladiators to stop Leichhardt doing just that.

Brisbane City were crushed away from home again last week, this time by three goals to West Adelaide and their form this season has been far from that of last year. But amazingly, the Gladiators are still unbeaten at home. The last time they played at Spencer Park they caused the shock of the round when they stopped Sydney City and ran out 2-1 winners.

While it was a morale boosting win for the Gladiators, anyone who saw the game would realise it was not a footballing victory for City and the side is still

playing well below its best.

Many solutions can be put forward: injuries, the loss of key players, new players taking time to settle and the failure of some new signings. But at the moment City look like a ship without a rudder — a team of individuals who can't seem to decide on the same direction to follow.

Players are ignoring the easy ball and as a result possession is more times than not lost in the attacking third which then quickly puts the pressure back on the defence which this year, due to injuries, has been a makeshift outfit.

At this stage of the season City should go back to the basics and concentrate on their strengths. They have always been a workmanlike side and coach Nereo Saftich must demand more heart and running from his players. They should give the ball to Barry Kelso and let him run — sooner or later he is going to score. And in defence, if the strikers are too fast, the back four should not push as far forward nor commit themselves early as they did repeatedly in the South Melbourne match.

City can't afford another average performance this week because Leichhardt are the team which will punish them severely.

LAST WEEK IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE: West Adelaide crushed Brisbane City 3-0 to record their second win of the season at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Wests were held goalless in a scrappy first half but cut loose after the restart and could easily have won by more.

Graham Heys opened the scoring in the 67th minute when he followed up a rebound and slammed the ball into the roof of the net from five metres.

West Adelaide had hardly finished their celebration when Tim Brown rose to hit home a cross from David Doorne.

West Adelaide continued to push forward and notched a third goal when Adrian Santrac was on the goal line to scramble a cross from Graham Honeyman

over the goal line.

Wests should have notched at least another two goals but their forwards were over-anxious and let the opportunities slip.

Brisbane City, fresh from their 2-1 win over Sydney City the previous week, looked aggressive in the first half and generally shared the play although they lacked penetration in attack.

It was only after West Adelaide had gone to a 3-0 lead that City threatened to puncture Wests' defence. Joe Palinkas wasted a good opportunity, Bobby Hamilton saw a good shot strike the bar and second half substitute Barry Kelso had his header from close range brilliantly stopped by Martyn Crook.

— WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK —

Match

Brisbane City v Leichhardt
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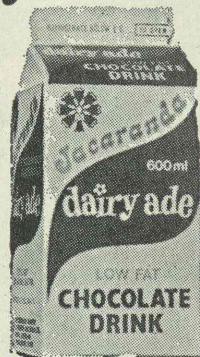


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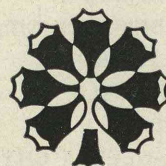
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Next Week

- BRISBANE LIONS v MARCONI
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- WOLLONGONG v ST. GEORGE
- STH. MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG
- SYDNEY CITY v NEWCASTLE
- WEST ADELAIDE v CANBERRA CITY
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