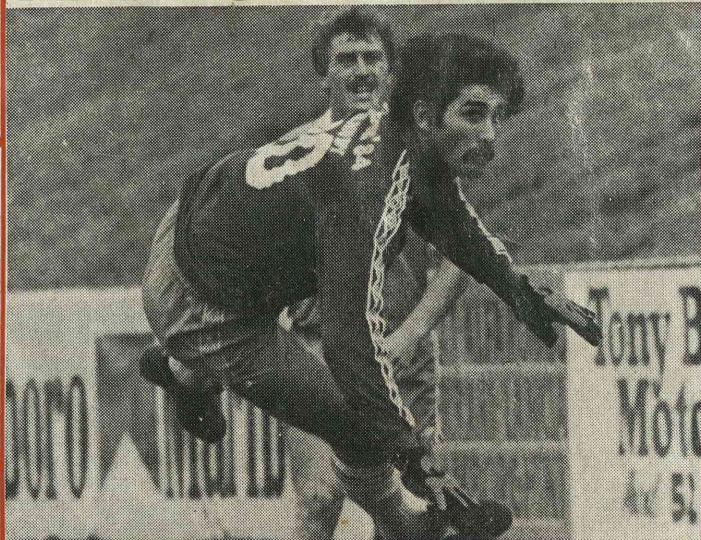


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Former Brisbane City goalkeeper Martin Coe is back at Valley Trident again and that's good news for the Blues. Valley Trident is featured in our series on the Premier League captain and coaches, this week on Page 11.

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QUEENSLAND REFEREES ANSWER THE CRITICS

If recent criticisms of the Queensland Soccer Referees' Federation executive being "Caesar judging Caesar" is true, then surely many players, clubs and spectators are "Brutus" — just waiting to sink the knife.

And that knife was certainly drawn, if not sharpened by claims, counter-claims and editorials since the start of this season.

Referees admit that the very nature of their job puts them in a no-win situation. But they stress from the outset that, like the players they control, they strive for maximum performance. They are trained to make firm decisions on how they see an incident.

Referees are in no way out to get any particular players or clubs.

"To a certain degree the criticism that we judge ourselves is true," Kibbler said.

"If we have a complaint it comes before the management committee. But we are not in the practice of just ignoring complaints. If possible we get an inspector's report and talk to the referee concerned to establish what happened. If there appears to be a problem then we attempt to help a referee. We will give him extra coaching and advice.

"Because our numbers are very limited we just can't suspend or throw out a referee who is at fault," Kibbler said.

The referees employ, at their own expense, six inspectors. These inspectors make reports on the various referees and recommend at which grade they should be officiating. If regular complaints are lodged about a particular referee, the inspectors will watch him more closely. They may recommend that he step down a grade for several weeks to concentrate on improving an aspect of his game.

In this regard the Queensland referees are very fortunate that they have a good working relationship with the Queensland Soccer Federation which allows the QSRF to make its own appointments.

After being the subject of more than two weeks of intensified criticism, Brisbane's soccer referees have finally decided to break their long-time media silence. In an EXCLUSIVE interview with GO SOCCER, Queensland Soccer Referees' Federation vice-president, Mr. Allan Kibbler, answered some of the criticisms and put forward the referees' point of view.

Panels are submitted to the QSF management committee for ratification.

But the close relationship with the QSF could be the reason for another area of criticism which the local referees have had to experience in recent weeks.

A GO SOCCER Editorial (March 30) called for a reassessment of the practice of recommending a suspension of more than one week for players sent off on foul and abusive language charges. But according to the referees they have been directed by the QSF to make the recommendations.

"It goes back to the start of the State League. A decision was made that any send-offs for foul and abusive language, serious foul play or violent conduct should be accompanied by a recommendation for a harsher penalty," Kibbler said.

"The way we understand it is that the disciplinary committee does not have power to give more than one week unless a recommendation is made.

"So, as a matter of course we make out a report to give the disciplinary an option. It's just part of the system."

