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*Brisbane City's successful centreback duo, Peter Tokesi (left) and Frank Liddell celebrate a goal much to the dismay of young Lions keeper Greg Marshall during the NSL Cup first round match.*

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# A YOUTH TEAM COCKTAIL LESS SCOTCH, MORE OXYGEN

By GEOFF STEAD and MARK BRIGDEN

Australia faces two major hurdles in its bid to qualify for the quarter-finals of the world youth championships in Mexico in June—the high altitude and Scotland.

The Young Socceroos, grouped with the Scots, the host nation Mexico and Korea, must finish either first or second in the group to go through the next round.

Although the Youth team will play matches in the high altitude of Colorado prior to the finals the youngsters are certain to still find difficulties with the thin air. To make matters worse, two of Australia's games are in the mountain city of Toluca — 2300m above sea level.

Admittedly, with the exception of Mexico, the other teams in the group will have the same problems, Australia looks certain to be more affected because of its present style of play. Coach Les Schienflug demands maximum effort and high workrate from his players, particularly in midfield, but in the thin air of Toluca any player who does not pace himself is certain to experience difficulties.

Australia will not be able to rely heavily on the likes of Russell Stewart and Jim Patikas in Midfield. The workload will have to be shared otherwise Australia will find itself torn apart in the final 20 minutes of its matches as the workers wilt under the oxygen deficit.

The match against Scotland is in Toluca and the game is certain to be the most important for the Young Socceroos.



The spearhead of Australia's challenge in Mexico will undoubtedly be brilliant young Newcastle striker David Lowe.

In fact, unlike many who are predicting a draw against the Scots will be sufficient, Go Soccer believes Australia will have to get a result in the match to qualify.

Australia plays the opening match of the tournament against Mexico, which will be urged on by an estimated 100,000 people in the Aztec stadium — 2200m above sea level. Mexico must be fancied to get a point in this match.

For that reason Australia must then beat Scotland or face the prospect of beating Korea, and don't underestimate them, by a bigger score than the Mexicans or Scots.

But Scotland is one of the favourites for the tournament and deservedly so. They are the under 19 European champions, having beaten Czechoslovakia 3-1, in the finals in Finland. The star of those finals was young Scotland Player of the Year, Pat Nevin of Clyde, a brilliant dribbler and shooter.

Also in the Tartan Squad is Eric Black, the Aberdeen striker who recently became the first person in 25 years to score a hat-trick against Celtic at Parkhead. Then there is a Celtic regular Paul McStay, a great midfielder, and Tottenham's Alistair Dick, who covered for the injured Tony Galvin recently.

Australia certainly has the job ahead but then there is the added reward that if they can overcome the altitude and match it with the Scots, then the whole world will sit up and take notice.

Lowe has proved on countless occasions since he burst onto the National League scene last season that he can be a real match-winner. He has the ability to ghost out of the game then drift back in unnoticed by the defenders and slot home a vital goal.

Although the past six months have been a hectic time for Lowe, he says he still enjoys coming back and playing for Newcastle.

"Everyone has to keep working and trying their best at whatever level they are playing. The boss (Scheinflug) looks for players who are giving 100 percent and it will be those players who will go to Mexico. Past reputations will not count," Lowe said.

# ALREADY IT'S A CASE OF THE NERVES

In the final run-up to the world youth finals in June, even those players that have been with the Australian team since the very beginning are starting to become a little anxious — and Brisbane Lions youngsters Danny Wright and Russell Stewart are no exceptions.

Both realise there is no such thing as certain selection for Mexico and every player is still playing for a place in the final squad.

Coach Les Scheinflug has shown he is willing to add to his squad and give other players a go. A perfect example was last week's inclusion of Brisbane City striker Stephen Glockner, who has been dogged by bad luck in his bid to gain selection in the past.

This could prove to be Glockner's chance and if he takes it well it could mean someone else will unfortunately have to be left behind.

Wright, in particular, is having a dose of last minute nerves. In the qualifying matches he did not command a regular first selection place but was often used as a second half shock reserve.

"I am still battling for a position," Wright admits. But according to the youngsters there is no such thing as reserves and the squad is the team when the Young Socceroos play.

"Everyone is made to feel part of the team," Wright said.

Like Wright, Stewart believes because he is playing in Queensland his perform-

# THE SQUAD

The National Youth team squad which went into a three day camp in Sydney this week is: Chris Hummell, Tony Franken, David Miller, Tom McCullough, Tony Dakos, Ray Vliestra, Paul Daly, Roy Jones, Joe Rizzotto, Ralph Meier, Luciano Fabrizio, Jim Patikas, Russell Stewart, Marcel Salvo, Fabio Incantalupo, Rene Licata, Rodney Brown, David Lowe, Danny Wright, Frank Farina, Stephen Glockner, Steve Maxwell.

The squad, which could and probably will be changed, will have a final camp early in May after which the final squad to go to Mexico will be announced.

ances have to be extra good to retain his place in the squad.

