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## SOUTHERN CLUBS EYE QUEENSLAND TALENT

A Melbourne National League club wants to sign Brisbane Lions' Young Soccerero striker Danny Wright and the club is prepared to spend big to get him.

But any deal looks like falling through as 19-year-old Wright wants to stay in Brisbane.

"I have spent too long mucking around. It is time I settled down and finished my trade, got something behind me other than football," he said.

The Melbourne club does not want to be named, at this stage, but it is known the offer has come from one of the four new Melbourne NSL sides.

The initial approach was made to Wright through two intermediaries, one acting on behalf of the club. The other is a Queensland-based soccer identity who has wide contacts among the two Brisbane NSL clubs.

He told GO SOCCER this week that Wright had been recommended to the southern club by a former Queensland coach, now based in Melbourne.

"The club is desperate to gain a striker, but not one who would only serve them for a season or two. They wanted something more long-term and were prepared to pay for Wright," the Brisbane agent said.

"The club figured that even if they had to pay a transfer similar to what Frank Farina went to Canberra for (\$8,800), it would be a good investment in the long term.

"With transfer fees so high in Sydney and Melbourne at the moment, southern clubs are beginning to look elsewhere. Right now Queensland is seen as a bargain basement where good



● DANNY WRIGHT



● S. GLOCKNER

players can be snapped up for thousands less.

"Even though this club has missed out on Wright, and I am not sure they have given up yet, there definitely will be other offers. NSL players can be bought in Brisbane for the same price Sydney and Melbourne clubs have to pay for State League transfers."

Wright was very flattered to learn of the southern clubs interest, but was quick to reject the offer.

"At this stage I will be staying in Brisbane for at least two years until I finish my apprenticeship," said Wright, who is an apprentice electrician.

"I figure I have time on my side because in two years I will still be only 21. Heck, if a 21-year-old striker is still not appealing to a Melbourne club then I would not want to go there anyway.

"Tell the club to contact Lions at the end of next season." Wright said.

## STEVE IS A TARGET TOO!

Brisbane City's Stephen Glockner is a potential target for southern National League clubs.

News has quickly spread south that Glockner, who also was a member of last year's Young Soccerero squad which went to Mexico, is no longer a regular selection in the City NSL team.

Glockner's biggest fans appear to be in Sydney and one coach who has expressed interest is Marconi's and former national coach Les Scheinflug. "He is a good player, nice touches. I wouldn't mind having him in my squad," Scheinflug told Go Soccer recently.

But the former Young Soccerero coach, who made Glockner a late inclusion in his squad but never played him

in Mexico, said it was unlikely any formal approach would be made at this stage.

Glockner has not expressed publicly any desire to leave Spencer Park, nor has Joe Gilroy, said he wants to sell the youngster.

But it is widely known that Glockner has for a long time wanted to team up again with his former state Youth team striking partner, Danny Wright.

That though seems likely to remain a dream as it would appear neither City nor Lions have the cash or possibly even the inclination — to buy the other half of the "set".

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP IS A BIG BOOST!

A club championship — offering prizes worth thousands of dollars — is set to become one of the highlights of the restructured Queensland soccer competition which is about to kick-off. . . . .

The championship is a concept used widely in other codes and urges clubs to spread their interests across several teams rather than "putting their eggs in one basket" and concentrate solely on having one good side.

The benefits are obvious.

If a club develops its Reserve and Colts teams, it can expect to produce its own players, rather than having to enter the costly transfer market.

Initially the club championship will apply only to the 10 new Premier League clubs.

The winning club will be determined by the aggregate points score of the

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ma. Gravatt	66	44	12	10	155	55	100
Ipswich	66	35	15	15	145	72	87
Acacia Ridge	66	37	11	18	137	57	85
Lions	66	34	11	21	129	87	79
Thistle	66	32	15	19	109	63	79
Easts	66	26	16	24	86	90	68
Taringa	66	24	13	29	98	112	61
Olympic	66	21	13	32	75	116	55
Valley Trident	66	19	14	33	91	123	52
North Star	65	17	13	35	83	151	47
Brisbane City	65	16	11	38	95	117	43
Sunnyside	64	11	10	43	74	224	32

*Had the club championship been staged last year, here's how the twelve Premier League clubs would have finished.*

## REASON TO BE ON TARGET

The Premier League's leading scorer will be in line for some big prizes this year in the Queensland Soccer Federation's new goalscoring competition.



Last season's leading goal-scorer, Tom McGregor heads goalwards.

club's three teams participating in the Premier League — i.e. Premier League, Premier League Reserves and the Premier League Colts. The championship will be conducted on fixtures only.

And the prizes on offer this year are certain to make the club championship eagerly contested.

Already Attack Sports Pty Ltd have offered a set of 15 shirts in the winning club's colors and Insurance Exchange of Australia Pty Ltd will give the winning club \$1000 towards their 1985 team insurance payment.

Those prizes offer real value to clubs, and indications are further prizes will be secured within the next few weeks.

The championship is wide open, but if last year's form is taken into consideration, Mount Gravatt must start favorites. The Hawks would have raced away with the prizes if the championship had been held last season.

Our table shows the club's top three teams finished with a commanding lead over Ipswich, Acacia Ridge and Lions and Thistle.

But with two new clubs in a tight 10-team competition, anything could happen this season and indeed, the championship should make this year one of the most exciting yet in local soccer.

The player who scores the most goals in the Premier League fixtures competition shall be determined the winner of the award.

Goals scored in trial, Cup or finals series matches will not be taken into account.