But the referees believe that their job starts and ends on the park. Their reports do not call for specific punishments but only try to give the disciplinary a picture of what happened, according to the referee.

"Our reports are in effect evidence from a witness, not the prosecution's case. The fact that we go along to the disciplinary is only to clarify anything in the report the committee may not understand," Kibbler said.

But the referees say they do not have an axe to grind if a player gets off. In fact, according to Kibbler, most referees

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do not remember who they booked during a game.

"If we book a particular player we don't go around for the rest of the match just waiting for him to make another mistake, Kibbler said.

Referees admit there are several "grey areas" in a charge of foul and abusive language. For example, what is abusive to one person may not be to another.

But generally referees operate on a system that if it is spontaneous, it generally only receives a warning. But if a player carries on for some time after the incident, after he has had fair time to cool down, then he is likely to be booked.

Double standards was another aspect of criticism levelled at the referees in recent weeks. The criticism claimed referees used one standard for local matches and another for National League games.

Kibbler conceded that in a way that was true although it was more a case of different styles than double standards.

"At National League level there is more at stake than say a lower division game in Brisbane. Sure, everyone wants to win, but at NSL level we are talking about a considerable amount of money, relegation and more.

"In the NSL players expect to be pushed more, elbowed and jostled around. They give it and they expect it. If we stopped the game for every push we saw in an NSL game I am sure the players from both teams would start complaining.

"But in Brisbane football if a player is pushed he is more likely to stop and appeal to the referee," Kibbler said.

Local referees firmly believe they are as good as their southern counterparts, despite the bad reputation they are currently forced to carry. But they feel circumstances have earned them the reputation.

Because there are only two Brisbane teams in the NSL, the same referees have to control either City or Lions. The local players get to know the referees by their first names and if they use them when appealing for a freekick, and get the decision, the visiting players immediately label the referee as a "homer."

"I'm sure if Queensland referees had the same opportunities and variation of games as say they do in Sydney, we would command much more respect.

Although their opportunities for top football in Queensland are limited, the



Well-known Brisbane Referee Bill Monteverde handles complaints from the Marconi players during a National League game in Brisbane. It's in heated situations like this that referees have to keep their cool.

local referees certainly don't get things easy in terms of workload. Most referees would do at least four games a week for at least six months of the year — which is a tremendous strain on their family and social lives.

Of course they are getting paid for it. "We think we are well paid, but we have to work for it," Kibbler said.

"From the fees they are paid, referees must pay inspectors, provide their own equipment, pay their membership fees and meet their own travelling costs, which in an area that extends from the Gold to the Sunshine Coast can be quite substantial." And although they are travelling all round Brisbane, the number of referees compared to the number of games to be covered is not sufficient.

"Ideally we would like to give a referee say one weekend every month off. But at the moment there is between five and eight games every weekend which we just cannot provide referees for," Kibbler said.

But referees are endeavouring to change with the times and attract more members.

"Attitudes are changing. No longer do referees have to be the staid man in black in the middle of the park who can only blow a whistle and point. Referees should become personalities if it helps promote the game. Our local attitude is that referees are encouraged to be themselves."

"If you have got it in you, let it go," Kibbler said.

But referees realise that it will be a long process in trying to win over the critics. Ideally they would like to be able

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EDITORIAL

The attitude of some local clubs towards publicity and promotion leaves a lot to be desired.

Many are quick to point out the lack of coverage they or the code in general receives, but few are willing to do anything about it.

Some clubs obviously do not understand the workings behind the whole system. Just because a club is in a higher league does not guarantee publicity — although the opportunities to gain that coverage are much more readily available.

In the Queensland set-up we do not have fulltime soccer writers, as say in England, who spend their whole week flitting from one club or game to another.

Generally, the writers are sports journalists assigned to cover the code. On many occasions their day is taken up with other non-soccer related duties and only a certain amount of time can be devoted to getting a "soccer story".

Therefore it is the clubs that have readily available contacts who know what is going on, people who can recognise what is news and what isn't, or those that actually go to the trouble of ringing the various media, that will get the coverage.