"In Sydney you are being watched all the time but up here you are only watched now and again by the boss's scouts," Stewart said.

Both players agree that by playing in a National League team they have enhanced their chances of final selection.

"There are no easy games in the National League. Every week you come up against skilful players," Stewart said.

Mexico has been something they have been building towards, not for only the past 12 months, but since they were formed into the Queensland under 16 side nearly three years ago.

It would be fair reward for all concerned if Stewart, Wright, Farina, Glockner and others in that fine team wear the green and gold in Mexico.

# MEXICO, HERE WE COME . . .

The final preparations for the world youth championships in Mexico are now being made and already Australian Soccer Federation officials have received a detailed document outlining some of the arrangements for the tournament.

The 16 teams to contest the finals are:

GROUP A — Australia, Mexico, Korea, Scotland; GROUP B — Poland, Ivory Coast, Uruguay, United States; GROUP C — China, Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Austria; GROUP D — Russia, Nigeria, Holland, Brazil.

The opening ceremony, in the Aztec stadium, will be on June 2. The final and closing ceremony on June 19.

Australia plays Mexico in Mexico City on June 2, in the opening match, then goes to Toluca to play Scotland on June 5 and Korea on June 8.

The quarter-finals, if Australia should win through are on June 11, the semi-finals on June 15 and the play-off for third on June 18. No kick-off times have been set but are expected to be announced soon.

If Australia wins its group it will play in the quarter-finals, the runner-up of Group B. Alternatively if the Young Socceroos come second in their group they play the winner of Group B.

Television coverage of Australia's matches has not been confirmed but it is likely Channel Seven will broadcast some matches, possibly even live.

## EDITORIAL

The Australian Youth team is currently the best vehicle of good publicity the code has had in many years. But time is running out for Queensland to get on the bandwagon.

With four Queenslanders currently in the training squad, and three of them playing locally, the opportunities for promoting the game are at our doorstep.

When Australia hosted the world youth championships in 1981 it wasn't until late in the tournament that Australians, and in particular non-soccer followers began taking notice. But with the present team these people, and they are the ones we want to attract to matches, are already taking an interest.

In the next six to eight weeks it is up to club and federation officials to begin promoting Russell Stewart, Danny Wright, Stephen Glockner and Frank Farina in the same manner as say rugby union does with Mark Loane and rugby league does with Mal Meninga.

The four boys are 18-year-olds but let's be honest, they are the only stars we have in a sport which sadly is devoid of personalities.

The media can only do so much. In the end it is up to the officials to get these players out into the crowds, into the shopping centres and the like.

Irrespective of how well Australia does in Mexico, the euphoria of the Youth team and the championships will be shortlived afterwards. Unless the public knows the players before they go to Mexico then there is little hope they will take to them when it is all over.

For the moment the two National League clubs should forget about their

star overseas imports — people are not interested, the novelty has worn off. Let's see big newspaper advertisements featuring pictures of the Australian youngsters — and yes, they have Australian names. Let's see them feature in federation promotions but most importantly, let's see them now.

If through intensive publicity over the next six weeks a soccer persona can be created then the code as a whole would have benefited.

**The attitude of some lower division clubs in refusing to play matches without an official referee is not only selfish, but ignorant and narrow-minded.**

Who do these clubs think they are, Liverpool or Manchester United?

While football at any level will always be competitive, the lower divisions essentially cater for those players there for the love of the game.

When one team of players goes to the trouble of devoting its Saturday afternoon — and the club bears the expense of providing adequate facilities but then has to call the whole thing off because the other club will not play — then surely it is time for the offending team's position in the competition to be re-examined.

Sure, neutral referees must be provided for vital end-of-season matches but when a team refuses to play an opening round match, then their interests cannot be in soccer.

## Points to ponder

For some strange reason, Australian Soccer Federation and National Soccer League officials give the impression that they are almost desperate for the two Queensland teams to succeed this year. Does it have something to do with a thing called "regionalisation"?

On that same note, reports are now beginning to filter north about some Victorian clubs' quite vocal opinions that the National League would be better off without Queensland anyway. Typical Victorian attitude though!

Don't discount the possibility that one not so successful new signing could be sent home. Club officials reportedly have discussed the alternative.

NSL delegate Guido Canale certainly put on a great function for the media and soccer officials last Tuesday. In the end, thanks to a huge platter of prawn outlets, two soccer officials missed their originally planned flight home. But the fact that they socialised for many hours with several key media men should prove beneficial in the long run.

One former National League player, who just can't seem to get a new club, has now offered to buy his own contract.

One Acacia Ridge defender will not be so vocal in future. To quote the defender prior to the first round of the Premier League: "Ken Gordon has never bothered me". Its history now that Gordon scored both Ipswich's goals.

## TOUGH NEW RULES SET ON BOOTH LICENSES

Strict new rules about to be enforced by the Queensland Licensing Commission in relation to licensed booths could effectively stop the sale of alcohol at some smaller struggling clubs.