So far prizes include an Attack tracksuit, in club colors, and a pair of running shoes and a football from Treloar. Other exciting and impressive prizes are in the pipeline.

Should two players tie on the number of goals scored in League fixtures, the winner shall be the one who scored the most goals in any one game.

Go Soccer each week will publish the leading scorers.

## GO SOCCER EDITORIAL

By Go Soccer Editor

GEOFF STEAD

**It is worrying to hear so many people knocking the new restructured competition before it has started.**

It seems some clubs, or at least some of their officials, are hell-bent on sabotaging the new leagues.

No-one is saying the new format is not without its problems. But we had to start somewhere. Everyone agreed restructuring of the federation was necessary and the toughest steps have now been taken.

From this season on, it should be all downhill.

We can learn as we go along and make the slight necessary changes as problems arise. But not to give the new format a go by whinging, complaining or even secretly working on a new restructuring as one club reportedly is still doing — is to hinder the progress of soccer in Queensland.

Irrespective of what league any club finds itself in this year, surely its immediate or even long term aim is to be the best in that competition.

Those clubs with any sense, and any ambition, are already working towards that. Time will show that those that

are, or have been, crying the loudest, will be the ones furthest from success at the end of the year.

And then, they will only have themselves to blame, not the system.

This season has the potential to be our best ever. Go Soccer wishes every club the best of luck and urges everyone from Premier League to Sixth Division to get out on the park and make soccer work in Queensland.

**Today marks the beginning of yet another volume in the long history of Go Soccer magazine.**

As the official magazine of the Queensland Soccer Federation, Go Soccer has grown and improved over the past decade thanks to the continued support of many — and in particular, the member clubs.

We look forward to that support again and intend providing Queensland soccer with a magazine that continues to be the envy of our rival codes.

Here's to a great 1984!

## Points to ponder

There is definitely no love lost between Lions keeper Wayne Evans and the player he replaced, Brett Beves. One story doing the rounds tells of a one-way disagreement over who should wear the No. 1 shirt and who should wear No. 20 while in another incident Beves reportedly made the most of an Evans onfield mistake and told him so in the dressing room afterwards. Still, competition can only bring out the best in both keepers.

*Liked the comment of a Premier League player recently during a hypothetical discussion on what would happen if he had a fight with his coach.*

*"I'm that popular at the club that if I had a fight with the coach, he would have to leave," the player said.*

Two local soccer identities teamed to pull off the con of the year at a major city hotel recently. The pair had one

"victim" believing she was all set to appear in a popular girlie magazine. But one of the smooth-talkers had the last laugh and out-conned his mate by whisking the girl away while his friend was at the bar.

**Who is Sam Ireland? That was the name used to introduce one very well known local player when the teams were announced prior to a trial game involving the Brisbane City intermediate League team at Spencer Park recently. Perhaps the player — who is on trial at City "borrowed" his nom de plume from his Irish father, named Sam.**

*There were a few embarrassed faces all-round at Perry Park last week when new Lions coach Harry Noon had to be introduced to Acacia Ridge goalkeeper Robbie Farrow. Farrow had only been trialling up at Richlands, on and off, for about a month.*

## GO SOCCER ALLSTARS

Introducing our Go Soccer Allstars team which will be a regular feature of this year's magazine.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. S. JACKSON (L.)          | 1. J. DOLAN (G.T.)          | 1. J. CAMERON (N.S.)    | 1. A. HUNTER (L.)    |
| 2. L. Fabrizio (B.C.)       | 2. K. Cadwell (C'star)      | 2. B. Wilkinson (B.C.)  | 2. F. Liddell (B.C.) |
| 3. G. Wilson (L./Oly.)      | 3. I. Proud (Acacia R.)     | 3. I. Lawrie (Ips. U.)  | 3. J. Sime (E. Ips.) |
| 1. K. SWAN (B.C.)           | 1. J. STEWART (Lions)       | 1. S. DOLAN (Thistle)   |                      |
| 2. P. Mylonas (Easts)       | 2. H. Stewart (Mt. Grav.)   | 2. B. Hamilton (B.C.)   |                      |
| 3. B. McDermott (Wyn.)      | 3. F. Pimblett (B.C.)       | 3. J. Ogden (Lions)     |                      |
| 1. J. McDONAGH (Lions)      | 1. P. REDMOND (Lions)       | 1. R. MILLMAN (Ips. U.) |                      |
| 2. L. Scriggins (B.C.)      | 2. B. Mountford (B.C.)      | 2. W. Maelaua (Thistle) |                      |
| 3. T. Carnarvis (Mt. Grav.) | 3. M. Gerritsen (Acacia R.) | 3. F. Mengotti (B.C.)   |                      |

The team has been picked, by our panel of experts, on form shown in the local pre-season competitions and fixtures to date — at QSF and NSL level.

The player in capitals is the one our experts considered had played most competently in that position during/ the surveyed period. We have also ranked two other players accordingly for each position.

As the season continues we will adjust

the rankings after each survey period. The number of consecutive weeks each player stays at No. 1 also will be recorded.

Obviously our experts have been unable to see every trial match played so far this season, but we believe we have selected those players who have shown the most consistent form.

Watch for future Allstars teams and see how your club's players rate.

## PRE-SEASON IS DISAPPOINTING

By GREG RUSSELL

**Football-wise, this year's pre-season build-up has been one of the poorest for years.**

The standard of soccer has been inconsistent and generally bad.

While experimentation and lack of team balance are all part of pre-season football, it is obvious many clubs are well behind in their levels of preparation than they were at the same time last season.

