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INSURANCE: IS THE HEADACHE WORTH IT?

Queensland soccer's compulsory insurance scheme, aimed to ease the social and economic stress after the event, has turned into a four-figure financial headache for many clubs even before the season has started.

The \$1,000 per team premium, a 100 percent increase in many cases, came as a bitter pill for the clubs to swallow and many, particularly those in the lower divisions, are still reeling from the effects.

It was a slug most club officials were not expecting and now they will be battling the whole season to keep their heads above water.

But do the costs justify the benefits? Obviously the answer to that question is a personal one as that is the nature of insurance. Some are willing to run the risk and gamble against it "not happening to me". Some are lucky, others are not.

But what were the reasons behind the premium hike and how does Queensland soccer compare with other states and sports.

It doesn't take many enquiries to learn that in fact the Queensland Soccer Federation is one of the few sporting organisations in Queensland that has a compulsory comprehensive insurance scheme and the only eastern seaboard soccer federation that constitutionally binds the clubs to participation.

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Death or disablement cover generally is compulsory among those organisations that impliment some kind of insurance scheme. But the loss of wage and medical expenses cover, compulsory in the QSF, are in most cases only optional.

A spokeswoman for the Victorian Soccer Federation said it was the VSF's policy to leave insurance up to the clubs.

"Player insurance is not compulsory but recommended. With respect to contract players it is the VSF's attitude that the clubs employ the players so insurance is the employer's responsibility," the spokeswoman said.

But she added many contract players had compulsory insurance clauses in their contracts.

In relation to lower division amateur players, the spokeswoman said it was her understanding that insurance was up to the individual or his club.

But she conceded — "most lower division players are not insured."

Mr. Aulden Brown, secretary of the NSW Soccer Federation, said the only compulsory insurance in that state was a government-run scheme.

For \$2 per player per year sportsmen are given a limited death or disablement cover. An optional medical and loss of wage cover is offered but taken up by only a few clubs.

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Clubs with professional players in NSW must insure them to the level of the state's workers' compensation.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Mr. Brian Emery, said the ASF recommended comprehensive insurance cover and thought highly of Queensland's attitude.

"It is ASF policy to insure all national teams. All National League players must be insured comprehensively in addition to being in a medical fund. But as far as lower division players are concerned that is a matter solely for the state federations to work out." Mr. Emery said. So basically the QSF is out on its own, but the cover given generally has been quite adequate.

For example last year clubs had to insure teams for a minimum of \$500. They were given three areas of insurance — death and disablement, loss of wage and medical.

Premiums varied from \$100 to \$600 in some cases for each area but most clubs got away with reaching the minimum by taking only two of the three categories — generally death and disablement and one of the other two.

The most complaints last year came from players who thought they were covered medically but found their club had gone for the other two.

To overcome that problem the QSF late last year sought quotes on a package encompassing all three areas. The quotes varied substantially. To go with the same company last year, under a relatively similar policy would have meant premium hikes of up to 150 percent.

Under the policy now adopted, clubs have obtained for their outlay of \$1000

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ALAN VESSEY

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team an increased death and disablement payment, double the time period for loss of wage but a reduction in the percentage of medical costs reimbursement.

According to QSF secretary Alan Vessey obtaining quotes is not difficult and each year the QSF office receives at least half a dozen proposals from various companies.

"You can always get a cheaper premium but insurance has to be examined very carefully and you usually find with the cheaper schemes the cover is far less than what Queensland players have been accustomed to." Vessey said.

Actually Queensland soccer's compulsory insurance goes back to the annual general meeting of 1977.

"The idea behind compulsory insurance is that it relieves the clubs of moral and subsequent financial obligations in the event of a player being injured and having to meet medical costs and possibly losing wages or employment," Vessey said.

Prior to 1977 there had been at one stage a special QSF insurance fund;

instigated and managed by the federation but not only was it nearly bled dry but it may have been contrary to the Insurance Act.

The idea of a uniform policy was put to the clubs but it was stressed that to obtain the best premium, maximum participation was needed, so the scheme became compulsory.

It has continued ever since and only time will tell whether this new policy adopted will satisfy most claims.

But as some clubs struggle to find their premium payments, and many found it difficult to meet the February 28 50 percent deadline, they should realise what the alternatives and risks would be without a compulsory scheme.

There are a lot of men, women and children actively involved in soccer in Queensland each winter weekend and statistically sooner or later one of those people will be involved in a serious insurance-related incident.

It's always easy to be wise after the event so maybe those headaches some clubs have now in meeting their premiums are small compared with what they might have if there was no insurance.

