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A HEAD-ON CLASH!



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Action from Lions' last home game involving Danny Wright (left) and Adelaide City's Neil Banfield. Wright was one of Lions' two Young Soccerroo players who missed out on the Australian Under 23 squad to play New Caledonia in Noumea next month. The full squad is on Page 6.

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OUR PLAN TO BRING BACK THE ACTION...

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Queensland Soccer Federation president Ald. Ian Brusasco recently caused a stir when he advocated the scrapping of the offside rule and the deletion of goalkeepers from soccer teams to make the game more exciting through more goals. Ald. Brusasco said later the suggestions were made "only to get people thinking". Go Soccer's MARK BRIGDEN this week presents his ideas on how the game could be altered to appeal to the dwindling numbers of Australian soccer spectators.

A NEW PLAN FOR GOALMOUTH ACTION

Outlawing goalkeepers to produce "18-17" scorelines in soccer is no guarantee of exciting matches, in fact, it would probably make commonplace what is one of the few highlights of the present day game.

Purists and spectators like to marvel at the moment of brilliance when one team proved better than the other and got the ball into the net. By making that target easier to achieve, one would destroy the main principle of the game.

Sure goals excite crowds, but that excitement is always short lived. Just observe how much a crowd cheers after their team scores its eighth or ninth goal in a match.

The one thing in the game which creates sustained and repeated excitement and atmosphere — and the aspect any changes should attempt to enhance — is goalmouth action.

A ball bobbling in the penalty box, being knocked backwards and forwards or off the woodwork is exciting to watch. It keeps both sets of supporters cheering — either with anxiety or expectation. It can be repeated 100 times in a match and when the ball is finally put in the net, it becomes the crowning moment — not just another part of the game as Ald. Brusasco's suggestions would make it.

With goalmouth action in mind, while trying to create the minimum amount of confusion and change, I offer the following suggestions. Suggestions which perhaps may be tried in a pre-season competition or the like.

A. Kick-ins instead of throw-ins.

B. A 30-yard offside line.

C. No offside on freekicks.

D. After five round corners kicks are taken at the point along the goal-line where the ball was put out.

The use of kick-ins rather than throws has, many benefits. Throw-ins have a tendency to crowd play in one corner or in a small area along the sideline. More times than not the ball is knocked out again shortly after and play becomes a boring progression down the sideline.

By allowing players to kick in- and the ball would be placed by the linesman or referee dead on the line at the point it went out which would prevent

the present delaying tactic of encroaching — we would see long curling balls into the penalty box and teams swinging instantly from their own defensive third into attack. Long throw-ins into the penalty box presently cause anxiety among defenses and excitement for spectators, kick-ins would create this much more regularly.

Naturally, just as some players prefer to take a quick short corner, the same could be done with a kick-in — a short pass to the winger and a race down the line for the return.

A 30-yard offside rule is often put forward by those advocating change, and while I think it should be tried, I feel it would be proven to be the least effective of my four suggestions.

The system was tried in Scotland several seasons ago and initially teams pushed a striker way forward in the hope he would get a breakaway and score. But they found for much of the game they were battling in midfield and defence a man short. The player they had pushed forward was being wasted and eventually had to come back to get into play.

The rule should be implemented but players should be advised to play their normal game. Where it will help them is in borderline offside cases. Invariably match officials give defences the benefit of the doubt and the game is stopped. Good strikers will be able to sneak that vital extra yard and get away with it.

But more importantly a 30 yard offside rule will stop teams congesting in the middle of the park. As forwards move a yard goalwards, a defender will move two. This should give midfielders more space in the centre of the park — space to demonstrate their skills. Players will have more space and time to look for a good ball to play or to run at an opponent.



VITAL ASF MEETING



Queensland was to send two officials to the vital Australian Soccer Federation meeting in Sydney this weekend.

Queensland Soccer Federation president and ASF executive member for 23 years, Ald. Ian Brusasco, was to be accompanied by QSF secretary Alan Vessey.

Some States indicated this week they would send as many as six officials.

The numbers though will not matter as each State still retains its set number of votes at ASF level. Queensland, like most of the "smaller" soccer States has four votes. New South Wales and Victoria hold the majority of votes while the National League also has four votes.

Queensland has contacted most other State Federations in the past fortnight in an attempt to understand all points of view about the restructuring of the NSL.

Our final vote will be cast by Brusasco. Vessey has no voting power and can only address the meeting through his

president and the chairman.

The exact format of the meeting is unsure but the NSL proposal is the first item on the agenda. It is likely to be raised, discussed then a motion will be put to either accept or reject it.