The most obvious reason for this is the uncertainty created by the restructuring wrangle. Many clubs were uncertain about their future right up to the new year — hence firm plans in relation to coaching and playing staff could not be finalised.

Even now, with the Premier League set to start within weeks, at least two teams in the top competition are knocking on doors looking for available players.

Fitness, or moreso the lack of it, has been another alarming factor of the pre-season.

It is frightening to see how far some so-called semi-professional players let themselves go during the off-season. Many look overweight and slow — even at National League level.

One pleasing exception was Rochdale, which under Col Bennett was by far the fittest side of the early matches

at Thistle's Coca-Cola Bottlers tournament at Lanham Park.

Brisbane City and the home side totally dominated the tournament, which poorly supported by the other clubs. But then the format should never have been allowed to overlap with other competitions.

The situation arose last Sunday where Brisbane City's NSL team played at Spencer Park at 3 p.m., then by rights should have played at Lanham Park at 6 p.m., as it was the NSL team which won its way to the final.

Naturally, the City Reserves took the park which made a farce of the qualifying rounds.

The biggest disappointment of the XXXX tournament has been the lack of crowds. Seemingly the other clubs feel there is no reason to 'scout' on their rivals and apart from the opening night only meagre groups of supporters from the clubs involved on the night have attended.

Taringa's big showing against Lions, Ipswich's bold effort against City and some high scoring games have been the highlights of the XXXX.

Thankfully, by the time the finals start next week, some of our better sides will be closer to top form.

# OUR SOCCEROO HOPES GET A LUCKY BREAK

By GEOFF STEAD

The appointment of Frank Arok as the national coach has given a new significance to the interstate clash at Perry Park next month — particularly for the Queenslanders.

Arok, who was appointed to replace Les Scheinflug, will coach N.S.W. in the annual clash against Queensland at soccer headquarters on April 29.

And that means any Socceroo hopefuls in the Queensland team will have the perfect opportunity to impress Arok, and gain a berth in the Australian side for the mid-season international series.

In fact, it could be one of the few opportunities the Queenslanders will get to play in front of Arok. Unlike Scheinflug who, last year was not tied to a club and could attend his selection of NSL games, each weekend between now and the international series Arok will be travelling around Australia with his club side, St. George.

That means, generally he will only see those players his team plays against. Brisbane City are drawn to meet St. George in an NSL fixture in Sydney on April 22 but Lions don't clash with the champions until July 8 — after the international series.



Brisbane Lion's stopper Alan Hunter (right) and Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper who could clash again in the interstate match between Queensland and New South Wales at Perry Park on April 29.

## THE SQUAD

Goalkeepers: **Kim Wishart** (B.C.), **Stuart Woodruffe** (Mt. Gravatt).  
 Defenders: **Steve Perry** (B.C.), **Frank Liddell** (B.C.), **Peter Tokesi** (B.C.), **Alan Hunter** (Lions), **Steve Jackson** (Lions), **Alan Niven** (Lions).  
 Midfielders: **Ken Swan** (B.C.), **Frank Pimblett** (B.C.), **Bobby Hamilton** (B.C.), **John Stewart** (Lions), **Russell Stewart** (Lions).  
 Forwards: **Garth Moloney** (G. Thistle), **Danny Wright** (Lions), **Bob Mountford** (B.C.), **Phil Redmond** (Lions — likely to withdraw through injury), **Jim McDonagh** (Lions), **Gary Bromfield** (B.C.).

So it will be vitally important for all players in the Queensland team to leave a lasting impression in Arok's mind if they hope to be considered for Australia.

And the best way to do that is to beat New South Wales — and beat them convincingly.

City keeper Kim Wishart, will be one player determined to give a bold showing on April 29. Wishart won his way into Arok's Australian squad for last year's Ttests against England after he performed brilliantly in the interstate clash, which Queensland won 3-0.

Arok watched the game and remembered Wishart's performance when it came to announcing his Socceros.

But the Queenslanders face a tough battle to gain selection. Already Arok has stated that he expects the majority of his national side to come from NSW.

A Blues' win at Perry Park will only further reinforce that thinking.

The job is certainly ahead of Bruce Stowell and his boys, but from all indications they are set to rise to the challenge. State team training, every Tuesday night, has been a gruelling affair. It has even included fitness work, which stunned one or two players.

With 19 players in the "interim" squad, Stowell can afford to be choosy. Anyone who does not come up to scratch will be dropped — he has made that quite clear.

N.S.W. are gunning for revenge, Queensland needs to win to prove last year was no fluke. Everything augurs for the greatest game of soccer at Perry Park in years.

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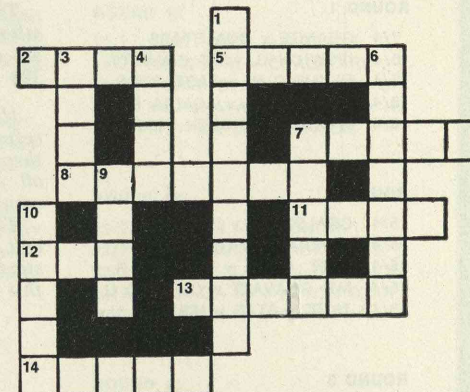
## SOCAWORD

### ACROSS

- Found on the sole of a boot.
- (and 7 down) First name of Italian team beaten by Celtic in the 1967 European Cup Final.
- Surname of former England captain who played with West Ham.
- Past Italian name of Brisbane City.
- ... er Blissett, who played with Watford.
- Nickname of Tommy Docherty.
- Surname of Brisbane City winger who has made a comeback this year.
- Short name for Premier League side based at Heath Park.