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FOR YOUR MONEY

COVER	SUM INSURED	
	1982	1983
Death, loss of sight, loss of hands, arms, legs.	\$5000	\$10,000
Permanent disablement affecting occupation or employment.	\$5000	\$10,000
Disablement from engaging in normal income producing occupation, employment and from playing soccer.	\$100 per week (26 wks. max.)	\$150 per week (52 wks max.)
Reimbursement of medical expenses, hospital, dentist, therapists etc. to a maximum of \$500 per player per injury.	50% of costs	30% of costs

NOTE: The table above is only a generalization of policies. It is intended to give only a basic overview and club officials and players should consult official information before making claims.

EDITORIAL

Queensland referees seem to be applying a double standard when it comes to dealing with interstate players and those with the two local National League clubs.

And an incident last week proved to only strengthen that belief

Brisbane Lions defender John Sime was sent from the field in the XXXX pre-season tournament final for allegedly swearing. The verbal attack was not heard by the referee and the player was sent from the field on the advice of a linesman.

Fair enough, swearing is against the rules. Players who break the rules should be dealt with.

But why then did the officials concerned recommend a harsher suspension than the mandatory one match? (As it turned out Sime was suspended for two matches on a technical point rather than on the recommendation).

But it seems very inconsistent when only three days earlier the same two officials chose to ignore totally the very loud abusive language of one very prominent Sydney player. One one occasion the player concerned stood on the penalty spot and yelled abuse to the linesman.

Everyone in the stadium heard the language but there was not a suggestion of a yellow card, let alone a recommendation for a harsher suspension.

What is the difference? Are Brisbane referees scared to send off southern players for fear of losing their position on the national panel?

Or is there some local, but unpublished direction, which prompts them to submit recommendations on local sides?

Losing a player is not easy for any team and proved particularly disastrous for Lions. It is not good for Queensland soccer as a whole to have a team on the bottom of the national competition and we should not be making it harder for them to get out of trouble.

Abuse of officials should not be tolerated and players should realise they face being sent-off. But the practise of recommending more than one week for the offence must be reviewed.

We are playing football, not netball. Its about time we got on with the game — on both sides of the whistle.

Points to ponder

One southern National League must be expecting the worst. The Greek-backed club has a contingency plan already formulated for them to quickly pull out of the national competition in June or July if their crowds do not improve. But a recent high scoring home result may have kept the plan under wraps for just a little longer.

Strange and sudden goings on behing the scenes of one Premier League club have led to the rise of all sorts of rumours. Perhaps it is about time the club made an official statement rather than letting the rumours persist.

Victorian officials must have been pleased with the performance of their team in the recent centenary clash against Queensland — the players were paid \$20 each extra for winning 2-0.

That still falls short of what the QSF lost on the game but indications are there will be another next year. 1984 is the centenary of Victorian Soccer and would not surprise if Queensland was invited to play in Melbourne.

If the match goes ahead it will be interesting to see when someone else, other than Queensland, organises an interstate game, if any matches are put on in competition. If there are, and its very unlikely, you can bet your season ticket it won't be an international.

The five-goal defeat Lions players suffered at the hands of Canberra recently turned into a double disaster for some of the Brisbane players. They returned to the dressing rooms after the match to find money gone from some of their clothing hung around the walls. Surely at NSL level club officials maintain a reasonable amount of security.

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BOHAN: — UNLUCKY OR UNLIKED?

Brisbane City midfielder Bevan Bohan must be beginning to question the wisdom of his move to the club from Mount Gravatt early last year.

Despite his tireless efforts on the park, Bohan still does not command the respect of the City supporters and his slightest of mistakes still attract "go back to Mount Gravatt" calls.

Then last week he was given the ultimate in rebuttals when state coach Bruce Stowell, in a pro-Brisbane City swing, selected the entire Gladiators National League squad — with the exception of Bohan.

Is it because he is an inferior player his team-mates or is it because his low profile get-on-with-the-game approach keeps him out of the limelight?

The answer has to be the latter because Bohan is a good player and anyone who does not recognise that is not watching him closely enough on the field. Without a doubt he is one of the hardest working midfielders in Queensland. His style is unorthodox but effective.

And the statistics prove it. In Brisbane City's recent home National League match against Adelaide City, Bohan had by far the highest workrate of any midfielder on the park. Yet it was his captain Frank Pimblett who was given the accolades after the match.

Sure, Pimblett made some nice passes, great crossfield switches and was cheered on by the City fans. They even once totally ignored when Pimblett kicked the ball straight out of play.

But on the other hand Bohan at best only earned a slight handclapping from a few for his touches of skill and was booed when he lost the ball. Obviously those spectators, and possibly Stowell, did not see the 16 successful passes Bohan made through the game. And perhaps they missed the 14 good challenges.

Maybe they didn't notice that through the whole game he was dispossessed

only once but beat a man five times, won the ball cleanly in the air four times and despite playing much deeper than say Williamson, still managed to get in two shots.

Bohan will not be drawn into any comment on his treatment by the City fans and says "I don't notice what they say, I just get on with the game and try to do everything I can."