Points to ponder

The Ipswich United Premier Reserves and Sixth Division teams and coaches should be congratulated on the way they handled a critical situation outside their Ebbw Vale ground last Thursday.

Two cars collided and burst into flames but some of the Ipswich boys took only seconds to jump the high fence and race to the aid of the victims. Two players helped a very distressed woman from one flaming car.

The team then used their training "witches hats" to make a detour path and directed the banked-up Ipswich Road traffic around the accident. Well done boys!

Some people have all the luck. Newmarket defender Jim Reiken, who just returned from a trip to America as reward for being his club's 1982 Player of the Year (story last week's edition) bought a ticket in Newmarket's art union for an all expenses paid trip to the states later this year. You guessed it — Jim won

It is not a difficult task for a club to provide the media with at least three or four contact numbers. And if the first team coach, through say work commitments, is uncontactable during the day, assign someone else to chat with him at training and find what can be released.

Committees should ask themselves each week: What news have we got that could get us good coverage?

Similarly, what's wrong with releasing a team earlier in the week rather than keeping it "secret" until just before kick-off. A quick look in the daily newspapers will show soccer is the only football code that cannot provide players and numbers on a Friday morning.

Surely clubs realise that if they name a side on Tuesday, and there is a change on Thursday night — then that is a story in itself.

The media is not going to change overnight and suddenly make soccer the headlines. It is up to soccer, at all levels, to make the most of the limited coverage it receives now and slowly work on building that.

To sit back and just expect coverage can only lead to none at all.

first prize!

An interested spectator at a Premier League match between Easts and Acacia Ridge on Easter Monday was former Rothmans medal winner Mark Brusas.

Was Mark just watching, has he got the urge to play soccer again or did the fact that he was a paid soccer player end his plans to make a come-back in the so-called amateur code?

If an announcement hasn't already been made, expect the worst when plans for next year's National League are announced. Not too many Sydney or Melbourne teams will be flying into Queensland.

While Stephen Glockner's call-up to the Youth team camp last week was largely fair recognition of his ability and form this season, his cause may have been helped by a very strongly spoken phone call south by one well-respected local coach.

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CLUBS DO NOT COUNT IN STATE SQUAD SELECTION

When Queensland coach Bruce Stowell selected his 18-man squad to prepare for the May 8 interstate clash against New South Wales, he was virtually unaware he had selected almost the entire Brisbane City squad.

"Clubs or the performances of club teams means nothing to me when I am selecting a state squad," Stowell said in an interview this week.

"When I select a squad I look at individuals on and off the ball. I look at what they are achieving with respect to the standard at which they are playing," he said.

Stowell said it wasn't until after he had finalised his squad that he realised he had named the entire Gladiators squad — with the exception of Bevan Bohan.

"It was just the way it turned out," he said.

"When I was selecting the squad I went through all the potential players position by position, picking the best available for each one. But at the same time I also tried to include units, like say the City defence" Stowell said.

"But that does not mean the unit cannot be changed. If there is an individual who is better than any of those in a particular unit, then of course he must be in."

The State coach also said that when selecting his squad he was looking for a different style this time.

"Unfortunately with the squad I had for the Victorian game I had no players who could play wide up front. I want to be able to push players forward. I want us to attack, but attack with control. I think in this squad I have the players to do it," Stowell said.

Stowell added that he had been given a total free-hand in picking his squad. He had been in no way under any pressure to pick any players.

"That applied even to the Youth team players. If I didn't think they were playing better than anyone else in their positions, they wouldn't have been selected," Stowell said.



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But the former NSW Rothman's medal winner said he did select some youngsters with the aim of bringing them on for future games.

"Players like Allan Hunter and John Kowtan can only benefit from training with the other squad members. They are certainly keeping some players on their toes and the way they have been performing they are well in the running for a place in the final 14."

"But even if they don't make it this time I think the experience will show in their club performances and they are certain to be front runners in future state squads," Stowell said.

