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As a trial for places on the proposed Queensland tour to Papua New Guinea last weekend's intercity clash was a disaster.

Less than an handful of players put themselves in line for selection in a match, State Coach Bruce Stowell simply described as "disappointing."

Despite the incentive on offer, and XXXX League players have never had such a good opportunity to tour, there was little commitment or effort from many who had been chosen to represent their city.

Ipswich won the game 2-1 and there were exceptions. From the winning team, goalkeeper Paul McClure had a fine game while the Mark Brusasco - Dave Wheeler combination finally clicked — probably because they have now decided to pass to each other.

For Brisbane Keith Marsh was the find of the match, although those

who knew him from his 1984 days at Thistle were not surprised, and Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp made all the running in the first half.

His clubmate John Brown looked eager but suffered from a lack of good service.

"I expected a lot more commitment from players who I thought would have wanted to be picked for the tour of Papua New Guinea. All I can say after the match is that there are still a lot of places wide open," Stowell said.

Details of the northern tour are expected to be finalised this week, Stowell will name the touring players the week following the interstate match against New South Wales at Perry Park on May 11.

WORLD CUP



LATEST

IN YOUR GO SOCCER NEXT WEEK

Go Soccer next week will begin the special XXXX Report — an in-depth review on the weekend's top matches.

Team line-ups, scorers and ratings for players and referees will be highlighted.

Also next week we will have the second instalment in our series "The Good Coach" when we will explain how to plan a session.

Ted Jefferies' World Report will

again focus on the dilemma facing English soccer while Alan Fouche will take another statistical look at Queensland's soccer past.

FRONT COVER: North Star's Paul Fagan in action. North Star hosts Olympic in a XXXX League match at O'Callaghan Park

British soccer officials are understood to have given Mexican authorities a black list of hooligan troublemakers and are co-operating in special security measures to deal with any unruly British fans at the World Cup.

"We know what happened before, a tragedy. If they come to Monterrey, we will control them," said Hernan Garza of the "Mexico 86" organising committee.

England plays its first round games against Portugal, Morocco and Poland in the central Mexican city in June.

It is understood bands of England supporters have already left Great Britain and are travelling through the United States towards the Mexican border.

POINTS TO PONDER...

Who was the Lions player "trapped" in the City dressing room last week as Jim Hermiston was about to give his soul-searching after-match lecture? After a few minutes the player who would have understood the accent clearer than most, was quickly dispatched.

It could have been an interesting end to the intercity clash had Ken Swan netted a hat-trick.

Word has it that Hawks coach Eric Thompson, who captained the Brisbane side, made a bet earlier this year that he would streak from the field if Swan scored three goals in any match.

Already once this season Thompson substituted Swan after he had netted two. But he wouldn't have had that crafty out last Saturday night.

One lower division club must be short of players. The second division club fielded a side last Saturday that consisted of nearly the entire reserves who had just played 90 minutes. The reserves lost 3-0, while the second time around they went down 11-0.

Heard in the press box after the recent boring scoreless draw NSL match at Spencer Park, .. "The one good thing about Preston is they only come here once more." Hear! Hear!

Lucky the Federation office is on the ball. One prominent club recently advised the QSF it was transferring a player, but the club official had his names confused. The club had in fact listed a player, with a similar name who it had just bought.

Interesting to note that the management committee had a few harsh words to say to one Intermediate League club over its attitude towards transfer listing players this season. If clubs in general acted a bit more sensibly towards transfer fees, a lot of time and work could be saved.

Clubs never learn. Even Sergei Bubka would have had trouble getting over the pile of late registrations lodged at Perry Park last week.



State Youth Team strikers Lindsay Dines (left) and Jarrod Austin with the National Youth trophy last year.

ON TARGET!

Queensland's preparations to defend the National Youth Championship crown are on target according to State coach Bruce Stowell.

The young Maroons played a 2-0 win over the Gold Coast and Albert Federation representative side at Perry Park last Saturday night.

"I was quite pleased with that result," Stowell said.

"I rested a few players and experimented with a couple of others and the match certainly was valuable in assessing a few key areas."

That will be trimmed early in May before the final squad is named to go to Melbourne on May 12.

The Australian Soccer Federation World Cup Committee will meet in Sydney this weekend to decide the coaches for the National, National Youth and National Under 16 sides for the next four years. Stowell is nominated for the Under 16 position.

GO SOCCER EDITORIAL

By Editor, GEOFF STEAD

Australian soccer has made considerable progress over the past six months and when the XXXX and Intermediate Leagues kick-off this weekend, the onus will be on the State's top 12 clubs to capitalise on renewed interest in the code.

The performance of the Socceroos in the World Cup qualifying games, and the showings of our Youth, Under 16 and Women's teams overseas are still fresh in the minds of people within, and outside, of the code.

Over the last year, Australian soccer has been seen to be well-organised and pushing ahead.

The 10 XXXX League and 10 Intermediate League clubs should do all within their power to maintain that impression. Quite possibly the renewed interest in soccer just might bring some old supporters back, or prompt new ones to venture to our grounds.

These people should be looked after and given every reason to return.

The establishment of the semi-professional clubs' sub-committee has been meeting regularly in recent weeks.

It has taken time to interview people from various areas of the game and has formulated some progressive ideas in an attempt to promote and encourage the game.

The committee is examining areas including regular publicity of Queens-

land soccer in all forms of the media, uniformity of players' numbers, the developing of personalities within the code, the attraction of additional sponsors and the proper display of our present backers, including major sponsor, Castlemaine Perkins.

The committee consists of representatives from clubs within both semi-professional leagues. But for the concept to be a success, the outlines set down by the committee should be eagerly followed by all clubs, including the amateurs.