But he surely must be a little disappointed because effort-wise he has given his all.

ROBINS: IT'S COMMITMENT

Former Queensland and Mount Gravatt coach Fred Robins admires Bevan Bohan's ability despite originally thinking he was not good enough to make the top grade.

"When I first saw him play at Merton East I didn't rate him highly and it wasn't until he was in my team and I watched him train that I realised what an asset he can be," Robins said.

"He is one of total commitment. There are no half measures. He hates to be beaten and if he is, he has the workrate and determination to get the ball back."

But Robins added he was "surprised but not surprised" that Bohan missed on the state squad.

"I suppose it was either Bohan or Hamilton. That's the way it was for the last state squad, Bevan was in originally when it was thought Bobby had gone back to Scotland. But when he returned and Bevan was still on holidays, Bobby came back in," he said.

CITY PLAYERS DOMINATE QLD SQUAD

Twelve Brisbane City players were selected in the 18-man Queensland squad for the interstate match against New South Wales at Perry Park on May 8.

The other six players came from Brisbane Lions to complete a total National League squad. Institute of Sport student and Canberra Arrows loan player Frank Farina has been pencilled in pending confirmation of his availability.

The squad is: Goalkeepers — Kim

Wishart, Nigel Lownds; Defence — Steve Perry, Peter Tokesi, Frank Liddell, Billy Wilkinson, Alan Niven, Allan Hunter, John Kowtan; midfield — Russell Stewart, Steve Hogg, Billy Williamson, Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton; Forwards — Joe Cairney, Allan Hughes, Danny Wright, Stephen Glockner.

CAN GLOCKNER MAKE IT?

The Australian Youth team is currently enjoying some of the most favourable publicity ever given to a national soccer side and three Queenslanders are sharing some of that limelight.

Frank Farina, Russell Stewart and Danny Wright have been in the Youth Squad which has swept all before them to qualify for the finals of the world youth championship in Mexico in June.

But as the youngsters go into their final preparations, calls have come from all parts of the country for late inclusions in the squad. In some cases these calls could be quite justified as it is now nearly six months since national coach Les Schienflug settled on his squad.

Australia is such a big country that it is quite possible some talented youngsters slipped through the net which was dragged across in search of good young talent.

One of those players is Brisbane City youngster Stephen Glockner, who twice through circumstances beyond his control, missed playing in front of Schienflug. Now he is making a last minute desperate attempt to get the form on the board in the National League and be among the final 18 who will go to Mexico.

But what are Glockner's chances? Is he Youth team material?

Go Soccer recently put the **Formscope** on Glockner and Lions' Youth team member Danny Wright. The **Formscope** was used not to discredit Wright in any way, for he is in the team, but to establish a yardstick by which Glockner's chances could be measured.

As it turned out when the **Formscope** was put on the pair — in the NSL Cup first round match — Wright played in the midfield rather than up front like Glockner. In examining the statistics it also must be remembered Wright was in a losing team while Glockner was given the service of a dominant midfield.

But some very pleasing statistics did emerge for the hopeful Brisbane City youngster. He made exactly double the



● Brisbane City's Stephen Glockner lunges at Victoria's John Yzendoorn during the centenary interstate match in February. Glockner is hoping his next representative jersey is a green and gold one.

number of successful passes that Wright performed and was much more dominant in the air.

Wright is often criticised for holding the ball and losing it but this was not particularly evident in this match.

But the big factor in Glockner's favour was the number of times he beat a man. It showed ability and confidence.

Realistically there is only one place open in the Youth team forward line — and that is Rodney Brown's position. Farina and David Low are certainties for the other two. Brown provides the height and aggression in the team's forward line — something Glockner no doubt from the **Formscope** could equally contribute....

But time is running out. The next Youth team camp is in a week then the final squad will be named in May. Glockner must start scoring goals now and draw Schienflug's attention.

But whether he makes it or not the **Formscope** statistics below definitely indicate he is a player with potential.

THE GO SOCCER FORMSCOPE

GLOCKNER			SKILL	WRIGHT		
1st half	2nd half	TOTAL		TOTAL	1st half	2nd half
7	11	18	SUCCESSFUL PASSES	9	5	4
2	1	3	BAD PASSES	2	1	1
5	1	6	BALLS WON IN AIR	1	0	1
3	2	5	GOOD CHALLENGES	3	1	2
8	5	13	BEAT A MAN	4	3	1
4	3	7	LOST POSSESSION	5	3	2
1	1 (goal)	2	SHOTS ON TARGET	1	1	0
0	1	1	SHOTS WIDE	2	0	2

THE WEEKEND'S TEAMS

PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND TWO

GRANGE THISTLE v SUNNYSIDE

Lanham Park
Saturday, 7 p.m.