The rules include the necessary provision of a fixed wire fence, or similar, and the outlawing of tents, marquees and caravans which will bring to a sudden end the temporary booths many clubs have erected by stringing a rope around a few pegs.

The Licensing Commission stresses that the continuation of any existing booth licences or the granting of new booths will be examined in the light of the new rules. And that could mean some clubs will miss out.

With many Brisbane soccer clubs still reeling from the huge insurance hike this year, to lose alcohol sale profits would surely spell the end for some. But according to the Licensing Commission the crackdown was necessary because inspectors had found rules were being broken by clubs, of all codes.

To quote the Commission's letter, which is now being sent to most sporting organisations, the inspectors found that "most booths do not comply with the requirements of the Licensing Commission particularly as regards the method of demarcation of the liquor consumption area, in some

cases the inadequacy of toilet facilities and means to ensure that people do not remove liquor from the defined area."

The Commission has listed six regulations which must be met for a booth licence to be granted and a further five requirements which must be lodged 14 days prior. The majority of the requirements are not new and had to be met for a booth licence prior to the crackdown, but the rules in relation to the fence and the permanency of the booth are certain to cause problems.

At least half a dozen Brisbane soccer clubs contacted by Go Soccer this week said they would have to make alterations to their booth areas. Some openly admitted there was no way they could meet the new regulations and at least one club said it now would have to consider selling alcohol without a booth licence and gamble against the risk of being caught.

Anyone who is unsure how their club stands in relation to the new regulations should contact Mr. E. O'Brien, at the Licensing Commission on 224 6684 and get official advice before it's too late.

## WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE ...

As a guide here are the new booth license conditions as passed on to Go Soccer. These are not official and should be checked with either the Licensing Commission or the QSF office.

(a) The liquor consumption area to be defined by a fixed wire fence at least 1.2 metres in height or other type of fence as approved by the Commission.

(b) Adequate public toilet facilities are to be situated in close proximity to each and every booth.

(c) The defined area of the booth is to be situated not less than six metres from the boundary of the playing area.

(d) All booths conducted on a regular basis are to be constructed of a permanent nature and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Commission, i.e. no tents, marquees, caravans, etc. will be allowed.

(e) Suitable signs are to be displayed near the entrance to the booths indicating that liquor is to be consumed only in the defined area.

(f) Signs are to be displayed in each and every booth indicating that no person under eighteen (18) is allowed in the booth area.

Also required is:

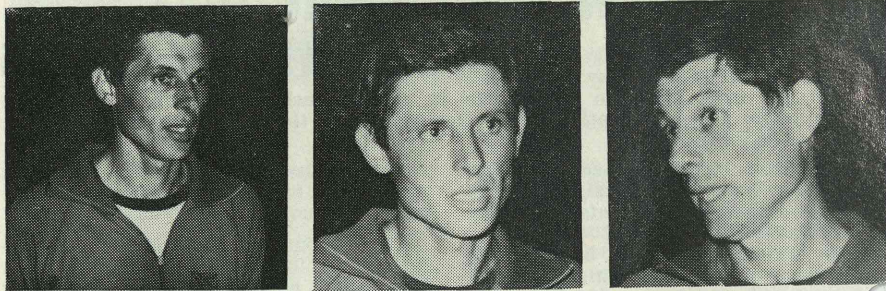
(i) A site plan drawn to scale of the venue, showing the position of the booth in relation to the playing area, club house and toilet blocks.

(ii) Plan drawn to scale of the booths and liquor consumption area.

(iii) The existing or proposed means of demarcation of the liquor consumption area. The method of entry and exit should be clearly indicated.

(iv) The estimated number of persons who will be using the booths at any one time.

(v) The means of control and supervision of crowds in the licensed area.



● Taringa Rovers player-coach Paul Laslo is as expressive off the field as is with his skills on the park.

## PAUL'S LUCKY AT TARINGA

As coach of the Premier League team at amateur club Taringa Rovers, Paul Laslo realises he has certain limitations.

"As amateur players you can only ask them to give so much, you cannot start demanding things that you can of paid players," said the Yugoslav born Laslo.

"But I am very lucky that at Taringa the boys are willing to give their all for the love of their club and the game," he added.

Laslo, a former Lions National League player, believes a coach has to adjust his approach to the material available. He believes it is no use trying to play skilful football if the players are not skilled.

With this in mind he has tried to develop a running and tackling game at Taringa with the emphasis on workrate, which so many of the players are willing to give. Laslo, as a player-coach, is one of the key players in the Taringa engine room, the midfield, and naturally is a big believer that an on-field coach can work.

"Some people can't do it because they become too involved in everyone else's game and forget about their own job. But I think by being on the park I can get through to the players easier. It is like the old saying — a picture is worth a thousand words. On the park I can show the players what I want," he said.

Paul Laslo came from Yugoslavia in 1975. He had played for leading Slavic club Vojvodna and had 15 games with the Yugoslav under 19 side. In five years with Lions, where his brother-in-law Laslo Koroknji also played, Laslo saw the National competition even the standards between the Australian states and the code take a giant step forward.