Finally Stowell stressed that the squad was always open to change.

"I won't drop anyone but I will certainly bring in a player or two if I think they are playing well enough — or I think a certain player needs to be kept on his toes and not think he is an automatic selection," he said.

And who knows? One of those players may be Brisbane City's "odd-man-out" Bevan Bohan.



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THE GO SOCCER FORMSCOPE

THOMPSON			SKILL	KAY		
1st half	2nd half	TOTAL		TOTAL	1st half	2nd half
16	7	23	SUCCESSFUL PASSES	21	14	7
2	2	4	BAD PASSES	13	6	7
0	0	0	BALLS WON IN AIR	2	1	1
4	6	10	GOOD CHALLENGES	4	2	2
5	2	7	BEAT A MAN	9	7	2
2	0	2	LOST POSSESSION	9	4	5
0	1 (goal)	1	SHOTS ON TARGET	2	1	1
1	1	2	SHOTS WIDE	2	2	0

TWO SKILFUL PERSONALITIES

In a competition which is desperately searching for personalities, Eastern Suburbs' Phil Thompson and Acacia Ridge's Gerry Kay are two Premier League players who can really stamp their character on a match. And when placed under the Go Soccer Formscope recently the two produced some interesting statistics.

Thompson has long been recognised as one of the classiest local footballers with good vision and fine passing while those who know Kay admire his equally as good perception and silky touches.

For several seasons now Thompson has been regarded as the key player in the Easts side, the one who dictates the play, the one who has the key to success. "Take out Thompson and Easts are beaten" has been the cry of many an opposition coach.

With other class players in the Easts side like Jeff Dolan, Rod Stein and Leon Wilson, that may not be entirely correct, but the Formscope highlighted the integral part Thompson played in Easts game.

From the number of passes Thompson made throughout the match — 23 successful ones and four bad attempts — there are few balls that go through the Tigers' midfield that are not touched by the former Queensland squad member. So often he takes control of the ball and calls the shots.

But he does not restrict his workload to midfield distribution. His 10 good challenges showed he is not shy to tackle and win the ball back. Nor is he scared to push forward in search of goal, and as the Formscope shows, often with success.

If Thompson has a weakness the Formscope indicates it is his disinterest in contesting aerial duels. But with such a fine header like Dolan behind him, the need probably is not there.

But undoubtedly the Easts team looks for Thompson and the midfielder generally replies with a mostly faultless display.

In this game, which Easts won 3-1, the same unfortunately cannot be said for Kay, who appears to spoil much of his good work by losing possession then failing to attempt to win the ball back.

Unlike Thompson, Kay was not used as a midfield general and the Ridge pushed him well forward hoping to capitalise on his skills and flair in front of the goal. But this could have proven to be one of the reasons for defeat as with Mick Gerritsen also in the frontline, the Ridge had two skilful ball players pitted against a defence not known to stand back and watch.

Had Kay been allowed to play deep back in the midfield, he may have been able to slow the game for the Ridge, which at times it needed badly. He surely then could have made much more of his total 34 passes — 21 good and 13 bad — and still could have exercised his other attacking skills which are evident from the number of players he beat and his shots on goal.

Kay was much more competitive in the air than Thompson but was loathe to tackle, something which could have been a disadvantage for the Ridge had he played in midfield.

In conclusion the Formscope has to rate Thompson as having a more dominant effect on the game than Ridge's Kay. But as assets to their respective teams, both emerge as winners.

THE WEEKEND'S TEAMS

PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND FOUR

VALLEY TRIDENT v SUNNYSIDE

Perry Park
Sunday, 3 p.m.