GRANGE THISTLE	SUNNYSIDE
.... DAVE GALLAGHER	.... JOE SIKORSKI
.... MARK APONAS	.... RICKY ROBINSON
.... G. BUCHANAN	.... IVAN SEKULIC
.... JOHN RIBONE	.... IVAN FRKOVIC
.... JIM CAMERON	.... MICKY MATISIC
.... STEVE DOLAN	.... RICKY BOW
.... KEN SWAN	.... STEVE PERKOVIC
.... ROSS SWAN	.... IVAN PERKOVIC
.... JOHN PATERSON	.... STEVE PUSELJ
.... WILSON MAELAU	.... DAMIR IVICA
.... TONY BAILEY	.... PETER FARRELL
.... GARTH MOLONEY	.... ZVONKO PENC
.... JOHN RUSSELL	.... VLADO BEK
.... GLEN ARCHER	.... JOE MATIC
.....	.... CHARLIE RUNJE

Scores: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

LIONS v OLYMPIC

Richlands Stadium
Sunday, 1 p.m.

LIONS	OLYMPIC
.... GREG MARSHALL	.... M. CALOGERAKIS
.... TONY SCANLAN	.... GEORGE VASILIOU
.... PETER McCLURG	.... NICK GIOVANNIS
.... STEVE JACKSON	.... MIKE CERNAKA
.... ROD VASQUEZ	.... M. McNAUGHTON
.... ANDY LEE	.... CRAIG SCHNEIDER
.... JOHN OGDEN	.... JIM BELLAS
.... CLARK ANDERSON	.... PETER TYSON
.... STEVE FULTON	.... S. KONSTANTINOU
.... FRANK BYRNE	.... GRAHAM WILSON
.... BRAD KEARTON	.... TOM MCGREGOR
.... JOHN MIRANDA	.... ANDY OGDEN
.... MICHAEL MULVEY	.... NICK NICOLAOU
.....	.... NICK KRITICOU
.....	.... JOHN GORZA

Scores: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

VALLEY TRIDENT v BRISBANE CITY

Murray Street
Monday, 3 p.m.

VALLEY TRIDENT	BRISBANE CITY
.... MARTIN COE	.... GLENN AHERN
.... JOHN LAVELLE	.... PAUL McCLURE
.... DAVE MELIA	.... PAUL SCHAIVO
.... JOHN SHEPHERD	.... A. SALVATORE
.... RICH. SHORTMAN	.... PAUL BARRY
.... SHANE RIDEOUT	.... GEORGE CAIRD
.... GERRY LINDSAY	.... D. VINCENZINO
.... DAVE OSBORNE	.... GARY BROMFIELD
.... FRANK MENGOTTI	.... BEVAN BOHAN
.... TOM PIKE	.... WILLIE CONNER
.... LEN POLLOCK	.... ANGELO FALCO
.... PETER CAREY	.... ANDY CHAPMAN
.... MAX CIOBO	.... LEE SCRIGGINS
.... IAN RATHMELL	.... JOHN KOWTAN
.... TONY IOVENETTI	.... PAUL SLEIGHT
.... BEN TOGNINI	.... F. GUGLIELMINO
.... JOE LALLY	.....

Scores: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

ACACIA RIDGE v EASTS

Perry Park
Monday, 3 p.m.

ACACIA RIDGE	EASTS
.... ROB FARROW	.... PAUL DRURY
.... MAL EVANS	.... PAUL MYLONAS
.... DAVE ARMSTRONG	.... JEFF DOLAN
.... STU. HOLMES	.... M. JACKSON-KNAGGS
.... IAN PROUD	.... ROD STEIN
.... NORM BELL	.... CHRIS FEGAN
.... GERRY KAYE	.... LEX DONSKY
.... JOHN GILLESPIE	.... PHIL THOMPSON
.... JIM SPENCE	.... MICKEY SINN
.... STU. WESTON	.... LEON WILSON
.... JOHN KEANE	.... GEORGE TAKIS
.... N. CRUICKSHANK	.... GARTH JONES
.... GERRY McMAHON	.... JEFF HANSON
.... MICK GERRITSEN	.... NOEL LORD
.... PETER GERRITSEN	.... TONY BRIGHT

Scores: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

GERMO T WEEKEND'S TEAMS

PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND TWO

TARINGA v IPSWICH
Premier League
Jack Speare Oval
Monday, 3 p.m.

TARINGA	IPSWICH
..... PRUCE	..... JOHN BENNETT
..... DAUNT	..... JEFF DANN
..... ALDER	..... BILL DANN
..... CRUK	..... WAYNE WARREN
..... WILKINSON	..... IAN LAWRIE
..... DAVIS	..... R. McKEAND
..... EEDY	..... NEV O'SULLIVAN
..... LASLO	..... JOHN MILLER
..... GAVAN STITT	..... JOHN PETIE
..... DRAIG BRIMSON	..... RUSS BECKWITH
..... MIKE SAVAGE	..... RICH BARNARD
..... SYD STEVENSON	..... STEVE MULLER
..... HAZELDINE	..... M. KITCHING
..... MARTIN GREEN	..... RON MILLMAN
..... JOHN REID	..... KEV O'NEILL
..... KEN GORDON	..... GREG DONNELLY

Scores: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

NORTH STAR v MOUNT GRAVATT
Premier League
O'Callaghan Park
Monday, 3 p.m.