But when Matt Carson took over at Lions, Laslo was told he no longer fitted in with the club's plans and after reject-

ing an offer to play for Footscray he started coaching at lower division club Industrial.

Now at Taringa Laslo believes he could have as much as five or six more years of playing ahead.

"By then I hope we will be a major force in the top competition in the state," Laslo said.

## JOHN'S GOT THE BRAINS

English-born Taringa Rovers captain John Kruk could be one of the most educated captains in the Premier League.

Kruk, 24, is studying for his business management degree which he hopes will lead to a promotion in his job at Evans Deakin.

And on the field he is one of the most educated players soccer wise and shows the class not expected from one so young. Kruk, whose father is Polish, first began playing football in South Australia.

The midfielder or sweeper came to Taringa in 1980 and it did not take long before he stamped his authority and was a natural selection as captain. He has led the Rovers for the past three years.

The stocky and strongly built Kruk's strengths are his skilful play and his ability to read the game.

Although Paul Laslo is player coach, Kruk has an excellent working relationship with him on and off the field and both value each other's opinions.

# THE WEEKEND'S TEAMS

## PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND THREE

### GRANGE THISTLE v VALLEY TRIDENT

Lanham Park  
Saturday, 7 p.m.

GRANGE THISTLE	VALLEY TRIDENT
.... DAVE GALLAGHER	.... MARTIN COE
.... MARK APONAS	.... JOHN LAVELLE
.... G. BUCHANAN	.... DAVE MELIA
.... JOHN RIBONE	.... JOHN SHEPHERD
.... JIM CAMERON	.... RICH. SHORTMAN
.... STEVE DOLAN	.... SHANE RIDEOUT
.... KEN SWAN	.... GERRY LINDSAY
.... ROSS SWAN	.... DAVE OSBORNE
.... JOHN PATERSON	.... FRANK MENGOTTI
.... WILSON MAELAU	.... TOM PIKE
.... TONY BAILEY	.... LEN POLLOCK
.... GARTH MOLONEY	.... PETER CAREY
.... JOHN RUSSELL	.... MAX CIOBO
.... GLEN ARCHER	.... IAN RATHMELL
.....	.... TONY IOVENETTI
.....	.... BEN TOGNINI
.....	.... JOE LALLY

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

### BRISBANE CITY v ACACIA RIDGE

Spencer Park  
Sunday, 1 p.m.

BRISBANE CITY	ACACIA RIDGE
.... GLENN AHERN	.... ROB FARROW
.... PAUL McCLURE	.... MAL EVANS
.... PAUL SCHAIVO	.... DAVE ARMSTRONG
.... A. SALVATORE	.... STU. HOLMES
.... PAUL BARRY	.... IAN PROUD
.... GEORGE CAIRD	.... NORM BELL
.... D. VINCENZINO	.... GERRY KAYE
.... GARY BROMFIELD	.... JOHN GILLESPIE
.... BEVAN BOHAN	.... JIM SPENCE
.... WILLIE CONNER	.... STU. WESTON
.... ANGELO FALCO	.... JOHN KEANE
.... ANDY CHAPMAN	.... N. CRUICKSHANK
.... LEE SCRIGGINS	.... GERRY McMAHON
.... JOHN KOWTAN	.... MICK GERRITSEN
.... PAUL SLEIGHT	.... PETER GERRITSEN
.... F. GUGLIELMINO	.....

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

### MOUNT GRAVATT v LIONS

Perry Park  
Sunday, 3 p.m.

MOUNT GRAVATT	LIONS
.... S. WOODRUFFE	.... GREG MARSHALL
.... MARK DAVIS	.... TONY SCANLAN
.... NOEL DAVIS	.... PETER McCLURG
.... ERIC THOMPSON	.... STEVE JACKSON
.... DAVID COSTA	.... ROD VASQUEZ
.... C. CORCORAN	.... ANDY LEE
.... STEVE CLARK	.... JOHN OGDEN
.... HARRY STEWART	.... CLARK ANDERSON
.... ARCHIE FRAZER	.... STEVE FULTON
.... STEVE McNALLY	.... FRANK BYRNE
.... CRAIG DICKSON	.... BRAD KEARTON
.... TIM TAYLOR	.... JOHN MIRANDA
.... BRYSON EASTON	.... MICHAEL MULVEY
.... GARY BOHAN	.....
.... JIM McINTYRE	.....

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

### IPSWICH v NORTH STAR

Ebbw Vale  
Sunday, 3 p.m.