Soccer cannot afford to expect things to happen for us in Queensland. We must take the initiative. Our clubs and their officials must be seen as taking the same wholehearted and determined approach as our Socceroos showed against Scotland last November.

As their teams take the park this weekend, club officials should ask themselves whether they have done all possible to involve their club members, supporters and sponsors.

Any club which cannot immediately say "Yes", would do well to seek out a sub-committee member for advice.

ACROSS MY DESK . . .

By QSF Secretary, ALAN VESSEY

In the early weeks of the season, as clubs attempt to get new players on the park, I often wonder whether some officials fully understand the rules relating to clearances.

And the ruling is quite simple.

Any player who was not registered under QSF jurisdiction in 1985, that is to say had not signed with a club in any of our 15 divisions, needs a clearance before turning out for a member club this year.

Similarly, any player moving to a competition outside of the QSF needs a clearance from Perry Park before he may start playing with his new club. And the rules apply to amateurs and contract players.

The procedures for clearances are simple. A player going to a club within an affiliated competition must sign a clearance request form which

is then forwarded to Perry Park.

A player joining a QSF club from another competition, either within Queensland, interstate or overseas should sign his registration form and accurately provide details of his player history in the space provided.

The card should then be lodged at Perry Park in ample time to allow a clearance to be obtained. Until the club is notified by the Federation that the player is cleared he is not permitted to play.

It would be tragic for a club's season to be destroyed if a new player was found to have taken the park without a proper clearance.

XXXX SPOTS FOR BIG TWO

The format of the XXXX pre-season tournament may change next year, but one aspect of the competition will remain the same — the National League side from Brisbane City and Lions will still be invited to participate.

That was the word from Queensland Soccer Federation President, Ald. Ian Erusasco, this week after the thrilling final between the two clubs at Perry Park last week.

The match, won by Brisbane City 3-2 on penalties when the score was 2-2 after extra-time, was watched by the biggest crowd in years at Perry Park, outside of grand final or interstate games days.

"You can't have a tournament without two of the best teams in the State," Brusasco said.

"Soccer's sponsors Castlemaine put up \$7,000 for the XXXX pre-season tournament and we have an obligation to have

the best soccer possible on display. The other clubs now know the standard at which they must aim to win the prize-money."

There was considerable protest from some clubs this year over City and Lions fielding their NSL sides, and the two National League clubs paid for their participation with injuries to key players. Next year's tournament is likely to be more compact and played on Sunday afternoons as well as mid-week.

It is the Federation's intention to have the tournament completed by the start of the NSL season, therefore avoiding the problems which arise with injuries and suspensions because of the overlap.

TOUGH AT BOTH ENDS

The battle to avoid the relegation spot this season is certain to be as intense as the fight for XXXX League Honours.

As the competition kicks off this weekend, the 10 teams involved have never looked more closely matched. After reviewing five of the XXXX League clubs last week we continue this week with an overview of the other five clubs and see just how easy it could be for any club to be at one end of the table or the other.

Ipswich United start the year as defending champions, grand final winners and club champions. But Matt Carson's side faces a tough year to repeat those successes.

Gone are Ron Millman and Ian Lawrie but the acquisition of Bevan Bohan, the return of Jeff Dann and the development of youngsters like Richie Barnard and Damien Butler will ensure competitiveness.

Wynnum, as the promoted side, may be touted as among those who could fight relegation, but look out for big years from Billy McDermott and in particular Geoff Maltby, who may yet end up at

an NSL club.

Easts have bought late in the pre-season and look a much stronger side with the purchase of Lions' pair Phil Redmond and Jim McDonagh. John Sime is a thinking coach and with other players like Brad Ryan Phil Thompson, the Tigers could be a force.

Lions must be among the favourites to feature in the silverware, but with regular changes to the squad the side could easily slip through the table. Paul Laslo has plenty of new faces to blend but watch out for State Youth players Nick Meredith and Jarrod Austin.

Grange Thistle are another club bristling with new and enthusiastic youngsters. It may take Kim Moss a while to settle on a side but Thistle certainly won't give up without a fight.

For all the teams and previews for his weekend's opening round, turn to Page 13.

Eric Thompson



IT'S THOMMO TALKING

Now that the Brisbane-Ipswich game is history, I think it should be said the whole thing was wrong from the outset.

We lost, and I hated that, but that's not the reason for my gripe. The whole criteria about the game is wrong.

If the Federation wants a Brisbane-Ipswich game then it should be for that purpose, not a Queensland team trial. The teams should go out there as teams trying for dominance. The way it is at the moment, it's a whole lot of individuals trying to do their thing to impress Bruce Stowell.

If Bruce wants a Queensland team trial, then he should pick the best he sees in the XXXX competition and then perhaps play them against the best from City and Lions. It is ridiculous that he should be looking at players picked by someone else.

The Brisbane-Ipswich concept should not be scrapped though, just played mid-year. The two coaches would get much better sides if he picked the best XXXX League players say at the end of the first round.

The Perry Park surface is woeful and it is high-time something was done about it.

The grass was almost up to Martin Kirsopp's knees on Saturday night. When the ball sits so high it makes accurate passing difficult and players tend to miss tackles.

Perry Park is the home of Queensland soccer and the field should reflect that. The way it is at the moment we would do better out of grazing cattle there.

Iain Kesson has done a very good job in a short time at Taringa and we at Mount Gravatt are not looking forward to our visit there this weekend.

I don't think too many clubs will come away from Speare Park with two points this season. I would like to think Mount Gravatt were favourites for the title, but I believe Coalstars will be the team to watch.

I backed them last year and got my fingers burned, but I think Brian Styles has had a year to sort things out and I feel they will click this season.

The team to go down? Well Grange Thistle have never contributed much to the competition and their departure in October will not be mourned.