VALLEY TRIDENT	SUNNYSIDE
.... MARTIN COE	.... JOE SIKORSKI
.... JOHN LAVELLE	.... RICKY ROBINSON
.... DAVE MELIA	.... IVAN SEKULIC
.... JOHN SHEPHERD	.... IVAN FRKOVIC
.... RICH. SHORTMAN	.... MICKY MATISIC
.... SHANE RIDEOUT	.... RICKY BOW
.... GERRY LINDSAY	.... STEVE PERKOVIC
.... DAVE OSBORNE	.... IVAN PERKOVIC
.... FRANK MENGOTTI	.... STEVE PUSELJ
.... TOM PIKE	.... DAMIR IVICA
.... LEN POLLOCK	.... PETER FARRELL
.... PETER CAREY	.... ZVONKO PENC
.... MAX CIOBO	.... VLADO BEK
.... IAN RATHMELL	.... JOE MATIC
.... TONY IOVENETTI	.... CHARLIE RUNJE
.... BEN TOGNINI	....
.... JOE LALLY	....

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

LIONS v IPSWICH

Richlands
Sunday, 1 p.m.

LIONS	IPSWICH
.... GREG MARSHALL	.... JOHN BENNETT
.... TONY SCANLAN	.... JEFF DANN
.... PETER McCLURG	.... BILL DANN
.... STEVE JACKSON	.... WAYNE WARREN
.... ROD VASQUEZ	.... IAN LAWRIE
.... ANDY LEE	.... R. McKEAND
.... JOHN OGDEN	.... NEV O'SULLIVAN
.... CLARK ANDERSON	.... JOHN MILLER
.... STEVE FULTON	.... JOHN PETIE
.... FRANK BYRNE	.... RUSS BECKWITH
.... BRAD KEARTON	.... RICH BARNARD
.... JOHN MIRANDA	.... STEVE MULLER
.... MICHAEL MULVEY	.... M. KITCHING
....	.... RON MILLMAN
....	.... JOHN REID
....	.... KEN GORDON
....	.... GREG DONNELLY

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

ACACIA RIDGE v GRANGE THISTLE

Mortimer Road
Sunday, 3 p.m.

ACACIA RIDGE	GRANGE THISTLE
.... ROB FARROW	.... DAVE GALLAGHER
.... MAL EVANS	.... MARK APONAS
.... DAVE ARMSTRONG	.... G. BUCHANAN
.... STU. HOLMES	.... JOHN RIBONE
.... IAN PROUD	.... JIM CAMERON
.... NORM BELL	.... STEVE DOLAN
.... GERRY KAYE	.... KEN SWAN
.... JOHN GILLESPIE	.... ROSS SWAN
.... JIM SPENCE	.... JOHN PATERSON
.... JOHN KEANE	.... WILSON MAELAU
.... N. CRUICKSHANK	.... TONY BAILEY
.... GERRY McMAHON	.... GARTH MOLONEY
.... MICK GERRITSEN	.... JOHN RUSSELL
.... PETER GERRITSEN	.... GLEN ARCHER
.... GARY WEIR	....
.... STEVE DONALD	....

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

TARINGA v BRISBANE CITY

Jack Speare Oval
Sunday, 3 p.m.

TARINGA	BRISBANE CITY
.... CARL SPRUCE	.... GLENN AHERN
.... GEOFF DAUNT	.... PAUL McCLURE
.... GAVAN ALDER	.... PAUL SCHAIVO
.... JOHN KRUK	.... A. SALVATORE
.... CLINT WILKINSON	.... PAUL BARRY
.... GLENN DAVIS	.... GEORGE CAIRD
.... ALAN EEDY	.... D. VINCENZINO
.... PAUL LASLO	.... GARY BROMFIELD
.... GAVAN STITT	.... BEVAN BOHAN
.... CRAIG BRIMSON	.... WILLIE CONNER
.... MIKE SAVAGE	.... ANGELO FALCO
.... SYD STEVENSON	.... ANDY CHAPMAN
.... VIC HAZELDINE	.... LEE SCRIGGINS
.... MARTIN GREEN	.... JOHN KOWTAN
....	.... PAUL SLEIGHT
....	.... F. GUGLIELMINO