IPSWICH	NORTH STAR
.... JOHN BENNETT	.... PETER ROBERTS
.... JEFF DANN	.... ANTHONY POLITIS
.... BILL DANN	.... WERNER FRISKE
.... WAYNE WARREN	.... SULLY MAITRE
.... IAN LAWRIE	.... MICHAEL McEVOY
.... R. McKEAND	.... BRIAN SAMPSON
.... NEV O'SULLIVAN	.... JOHN DOYLE
.... JOHN MILLER	.... PETER CARTER
.... JOHN PETIE	.... ALAN EDWARDS
.... RUSS BECKWITH	.... MICHAEL TRIPP
.... RICH BARNARD	.... DAVID MOORE
.... STEVE MULLER	.... TOD WHISSON
.... M. KITCHING	.... LYLE BRYCE
.... RON MILLMAN	.... SHANE SCRIGGINS
.... JOHN REID	.... BILLY FISCHER
.... KEN GORDON	.....
.... GREG DONNELLY	.....

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



# THE WEEKEND'S TEAMS

## PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND THREE

**EASTS v TARINGA**  
Heath Park  
Sunday, 3 p.m.

EASTS	TARINGA
.... PAUL DRURY	.... CARL SPRUCE
.... PAUL MYLONAS	.... GEOFF DAUNT
.... JEFF DOLAN	.... GAVAN ALDER
.... M. JACKSON-KNAGG	.... JOHN CRUK
.... ROD STEIN	.... CLINT WILKINSON
.... CHRIS FEGAN	.... GLENN DAVIS
.... LEX DONSKY	.... ALAN EEDY
.... PHIL THOMPSON	.... PAUL LASLO
.... MICKEY SINN	.... GAVAN STITT
.... LEON WILSON	.... CRAIG BRIMSON
.... GEORGE TAKIS	.... MIKE SAVAGE
.... GARTH JONES	.... SYD STEVENSON
.... JEFF HANSON	.... VIC HAZELDINE
.... NOEL LORD	.... MARTIN GREEN
.... TONY BRIGHT	.....

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

**SUNNYSIDE v OLYMPIC**  
Croatian Sporting Centre  
Sunday, 3 p.m.

SUNNYSIDE	OLYMPIC
.... JOE SIKORSKI	.... M. CALOGERAKIS
.... RICKY ROBINSON	.... GEORGE VASILIOU
.... IVAN SEKULIC	.... NICK GIOVANNIS
.... IVAN FRKOVIC	.... MIKE CERNAKA
.... MICKY MATISIG	.... M. McNAUGHTON
.... RICKY BOW	.... CRAIG SCHNEIDER
.... STEVE PERKOVIC	.... JIM BELLAS
.... IVAN PERKOVIC	.... PETER TYSON
.... STEVE PUSELJ	.... S. KONSTANTINOU
.... DAMIR IVICA	.... GRAHAM WILSON
.... PETER FARRELL	.... TOM MCGREGOR
.... ZVONKO PENC	.... ANDY OGDEN
.... VLADO BEK	.... NICK NICOLAOU
.... JOE MATIC	.... NICK KRITICOU
.... CHARLIE RUNJE	.... JOHN GORZA

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

## WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

Match	MARK BRIGDEN Go Soccer	MAREE LEONE Go Soccer	GEOFF STEAD Telegraph
<b>NSL</b>			
Brisbane City v Preston	BRIS. CITY	DRAW	DRAW
Sydney Olympic v Lions	OLYMPIC	OLYMPIC	OLYMPIC
Heidelberg v Sydney City	DRAW	SYDNEY C.	SYDNEY C.
St. George v St. Melbourne	STH MELB.	STH MELB.	ST GEORGE
Wollongong v West Adelaide	DRAW	DRAW	WESTAD
Newcastle v Leichhardt	NEWCASTLE	DRAW	NEWCASTLE
Footscray v Canberra	DRAW	DRAW	CANBERRA
Adelaide City v Marconi	MARCONI	ADELAIDE C.	MARCONI
<b>PREMIER LEAGUE</b>			
Grange Thistle v Valley Trident	THISTLE	THISTLE	THISTLE
Brisbane City v Acacia Ridge	ACACIA R.	DRAW	ACACIA R.
Mount Gravatt v Lions	LIONS	DRAW	DRAW
Ipswich v North Star	IPSWICH	IPSWICH	IPSWICH
Easts v Taringa	EASTS	EASTS	DRAW
Sunnyside v Olympic	OLYMPIC	SUNNYSIDE	OLYMPIC
<b>FIRST DIVISION</b>			
Rochdale v Wynnum	WYNNUM	DRAW	WYNNUM
Newmarket v Nambour	NEWMARKET	NEWMARKET	NEWMARKET
Darra v Redcliffe	DRAW	DARRA	REDCLIFFE
Pine Rivers v Coalstars	COALSTARS	COALSTARS	DRAW
Bardon v Annerley	BARDON	ANNERLEY	DRAW
Mitchelton v Goodna	MITCHELTON	DRAW	MITCHELTON
Success Rate	54%	48%	63%

# BRIG'S WORLD

A WORLD ROUND-UP

COMPILED BY MARK BRIGDEN

In last week's reassessment of the rules of Olympic amateurism, the International Olympic Council accepted that the qualifying rounds could be played under FA rules.