Michael Mulvey



THE WAY I SEE IT . . .

I was not surprised to read Bruce Stowell criticising the Brisbane and Ipswich players for lack of commitment in last weekend's intercity clash — but the players were not totally to blame.

The manner in which the teams were named and finalised left a lot to be desired and the whole game took on an air of a friendly.

Only due to the fact that I read the soccer columns in the newspapers, I learned that within one week I was in the Brisbane squad and then out of it. In that time there was no official contact to me from the Federation or the coach.

It was an honour to know that I had been chosen, and, but for my NSL aspirations I would have jumped at the chance to represent my city. But surely the Federation could have adopted an attitude more in keeping with the status of the match.

I am sure an official letter of invita-

tion, phone contact from the coach and perhaps more than one training session would have left the players in a more honoured, privileged and competitive frame of mind.

I think Brisbane Lions have made a great move in attempting to bring out former Brisbane City stopper Frank Liddell.

I played against Frank in a derby match two years ago. I was a striker at the time and I can remember him being a tough, ruthless competitor. I ended up having a nightmare and was subbed after 65 minutes — although Lions won 2-1.

But Frank is the type of player we need in the Lions NSL side at the moment.

An occasional series looking at our soccer past, by Queensland's most authoritative soccer statistician, ALAN FOUCHÉ.

SPOT-ON STATS

Alan Niven has proved himself the great survivor in the ranks of Brisbane's NSL footballers.

He was there when Lions made their Phillips League debut back on April 3, 1977 and there seems little doubt the left back spot will still be his at Richlands in 1986.

Of 26 players who took the field for City and Lions on opening day, he is the only one who still commands a regular place in the same team.

Along with Niven, the other great survivor from day one has been Frank Pimblett, whose stint at City seems only now to be coming to a close.

City's lineup that day included Jim Hermiston under a remarkable loan arrangement with Grange Thistle.

Throughout 1977, Hermiston turned out in the local second division every Saturday for Thistle, then he backed up on Sunday as a guest for City.

These were the teams which turned out for City and Lions on opening day:

City v Marconi, Perry Park: Osvaldo Borzi, Ian Rathmell, Peter Tokesi, Karl Herdle (Brian Kibbey), Peter Neilsen, Larry Gaffney, Jim Hermiston, Frank Pimblett, John Coyne (Willie Conner), Ian Johnston, Kevin Caldwell. Coach: Iain Kesson.

Lions v Adelaide City, Hindmarsh: Roddy McKenzie, Leon Wilson, George Potter, Col Bennett, Alan Niven, Paul Laslo, Roy Drinkwater, Iain Fagan (Ian Lawrie), Ron Harland (Gerry Walker), John Neale, Alan Hughes. Coach: Les Schienflug.

For Hermiston's debut match against

a Marconi side bristling with internationals such as Peter Sharne, Gary Byrne and Ray Richards, he was nominally listed as a defender.

But his heroics, performed at both ends of the field and at all points between, virtually made him an extra man in defence and attack. A defensive lapse by City seven minutes from time let in Sharne for the only goal of the game— but there was no doubt in anyone's mind that Hermiston was the player of the match.

While City had the satisfaction of drawing a 5,000 crowd to Perry Park, Lions could also be pleased with their start — a 0-0 away draw against Adelaide City. With neither side scoring, the honour of scoring Brisbane's first goal in the competition had to wait another week.

It fell, in Sydney, to the unlikely figure of City defender Karl Herdle, ironically never a regular member of the first team. Ian Johnston added another but not even this could save City from a 3-2 defeat.

The first home goal at Perry Park, where both clubs played in 1977, did not come until Pimblett's effort which gave City a 1-0 win over South Melbourne in the fourth round.

A week later Geoff Morris opened Lions' account for the season in a 1-4 away loss to Fitzroy (later Heidelberg United) and the same player supplied Lions' first home goal a week later in the local derby won 3-1 by City.

QLD UNIVERSITY

Queensland University coaches are shaking their heads in disbelief after a comedy of errors in the opening weekend of fixtures.

Charlie Hunt's first division side held a 3-0 lead at halftime in a home game against Toowoomba combination St. Albans. Two own goals soon put paid to that and as goalkeeper Craig Russell began to wonder just who his backline were playing for, St. Albans scored the equalizer — by themselves.

At Grange Thistle, the player-coach

Dave Brown's sixth division side let slip a 2-1 halftime lead to be level at 2-2.

That was until 19 seconds before full-time, when Grange put away the winner 3-2. The Students are hoping their luck will change before they head off to the national intervarsity soccer competition in Sydney in May.

The Uni, long-time supporters of the IV competition, have not made an appearance since 1981 and instead, concentrated on their QSF campaigns. This year, no premiership fixtures clash with the week-long tournament and a clutch of the "old boys" are hoping to revive the Uni's reputation and recapture their lost youth in Sydney.

Ted Jefferies


THE WORLD REPORT

The well-respected London paper, *The Sunday Times*, recently published an investigation entitled: "Football 2000" — a report into British football, its present state and proposals for its future direction. It makes interesting reading and over the coming weeks "World Report" will re-print, in part, the investigation.

History has caught up with English football. Falling gates, a television black-out, impatient sponsors, a ban from Europe, and a general loss of credibility with the public has resulted in the sport's most testing season since the war.

So the ultimatum presented to professional football by the top clubs came as no real surprise: cut the League in half, discard the clubs in the bottom two divisions and give us a greater share of the spoils, or we will go it alone. As these top clubs generate the bulk of football's income, they are almost certain to get their way.

The proposal to trim the League down to its top 44 clubs has evinced the expected howls of rage from the Third and Fourth Divisions, whose clubs are terrified of the prospect of life without the £100,000-a-year umbrella that League membership provides. Second thoughts should tell them that the proposals could be their one hope of salvation — that small fish can no longer exist in a large pool when the big fish have become ravenous. They have more in common with the Telfords and Boston Uniteds than the Tottenhams and Manchester Uniteds.