NORTH STAR	MOUNT GRAVATT
..... PETER ROBERTS	..... S. WOODRUFFE
..... ANTHONY POLITIS	..... MARK DAVIS
..... WERNER FRISKE	..... NOEL DAVIS
..... SULLY MAITRE	..... ERIC THOMPSON
..... MICHAEL McEVROY	..... DAVID COSTA
..... BRIAN SAMPSON	..... C. CORCORAN
..... JOHN DOYLE	..... STEVE CLARK
..... PETER CARTER	..... HARRY STEWART
..... ALAN EDWARDS	..... ARCHIE FRAZER
..... MICHAEL TRIPP	..... STEVE McNALLY
..... DAVID MOORE	..... CRAIG DICKSON
..... TOD WHISSON	..... TIM TAYLOR
..... LYLE BRYCE	..... BRYSON EASTON
..... SHANE SCRIGGINS	..... GARY BOHAN
..... BILLY FISCHER	..... JIM McINTYRE

Scores: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

Match	MARK BRIGDEN Go Soccer	MAREE LEONE Go Soccer	GEOFF STEAD Telegraph
NSL			
Lions v Marconi	MARCONI	DRAW	DRAW
Leichhardt v Brisbane City	BRIS. CITY	BRIS. CITY	LEICHHARDT
Sth Melbourne v Heidelberg	STH MELB.	STH MELB.	DRAW
W. Adelaide v St. George	DRAW	ST GEORGE	WESTAD
Preston v Wollongong	PRESTON	PRESTON	PRESTON
Canberra v Syd. Olympic	OLYMPIC	DRAW	OLYMPIC
Sydney City v Footscray	SYDNEY C.	SYDNEY C.	SYDNEY C.
Newcastle v Adelaide C.	DRAW	ADELAIDE C.	NEWCASTLE
PREMIER LEAGUE			
Grange Thistle v Sunnyside	THISTLE	THISTLE	THISTLE
Lions v Olympic	LIONS	LIONS	DRAW
Valley Trident v Brisbane City	VALLEYS	VALLEYS	BRIS. CITY
Acacia Ridge v Easts	ACACIA R.	DRAW	ACACIA R.
Taringa v Ipswich	IPSWICH	IPSWICH	IPSWICH
North Star v Mount Gravatt	MT GRAVATT	MT GRAVATT	MT GRAVATT
FIRST DIVISION			
Newmarket v Mitchelton	NEWMARKET	MITCHELTON	DRAW
Nambour v Rochedale	ROCHEDALE	DRAW	ROCHEDALE
Wynnum v Bardon	WYNNUM	BARDON	WYNNUM
Annerley v Pine Rivers	ANNERLEY	ANNERLEY	ANNERLEY
Coalstars v Darra	COALSTARS	COALSTARS	COALSTARS
Redcliffe v Goodna	REDCLIFFE	GOODNA	REDCLIFFE
Success Rate	55%	55%	60%

Continuing a series on the Premier League Coaches and Week — Taringa Rovers.

BY 'GEORGE', IT'S SKILFUL

After being a leading Polish coach with the famous Wilsa Krakow surprising to find new Sunnyside coach Jerzy Steckiwi is a big fan of SKILFUL.

In past years Poland, like many of the Eastern Bloc nations, has developed a reputation for methodic, bland and at times physical football. After eight years at Wilsa, one of Poland's and indeed the world's leading clubs, it would have been expected for Jerzy to attempt to introduce the same style at Sunnyside.

"No way. I like skill. I want my players to play with the ball," said Jerzy, or George as he likes to be known. But at the same time he adds: "But they must use their brains as well. A skilful player is of no use for me if he does nothing to help the team."

Steckiwi's appreciation of skilful players will be good news for the many Sunnyside supporters who love the flamboyant football their team can play at times. In the past the supporters always have had their favourites but under Steckiwi, there will be no stars.

"We must play as a team. No one player can start to think he is bigger than the team," he said.

MICK IS A SUNNYSIDE STALWART

Although he always declines to accept the position, Sunnyside's Mick Matisic is always one of the first nominated by his team-mates to be captain.

Mick is in fact the longest-serving player still with the Croation-supported club but prefers to stay out of the limelight.

"I don't want to be captain. I just want to play. I wouldn't feel comfortable on the field if I had to boss people around. Someone else can do that, I just want to go out and give my best," Mick said.