### DOWN

- Merseyside team which plays at Anfield.
- Argen..., the 1978 World Cup winners.
- Ramon..., leading South American striker.
- Feathered emblem of French World Cup team.
- (and 5 across) Second word in name of Italian team which played in 1967 European Cup final.
- Talented Brazilian striker who spearheaded his country's attack in the World Cup finals in Spain. His first names are Artur Antunes.
- First name of former Marconi and Socceroo striker now playing in Europe, ... Krncevic.



## A QUICK QUIZ

- Name the all-time leading goalscorer in the National League. (He transferred from Heidelberg to Preston this season).
- Who played in goals for Queensland in the 0-2 loss to Victoria at Perry Park last March?
- The Reserve team of which bayside club was the only side to remain undefeated in last season's QSF fixtures?
- Which Brisbane club plays at Elder Park?

## WHO IS THE "MYSTERY" PLAYER?

Can you pick this week's Mystery Player from his silhouetted outline?

This is the first in a regular series in this year's Go Soccer magazine where we will "black-out" a well-known local player and test how well you know Queensland's soccer stars.

This week's Mystery Player belongs to one of the Brisbane National League clubs. He is a midfielder who played for Queensland against New South Wales last season.

He was born in England and played for a time with Aston Villa.

He is pictured here being tackled by Steve Dolan, who at the time was trialling at Lions.



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# YOUR GUIDE TO TOP SOCCER IN 1984

**ROUND 1**

- 7/4 GRANGE v COALSTARS
- 8/4 IPSWICH U. v MT GRAVATT
- 8/4 OLYMPIC U. v EAST. SUBS.
- 8/4\* TARINGA R. v ACACIA R.
- 8/4 WYNNUM v NORTH STAR

**ROUND 2**

- 15/4 COALSTARS v WYNNUM
- 15/4 ACACIA R. v GRANGE T.
- 15/4 EAST. SUBS. v TARINGA R.
- 15/4 MT. GRAVATT v OLYMPIC U.
- 15/4\* NORTH STAR v IPSWICH U.

**ROUND 3**

- 21/4 GRANGE T. v EAST. SUBS.
- 22/4 TARINGA R. v MT. GRAVATT
- 23/4 COALSTARS v ACACIA R.
- 23/4 OLYMPIC U. v NTH. STAR
- 23/4 WYNNUM v IPSWICH U.

**ROUND 4**

- 7/5 ACACIA R. v WYNNUM
- 7/5\* EAST. SUBS. v COALSTARS
- 7/5 MT. GRAVATT v GRANGE T.
- 7/5 NORTH STAR v TARINGA R.
- 7/5 IPSWICH U. v OLYMPIC U.

**ROUND 5**

- 12/5 GRANGE T. v NTH. STAR
- 13/5 COALSTARS v MT. GRAVATT
- 13/5 ACACIA R. v EAST. SUBS.
- 13/5 TARINGA R. v IPSWICH U.
- 13/5\* WYNNUM v OLYMPIC U.

**ROUND 6**

- 20/5 EASTERN SUBS. v WYNNUM
- 20/5 MT. GRAVATT v ACACIA R.
- 20/5 NORTH STAR v COALSTARS
- 20/5\* IPSWICH U. v GRANGE T.
- 20/5 OLYMPIC U. v TARINGA R.

**ROUND 7**

- 26/5 GRANGE T. v OLYMPIC U.
- 27/5 COALSTARS v IPSWICH U.
- 27/5\* ACACIA R. v NORTH STAR
- 27/5 EAST. SUBS. v MT GRAVATT
- 27/5 WYNNUM v TARINGA R.

The restructuring of the Queensland Soccer Federation will be put to the test this season when the new-look 10 team Premier League gets underway — and everything points towards an exciting action-packed season as we enter the first years of Queensland soccer's second 100 years.

Here, Go Soccer magazine provides a handy reference to the dates of all the big matches throughout 1984. It's a guide which can be kept all year so you don't miss any of the top soccer which will be on every weekend.

The Premier League will kick off on the weekend of April 7 and 8. The Intermediate League starts the same weekend. Lower divisions begin this weekend.

In the Premier League draw on this page, the first team is the home side. All matches marked with an asterisk have been scheduled for soccer headquarters, Perry Park.

All Premier League matches kick off at 3 p.m. The only exceptions are Grange Thistle's Friday night home game, which will begin at 7 p.m. and Coalstars' Round 2 match, which will start at 3.15 p.m.

**ROUND 12**

- 15/7 EAST. SUBS. v GRANGE T.
- 15/7 ACACIA R. v COALSTARS
- 15/7 NORTH STAR v OLYMPIC U.
- 15/7 MT. GRAVATT v TARINGA R.
- 15/7 IPSWICH U. v WYNNUM

**ROUND 13**

- 22/7 WYNNUM v ACACIA R.
- 22/7 COALSTARS v EAST. SUBS.
- 22/7 GRANGE T. v MT. GRAVATT
- 22/7 TARINGA R. v NORTH STAR
- 22/7 OLYMPIC U. v IPSWICH U.

**ROUND 14**

- 5/8 NORTH STAR v GRANGE T.
- 5/8 MT. GRAVATT v COALSTARS
- 5/8 EAST. SUBS. v ACACIA R.
- 5/8 IPSWICH U. v TARINGA R.
- 5/8 OLYMPIC U. v WYNNUM

**ROUND 15**

- 11/8 GRANGE T. v IPSWICH U.
- 12/8 WYNNUM v EAST. SUBS.
- 12/8 ACACIA R. v MT. GRAVATT
- 12/8 COALSTARS v NTH. STAR
- 12/8 TARINGA R. v OLYMPIC U.