Instead of fantasising about the First Division and, as a consequence, maintaining full-time squads they can use part-timers and become self-sufficient, rather than living off their illustrious superiors.

It is the Second Division clubs who have the most heart-searching to do. Currently these clubs are in the top half of football's senior tree. At a stroke they are about to become the hangers-on in a new elite League.

The conditions that have made the Third and Fourth Divisions redundant in the mid-1980s are just as likely to weigh against the Second Division in the 1990s. It is not difficult to envisage a time when, with television concentrating ever more avidly on the few superteams in England and Scotland, a further cull will be proposed.

An early warning has already been sounded. The proposed British Cup, in-

volving the best of Scotland, England and Northern Ireland, even at this stage excludes Second Division clubs.

By the year 2000, football could be in a new age: a 16-strong British Football League, including the top teams from Scotland, dealing directly with BBC and ITV and the new cable and satellite networks, at the top of a vast thriving pyramid of feeder leagues.

This, at last, really is a Super League — a concept fully familiar to the United States, where the National Football League has a sports package geared to the age of family audiences, television, video and advertising, a formula that combines instant news with instant entertainment.

All that would remain of 1980s football structure would be its own "impact events" — the FA Cup matches with their ever-present thrill of sudden-death and the prospects of giant-killing. This would be a road embarked on every season, as now, by the smallest clubs in the national pyramid, with a trip to Wembley as potent a prize as ever.

The Super League would organise itself like the NFL, part league table, with an FA Cup-style climax with play-offs. Every match would matter, and there would be nothing like the overloaded fixture list there is now. Like the NFL, too, the Super League would have an intimate relationship with television: matches would be broadcast live and television would pay handsomely.

This may all seem far-fetched, but in the 1950s football was alarmed at the prospect of playing under floodlights.

Taiwan proved far too strong for Australia in winning the Oceania Women's Soccer Tournament 4-1 in Christchurch.

After a scoreless first half, two goals by left wing Idu Yuachu in the first 10 minutes of the second half put Taiwan on the way to victory.

In the third-place match, New Zealand overcame New Zealand B 3-1 in a penalty shoot-out after being held scoreless in ordinary and extra time.

AMATEUR DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bardon	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Kingsridge	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Goodna	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Nerang	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Souths	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
St. Albans	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
University	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
Darra	1	—	—	1	0	1	0
Redcliffe	1	—	—	1	0	1	0
Slacks Creek	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Inala City	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Brighton	1	—	—	1	0	4	0

AMATEUR DIVISION ONE RES.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Inala City	1	1	—	—	8	0	2
Bardon	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
University	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Nerang	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Darra	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Slacks Creek	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Goodna	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Souths	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Redcliffe	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Brighton	1	—	—	1	0	5	0
St. Albans	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
Kingsridge	1	—	—	1	0	8	0

AMATEUR DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
The Gap	1	1	—	—	11	0	2
Brothers	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Beenleigh	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Capalaba	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Eagles	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Virginia	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Albany Creek	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Pine Hills	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Samford	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
Oxley	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Ipswich City	1	—	—	1	0	5	0
RAAF	1	—	—	1	0	11	0

AMATEUR DIVISION TWO RES.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Beenleigh	1	1	—	—	6	0	2
Capalaba	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Eagles	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
The Gap	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Pine Hills	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Brothers	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
Ipswich City	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
Virginia	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Albany Creek	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
RAAF	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Samford	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Oxley	1	—	—	1	0	6	0

AMATEUR DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
North Brisbane	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Annerley	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Willowburn	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Leichhardt	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Fairfield	1	—	1	—	3	3	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Industrial	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
Grange Thistle	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
Kenmore	1	—	1	—	0	0	1
Moggill	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
South Star	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Greenbank	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Logan City	1	—	—	1	0	4	0

AMATEUR DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
North Star	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Mitchelton	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Toowong	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Griffith Uni.	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
North Pine	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Newmarket	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Taringa	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
Acacia Ridge	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Centenary	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Westside	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Rochedale R.	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Bayside	1	—	—	1	0	5	0

AMATEUR DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wynnum	1	1	—	—	10	0	2
Lions	1	1	—	—	8	0	2
Inala City	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
South Utd.	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Grange Thistle	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
East	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Redlands	1	—	—	1	1	2	0
University	1	—	—	1	2	3	0
Beenleigh	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Greenbank	1	—	—	1	0	4	0
South Star	1	—	—	1	0	8	0
Moggill	1	—	—	1	0	10	0

AMATEUR DIVISION SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Deception Bay	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
North Star	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Ipswich United	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Newmarket	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Acacia Ridge	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Rochedale	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Brighton	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Caboolture	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Annerley	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Goodna	1	—	—	1	1	4	0
Fairfield	1	—	—	1	0	5	0
Leichhardt	1	—	—	1	0	5	0

AMATEUR DIVISION SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
The Gap	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Darra	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Coalstars	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Toowong	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Woodridge Blue	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Pine Rivers	1	—	—	1	0	1	0
University	1	—	—	1	0	2	0
Kenmore	1	—	—	1	1	3	0
Griffith Uni.	1	—	—	1	0	3	0
Valley Trident	1	—	—	1	0	5	0
Capalaba	1	—	—	—	—	—	—

PROMOTION IS THEIR AIM

After narrowly missing promotion to the XXXX League two years ago, Valley Trident are again ready to make another challenge.

After rebuilding last year and during the off-season, John Lavelle looks to have a side capable of pushing for promotion. Star signings include Peter Carey, back from Brisbane City, Greg Vitulano also from City and Sunnyside's Dando Ivica.