(At the time of writing, Sunnyside had not selected their captain for this season).

Mick began playing at Sunnyside as a 17-year-old. He is now 30 but still enjoying his game. As one of the most experienced players in the Sunnyside team, Mick is an invaluable asset as sweeper at the back.

Mick, a plasterer who lives at Rochedale, predicts this year will be one of the

most successful in the club's history. He was a talented goalkeeper and began playing football at a young age. He was a talented goalkeeper and began playing football at a young age. He was a talented goalkeeper and began playing football at a young age.

Steckiwi, 47, began playing football in his local second division side. He was a talented goalkeeper and began playing football at a young age. He was a talented goalkeeper and began playing football at a young age.

up coaching in 1960 and graduated to coaching one of the teams at Wilsa. He continued in this position for four years before moving to coach the first team at Wilsa in 1977. Steckiwi has been coaching in Austria for two years before moving to Sunnyside.

Steckiwi is not predicting big things for Sunnyside in its first year in the first division but predicts they will be a tough side to beat.

"This is our first year in the first division so it has to be one in which we consolidate.

There are many fine players on the side. It will be a tough year for us but which all the players are looking forward to," Steckiwi said.



Sunnyside coach Jerzy Steckiwi (right) discusses tactics with Mick Matisic.

hardest ever for Sunnyside but believes the team will rise to the challenge.

"We have some class players but many are inexperienced at the very top level. I think at best we can hope to finish about mid-table and any better than that will be a bonus," he said.

Mick is uncertain how long he will continue playing but already he begun preparing for the day he hangs up his boots. Last year he started coaching a junior side but had to give it away midway through the year because of his playing commitments.

But he intends to return to coaching as soon as time allows. He keenly follows the progress of his son Victor, an under 10 fullback. And who knows, one day Mick might be the first team coach and Victor the unwilling captain.

GERRITSEN GOALMACHINE MOVES INTO THE RIDGE

Premier League clubs be warned . . . the Gerritsen goalmachine has moved into Acacia Ridge

The machine is in the form of the two Gerritsen brothers, Peter, 22 and Mick, 18, who in past seasons have been recognised for their goalscoring ability with Industrial United and Brisbane Lions respectively.

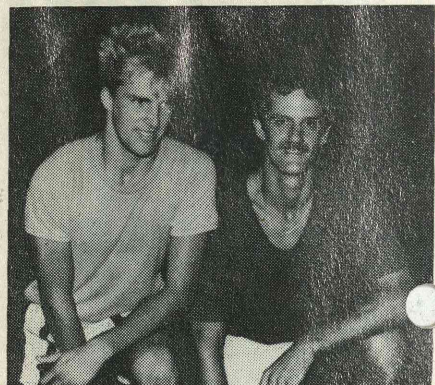
Both decided to join the Ridge this season, after deciding it was time for a change. And if early season form is any indication, other Premier League defences could be in for a torrid time this season.

It is the first time the two brothers have ever played in the same team, although they had previously been at the same club together when they played at Souths United several seasons ago. A third brother Luke, 25, is currently playing with Kingsridge but turned down Mick and Peter's suggestion that he too join Acacia Ridge.

Mick is probably the most well known of the brothers due to his achievements with the Brisbane Lions State League side and the successful Queensland Youth team last season. Mick came into the Youth side as a late replacement for the injured Stephen Glockner and very nearly won himself a berth in the National Youth side.

Mick said he had decided to get away from Lions for a while because the pressure was starting to affect his game & he was not enjoying playing anymore.

"The set-up is not so big and there is



● The Gerritsen brothers . . . Mick (left) and Peter.

more team spirit here at Acacia Ridge. I also like their style a lot," Mick said.

But he certainly hasn't given up his ambition to play National League.

"I just needed to get away for a while and maybe after one or two seasons I will give it another go," he said.

Peter is the more quiet of the two but if he can repeat his goalscoring record of last season he will certainly be as well-known as his blond brother.

Peter, who also previously played for Oxley, scored 16 goals for Industrial last year. He is hoping to better that target this season but realises things will be much harder.

"I just want to play a good season and help Acacia Ridge win the premiership," Peter said.

And if the Gerritsen goalmachine gets into top gear, The Ridge could well do that in 1983.

BOUDY DOES NOT HAVE THE LUCK

Brisbane Lions striker Boudy De Geer couldn't be blamed if he started to take a dislike to Australia . . . everything seems to have gone wrong for him since he arrived earlier this season.

The Dutch winger arrived in a blaze of accolades, including being a former Norway Player of the Year, but as yet has not produced the form to impress not only the spectators, but even his coach, Simon Kistemaker.

But luck has not been with the likeable Boudy.

Firstly in his bid to get fit and acclimatise he injured an achilles tendon while doing extra training. The injury prevented his debut and when he finally did take the field it was on one of the hottest Sunday's so far this year.