**ROUND 16**

- 26/8 OLYMPIC U. v GRANGE T.
- 26/8 IPSWICH U. v COALSTARS
- 26/8 NTH. STAR v ACACIA R.
- 26/8 MT. GRAVATT v EAST. SUBS.
- 26/8 TARINGA R. v WYNNUM

**ROUND 17**

- 1/9 GRANGE T. v TARINGA R.
- 2/9 WYNNUM v MT. GRAVATT
- 2/9 EAST. SUBS. v NTH. STAR
- 2/9 ACACIA R. v IPSWICH U.
- 2/9 COALSTARS v OLYMPIC U.

**ROUND 18**

- 9/9 WYNNUM v GRANGE T.
- 9/9 TARINGA R. v COALSTARS
- 9/9 OLYMPIC U. v ACACIA R.
- 9/9 IPSWICH U. v EAST. SUBS.
- 9/9 NTH. STAR v MT. GRAVATT

## APRIL 29: QUEENSLAND v N.S.W. (Perry Park)



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### THE FINALS

(All matches at Perry Park)

**SEPTEMBER 16**

Knockout semi-final

**SEPTEMBER 23**

Major semi-final

**SEPTEMBER 30**

Preliminary final

**OCTOBER 7**

Grand Final Day



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**ROUND 8**

- 3/6 MT. GRAVATT v WYNNUM
- 3/6 NORTH STAR v EAST. SUBS.
- 3/6 IPSWICH U. v ACACIA R.
- 3/6\* OLYMPIC U. v COALSTARS
- 3/6 TARINGA R. v GRANGE T.

**ROUND 9**

- 10/6 COALSTARS v TARINGA R.
- 10/6 ACACIA R. v OLYMPIC U.
- 10/6 MT. GRAVATT v NTH. STAR
- 11/6 GRANGE T. v WYNNUM
- 11/6 EAST. SUBS. v IPS. U.

**ROUND 10**

- 24/6\* COALSTARS v GRANGE T.
- 24/6 MT. GRAVATT v IPSWICH U.
- 24/6 EAST. SUBS. v OLYMPIC U.
- 24/6 ACACIA R. v TARINGA R.
- 24/6 NORTH STAR v WYNNUM

**ROUND 11**

- 1/7 WYNNUM v COALSTARS
- 1/7\* GRANGE T. v ACACIA R.
- 1/7 TARINGA R. v EAST. SUBS.
- 1/7 OLYMPIC U. v MT. GRAVATT
- 1/7 IPSWICH U. v NORTH STAR

## DATES FOR THE AMPOL STATE CUP

Draw and venues to be announced later.

JUNE 16 and 17: ROUND ONE KNOCKOUT

JULY 7 and 8: QUARTER FINALS

JULY 18 and 29: SEMI-FINALS

AUGUST 19: AMPOL CUP FINAL



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## FOR THE JUNIORS

### STAN IS A LIFE - MAN

Well-known Queensland juniors president, Mr. Stan Dye, has been rewarded for his tireless work by being made a life member of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council.

Stan was awarded the life membership at a surprise presentation at the annual meeting of the QJSC late last year. He also holds life membership of the Redcliffe City Soccer Club and the Brisbane Northern Districts Junior Soccer Association.

In December last year, Stan was tour leader of the Australian junior team which competed in the Oceania tournament in New Zealand.

Stan came to Australia from Britain in 1950 and after playing here for several years became involved in the administrative side of soccer in 1962. In 1963 he formed a junior club in Redcliffe and was president and later secretary of the club until 1969.

In 1970 he was elected onto the management committee of the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association, and served until 1976. During that time for five years he was the representative team

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organiser and was appointed secretary for two seasons. He was also team manager and tour leader for the under 15 team to Auckland in 1975.

Stan was a key member of the steering committee which re-organised junior soccer in 1976 and was instrumental in the establishment of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council.

He was secretary of the QJSC from 1978-79 and president from 1980 to 83. He has been Queensland representative on the National Junior Soccer Council since 1980 and now is president of the body.

Stan is predicting big things ahead for the juniors and with FIFA talking about a world under 16 championship in the not too distant future, he believes Australia will soon prove to the world that our youngsters are as talented as any others.

## COURSES FOR SOUTHSIDE JUNIORS

The Brisbane Southern Districts Junior Soccer Association (BSDJSA) has organised a series of coaching courses for players on Brisbane's southside.

The first will be a five-day coaching clinic held at the Annerley Junior Soccer Club from April 15 to April 19. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. daily.

The course will cater for all players 11 years and older. The cost will be \$35 per player. Applications close on April 3.

An intensive coaching course for U11 and U12 years players will be held at two locations, starting on May 27. The courses will be held at Annerley and at the Oxley Soccer Club. Daily sessions, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. will be held at the two clubs on May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, July 15, July 22, July 29 and August 5.

The cost will be \$20 per player. Applications close on May 14.

An advanced course for U13 and U14 players will be held at the same locations on the same days as the U11 and U12 years courses. The cost also will be \$20.

An intensive coaching course, speciality for goalkeepers, has already begun and continues through until May. At Annerley and Rochedale clubs, the course will be held on the following Mondays — March 26, April 2, April 9, April 30, May 7, May 13 and May 21 from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Any enquiries on the courses can be made by telephoning BSDJSA secretary, Mr. Bob Stokes, on 209 1154.

## TED JEFFERIES



### TALKING TOUGH SOCCER

Everyone in Brisbane is talking about the Brisbane Bullets—our National League basketball team that is sweeping all before them and sitting high on the table.