The club also is expecting a big year from home-grown Shane Rideout.

"We spent last year re-building and now we have a top side with the right attitude. I will be disappointed with anything less than a top four place this time," Lavell said.

Mitchelton have secured former State squad member Garth Moloney to spearhead their campaign this year. Coach Kevin Jones has been slowly working his

ANNERLEY

Away we went in the first fixture hoping for a win in 6th & 3rd divisions. It was not to be in the 6th, our team going down to Newmarket by 1 goal to 4.

The 3rd division got off to a fast and furious start. A clear chance for Greenbank was effectively blocked by our keeper, Rod Kirchebner. A similar incident at the other end was saved and at half time, an even game was scoreless.

Straight from the break, a solo effort from Tim Reid, ran off their keeper's leg and could have gone anywhere. Craig Dakers made a great effort through the middle, but could not get the finishing touch. With heat taking its toll, Steve Patterson was replaced by Warren Elliot.

Twenty minutes into the half, the game flared up when a Greenbank player kicked our Chris Hamilton after a tackle. Chris threw a punch in retaliation and was sent off as well. Bad luck for Chris who had been one of our better players.

KINGSRIDGE

Kingsridge Senior Soccer Club's return to First Division, commenced last Saturday, with a home game against Inala C.

Fortune did not smile on the Reserve team, as Inala savoured the sweetness of inflicting a drubbing.

The Club would still welcome enquiries from any potential reserve grade players by phoning the Secretary (208 3015) or simply "turning up" for training any Tuesday or Thursday night at the Club.

The senior side was, thankfully, not subjected to the humiliation of last season's relegation from Intermediate Division and were treated with an own goal by Inala City's captain.

side to fitness over the past few weeks and with many of the old hands back again, Mitchy looks a tough outfit.

Redlands will be the glamour side of the Intermediate League following their signing of Ron Millman, Gary Bohan and the return of Barry Kelso. Coach Bill Bryant is desperate to atone for last year's showing when the side suffered through an unbelievable run of injuries. Redlands play Acacia Ridge first up and the former XXXX Leaguers will be looking to bounce straight back up. The club, with Gary "Buster" Rogers back at the helm, has attracted players from Souths but also is looking for big years from State Youth player Danny Ibanez and the ever-reliable Andrew Butchard and Colin Burley.

When Craig was brought down outside the box, Jeff Robinson scored through the wall of players. Fifteen to go and a brilliant weaving effort from Jim Dabek made it two-nil. Greenbank then esorted to some of the worst tackles I've seen and resulted in two penalties for us (from neither of which we scored) and the visiting keeper sent off.

With five to go Warren Elliot finished off a good move on the right for 3-0.

VALE CHARLIE ROGERS

Our club recently suffered the sad passing of Charlie Rogers. A Management Committee and Life Member, he had been with us for many years, right through the Junior ranks, and a more dedicated, hard worker would be impossible to find. His quiet, capable manner and his dry sense of humour will be sorely missed by his many friends. To his wife, Marie, and their two sons, Trevor and Brian, we offer our sincere sympathy and the hope that time will soften the pain of their loss.

A second goal came as a result of a fine individual effort by striker, Steve Scerri. Other highlights of the first half were some delicate touches by Darren Gray and Barry Russell and some solid defence by goalie, Ian Morris.

During the second half, Kingsridge enjoyed the advantage of a stiffening breeze which resulted in scorching shots by Tony Mraz and Darren Gray. Some fine team work led to a goalmouth scramble and the ball fell clear to Tony Mraz who slotted the ball into an open goal to complete Kingsridge's dominance.

Overall, coach Dennis Allatt and the whole team is to be wholeheartedly congratulated for a 120% effort. One down, look out Souths United!

THE GOOD COACH

After referees, coaches are probably the most maligned people within soccer, but what makes a good coach? Is a coach only as good as his players, or vice versa? This week, Go Soccer begins a series aimed at highlighting the requirements, objectives and methods of a "good coach". During the series there will be tips, advice and exercises designed to help coaches at all levels. It will be handy reading for not only those in charge, but also for players of all ages.

Just like players are individuals, so too are coaches. Each coach will have his own views on the game and how it should be played.

But in the week-to-week coaching of a team for its next match, there are many basics which should be followed.

First, and most importantly, a coach must have the respect of his squad, and to begin with he must look the part, appear to be the man in control. The good coach must look like a coach, who is attired in suitable training gear and footwear. He must be on time and professional in dealing with the players, committee, media and supporters and attack his task in a well-planned organised manner.

A coach should set his aims on a short-term and long-term basis, and the committee should be well aware of these goals, but his objectives must be realistic and within the scope of the squad and the set-up.

The good coach should be confident in his approach, but not above listening to the opinions of his players.

The coach's job is knowing - seeing -

deciding - doing. That is to say, he must know what is required, see whether it is being done, decide how to rectify and improve and then do it in training.

While there are the basics, it should be remembered there is no one-way of coaching players. The good coach should experiment with different methods to suit different players; he must always be looking for variety and novelty; he must use praise and verbal encouragement rather than criticism and ridicule.

But coaching is more than just setting exercises and giving instructions. A coach, to be successful and accepted, must be aware of personal relationships. However knowledgeable he is, all must eventually rest on his relationship with the players. He should treat them as people, not numbers in a game.

And above all, the good coach should always remember, at the end of the day his team is just a reflection of himself.