The FIFA regulations permit participation in Olympic qualifying matches by professional players who have not played in the World Cup or signed contracts to endorse sportswear products.

That doesn't rule out too many of the present Socceroo squad.

The IOC has balked though at proposals that the same rules apply to the actual finals in Los Angeles and stricter rules of amateurism are likely to be invoked.

But as usual that is unlikely to affect the Eastern bloc countries whose players always seemed to be employed by the Army.

A further addition to my item last week in relation to the England-Australia game in June and the increasing likelihood that it won't be a full strength England team to come down under. The Algerian Football Federation has announced it will play England in an international in June. Will there be a stopover enroute to Australia or will we see TWO England teams globetrotting?

An interesting story came out of Greece recently about an international standard referee. Seems the referee was sentenced to 20 days in prison for entering a cafe . . . in his car.

Some Brisbane City players can be thankful an idea used in West Germany recently was not employed by Gladiators officials last season. According to the

story, Karlsruhe, struggling at the bottom of the Bundesliga, decided to fine two players \$1250 after a 0-7 defeat to Kaiserslautern. The club decided the two players were most at fault for the defeat. Had the same system worked at City last year, some players would have paid off half the grandstand.

**TRANSFER NEWS:** Sandy Clark, the bustling West Ham striker has moved to Glasgow Rangers for a reputed transfer fee of \$270,000 \$90,000 less than what the East Enders paid for him last May.

"It's the only club I would be willing to return north of the border for," Clark said.

**QUESTION:** What's the difference between Coventry City and the Pope.

**ANSWER:** The Pope has been to Wembley.

After the recent behind the scenes sex scandal at Manchester City where former manager John Bond's affair with a lottery secretary was exposed, the club's coach (that's the motorised version) has now been dubbed by some wags as The Love Bus. It's no joke. Some of the unpublished stories of after-match antics, and not only at Manchester City include directors leaving matches early to make secret rendezvous and players tying an ashtray to their coach's hotel room door to see what time he really got in.

Despite their lowly position at present, the recent form of Birmingham City over the past month should ensure they avoid relegation from Division One this year. Well that's my tip anyway.



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## MILOVAN HAS A JOB AHEAD

New North Brisbane coach Nikolic Milovan has a big job ahead of him this season.

Milovan must attempt to stop the slide which has seen the once powerful North Brisbane, formerly Polonia, slowly slip down the divisions.

Yugoslav Milovan, who has been in Australia for 12 years, realises the task ahead of him, and is demanding peak fitness from his players this season.

"You must work hard and get fit before you can start playing good football", Milovan said.

"I like skilful players and good control but it is no good if a player can only do it for part of the game. We are training to be able to run for the whole 90 minutes," he said.

Milovan was previously with Industrial and Northside. He was player/coach at Industrial for five years. He is likely to assume a similar role at North Brisbane again this season.

Milovan has appointed as his captain talented 23-year-old Ron Gordon. Gordon is a former Eastern Suburbs player who spent last season playing in the Church League. He is hoping to make his return season one of his best and help North Brisbane win the third division championship



● North Brisbane captain Ron Gordon (left) and his coach Nikolic Milovan.

### CLUB DIRECTORY

**PRESIDENT:** Michael Toporowski

**SECRETARY:** Richard Musial  
Phone: 57 3968

**GROUND:** Prentice Park,  
Thistle Street, Lutwyche.

**PHONE:** —

**COLOURS:** White and Red

## GEOFF FITS IN WELL AT OXLEY

As a former player, Oxley first team coach Geoff Saxby has found it easy to fit in with his present squad.

Saxby played at Oxley for four years before a bad leg break ended his career as a tough defender.

He took up coaching and led the club's reserve team last season before being appointed Third Division coach this year. Saxby, who has completed his preliminary coaching certificate believes he has the nucleus of what could be a good second division team at least.

"We have a good mixture of youngsters and older experienced players. As the season progresses I expect the older ones to bring the kids on and eventually in the next few years the youngsters will be the strength of the team," Saxby said.

Saxby has appointed the gutsy Jack Edwards as his captain and is looking for another big year from Rod Sheppard, who at 25, is the longest serving current player at the club. Rod, from Durack, plays at centre back but is a former goalkeeper.

Saxby is looking for big seasons from youngsters including Andrew Sibley, from Annerley, and Morris Miranda who was one of the stars of the reserve team last season.

"If everyone plays to the best of their ability then there is no reason why we can't win a position in the second division next year," Saxby confidently predicts.

### CLUB DIRECTORY

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## THE GO SOCCER FORMSCOPE

SWAN			SKILL	BROMFIELD		
1st half	2nd half	TOTAL		TOTAL	1st half	2nd half
7	13	20	SUCCESSFUL PASSES	13	7	6
4	3	7	BAD PASSES	2	0	2
3	4	7	BALLS WON IN AIR	9	4	5
0	2	2	GOOD CHALLENGES	4	1	3
2	0	2	BEAT A MAN	5	3	2
3	0	3	LOST POSSESSION	1	0	1
2 (goals)	3	5	SHOTS ON TARGET	0	0	0
1	0	1	SHOTS WIDE	0	0	0

## KEN IS THISTLE'S GOOD NEWS

Last season's Rothman's medal best and fairest winner Ken Swan recently re-signed for Premier League club Grange Thistle after earlier trialling with Brisbane City — and if the Go Soccer Formscope is any indication that's good news for Thistle fans.