But how many people know how the NBL works? How many in the sellout crowds they have been getting at Auchenflower know that the competition is split into two "conferences"?

And how many know that the Bullets are in the Eastern Conference, yet still play an Adelaide team? Or that a Tasmanian team is in the western Conference with the Perth sides?

Who knows? Who cares?

And that is precisely the point the two National Soccer League clubs here in Queensland should be driving home.

Who cares who we are grouped with, or in what order we play our opponents. The vital, oh so vital, thing for City and Lions to do is to win or at least enter-

tain at all costs in the first year of the new format.

The average supporter doesn't look any further than next week's game, he doesn't need to. All he wants to know is who his team is playing that weekend and whether a win will get his side any closer to the honours.

Let's forget about all the ballyhoo and promote each game on a week to week basis and put all our efforts into winning more games in Brisbane, or playing excitingly enough to make the spectators come back.

With success, comes interest. And with interest comes knowledge. Those who want to know how the new format works will find out themselves. Most people just want good football.

*A big rap over the knuckles to whoever's decision it was to announce the state squad BEFORE the derby. Even if the squad had been picked a week before it made good sense, and good PR, to make it look like the derby had been taken into consideration.*

**The sacking of Les Scheinflug was criminal.**

And on what credentials does Frank Arok get the job?

Two draws in one international series, and a NSL championship that Preston lost, not St. George won.

Apparently Scheinflug's fine international record does not count. Two Merlion Cups and two bold world youth championship showings must mean nothing to Peter McCann and his World Cup committee.

I for one, believe they have made the wrong decision!

**Still on the state squad . . . I feel our current method of preparation has Queensland skirting disaster.**

Bruce Stowell has a near-impossible job to make any headway from players who are being asked to give so much for their clubs at this stage of the season. Some are having football five nights straight. I believe there is little to be achieved by bringing the squad together so early. All those that are going to make it have played with each other before anyway.

Surely a better idea would be to announce the state squad immediately after the NSL fixtures on the Sunday preceding the interstate clash. Players perhaps could attend a light training Monday night, play a game on the Wednesday

then go into a training camp until Sunday's big game.

Sure, some players would have work problems, so perhaps the camp could include Thursday night, then start proper from Friday afternoon.

It's the way a lot of other rep. teams here and overseas do it and perhaps worth a try next time.

Still, as a Queenslander I am behind Stowell. He is undoubtedly the best man in the State at the moment to get a result against the Blues.

**If it hasn't already, the bubble is about to burst at Lions. And when it does it's going to be with a loud bang.**

**TED JEFFERIES is an independent contributor. His views are not necessarily those of Go Soccer nor of the Queensland Soccer Federation and its officials.**

# IT'S A LONG ROAD TO MEXICO FOR THE CUP

The Socceroos, under new national coach Frank Arok, this season begin their long quest to gain a place in the World Cup finals — after failing to qualify for the past two tournaments.

The finals are to be held in Mexico in 1986 from May 31 to June 29. More than 120 countries have entered the competition, and with the exception of Mexico (the hosts) and Italy (the holders), most qualify in matches around the world over the next two years.

Australia is drawn in the Oceania group with New Zealand, Taiwan and Israel. The four teams will play each

other twice in a league system in Australia and New Zealand.

The winner of the group enters a two-match play-off against the runner-up of the European supplementary group for a place in the finals.

The dates for the first qualifying matches have not yet been announced, but at least one game could be played in Brisbane.

## THE DRAW

**EUROPE:** (13 teams qualify to join Italy, the title holders, as Europe's 14 representatives in finals):

**Group One:** Poland, Belgium, Greece, Albania (Winner Qualifies).

**Group Two:** West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Portugal, Malta (Winner and Runner-up qualify).

**Group Three:** England, Northern Ireland, Romania, Turkey, Finland (Winner and Runner-up qualify).

**Group Four:** France, Yugoslavia, East Germany, Bulgaria, Luxembourg (Winner and Runner-up qualify).

**Group Five:** Austria, Hungary, Netherlands, Cyprus (Winner qualifies).

**Group Six:** Soviet Union, Denmark, Ireland, Switzerland, Norway (Winner and Runner-up qualify).

**Group Seven:** Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland (Winner qualifies).

Teams in each European group will play each other twice in a home-and-away league system of matches to be staged between next May 1 and November 15, 1985.

Runners-up in groups one, five and seven will play off for a place in the finals. The runner-up in this play-off will meet the winner of the Oceania Qualifying tournament in a play-off for the remaining place in the finals.

**SOUTH AMERICA:** (Four teams qualify for finals):

London bookmakers are in no doubt as to the ultimate destination of the World Cup in 1986 and have installed Brazil as 7-2 favourites.

Other prices include: 5-1 Argentina; 6-1 West Germany; 7-1 Italy; 8-1 Uruguay; 12-1 Belgium; 14-1 Netherlands & France; 16-1 Soviet Union & England.

**Group One:** Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela.

**Group Two:** Uruguay, Chile, Ecuador.  
**Group Three:** Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia.

Winners of each group qualify. Runners-up in each group together with the third-placed team in group one play off for the fourth qualifying place.

**ASIA:** Two teams will qualify from 27 countries placed in four groups, with each group having two sub-groups. Sub-group winners will play-off to be group winners and the four group winners will clash to decide the two finalists.

**NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN:** One team must qualify from 17 countries to join Mexico as the area's two representatives. Matches will be played, home and away in three groups, then the three group winners will meet home and away to decide the team to join Mexico.