NEXT WEEK — PLANNING A SESSION

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Olympic	2	2	—	—	9	1	4
Syd. Croatia	2	2	—	—	6	1	4
Leichhardt	2	2	—	—	3	0	4
Blacktown	2	2	—	—	2	0	4
Marconi	2	1	—	1	4	4	2
Wollongong	2	1	—	1	2	2	2
Canberra	2	—	1	1	1	2	1
Sydney City	2	—	1	1	2	3	1
Newcastle	2	—	1	1	0	4	1
Canterbury	2	—	1	1	1	5	1
St. George	2	—	—	2	1	3	0
Inter Monaro	2	—	—	2	1	7	0

SOUTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Sunshine G.C.	2	2	—	—	4	2	4
Adelaide C.	2	1	1	—	9	3	3
Heidelberg	2	1	1	—	3	2	3
Brunswick	2	1	—	1	4	1	2
West Adelaide	2	1	—	1	5	4	2
Sth. Melbourne	2	1	—	1	1	1	2
Preston	2	—	2	—	0	0	2
Footscray	2	1	—	1	3	8	2
Lions	2	—	1	1	1	2	1
Green Gully	2	—	1	1	2	3	1
Brisbane City	2	—	1	1	2	4	1
Melb. Croatia	2	—	1	1	1	5	1



NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCH OF THE DAY



BRISBANE LIONS v ADELAIDE CITY

Richlands, Sunday, 12.30 p.m.

Referee: BILL MONTEVERDE

Adelaide City comes to Brisbane this weekend fresh from a 7-1 win over Footscray, a result which notched considerable milestones for the club.

The victory was second only to an eight-goal thrashing of Mooroolbark in 1977 as the club's best NSL performance. But it was the first time in 10 years of the NSL that the club had won its first home game.

Young striker Steve Maxwell netted three goals last weekend to take his tally for the season to five after just two matches. He is the division's leading scorer.

Lions began the season with two games in Melbourne and once again the club found it difficult to win in the southern capital. Coach Gordon Arrowsmith wanted two points from the two opening rounds.

Lions got one, so they are behind schedule and must win this weekend.

With Danny Wright and Russell Stewart back from injury, Lions should take the points in a close and enthralling tussle.

TEAMS

LIONS	ADELAIDE CITY
1 WAYNE EVANS	1 WILLIE McNALLY
2 STEVE JACKSON	2 GARY HIGGINS
3 NORM BELL	3 ALEX TOBIN
4 DAVID HUNTER	4 BUGSY NYSKOHUS
5 ALAN NIVEN	5 NEVILLE FLOUNDERS
6 CLARK ANDERSON	6 SERGIO MELTA
7 JOHN STEWART	7 F. CONSTANZO
8 JOHN OGDEN	8 CHARLIE VILLANI
9 DANNY WRIGHT	9 JOE MULLEN
10 RUSSELL STEWART	10 STEVE MAXWELL
11 JIM MORTON	11 AURIELO VIDMAR
12 R. BASS'THWAIGHTE	13 COLIN MILLER
13 ROD VASQUEZ	14 DAVID ALBERTON
14 BRETT DRUERY	15 ERNIE LOUNGO
15 TOM MCGREGOR	
16 MIKE MULVEY	

Coach: G. ARROWSMITH Coach: ZORAN MATIC

Score: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

— OTHER NSL MATCHES THIS WEEKEND —

GREEN GULLY v BRISBANE CITY	LEICHHARDT v NEWCASTLE
FOOTSCRAY v STH. MELBOURNE	SYDNEY CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA
HEIDELBERG v MELB. CROATIA	
BRUNSWICK v SUNSHINE GC	
WEST ADELAIDE v PRESTON	
MARCONI v BLACKTOWN	
WOLLONGONG v CANTERBURY	
CANBERRA v INTER MONARO	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ST GEORGE	

PAST RESULTS

1977—HOME: 1-1	1982—HOME: 2-0
AWAY: 0-0	AWAY: 2-0
1978—HOME: 3-1	1983—HOME: 0-4
AWAY: 4-1	AWAY: 1-2
1979—HOME: 0-4	1984—NO CLASHES
AWAY: 0-2	
1980—HOME: 1-2	1985—HOME: 3-0
AWAY: 0-0	AWAY: 1-1
1981—HOME: 2-1	
AWAY: 2-3	NO CUP CLASHES

THE LAST ROUND VERDICT . . .

Preston 0 v Brisbane Lions 0 (0-0)
BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 8, Hunter 8, Vasquez 8, Jackson 9, Niven 8, R. Stewart 6 (Bell), J. Stewart 7, Ogdan 6, Anderson 7, Morton 7 (Mulvey), McGregor 6.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Steve Jackson.

Brisbane C. 2 v West Adelaide 4 (0-4)
SCORERS: B.C. — Cooper, Mengotti; W.A. — Konstandopoulos 2, Scott, Hristodoulou.
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Archer 5 (Caird 7), Mengotti 5, Perry 7, Bromfield 6, Milosevic 5 (Hogg 7), Hamilton 7, Lettieri 7, Reis 6, Cooper 9, White 8.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Kieran Cooper.

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 1 WYNNUM v COALSTARS

Perry Park, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Referee: ROGER MARSHALL

This match represents Wynnum's official return to the top competition after just one season in the Intermediate League — and the obvious question is can the Wolves stay up?

Wynnum's return was indeed spectacular and already in the XXXX pre-season tournament they have showed they can compete against bigger name clubs.

The Wynnum team is largely home-grown with exciting players like Brisbane representative Geoff Maltby and former State Youth Squad member Billy McDermott.

Coalstars have embarked on a similar program to foster their own youth products, but it will largely be the experienced players the club will look to this season.

Coalstars supporters will no doubt be heartened by the performances of their striking duo Mark Brusasco and Dave Wheeler in the intercity clash.

Goals on the break could be the order of the day with Coalstars having a slight edge.