If the proposal is rejected, which is highly likely, it is impossible to predict which way the meeting will go. The NSL Council of clubs plans to meet on Sunday.

In the past the Council has urged delegates to go back to their clubs and discuss certain proposals. If this attitude is adopted again it may be several weeks before we learn the full implications of any decisions made.

But on the other hand if feeling among the NSL clubs is running as high as some indicate, the league may be prompted to make an instant decision as to its future.

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Having no offside at freekicks, and it would only apply for the initial kick, would end the situations where players are unable to get into the penalty box because the entire defence is standing up.

If players are allowed to move into the goal area they will have to be marked which will lessen the number of players available to build a wall. Obviously it gives the attackers a better chance of scoring but then they were probably awarded the kick when an attacker was brought down anyway.

The changing of the corner kick rule is designed to also increase goalmouth action. Five, and that number could be varied, kicks are taken normally but after that the kicks are taken at the point the ball crossed the line. The point where the ball went out would be determined by the referee.

As in some of the other rules I have suggested, changes would also have to be made as to the distance opposing players must stand-off. Perhaps for these "short corners" five yards would be acceptable.

The benefit the rule gives in that it enables the ball to be put more accurately into the penalty area is obvious but a hidden bonus is that defenders will be less reluctant to just kick the ball out and concede a short corner than

OFFSIDE LINE, KICK-INS AND SHORT CORNERS

they are in giving corners away under the present rules.

Kick-ins, in place of throw-ins, also might prompt players to keep the ball in play more — and surely that can only help to add to the game as a spectacle.

The ultimate success or failure of the above rules would only be found in a match situation. And while I believe they would work I would not advocate their introduction to the game as a whole.

Soccer has existed relatively unchanged in Australia for the past 100 years, and longer overseas. We are presently going through a slump which is not only affecting our code.

But just as one day night cricket brought that game out of its mid-seventies slump, I believe a competition under the "new" rules, run in conjunction with the present leagues could bring back those spectators we seem to be losing almost daily.

EDITORIAL

There is little wonder we battle to survive in international competition or gain local recognition after the way our national teams are selected.

This week an Australian "under 23" squad was selected to play against New Caledonia in Noumea in August. The squad contains one member of almost every National League team and some players from a handful of clubs outside of the NSL.

There is no doubting the ability of the players — and congratulations to Steve Hogg and Stephen Glockner—but when we are picking an Australian team we must select the best available, irrespective of the level we are playing at, or against.

If we send a "B" team overseas and it gets beaten, to the non-soccer follower it is a loss for Australia's national soccer team.

Surely our administrators have learned something from the example set by other sporting organisations, like the Queensland Rugby Union. Australians love winners and that is why, on almost every occasion, the state fields its strongest possible side, irrespective of the fact it might be playing a lowly New Zealand provincial side or the like.

If the Maroons win by a landslide they are heralded as heroes. When the home side wins, people conveniently seem to forget how poor the opposition was.

And the same could work for the Socceroos. Let's send our strongest side into the Pacific and notch up big scores. Let's stamp ourselves as undisputed champions of the region.

But rather than do that, it seems our administrators are happier at playing

their little politics game. The reason the team has been selected in such a manner is that the players will have to miss a round of the NSL.

To take the best players in the country would have meant postponements of matches — and the competition already is an organisational disaster.

But then the Australian Soccer Federation should have planned much further in advance and advised the NSL.

And that highlights the problems which were to come to a head at the A meeting in Sydney this weekend. To predict the result of the meeting is almost impossible. All we can do is hope that by next season we are all working for the game rather than against each other.

At a time when soccer is struggling to gain regular space and acceptable crowds, the attitude of one local official last week was disappointing (See story Page 6).

The official's club has been surrounded in controversy over the past month. He was contacted by one of our writers "to give him the chance to put his side of the story forward."

The official's immediate comment was "no comment". He then went to great lengths and took much delight to, in his own words — "I haven't answered one of your questions yet."

Soccer doesn't need these types of officials, and it is unlikely we will be contacting the official again.

Points to ponder

A resolution passed in 1975, prior to the commencement of the Philips League, guarantees Brisbane City and Lions a place in the state's highest competition should they ever wish to return. That resolution still stands and that is why the Lions and City reserve teams will go into the Premier League next year contrary to some people's predictions they won't. The QSF management committee would dearly love to have the two big guns back and you can bet your bottom dollar they will give themselves an avenue for that to happen, even if it's not next season.