**AFRICA:** Two teams will qualify from 29 countries which will play straight knockout games in three groups. The draw is worked that 16 teams will remain after the first round of matches, and will continue the knockout series to produce two finalists.

## SOCCKERWORLD



It is no coincidence the new England strip is very similar to that worn when the country won the World Cup in 1966.

Cheshire-based sportswear firm, Umbro, supplied the England shirts in 1966 and have just released their latest offering under a new \$2.4 million contract with the FA. The contract, over the next five years, permits Umbro to change the design — a white strip with red, white and blue facing on the neck and

**Cesar Luis Menotti — the Argentine who has been dubbed El Flaco (the Thin One) by the Barcelona fans — claims it is his chain smoking that keeps him skinny.**

*Danish international Jespen Olsen has gone against the instructions of his club Ajax and has had an operation on his ankle. The club maintained that Olsen's problem was psychological and now Ajax are to take disciplinary action against him and could seek a UEFA suspension.*

*The New York Cosmos will play a World all-star team at Giants stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on July 22.*

*Cosmos spokesman Mark Brickley said the world team would be selected by*

**The captain of the Belgian national side, Eric Gerets, has sparked another football scandal in Brussels by telling an inquiry that Standard Liege won the Belgian league title two years ago by bribing their opponents. Gerets, who captained Standard Liege at the time, said he was asked by the president of his club to offer (about) \$7000 to Waterschei to throw a final round fixture which Standard Liege needed to win to secure the title. Under Belgian law bribing is not criminal and Gerets has not been charged, but his club AC Milan has suspended him until the matter is cleared.**

*Football Association officials are awaiting confirmation that England has been discarded as candidates for staging the 1990 World Cup.*

*Italy and the Soviet Union are vying to hold the tournament and FIFA has said a decision would be made on May 19. Greece looks to have lost the chance because it cannot meet ground requirements.*

cuffs — only once during the period.

England manager Bobby Robson described the new design as "chic".

"It gives a new prominence to the badge and mixes simplicity with originality. It's a new shirt for a new breed of player," he said.

The manager of the U.S. Olympic team, Manfred Schellscheidt has been sacked "for economic reasons". He is to be replaced by Alkis Panagoulas, who previously had been in charge of the U.S. National team. The new manager will have a two year contract worth \$100,000.

Under Schellscheidt, the American team played a total of 34 games in preparation for the Olympics, but results were disappointing as they won nine, lost 11 and drew 14.

*Cosmos fans who will vote for their choices at home games in May and June.*

*"We expect to hand out ballots with the names of 60 of the world's best players and ask the fans to select about 15 players from the list," Brickley said.*

*England staged and won the 1966 World Cup, and an FA official confirmed: "When we submitted our application for 1990, we made it clear that we would not stand in the way of any country who had not staged the tournament since then."*

*Italy last hosted the finals in 1934 while the Soviets have never staged them.*

Universidad Catolica beat O'Higgins Club 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in the all Chilean opening match in group two of the Libertadores Cup, the South American club championship.

**A suggestion that Liverpool and Everton fans be allowed to mix during the Milk Cup (League Cup) final at Wembley has been rejected.**

*A Spanish newspaper has called English FA secretary Ted Crocker as the "first English vandal." The paper criticises Crocker for "blaming the problems in Paris and elsewhere on provocation by the Continentals of the poor English supporters." The paper also reports that two Manchester United supporters are still in jail in Spain after riots in Valencia last year.*

## HOW THE NSL WORKS

Are you having trouble understanding how the new format for the National League competition works? Then you're not on your own.

But the format is not that complex, just different from what we are used to.

It was necessary for the NSL's administration to alter the league for a number of reasons. It was decided to split the competition into two "conferences" (divisions if you like) for the following reasons:

*To maximise club income and spectator interest through more local derbies.*

*To reduce the spiralling costs of air travel.*

*To retain the national identity of the competition.*

Basically, there are two 12-team conferences. The Brisbane teams are in the National Conference. The conferences were not decided on geographically, but in a way to be economically sound and please the majority of clubs.

In understanding the fixture program, the idea of regular home and away matches must be dismissed. This is not practical in an Australia national league.

The two Brisbane teams play all other teams in their conference once — with the exception of the two Adelaide sides, which we do not meet in the normal fixture program because of the air costs involved.

The Brisbane teams also play all teams in the other conference once. Finally, Lions and City play each other four times, to give a total of 22 matches.

As a supplement to the season there will be three intra-conference challenges staggered throughout the season. That is, the top team in a conference plays the second team into its conference, 3 v 4 and so on.

Three inter-conference challenges will also be played periodically. In these matches the top team in one conference

will play the top team in the other, 2 v 2 and so on.

Points won in a challenge match are added to a team's tally in its own conference table.

The format is unique, and the program for the Brisbane teams is different from that for the Sydney sides, those in Melbourne or even Newcastle and Canberra.

But for the National League to survive a special program had to be invented.

While the idea is novel, the basic principles are not. At the end of the season, the teams which win the most matches will still be at the top of the table.

Each conference this year will play a top five finals series. The two teams which win the conference play-offs will clash in the Australian final.

Easy, isn't it?

## A NEW CUP

The 1984 NSL Cup will be played during the one month break scheduled for May-June, set aside for international matches.

The format will be similar to the World Cup where the 24 NSL clubs will be divided into six groups of four teams. Each group will play a round robin. The six group winners and the best two runners-up will go into the next round which will become a straight knockout.

The Brisbane sides, Lions and City are in Group Four with Marconi and Sydney Croatia.

Once again, venues for all Cup matches will be allocated by the NSL management committee. But it is expected Cup matches will be scheduled in cities outside of those where international games are being played on any particular weekend.