Swan, who played for Capricornia in the State League last year, was one of a number of country players who turned up at Spencer Park for pre-season training, hopeful of making Brisbane City's National League side.

Another was Across the Waves scoring winger Gary Bromfield.

Bromfield had a maximum transfer fee clause in his contract and after good trials, City quickly snapped him up.

The club reportedly was just as interested in Swan, a terrier-like midfielder, but was stunned when Thistle slapped a \$10,000 transfer on the youngster.

Swan eventually appealed but then withdrew his claim and signed for the '83 season with his old club.

And in the opening Premier League clash, Swan showed the confusion had definitely not affected his form and he was a key player in Thistle's 4-1 win over Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Swan, playing an attacking midfielder role, finished the match with two goals — both in the first half.

But the Formscope showed Swan's worth as a creator of moves and throughout the match he made 20 successful passes — the highest number of any player put under the Formscope yet.

Despite his short stature Swan won seven aerial challenges. He was beaten in the air only once. The Formscope shows Swan obviously likes to go for goal, and often scores but in this match, his weakness probably was his unwillingness to tackle and attack the man on the ball.

Bromfield was much superior in this department and in addition to remaining unbeaten in the air, Bromfield made

four great challenges to win the ball back for his side, which generally struggled all day.

But despite his team losing by such a convincing margin, Bromfield did his part in midfield by making 13 successful passes to his team-mates. But that in itself may have been his biggest failing for perhaps some of those passes should have been shots. Throughout the entire 90 minutes, Bromfield did not have one shot on goal, either on or off target.

On the statistics of **Forscope**, Thistle obviously has come out on the better end in relation to Swan. He is definitely a match-winner at Premier League level.

But if Bromfield can regain his goal sense of last year, when he netted more than 10 goals, he is doing just as much work to be equally effective.

**Radio personality Steve Hill will lead a tour to Mexico in June to watch the Young Socceroos compete in the world youth championships.**

The tour, over 23 days from May 31, includes an all inclusive guided tour of Disneyland.

The tour includes admission to all of Australia's qualifying round matches against Scotland, Mexico and Korea. Admission to the Semi-final and final of the championships will also be included.

The cost of the tour is expected to be about \$2500 per person on a twin share basis.

Bookings can be made by contacting Starworld travel on 229 8450 or by ringing Steve Hill at 4BC on 311 311.

## JIM IS FIT AND EAGER!

Solid Newmarket stopper Jim Reiken has just returned from a four-week playing holiday in the United States and now is eagerly looking forward to returning when his club tours later this year.

Jim, 23, earned the opportunity to go to California when he was named the Newmarket Player of the Year at the club's presentation night at the Mayne Football Club late last year.

And although the powerfully built defender's stay was dogged by bad weather, he certainly didn't miss any training and has returned trimmer, fitter and eager to stamp himself as one of the top defenders in the First Division.

Jim played with leading San Jose club Atalia AC whose side he put on a par with a leading Brisbane First Division side or Premier League club. Although the standard therefore was similar to what he had become accustomed to at Newmarket, Jim found the approach a little different.

"They do a lot more indoor training than we do in Australia. During my stay we trained two nights a week on the park then spent another night in a gymnasium at a nearby school," Jim said.

"Everyone works a set program and as a whole the players are much stronger and fitter."

Jim also found it a little strange that all the teams in his division played on the same ground on the same day.

"Because of a lack of space and also because soccer is only a relatively new sport growing in America, there are very few clubs, particularly at the level I played, that have their own clubhouses

or fields," Jim said.

"You go to the ground in the morning and the whole round is played during the day. There is no such thing as a regular Saturday afternoon 3 p.m. kick-off. You can sometimes be scheduled to be the first game at 9 o'clock."

"It's good in a way because you get to see all your opponents and you know exactly how they are playing. But I suppose it works in reverse too," he said.

Although many of the games in which he was supposed to play were washed out, Jim got to play in several Californian First Division matches and his team participated in the Budweiser Invitation Silver Mug tournament in Las Vegas. His side finished second in the competition.

While most Australians picture American soccer as a glamorous commercial affair with cheer girls and shoot-outs, Jim says in many ways it is very similar to Australian soccer.

"It is only the top leagues that are very commercial, he said.

Jim was the first player to go overseas in what Newmarket hopes will become a regular exchange program. An American player, and Jim says there are many whom are very talented, will come to Australia probably within a month.

And at the end of the year Newmarket will send almost two teams of players on a trip to the states which will include matches in Las Vegas and Hawaii.