TEAMS

WYNNUM	COALSTARS
1 A. MCKERCHER	1 BRENT DIFLO
2 STEVEN WEEKS	2 KEVIN CALDWELL
3 DARREN HINDES	3 ALAN McFARLANE
4 DON CROMBIE	4 MARK McNAUGHTON
5 DAVID THOMPSON	5 STU WESTON
6 GLENN PORTER	6 JON KITCHING
7 W. HENDERSON	7 GARTH MITCHELL
8 BILL McDERMOTT	8 BRAD KEARTON
9 GEOFF MALTBY	9 MARK BRUSASCO
10 WAYNE CORBETT	10 DAVE WHEELER
11 KEITH WALKER	11 ROB CLARKE
12 SHANE DARLINGTON	12 DAVID MANN
13 STUART RIDDIOUGH	13 BRUCE PENMAN
14 GERRY DeCOSTA	14 MICK LAWSON
15 MICHAEL OVERBYE	15
16 ROSS McGRAVIE	16
17 M. VAN BASTEN	17
18 SHANE WITTENBERG	20

Coach: TONY LOWNDES Coach: BRIAN STYLES

Score: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

LIONS v GRANGE THISTLE

Richlands, Sunday, 3.15 p.m.

Referee: DAVE NUGENT

TEAMS

LIONS	GRANGE THISTLE
1 ROB FARROW	1 RAY DUNLOP
2 CAMERON PEARSE	2 KEITH MARSH
3 BOB McSKIMMING	3 ANGUS HUDSON
4 ROBERT MARINOV	4 RICKY MANTHEY
5 BILL ARMIT	5 JEFF DOLAN
6 RICHARD VAN WYN	6 GERRY KAY
7 NICKY MEREDITH	7 TONY SOMMERVILLE
8 CRAIG LOW	8 IAN BROWN
9 JARROD AUSTIN	9 DAVID PAYNE
10 LINDSAY DINES	10 GRANT BEEVERS
11 MICK KELLY	11 JOHN RIBONE
12 CRAIG DANGERFIELD	12 JUSTIN KILSHAW
13 MARK GOODMAN	13 JEFF JASCH
14 BRETT DRUERY	14 JOHN HUDSON
15 ANDY JONES	15 D. WILLIAMS
16 DON HORTON	16
17 CHRIS DANN	17 JASON MILLIGAN
20 JASON KEARTON	20 ROSS SMITH

Coach: PAUL LASLO Coach: KIM MOSS

Score: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

After massive off-season losses, this season looms as a testing one for Grange Thistle.

Many of the club's familiar names of the past have gone, but the new faces have brought a refreshing mood of enthusiasm. With the surprising pre-season change of coaches behind them, in addition to an ordinary XXXX tournament showing, Thistle are set for the task ahead.

The naming of Gerry Kay and Ian Brown in the Brisbane squad was a tremendous confidence-boost to the club.

But Thistle has drawn tough opponents in Lions for the opening game. Paul Laslo has a talented squad of youngsters, many having State Youth Team honours.

But the team has had little tough match practice in recent weeks, and that could go against them.

Still, the Lions look to have too much class.

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 1
NORTH STAR v OLYMPIC

O'Callaghan Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: KEN ADRIAANSEN

TEAMS

North Star were probably one of the disappointments of the XXXX pre-season tournament.

They won only one game in their group when many tipped them to qualify as best runners-up, if not group winners.

But coach Iain Fagan used the tournament to experiment and a considerably better showing this weekend would not surprise.

But if North Star were disappointments, Olympic were the surprises of the early months of the year and Juan Cutillas has assembled a side more than capable of featuring in the honours this season.

North Star will have the home advantage, but that could count for only a little in what could be an exciting attacking game.

Goals could be the order of the day in with the two sides sharing four or more.

NORTH STAR	OLYMPIC
1 NOEL LORD	1 GORDON OTTO
2 MICHAEL BIRON	2 BILL MYLONAS
3 GORDON BUCHANAN	3 S. KONSTANTINOU
4 IAIN FAGAN	4 PAUL BARRY
5 CRAIG McCOLL	5 MIKE CERNAKA
6 ROSS SWAN	6 CHRIS FEGAN
7 GERRY LINDSAY	7 MARK BARRY
8 MICK TRIPP	8 ANDY LAMBI
9 PAUL FAGAN	9 NICK MORIC
10 ALAN MARLEY	10 STEPHEN GLOCKNER
11 BILLY WILLIAMSON	11 JIM BELLAS
12 DANNY LOBWEIN	12 MIKE MARIDAKKIS
13 JIM CAMERON	13 MIKE PASSARIS
14 DALE DAWES	14 JOHN FIGLIANO
15 MIKE McEVOY	15 BRUNO FIGLIANO
16 STEVE ROWELL	16 HARRY TSOMBARIS
17	17 NICK LAGOS
20 DAVE GALLAGHER	20 MICK CALOGERAKIS

Coach: IAIN FAGAN Coach: JUAN CUTILLAS

Score: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 1
TARINGA v MOUNT GRAVATT

Speare Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: BARRY POWER

TEAMS

Taringa have a record of success of the Hawks at Speare Park.

For some reason the ground does not suit Mount Gravatt's style, nor does Taringa's running, bustling, tackling, competing approach. Whether the Hawks can overcome the jinx remains to be seen.

But Rovers' coach Iain Kesson has no doubts his side is destined for the top four this season and will be anticipating two points from this clash.

Mount Gravatt could prove a hard nut to crack. The side provided three players to the Brisbane team in player-coach Eric Thompson, midfielder Martin Kirsopp and striker John Brown.

The short field should restrict Brown's running but will suit Kirsopp and Thompson's passing skills.

Taringa will rely on enthusiasm and that could get them a point.