## A LONG WAIT FOR CROATIA

For seven years Sydney Croatia have been a force in the New South Wales State League but have steadfastly refused to come into the national competition while it meant a name change.

But this year, the Australian Soccer Federation has eased its rules on the use of ethnic names and Croatia have finally taken their place in the National League.

And backed by a huge, fervent soccer-loving community, Sydney Croatia are set to eventually become one of Australia's great clubs.

Former Soccerroo Atti Abonyi — Australia's alltime leading scorer in international matches — is back at the helm of Sydney Croatia and has promised attacking football at Spencer Park this weekend.

Sydney Croatia basically has the same side as that which won the NSW grand final last year, in a replay against Melita Eagles. Honors before that includes grand final successes in 1977 and 1982 and championship victories in 1977, 78, 79, 81 and 82.

## STATE OF THE CONFERENCES

### NATIONAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth. Melbourne	3	2	1	—	6	2	5
Brunswick	3	2	1	—	5	3	5
Lions	3	1	2	—	4	3	4
Adelaide City	3	2	—	1	4	3	4
West Adelaide	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Melb. Croatia	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Brisbane City	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Preston	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Footscray	3	—	2	1	5	6	2
Sunshine G.C.	3	—	2	1	1	2	2
Heidelberg	3	—	1	2	1	4	1
Green Gully	3	—	1	2	1	5	1

### AUSTRALIAN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	3	2	1	—	4	1	5
St. George	3	2	1	—	4	1	5
Sydney City	3	1	2	—	5	3	4
Sydney Oly.	3	1	2	—	4	2	4
Blacktown	3	1	2	—	3	2	4
Parramatta	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Leichhardt	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Syd. Croatia	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Canberra	3	1	—	2	6	4	2
Penrith	3	—	2	1	4	6	2
Wollongong	3	—	1	2	2	8	1
Marconi	3	—	—	3	1	5	0

## THE LEADING SCORERS

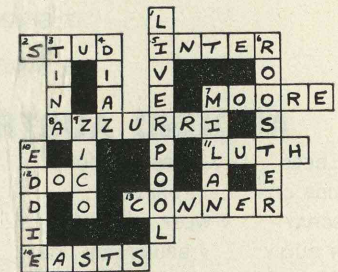
4 goals: Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic), Joe Sweeney (Brunswick Utd); 3 — Dez Marton (St. George), Simon Brandt (Newcastle); 2 — Alex Bundalo (Wollongong), Walter Savor (Sydney Croatia), John Kosmina (Sydney City), Ian Wothespoon (Penrith), Frank Farina (Canberra), John Yzendoorn (Sth. Melbourne), Doug Brown (Sth. Melbourne), Tom Cumming (Melbourne Croatia), Zdravko Lujic (Footscray), Jim McDonagh (Lions), Peter Rankin (Adelaide City).

## PUZZLERS' PAGE ANSWERS

Our Mystery Player is of course Brisbane City midfielder Frank Pimblett, who captain his club and state side last season.



## SOCAWORD SOLUTION



## QUICK QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Gary Cole. 2. Tony Scanlan. 3. Redlands United. 4. Annerley.



# NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCH OF THE DAY

## BRISBANE CITY

*Coach:* Joe Gilroy

*Colours:* Sky Blue

*Change:* All White

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 KIM WISHART      | 9 BOB MOUNTFORD    |
| 2 ALAN HUGHES      | 10 BOBBY HAMILTON  |
| 3 BILLY WILKINSON  | 11 GARRY BROMFIELD |
| 4 STEVE PERRY      | 14 LEE SCRIGGINS   |
| 5 FRANK LIDDELL    | 15 PETER TOKESI    |
| 6 LUCIANO FABRIZIO | 16 FRANK MENGOTTI  |
| 7 KEN SWAN         | 19 WILLIE CONNER   |
| 8 FRANK PIMBLETT   | 20 MARTIN COE      |

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BRISBANE CITY			
SYDNEY CROATIA			

## SYDNEY CROATIA

*Coach:* Atti Abonyi

*Colours:* Red, White  
and Blue

*Change:* All White

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 STEVE WATSON   | 9 GRAHAM ARNOLD |
| 2 BRETT WOODS    | 10 STEVE MEADES |
| 3 DRAGO TOMASICH | 11 PAUL KIRWAN  |
| 4 ALEX KOVACIC   | 12 DAVID REZO   |
| 5 LEE STERREY    | 13 TOM BASIC    |
| 6 BRUNO VIDAIC   | 14 VINKO TOLIC  |
| 7 SHANE CLINCH   | 15 JOHN RADMAN  |
| 8 WALTER SAVOR   | 20 IVAN KARTELO |

## AROUND AUSTRALIA THIS WEEKEND

HEIDELBERG ..... v BRISBANE LIONS .....

ADELAIDE CITY ..... v PRESTON .....

FOOTSCRAY ..... v WEST ADELAIDE .....

GREEN GULLY ..... v BRUNSWICK UTD. ....

MELB. CROATIA ..... v SUNSHINE G.C. ....

CANBERRA ..... v STH. MELBOURNE .....

LEICHHARDT ..... v BLACKTOWN .....

MARCONI ..... v NEWCASTLE .....

PARAMATTA MELITA ..... v ST. GEORGE .....

PENRITH ..... v WOLLONGONG .....

SYDNEY OLYMPIC ..... v SYDNEY CITY .....

## Next Week

BRISBANE LIONS

versus

PENRITH CITY

Richlands, Sunday, 3 p.m.