## VALLEYS FIND A YOUNG STAR

Despite Valley Trident's reputation for having one of the most experienced squads in the Premier League, it's a young defender who has been attracting much more of the attention over the past few months.

He is 19-year-old Shane Rideout who is the first product of the blues' successful Colts team to begin breaking into the first team squad.

Rideout is a tough fullback who fears no-one and is determined to make a name for himself in the Premier League.

And the youngster is finding the many experienced players at Valleys are helping him in his transition into the top competition.

Rideout began his football as a 10-year-old with Lutwyche club, North Brisbane. He shortly after moved to Brisbane City and played with the Gladiators for five years. He was a member of several successful City junior teams.

Rideout came to Valley Trident at the beginning of last season and was a key member in the club's senior colts side which at one stage looked set to win the championship but faltered at the last hurdle, because of a number of reasons and some not their own fault.

Since coming into the Premier League squad, Rideout has found out the importance of fitness. But he is thoroughly enjoying the tough training which is bringing him up to a peak.

He realises that winning a place in the Valleys team, with so many good players already fighting for positions, will be a tough task but after having a small taste of first team football, Rideout's eager for more.

## AROK COULD WATCH QUEENSLAND MATCH!

Caretaker national coach Frank Arok could watch the Queensland versus New South Wales interstate clash at Perry Park on May 8.

Australian Soccer Federation Commercial Director Mr. Peter Sheean said he is at a function in Brisbane last week.

"I am hopeful that if Queensland gives a good showing that Frank Arok is such a big man that more Queenslanders will be included in the Australian team for the matches against England," Sheean said.

Arok, the St. George National League coach, has been placed in charge of the Socceroos as national coach Les Schienflug will be in Mexico with the Youth team to contest the world youth championships.

Arok was to name his 22-man preliminary squad this week.

Over the past 12 months, Queensland has had only one national team member, Lions fullback Alan Niven. But recently, after the two losses to New Zealand, Niven lost his place while Lions mid-

fielder Steve Hogg was recalled into the national Squad.

The opportunity of Queensland to play in front of Arok was not the only good news Sheean brought to Queensland. He quickly moved to squash rumours that Queensland was not being considered in future National League plans.

"Queensland will always be an integral part of the National League and in future there could even be more than two Queensland teams involved," Sheean said without elaborating on the likely structure of next year's national competition.

The calls to delete Queensland from the national competition have originated in Melbourne where there are several State League teams just waiting for a vacancy to get into the NSL.

"Any moves to get Queensland out of the National Leagues are doomed to fail," Sheean said.

## RIDGE REPORTING

with MIKE COLLINS

For most teams last week signalled the start of the 1983 season, — however not for our Sixth Division team who were due to play Booval in the opening game at the Ridge.

Unfortunately no officials arrived to manage the game, and Booval refused to take the field unless an official controlled the game — which is their prerogative. Our club however was willing to permit them to select a referee of their own choice but they still declined to play.

We are talking about Sixth division football not the F.A. Cup final. Most of these players just want a game of football. When I asked a Booval player about the matter he replied that they only had a weak team out today which was evident by some of the portly bodies warming up.

*On this matter, if a club fails to turn up for a game they forfeit the points and receive a hefty fine from the Q.S.F. which has to pay the referees fee and that is fair enough. But who compensates Booval for their travelling time and Acacia Ridge who lost \$116.00 for prepared food, canteen and Barman, licence etc?*

*Congratulations to Brian (The Clam) Gribbens on his life membership awarded to him at the last A.G.M. for his long standing services as our club treasurer.*

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# NSL MATCH OF THE DAY

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- .... STEVE PERRY
- .... PETER TOKESI
- .... FRANK LIDDELL
- .... BILLY WILKINSON
- .... FRANK PIMBLETT
- .... BOBBY HAMILTON



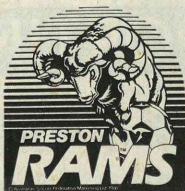
Coach:  
JIM HERMISTON  
Colours:  
SKY BLUE and WHITE

- .... BILLY WILLIAMSON
- .... ALLAN HUGHES
- .... STEPHEN GLOCKNER
- .... JOE CAIRNEY
- .... BEVAN BOHAN
- .... JOHN KOWTAN
- .... GLENN AHEARN

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<b>BRISBANE CITY</b>			
<b>PRESTON</b>			

- .... RICHARD WILSON
- .... CON OPASINAS
- .... LUBE PETROVSKI
- .... DAVID JONES
- .... GEORGE TODOROVSKI
- .... GEORGE CAMPBELL
- .... CLAUDE LUCCHESI



Coach  
PETER OLLERTON  
Colours  
RED and BLACK

- .... GEORGE McMILLAN
- .... ZARKO ODZAKOV
- .... GARY WARD
- .... PETER OLLERTON
- .... ISSAC FARRELL
- .... ALEX LIVINGSTONE
- .... ALLAN WHITTLE

## Other Games

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

## Next Week

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