If the Queensland Soccer Federation does not recognise the Commercial League as a sanctioned soccer competition, then on what grounds can it take action against anyone who plays in it?

Reports coming out of Adelaide tell of animosity between George Best and some Lions players during his final game for the club — that disastrous 4-0 loss to Adelaide City. According to the reports, Best was highly critical of the decision not to replace Alan Hunter and at one stage even suggested he may as well go off himself for all the ball he was getting.

LIONS HAVE A ROAR

Recent speculation that Brisbane Lions was considering withdrawing from the National Soccer League prompted an unprecedented response from the club.

President John Morcus issued a statement on the club's policy. And although the word "Breakaway" was never used the very tone of the statement indicated Lions would wholeheartedly support such a move by the NSL.

Here is the Morcus statement:

To all Media, Club Presidents and League Committee

This statement is to confirm that the Brisbane Lions Soccer Club, contrary to some reports, will remain in the National Soccer League of Australia no matter what the final decision by the Australian Soccer Federation or the Council of Clubs Meeting.

General Comment:

Lions being one of the instigators of the formation of the National League would fight for the survival of the competition.

However, after seven years of National Competition at top level, it seems that most clubs to date, accepted the general conditions as laid down by the A.S.F. and over the many years, clubs attending Council Meetings are wasting their time and club finances, as the majority of recommendations to further develop the League are simply rejected to either satisfy State Federations or A.S.F.

I sincerely believe that for the League

to prosper we must and should only have an affiliation with the A.S.F. and not be ruled by State Federations who basically are there to run local competitions, church groups, junior soccer or general state administration. Let us, the clubs who spent an approximate six million dollars combined to promote the professional side of soccer, be our own judges to improve the game we all love.

Let the Council of Clubs appoint a Promotion Committee from either within or without and I feel sure as an independent professional league, we will prosper for the benefit of all concerned including the A.S.F. and States. Only then can we move ahead and go on with the job.

As Hardaker said, "It took the U.K. 40 years to become independent. Don't wait that long or take the consequences."

We are the clubs, we should be the rulers.

JOHN MORCUS,
President

Brisbane Lions Soccer Club.

IS COL THE NEW MAN?

Are Brisbane Lions grooming former Socceroo Col Bennett as a replacement for current coach Simon Kistemaker?

Following Bennett's announcement last week of his temporary retirement, the Lions board named him as an assistant to Kistemaker.

According to club secretary Lawrence Qudendyk, Bennett's duties will include re-match warm-ups and helping with individual training.

The likeable Kistemaker is contracted to Lions until October 31 but there so far has been no comment from either party for a renewal of the deal. It is known Kistemaker already has received one offer to return to a European Club.

Realistically Kistemaker cannot be totally blamed for Lions poor performances this season for not only has he had only a shallow pool of NSL players but his squad has been hit by injuries to key players and was disrupted twice — first through the loss of young soccerroos Russell Stewart and Danny Wright, then through the inclusion of 'passenger' George Best.

Socceroo Col Bennett as a replacement

But then Brisbane City finished bottom last year and now are riding high under the control of former player Jim Hermiston.

Bennett, 32, was forced to announce his retirement after a spate of injuries restricted his involvement this season. He has played no more than half a dozen matches this season following a back complaint then knee and ankle injuries.

The former Leichhardt player, who has been capped 55 times for Australia, has continued to train regularly with the squad and is held in high regard by his peers.

Bennett has completed a number of coaching courses and has always stated he hoped to eventually move into coaching. He certainly would appeal to the Lions members but if appointed he would become the fourth coach in as many years — and that's not a recipe for success.

TWO IN U23 SQUAD

Two Queenslanders are in an Australian Under 23 squad to play three matches against the New Caledonian national team next month.

They are Stephen Glockner of Brisbane City and Steve Hogg of Lions.

They are among 18 players named for the matches, to be played in Noumea.

The Australia squad is: Terry Greedy (St. George), Tony Franken (AIS), Alan Davidson (Sth. Melbourne), Rob Wheatley (Blacktown), Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Arno Bertogna (Leichhardt), Tom McCulloch (Marconi), Ray Vleistra (Wollongong), Steve Hogg (Lions), Vladko Belic (Footscray), Paul Kay (Sydney City), George Christopoulos (Canberra), Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic), Fabio Incantalupo (Melbourne Juventus), Charlie Villani (Adelaide City), David Lowe (Newcastle), Peter Lewis (Green Gully), Stephen Glockner (Brisbane City).