The final straw came a week ago when x-rays revealed a broken bone in Boudy's foot. Now it could be more than a month before he gets a chance to change his luck.

PACESETTING JETSETTERS!

The Newmarket revival continues and indications are that 1983 will be the biggest year ever for the club.

Newmarket, under the direction of an astute committee, began to re-emerge three years ago and were desperately unlucky not to be included in the Premier League this season.

While promotion into the top division is the primary aim this season, the Newmarket players cannot help but regularly thinking about another aim for which they have been working towards for nearly 12 months.

In an almost unprecedented move the club is to send nearly two teams on a tour of the American West Coast and Hawaii later this year. The venture will cost nearly \$130,000.

The itinerary of the tour is all but finalised and the Newmarket teams will set off on October 15. They will play in a tournament in San Francisco over two weekends and then take on a Las Vegas

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invitation team on October 24. A match in Hawaii is planned on the way back.

Now Newmarket officials are keeping their fingers crossed that the local season finishes as planned. The First Division grand final is scheduled for October 8, seven days before they leave. Newmarket are confident of reaching the final but are determined to get a result on the day to avoid a replay.

SALISBURY'S IRISH CONNECTION

The "Irish Connection" has moved into Salisbury and the club's chances of success this year in the second division could be better for it.



● Salisbury coach Tony Gallagher dives for a ball during goalkeeper training.

The "head" of the Irish connection is coach Tony Gallagher from Tyrone in Northern Ireland. Tony has been in Australia for seven years, after a spell in Johannesburg. Since coming "down under" he has been associated previously with South Yarra in Melbourne and Rochedale and Fairfield Rovers locally.

But the "connection" does not stop there. Three Irish players have signed with Salisbury this year including Ritchie Ryan and Joe Farrell — a former Irish schoolboy international.

Captain this year at Salisbury is talented youngster Graeme Sibbald, whose family has been associated with the club for many years. But youth is the norm at Salisbury and the club's second division side has an average age of only 21. The oldest player in the side is 23 years.

The club this year also has a senior colts team which has promising youngsters like Graham Mallar and the Constanti brothers, Andy and Bill.

Gallagher, who is in his first year at Salisbury, admits promotion into the First Division is a little much to expect this season and at this stage he is looking more to giving his young players experience in senior football.

"Sometimes with a lot of youngsters in a side it is difficult to get results. But if you keep working at your game you find slowly but surely it comes together," Tony said.

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After a stormy past of rapid success and then nearly near financial collapse, Salisbury, thanks to a lot of help from many people and some hard work by a few faithfuls, is now back on an even keel and set to make its presence felt again in the local competition.

BRIG'S WORLD

A WORLD ROUND-UP

COMPILED BY MARK BRIGDEN

A video company has offered \$13.4 million for the exclusive rights to screen English matches over the next two seasons.

The money has been put up by Telejector, a video entertainment company, who are prepared to pay almost twice as much as the TV organisations.

Telejector's plan is to show recordings of matches on big screens in pubs, clubs, hospitals and schools.

The huge financial bait is sure to tempt league chairmen, who last month rejected TV's latest offer of \$4.4 million a year for one live match a week.

Recordings of matches would be distributed to customers and shown two or three days after the matches had been played.

Chelsea have offered Swansea City \$150,000 for English international centre-forward Bob Latchford. But it is understood the talented striker, who had a successful spell with Brisbane Lions two years ago, is keen to return to Australia and establish a travel agency. No doubt Lions officials will recall the inspired performance of their team under Latchford's influence.

Pat Jennings could lose a few admirers with his call for a United Ireland in his autobiography.

Jennings discounts religious and political obstacles to the formation of an Irish soccer team on the lines already followed by their rugby counterparts. He

POINTS TO PONDER



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One Brisbane journalist has certainly let it be known where his priorities are. He has just finished consulting the Premier League fixture list to arrange his shifts accordingly — not to ensure he was rostered on to cover the games but rostered off to play in them. His colleagues don't mind, the reporter now sent to cover the matches is far prettier.

said: "At the moment we are just playing percentages. Every now and again the North will produce a good all-round side, at other times it will be the turn of the South. Given complete freedom of selection, Ireland could occasionally come up with a side to challenge seriously the rest of Europe — and the World," he said.

A quote from London newspaper News of the World last week: "Spurs and Manchester United are likely to meet in a series of exhibition matches in Swaziland in June — so the chances of England having players from either club for their Australian tour continue to dwindle."

Earlier this month the Australian Women's team won the Aloha Cup played in Honolulu against Hawaii. Australia won both games 1-0, thanks to a penalty by Julie Porter in the first game and an own goal by an Hawaiian defender in the last. (I wonder if they need a masseur next time).