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

THE GO SOCCER WEEKLY

POINTS SCOREBOARD

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt. Gravatt	3	3	—	—	12	2	6
Easts	3	3	—	—	7	2	6
Thistle	3	2	1	—	8	2	5
Ipswich	3	2	1	—	7	4	5
Olympic	3	2	1	—	5	3	5
Sunnyside	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
Valleys	3	—	2	1	2	4	2
Acacia Ridge	3	1	—	2	4	6	2
Brisbane City	3	—	1	2	3	7	1
North Star	3	—	1	2	4	7	1
Lions	3	—	—	3	2	7	0
Taringa	3	—	—	3	3	11	0

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	3	3	—	—	10	2	6
Newmarket	3	2	1	—	9	3	5
Annerley	3	2	1	—	3	1	5
Goodna	2	2	—	—	3	0	4
Coalstars	3	2	—	1	5	4	4
Mitchelton	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Bardon	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Darra	3	1	—	2	4	5	2
Rochedale	3	2	—	1	7	10	2
Redcliffe	2	—	—	2	2	5	—
Pine Rivers	3	—	—	3	2	8	—
Nambour	3	—	—	3	4	11	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Virginia	3	3	—	—	19	1	6
Inala	3	2	1	—	5	2	5
Oxley	3	2	—	1	6	2	4
Booval	3	2	—	1	4	3	4
University	3	1	2	—	1	0	4
Albany Ck.	3	1	1	1	9	5	3
RAAF	3	1	1	1	1	5	3
Annerley	3	1	—	2	5	5	2
Rovers	3	1	—	2	8	10	2
Mitchelton	3	1	—	2	3	8	2
Westside	3	—	1	2	3	5	1
Nth. Brisbane	3	—	—	3	2	18	0

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Capalaba	3	3	—	—	12	0	6
Wynnum	3	2	—	1	23	4	4
Beenleigh	3	2	—	1	13	7	4
Toowong	3	2	—	1	8	4	4
Greenbank	3	1	2	—	6	5	4
South Star	3	1	1	1	9	8	3
Redlands	3	1	1	1	8	7	3
Ipswich City	3	1	1	1	6	8	3
Thistle	3	1	—	2	7	7	2
Logan City	3	1	—	2	7	12	2
University	3	—	1	2	2	4	1
Leichhardt	3	—	—	3	1	36	0

PREMIER RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thistle	3	3	—	—	9	1	6
Lions	3	3	—	—	7	0	6
Acacia Ridge	3	2	1	—	4	0	5
Ipswich	3	1	2	—	5	2	4
Mt. Gravatt	3	2	—	1	5	3	4
Valleys Trident	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Taringa	3	—	2	1	4	5	2
Easts	3	—	2	1	2	5	2
Nth. Star	3	1	—	2	3	6	2
Sunnyside	3	—	1	2	0	4	1
Olympic	3	—	1	2	0	7	1
Brisbane City	3	—	—	3	2	7	0

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochedale	3	3	—	—	14	3	6
Mitchelton	3	3	—	—	5	1	6
Darra	3	2	1	—	7	5	5
Wynnum	3	2	—	1	11	3	4
Annerley	3	2	—	1	12	5	4
Coalstars	3	2	—	1	9	3	4
Redcliffe	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Newmarket	3	1	—	2	10	6	2
Bardon	3	1	—	2	5	13	2
Goodna	3	—	—	3	1	9	0
Pine Rivers	3	—	—	3	3	12	0
Nambour	3	—	—	3	3	21	0

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa	3	3	—	—	13	0	6
Mitchelton	3	1	2	—	10	3	4
North Star	3	2	—	1	9	2	4
Slacks Creek	2	2	—	—	7	1	4
Rochedale	3	2	—	1	8	5	4
Valleys Trident	3	1	2	—	3	2	4
Greenbank	3	1	1	1	7	3	3
Leichhardt	3	1	—	2	1	2	2
Samford	3	1	—	2	4	10	2
South Star	3	—	1	2	1	12	1
North Pine	2	—	—	2	0	8	0
Moggill	3	—	—	3	3	17	0