The squad will assemble in Sydney on Friday, August 12 and will play its first match on Sunday August 14. Other matches are planned for Tuesday, August 16 and Friday, August 19.



• STEPHEN GLOCKNER

NAMBOUR TO MEET ON FUTURE

A meeting this week will decide the future of Nambour Reds Soccer club.

That was about all the club's president Mr. Hamish Borthwick, was prepared to reveal when contacted by Go Soccer last Thursday.

Mr. Borthwick said he had not decided exactly when the meeting would be held nor did he know what it would discuss.

He did confirm the club had officially withdrawn its First Division reserves side but he did not know how many players the club had.

Mr. Borthwick said he understood the door was still open for Nambour to go

back to the local Sunshine Coast competition but that "could be or could be not" what the meeting would discuss this week.

On Pat Leathan, a terse "he's gone", suggested the import's transfer to Newmarket had been agreed upon.

Mr. Borthwick was confident he still would be President after this week's meeting.

"There are a lot of stories floating around the hills," Mr. Borthwick said.

It's a shame he wouldn't tell us the true one.

RUSH ON JUNIOR SOCCER TOUR

Queensland's country soccer players have rushed a planned junior soccer tour to West Germany later this year.

Organisers of the tour have received tentative bookings from all parts of Queensland.

But the response from Brisbane clubs has not been as enthusiastic as had been hoped.

The tour, from October 11 to November 5 coincides with the mid-semester school vacation and offers the trip of a lifetime for young soccer players.

State under 14 coach George Pagan will lead the tour which has been booked into the renowned West German sports school at Hennef. The school is surrounded by soccer fields and employs some of the top German coaches.

In addition to receiving top line coaching, youngsters attending the tour will be taken to a West German First Division match and go on a fabulous sightseeing tour down the Rhine River.

Bookings are closing soon and organisers urge anyone interested in attending to make contact now: Clubs might like to start raising funds and offer a trip as their player-of-the-year prize.

Anyone interested in booking on the tour can telephone Lufthansa German Airlines on 229 2666. It's an opportunity of a lifetime.

THE WEEKEND'S TEAMS

PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND 17

SUNNYSIDE v ACACIA RIDGE

Croatian Sporting Centre
Sunday, 3 p.m.

SUNNYSIDE	ACACIA RIDGE
.... JOE SIKORSKI	.... JOHN MARSHALL
.... IVAN SEKULIC	.... MAL EVANS
.... VLADO BEK	.... STU. HOLMES
.... TONY EDWARDS	.... IAN PROUD
.... STEVE PUSELJ	.... NORM BELL
.... DAMIR IVICA	.... JOHN GILLESPIE
.... PETER FARRELL	.... JOHN KEANE
.... FRANK MARENIC	.... N. CRUICKSHANK
.... IVAN FRKOVIC	.... GERRY MCMAHON
.... JOE MATIC	.... MICK GERRITSEN
.... DAVE BRISBANE	.... PETER GERRITSEN
.... MICK MATISIC	.... GARY WEIR
.... CHARLIE RUNJE	.... STEVE DONALD
.... ZVONKO PENC	.... NICK GRIFFIN
.... MARK ATMORE	.... PETER McK-ROSS
.... C. HADZIJUSUFOVIC	.... JIM SPENCE
.....	.... TONY McVEY

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

VALLEY TRIDENT v TARINGA

Murray Street
Sunday, 3 p.m.

VALLEY TRIDENT	TARINGA
.... MARTIN COE	.... CARL SPRUCE
.... DAVE MELIA	.... GAVAN ALDER
.... JOHN SHEPHERD	.... JOHN KRUK
.... RICH. SHORTMAN	.... CLINT WILKINSON
.... SHANE RIDEOUT	.... GLENN DAVIS
.... GERRY LINDSAY	.... ALAN EEDY
.... DAVE OSBORNE	.... GAVAN STITT
.... FRANK MENGOTTI	.... CRAIG BRIMSON
.... TOM PIKE	.... MIKE SAVAGE
.... LEN POLLOCK	.... SYD STEVENSON
.... PETER CAREY	.... VIC HAZELDINE
.... MAX CIOBO	.... MARTIN GREEN
.... IAN RATHMELL	.... PETER SPEARE
.... JOHN DOYLE	.... PHIL PILKINGTON
.... SHAMSHUD DEAN	.... MARK ELGOOD
.... JOE LALLY	.... IAN SPEARE
.... JOHN LAVELLE	.....

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

GRANGE THISTLE v NORTH STAR

Lanham Park
Sunday, 3 p.m.