Manchester United, realising the necessity to score more goals, if they are to have any chance of catching Liverpool, have obtained the services of English international Laurie Cunningham. Real Madrid have released the skilful winger on loan to United until May.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: A Premier League official in relation to a transfer deal — "What we lost out on him we will make up on his brother".

Outside the referees dressing room — "Watch No. 4, he's a real kicker".

Don't be fooled . . . if the two NSL clubs had really wanted to play the pair sent-off in the local pre-season matches in their opening National League fixtures, one set of rules would have permitted them to do so. But after weighing up the likely repercussions they opted not to buck the system.

A BIG YEAR AHEAD FOR AUSSIE SOCCER

Australian soccer fans were promised a feast of international competition at the start of the season and the Australian Soccer Federation is determined to keep that promise.

ASF secretary Brian Emery said the four nation tournament would go ahead in November despite the withdrawal of the Chinese team, which is involved in Olympic Games elimination matches.

But he said both Uruguay and Cameroon were certain participants. A match in the series could be played in Brisbane. "It is now in the hands of our contacts in London, West Nally, who are talking with several Eastern European teams about the possibility of one of them coming to fill the Chinese team's place," Emery said.

He said talk that the team might be Poland was "premature" as it could be any one of the Eastern bloc sides.

The Socceroos will have three match series against England in June, with games in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

Emery said the Singapore Federation had once again invited Australia to take part in the Merlion Tournament, to defend the title the Socceroos won last year, but the offer would have been politely refused unless the tournament could be rescheduled from August to December.

CITY GO FOR CUP

The Brisbane City National League team will attempt to win its way into the NSL Cup semi-finals when it plays Marconi in Sydney on Easter Monday.

It will be the Gladiators second game in as many days as the team also plays Leichhardt in Sydney on Sunday.

Marconi, the Italian backed former giants of Australian soccer have been instrumental in a number of Cup campaigns by Brisbane teams.

Two years ago Brisbane Lions downed the Leopards in a Cup semi-final on their way to winning the trophy after having lost to the same team at the same stage the previous year.

Other semi-finals this weekend include Sydney Olympic v Newcastle, South Melbourne v Canberra and West Adelaide v Heidelberg.

RIDGE REPORTING

with MIKE COLLINS

I would like to begin the new Ridge Reporting "column" by welcoming all the new players to the club.

Brad Ryan, Billy Fagan, Michael and Peter Gerritsen, John Marshall, Gary Weir is to name only a few. We hope you have a happy association with Acacia Ridge.

It's good to see the return of most of last seasons players when you consider what happened at the end of last season when both top teams lost most of their hard-earned points. It says a lot for the characters of the players and the club.

Welcome back to the coaches — Brian (10.00 p.m.) Addison, Jimmy Webb, Jimmy Bentley and Bob Butchard.

Bob has a hard task ahead of him this year, but I feel that he and his players have the credentials to come through with flying colours.

Steve Coe, our new President, has been working himself to an early divorce since taking over in November, so has Martin Jenner, but he's smart, his wife Marie has just taken over as club secretary and is doing a great job so far.

A new fence has been erected around the ground so we can collect your money the senior field is being fenced off, and the interior of the clubhouse is going to get a face lift.

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NSL MATCH OF THE DAY

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- BOBBY McSKIMMING
- ALAN MARSZALEK
- JOHN SIME
- ALAN NIVEN
- STEVE HOGG
- RUSSELL STEWART



Coach
SIMON KISTEMAKER
Colours
ORANGE and BLUE

- DANNY WRIGHT
- BARRY KELSO
- CALVIN DAUNT
- ALLAN HUNTER
- R.BASSINGTHWAIGTHE
- CLARK ANDERSON
- GREG MARSHALL

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MARCONI			

- ALLAN MAHER
- JOE RIZZOTTO
- TOM McCULLOUGH
- TONY HENDERSON
- PAUL DEGNEY
- VIC BOZANIC
- RICK BUDINI



Coach
DOUG COLLINS
Colours
GREEN, WHITE, RED

- ATTILIO CARBONE
- TOM SERMANNI
- RODNEY BROWN
- MARK JANKOVICS
- RENE LICATA
- IAN HUNTER
- JOVAN DJORDJEVIC

Other Games

- LEICHHARDT v BRISBANE CITY.....
- STH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG
- WEST ADELAIDE v ST GEORGE
- PRESTON v WOLLONGONG
- CANBERRA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
- SYDNEY CITY v FOOTSCRAY
- NEWCASTLE v ADELAIDE CITY

Next Week

- BRISBANE CITY v PRESTON
- SYDNEY OLYMPIC v BRISBANE LIONS
- HEIDELBERG v SYDNEY CITY
- ST GEORGE v STH MELBOURNE
- WOLLONGONG v WEST ADELAIDE
- NEWCASTLE v LEICHHARDT
- FOOTSCRAY v CANBERRA
- ADELAIDE CITY v MARCONI