TARINGA	MOUNT GRAVATT
1 MARK JOHNSON	1 MARK PICKUP
2 MARK GREER	2 CRAIG DONSKY
3 GREG DARRINGTON	3 COLIN SIMPSON
4 MARK GILBERT	4 DAVID COSTA
5 FRANK BYRNE	5 TOM CARNAVAS
6 STEVE WATSON	6 KEN SWAN
7 RICHARD MORRISON	7 MARK HAIRSINE
8 DAVID ASH	8 CRAIG DICKSON
9 CALVIN DAUNT	9 GARY CARLISS
10 MARTY RATCLIFFE	10 HARRY STEWART
11 NEIL RAGAU	11 BRYSON STANSFIELD
12 GAVIN STITT	12 JOHN BROWN
13 PHIL MULVEY	13 ROSS PEACHEY
14 TRUNG NGUYEN	14 ERIC THOMPSON
15 GARRY STEVENS	15 MARTIN KIRSOPP
16 R. McCOLLOUGH	16 DOMINIC TONEL
17 GLEN BROWN	17 LEN POLLOCK

Coach: IAIN KESSON Coach: ERIC THOMPSON

Score: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

IPSWICH UNITED v EASTS

Ebbw Vale, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: ALAN KIBBLER

TEAMS

Can Ipswich United repeat their success of last season?

IPSWICH UNITED	EASTS
1 JOHN BENNETT	1 CHRIS CARROLL
2 DAMIEN BUTLER	2 GLEN NORTON
3 MARK ATMORE	3 BRAD RYAN
4 WAYNE WARREN	4 ALAN MELVILLE
5 BRETT KITCHING	5 MARTIN GREEN
6 RANDALL McKEAND	6 JEFF HANSON
7 JEFF DANN	7 R. CHAMBERLAIN
8 BEVAN BOHAN	8 ALLAN HUGHES
9 PETER VOGLER	9 JIM McDONAGH
10	10 PHIL THOMPSON
11 RICHIE BARNARD	11 PHIL REDMOND
12 RUSSELL BECKWITH	12 GARY IRELAND
13 DALLAS GRAHAM	13 TONY KANE
14 GLEN GIBB	14 GRAHAM KNOWLES
15 NEV O'SULLIVAN	15 PAUL MYLONAS
16 GREG MARTINI	16 DAVID PICKUP
17 ANDREW McCLURE	17 STEPHEN LINDSAY
20 PAUL McCLURE	20 MARK DAVIS

Coach: MATT CARSON Coach: JOHN SIME

The Jacaranda men start the year as holders of the premiership, grand final and club championship trophies. It's a tough assignment to retain all three and the losses at Ebbw Vale have been significant.

Gone are Ian Lawrie and Ron Millman, two real match winners in the team.

But Ipswich are looking to youngsters like Richie Barnard and Damien Butler. The signing of Bevan Bohan could prove to be significant while the return of Peter Vogler will be timely.

Easts looked mediocre in the pre-season but the recent signings of Phil Redmond and Jim McDonagh from Lions could make the Tigers considerably more competitive.

United are always tough at home and could again be a little too strong in this clash.

Score: H.T. F.T.
Scorers:

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

MATCH	GEOFF STEAD	MYLES McIVOR	BRUCE WADDELL	MARK BRIGDEN
NSL				
Lions v Adelaide City	DRAW	LIONS	LIONS	DRAW
Green Gully v Brisbane C.	DRAW	DRAW	DRAW	GREEN GULLY
XXXX LEAGUE				
Lions v Grange Thistle	LIONS	LIONS	LIONS	LIONS
North Star v Olympic	OLYMPIC	NORTH STAR	NORTH STAR	OLYMPIC
Wynnum v Coalstars	COALSTARS	COALSTARS	DRAW	DRAW
Ipswich v Easts	IPSWICH UTD.	IPSWICH UTD.	IPSWICH UTD.	IPSWICH UTD.
Taringa v Mount Gravatt	TARINGA	DRAW	MT. GRAVATT	MT. GRAVATT
INTER. LEAGUE				
Mitchelton v Rochedale	ROCHEDALE	ROCHEDALE	ROCHEDALE	ROCHEDALE
Pine Rivers v Newmarket	NEWMARKET	PINE RIVERS	PINE RIVERS	NEWMARKET
Annerley v Sunnyside	SUNNYSIDE	ANNERLEY	SUNNYSIDE	ANNERLEY
Redlands v Acacia Ridge	REDLANDS	REDLANDS	REDLANDS	DRAW
Valley T. v Brisbane City	DRAW	BRIS. CITY	BRIS. CITY	BRIS. CITY
AMATEUR DIV. ONE				
Redcliffe v University	UNIVERSITY	REDCLIFFE	REDCLIFFE	UNIVERSITY
Inala City v Nerang	NERANG	NERANG	INALA	INALA
Souths v Kingsridge	KINGSRIDGE	DRAW	KINGSRIDGE	KINGSRIDGE
Slacks Ck. v Darra	DRAW	SLACKS CK.	DARRA	SLACKS CK.
Bardon v Goodna	BARDON	BARDON	BARDON	BARDON
St. Albans v Brighton	ST. ALBANS	DRAW	ST. ALBANS	ST. ALBANS
AMATEUR DIV. TWO				
Albany Ck. v Ipswich City	ALBANY CK.	ALBANY CK.	ALBANY CK.	ALBANY CK.
Oxley v Capalaba	CAPALABA	CAPALABA	CAPALABA	CAPALABA
Eagles v Beenleigh	BEENLEIGH	DRAW	EAGLES	BEENLEIGH
RAAF v Samford	SAMFORD	SAMFORD	SAMFORD	SAMFORD
Pine Hills v The Gap	THE GAP	THE GAP	THE GAP	THE GAP
Brothers v Virginia	BROTHERS	DRAW	BROTHERS	BROTHERS

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