GRANGE THISTLE	NORTH STAR
.... DAVE GALLAGHER	.... PETER ROBERTS
.... MARK APONAS	.... ANTHONY POLITIS
.... G. BUCHANAN	.... WERNER FRISKE
.... JOHN RIBONE	.... SULLY MAITRE
.... JIM CAMERON	.... MICHAEL McEVOY
.... STEVE DOLAN	.... BRIAN SAMPSON
.... KEN SWAN	.... PETER CARTER
.... ROSS SWAN	.... MICHAEL TRIPP
.... JOHN PATERSON	.... DAVID MOORE
.... WILSON MAELAU	.... TOD WHISSON
.... TONY BAILEY	.... LYLE BRYCE
.... GARTH MOLONEY	.... IAIN FAGAN
.... JOHN RUSSELL	.... ALAN SINCLAIR
.... GLEN ARCHER	.... IAN GENTLES
.... KEITH MARSH	.... ANTHONY McNALLY
.... ADRIAN MOUSDALE	.... ROBERT O'HARA
.....	.... M. TIRABOSCHI

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

BRISBANE CITY v LIONS

Spencer Park
Sunday, 3 p.m.

BRISBANE CITY	LIONS
.... DAVID HARRISON	.... BRETT BEVES
.... PAUL SCHAIVO	.... STEVE JACKSON
.... A. SALVATORE	.... ROD VASQUEZ
.... PAUL BARRY	.... ANDY LEE
.... GEORGE CAIRD	.... CLARK ANDERSON
.... GLENN NORTON	.... STEVE FULTON
.... WILLIE CONNER	.... FRANK BYRNE
.... ANGELO FALCO	.... BRAD KEARTON
.... ANDY CHAPMAN	.... JOHN MIRANDA
.... LEE SCRIGGINS	.... MICHAEL MULVEY
.... PAUL SLEIGHT	.... SHANE PLAZIBAT
.... F. GUGLIELMINO	.... TERRY ROE
.... JIM HERMISTON	.... DAVID ALLEN
.... RODNEY BEST	.... BOB McSKIMMING
.... MARK BARRY	.... GEOFF MARTINI
.... LUCIANO FABRIZIO	.....
.... JOE CAIRNEY	.....

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

THE WEEKEND'S TEAMS

PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND 17

EASTS v OLYMPIC

Heath Park
Sunday, 3 p.m.

EASTS	OLYMPIC
..... PAUL DRURY	1 M. CALOGERAKIS
..... PAUL MYLONAS	2 MIKE CERNAKA
..... JEFF DOLAN	3 CRAIG SCHNEIDER
..... MARK J.-KNAGGS	4 M. McNAUGHTON
..... ROD STEIN	5 GRAHAM WILSON
..... CHRIS FEGAN	6 PETER TYSON
..... BEN FEGAN	7 S. KONSTANTINOU
..... PHIL THOMPSON	8 NICK KRITICOU
..... MICKEY SINN	9 ANDY OGDEN
..... LEON WILSON	10 TOM MCGREGOR
..... GEORGE TAKIS	11 CRAIG LOW
..... JEFF HANSEN	..... JIM BELLIS
..... NOEL LORD	..... PAUL LASLO
..... TONY BRIGHT	..... DANNY DRAKE
..... DAVE PICKUP	..... ALEX DICK
..... ANGUS MEIKLE	..... GEOFF DAUNT
..... MARK BRUSASCO	.....
..... STEVE PERKOVIC	.....

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

IPSWICH v MOUNT GRAVATT

Ebbw Vale
Sunday, 3 p.m.

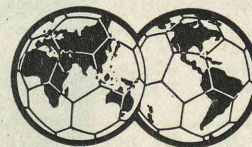
IPSWICH	MOUNT GRAVATT
20 PAUL McCLURE	..... S. WOODRUFFE
1 JOHN BENNETT	..... MARK DAVIS
2 NEV O'SULLIVAN	..... NOEL DAVIS
3 BRUCE PENMAN	..... ERIC THOMPSON
4 WAYNE WARREN	..... DAVID COSTA
5 JEFF DANN	..... C. CORCORAN
6 RAND McKEAND	..... STEVE CLARK
7 ALAN MARSZALEK	..... HARRY STEWART
8 MURRAY KITCHING	..... ARCHIE FRASER
9 IAN LAWRIE	..... STEVE McNALLY
10 RON MILLMAN	..... CRAIG DICKSON
11 KEN GORDON	..... TIM TAYLOR
12 BILL DANN	..... BRYSON EASTON
13 GARY VOGLER	..... GARY BOHAN
14 KEV COLEMAN	..... JIM McINTYRE
..... DAVID PERRETT	..... CAMERON BELL
..... CRAIG REIMERS	..... MARK HAIRSINE

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

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

Match	MARK BRIGDEN Go Soccer	MAREE LEONE Go Soccer	GEOFF STEAD Telegraph
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Lions v Heidelberg	HEIDELBERG	LIONS	HEIDELBERG
Sth. Melbourne v Brisbane City	DRAW	BRIS. CITY	DRAW
Canberra v St. George	ST GEORGE	DRAW	ST GEORGE
Sydney City v Wollongong	SYDNEY C.	SYDNEY C.	SYDNEY C.
W. Adelaide v Newcastle	DRAW	NEWCASTLE	NEWCASTLE
Marconi v Footscray	MARCONI	MARCONI	DRAW
Preston v Leichhardt	PRESTON	DRAW	PRESTON
Sydney Olympic v Adelaide C.	OLYMPIC	OLYMPIC	OLYMPIC
PREMIER LEAGUE			
Sunnyside v Acacia Ridge	ACACIA R.	ACACIA R.	DRAW
Valley Trident v Taringa	VALLEY TRIDENT	VALLEY TRIDENT	TARINGA
Grange Thistle v North Star	THISTLE	THISTLE	THISTLE
Brisbane City v Lions	DRAW	LIONS	LIONS
Eastern Suburbs v Olympic Utd.	OLYMPIC	DRAW	OLYMPIC
Ipswich Utd. v Mt. Gravatt	DRAW	MT GRAVATT	IPSWICH
FIRST DIVISION			
Mitchelton v Wynnum	WYNNUM	WYNNUM	WYNNUM
Nambour v Annerley	ANNERLEY	ANNERLEY	ANNERLEY
Newmarket v Coalstars	DRAW	NEWMARKET	NEWMARKET
Bardon v Goodna	BARDON	DRAW	BARDON
Pine Rivers v Darra Utd.	DARRA	PINE RIVERS	DRAW
Rochedale v Redcliffe	REDCLIFFE	DRAW	ROCHEDALE
Success Rate	43%	36%	45%

BRIG'S WORLD



ROUND-UP

I must have been watching a different game, but this is how the revered London Times reported George Best's debut match for Brisbane Lions — "The former Manchester United and Northern Ireland forward, George Best, inspired Brisbane Lions to a 2-1 victory over Sydney Olympic, coached by Tommy Docherty, the former United manager, in an Australian national league match. After a slow start Best showed the full range of skills which made him a legend, repeatedly beating his direct opponent and making a succession of pin-point passes. Best who is contracted to play three games for the Lions, said afterwards he was pleased with his performance: "I didn't want to go out there and dominate play but merely help the boys get three good wins which is what they need."

Real Madrid has emerged as favourite to sign Brazilian superstar Zico after Italian authorities blocked his intended move to First Division team Udinese. The authorities claim the deal, which was organised through an intermediary company in London was completed after the new June 13 transfer deadline. Zico was set to be transferred for \$4 million. According to the coach of Zico's present club Flamengo, the incident has adversely affected the Brazilian star.

"He has been bitterly disappointed and the psychological damage being caused to Zico is our major worry at the moment," Carlos Alberto said.

The Italians have also blocked the signing of another Brazilian, Toninho Cerezo, to Italian champions Roma.

England forward Luther Blissett claims Watford did not protest about his one million pound move to AC Milan because chairman Elton John wanted him out of the club after an incident earlier this year during a tour of China. Blissett claimed a world exclusive when he took a photograph of the pop superstar's balding thatch.

The inhabitants of north-eastern Italian city Udine have threatened to demand to be annexed to Austria unless the Italian Football Federation goes back on its decision to block the move by local side Udinese to sign Brazilian forward Zico. More than 3000 demonstrators assembled in the city centre chanting "Zico or Austria" while the local council held an emergency meeting to discuss the federation's veto of the signing. The federation will not permit the deal to go through as it claims Udinese does not have the money for the deal, valued at more than \$4 million.

Watch out for another Hoddle. Carl, the 16-year-old brother of Spurs midfielder whizz Glenn has just joined Tottenham as an apprentice. Older brother Glenn though is not as settled. He has been offered a big money one year contract but on last reports had yet to sign.

Derby County has been ordered to play its first two home matches this season in front of empty terraces. And the former First Division champions have been told to spend nearly \$50,000 on ground improvements. The orders were made by the five-man Football Association disciplinary committee after a day-long inquiry into a crowd invasion in the closing minutes of a match against Fulham at the Baseball Ground in May. The referee ended the match with 78 seconds to go after the crowd invaded the pitch when it mistook a whistle for offside as the end of the game. Fulham needed to win to have any hope of promotion. It was Derby's third crowd trouble inquiry in a year.

Some old Chelsea stalwarts have returned to the club. Former keeper Peter Bonetti, 41, has come out of his Scottish retreat to coach the club's keepers while John Hollins has been signed from Arsenal as a player-coach.

Classy Coventry defender Gary Gillespie has become new Liverpool manager Joe Fagan's first signing. Fagan forked out 323,000 pounds to pip Arsenal which was not prepared to go over the 300,000 mark. Arsenal instead could now sign Leeds keeper John Lukic.

AEK Athens, which beat PAOK Salonica 2-0 in the final of the Greek Cup, is set to sign up former Everton and Arsenal midfielder Trevor Ross.

Bastia, the struggling French club have entered the transfer market in a big way and have signed Alberto Tarrantini, the fullback in Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning side, and Spanish midfielder Daniel Solsona

BEST BEHAVIOUR IS SURPRISING . . .

Learning that former Irish international George Best did not put a foot wrong during his three-week guest stint with Brisbane Lions came as a surprise for Newmarket's American exchange player Dev Rendler.

And learning that the soccer legend was far from brilliant on the park came as an equal surprise.

The reason is that Rendler comes from the Californian city of San Jose, where Best played with the local team Earthquakes. And his behaviour there was almost the opposite.

"He drank a lot and never turned up for training and eventually they released him," Rendler said.

"But on the park he was a brilliant player, great to watch. He scored some fantastic goals."

Rendler, a 24-year-old law student, trialled with Earthquakes after being "drafted" from college. He was one in about only five selected from across the states.

He just missed out on the final team and now plays for Italia Athletic. Rendler is in Australia as part of a reciprocal arrangement organised by the Newmarket club.

Newmarket's Player of the Year, Jim



• RENDLER

Reiken, had a one month spell with Italia earlier this year.

Although many leagues in America now play standard FIFA rules, the NASL still has overtime and shoot outs to decide games, according to Rendler. Games ending in draws are subject to two seven and a half minute sudden death overtimes, after which if the scores are still level — shootouts are held.

And that's not all that uncommon according to Rendler.

"The Earthquakes won its last three games in overtime or shootouts," he said.

American soccer is played nearly all year round with the main season from October to May. A more social season runs from June to September. Professional indoor leagues are also in operation.

Rendler will play three games with Newmarket before returning to America in mid-August. The club will then send two teams to the states at the end of the year.

RIDGE REPORTING

with MIKE COLLINS

One of the season's hard luck stories must be that of Acacia Ridge's goalkeeper Rob Farrow.

Riding on the crest of a wave at the start of the year with some outstanding performances in goal Rob was selected in the Queensland squad for the interstate clash with New South Wales in May. But unfortunately while training with the squad he broke a bone in his wrist which has sidelined him for the rest of the season — no doubt to the relief of the other Premier League teams. But there was even a chance he would sign for Lions a few weeks ago but the injury has put paid to that. So has the talk of Lions pulling out of the NSL. At 21 year of age, Rob has the world at his feet and must be rated the best goalkeeping prospect in Queensland.

Prior to Rob's injury, the club was

fortunate to obtain the services of ex-Townsville goalkeeper John Marshall, who has proven to be a worthy custodian in the Premier League team with some excellent performances. With John moving into the Premier team, we have had to find a keeper for the second team. So up popped Tony McVey, who had little experience between the sticks as he had been playing as a forward in the Colts last year. But Tony has done a mighty job since taking over in goal and thoroughly deserves the accolades he has received this season.

Quote of the week comes from Bob Butchard last weekend while watching our Senior Colts play Lions: "Come on lads, don't throw the game away now, give the ball to their forwards."



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NEWMARKET NEWS

This week the focus is on our First Division Reserves side.

The team had a very poor start to the season when excess players numbers made it difficult to field the same team on consecutive weekends.

But under coach Graham Beehre it is now starting the long climb up the ladder. In recent weeks the team has defeated leading sides such as Mitchelton and Wynnum after drawing with the top side Rochedale.

With the second best goalscoring performance in the division so far (45 goals), it is apparent that the team plays open, attacking soccer.

This second round revival is due to several factors. One being the return of Buster Blount, who has been unbeatable in recent weeks and the now fit Brant McCullagh, who when he wants to can play some brilliant soccer.



The Team: (back row left to right) K. Van Eyk (manager), C. McCallagh (trainer), R. Winter, G. Kettles, D. Campbell, G. Irwin, R. Murtagh, P. Campbell, C. Lems, G. Beehre, A. Beehre (mascot). (Front row, left to right) N. Masters, G. McDonald, "Buster" G. Irwin (capt.), R. Di Trapani, W. Yet Foy.

DONT FORGET SATURDAY JULY 30 — THE GAME AGAINST COALSTARS AT HOME WITH JUNIORS REQUIRED FOR THE GUARD OF HONOUR. ALSO ON THAT DATE THE FLEA MARKET AT THE PARK FOLLOWED AT 7.30 P.M. BY OUR BEER AND BEEF NIGHT.

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IPSWICH'S FRIENDLY RIVALS

Ipswich United defender and former Sydney Croatia player Kevin Coleman believes there isn't a team in Queensland — outside of City and Lions — that could match some of the New South Wales State League sides currently being tipped as possible National League candidates.

"There have been some games I have played in since coming to Queensland which have been as good as those between the top sides in the N.S.W. State League but I don't think there is a team here which is playing consistently well enough to make it in the NSL," Coleman said this week.

Coleman's former club Croatia has long been tipped a future NSL side the midfielder-turned sweeper believes the powerful Sydney club could go into the national competition tomorrow.

"Croatia has excellent facilities and a lot of supporters, more than a lot of present NSL sides," Coleman said.

But Coleman, a former Australian schoolboys captain, said he considered Ipswich to have the potential to make a strong bid for the NSL if it wanted.

"Ipswich has facilities which obviously aren't as good as those down south but with a little bit of work it could make them just as good," he said.

But like Ipswich, Coleman at the moment is in no hurry to play in the country's top competition. The 24-year-old, who has a diploma of imports and exports, has just taken up a new position in production management and administration with Coates and has moved with his wife Debbie into a new home at Alexandra Hills.

"Like most players I would have liked to play in the NSL but I am certainly not disappointed that I haven't. I have always put work first and at the moment work and play with Ipswich seems to fit in well," he said.

But Coleman could well have been with NSL club Sydney City.

He signed with the Slickers after playing for six years with Sydney club Guilford. He had been spotted by the Hakoah scouts while playing for the Australian and NSW schoolboys teams against the touring England team in 1974.

Coleman played one season with Sydney City then took up a six week trial with English club Aston Villa. That six weeks turned into eight months Coleman progressing through the club's teams and eventually making it as substitute for a First Division match against Manchester United.

While at Villa, Coleman played alongside Gordon Cowans, the current English Star and Brisbane City's Frank Pimblett, who was an England schoolboys player.

Villa sought to buy Coleman, but Hakoah slapped a 20,000 pounds transfer on the then 16-year-old — a ridiculous sum as far as the English Club was concerned.

Coleman was forced to return to Australia where he broke his contract with the Sydney team in disgust and joined up with Parramatta City. It was from there that he was recruited by Croatia.



KEVIN COLEMAN



ALAN MARZALEK

When Alan Marzalek returned to Ipswich United after a brief spell with Lions earlier this season, it was — in his own words — "like going home".

"I didn't really want to leave Ipswich. I got talked into it," Marzalek said.

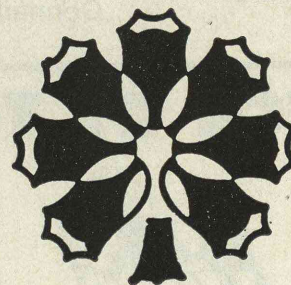
"I think I had the ability to play NSL, but the coach and myself didn't see eye to eye."

Marzalek has returned to Ipswich United though to find his sweeper role filled by new boy Kev Coleman. But he

certainly didn't expect to get his position straight back.

"If I get a chance to play there I will take it, as sweeper is my favourite position. But while Kev is fit and playing well I am happy to play anywhere in the Ipswich team," Marzalek said.

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Jacaranda Half-time Teasers

1. True or false — Up until 1882, throw-ins were taken with one hand?
2. In 1972 Celtic won the Scottish FA Cup for the 22nd time by thrashing Hibs 6-1. Who collected a hat-trick for the Celts (a hint — his initials are D. D.)?
3. By which name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento better known?
4. Which teams have Ipswich beaten so far in the Ampol Cup?



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PRESTON v LEICHHARDT
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ADELAIDE CITY

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