COLTS A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newmarket	3	3	—	—	13	1	6
Wynnum	3	3	—	—	17	4	6
Nth. Brisbane	3	2	—	1	5	2	4
Redlands	3	2	—	1	5	4	4
Salisbury	3	2	—	1	7	8	4
Kenmore	3	1	—	2	17	14	2
Capalaba	3	1	—	2	10	9	2
The Gap	2	1	—	1	4	5	2
Mitchelton	3	1	—	2	5	13	2
Redcliffe	3	—	—	3	5	11	0
Caboolture	2	—	—	2	0	7	0
Annerley	3	1	—	2	4	14	0

PREMIER COLTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lions	3	3	—	—	20	2	6
Ipswich	3	3	—	—	7	2	6
Mt. Gravatt	3	2	—	1	8	5	4
Easts	3	2	—	1	6	5	4
Brisbane City	3	2	—	1	4	3	4
Thistle	3	—	1	2	5	2	3
Valleys Trident	3	1	2	1	6	6	3
Olympic	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Acacia Ridge	3	1	—	2	3	4	2
North Star	3	—	1	1	2	6	1
Taringa	3	—	—	3	3	8	0
Sunnyside	3	—	—	3	1	21	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gap	3	2	1	—	8	4	5
Westside	3	2	—	1	10	5	4
Salisbury	3	2	—	1	4	4	4
Riverside	3	2	—	1	4	6	4
Industrial	2	1	1	—	6	5	3
Kingsridge	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Redlands	3	1	—	2	11	4	2
St. Albans	3	—	2	1	4	5	2
Eagles	3	1	—	2	4	6	2
Souths	3	—	2	1	3	6	2
Bayside	3	1	—	2	3	14	2
Nerang	2	—	1	1	4	5	1

FIFTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beenleigh	3	3	—	—	19	2	6
Brighton	3	3	—	—	14	2	6
Samford	3	2	1	—	5	3	5
Logan City	3	2	—	1	11	9	4
Clairvaux	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Rovers	3	1	—	2	9	4	2
Fifth Uni	3	1	—	2	10	10	2
University	2	—	—	2	2	2	2
Ipswich City	3	1	—	2	7	8	2
Oxley	3	1	—	2	4	10	2
Inala	2	—	—	2	0	7	0
Wacol	3	—	—	3	0	24	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

(Three Points for a Win)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	5	3	2	—	5	2	11
Sth. Melbourne	5	2	2	1	9	5	8
Heidelberg	5	2	3	—	5	2	8
Preston	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Newcastle	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Adelaide City	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
Brisbane City	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
St. George	5	2	1	2	4	3	7
Sydney City	4	2	—	2	5	6	6
Canberra	5	1	2	2	10	7	5
Olympic	5	1	2	2	6	6	5
Wollongong	5	—	4	1	6	7	4
Leichhardt	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
Marconi	5	1	1	3	3	7	4
Lions	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
Footscray	4	1	—	3	3	9	3

SIXTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Willowburn	3	3	—	—	10	1	6
University	3	3	—	—	11	3	6
Newmarket	3	2	—	1	16	8	4
Slacks Creek	3	2	—	1	8	1	4
Albany Creek	3	2	—	1	13	9	4
Kingsridge	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
St. Helens	2	1	—	1	5	4	2
Caboolture	2	1	—	1	3	3	2
Booval	2	—	1	1	1	7	1
Acacia Ridge	2	—	—	2	1	6	0
Virginia	3	—	—	3	1	14	0
RAAF	3	—	—	3	1	17	0

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsridge	3	3	—	—	16	1	6
Souths	3	3	—	—	10	1	6
Industrial	3	2	—	1	8	8	4
Redlands	1	1	—	—	4	0	2
Gap	3	1	—	2	8	6	2
Nerang	3	2	—	1	4	9	2
Eagles	2	—	1	1	1	6	1
Riverside	3	—	1	2	1	10	1
Westside	3	1	—	2	7	11	0
St. Albans	2	—	—	2	1	8	0

These tables are independently compiled and although all care is taken some inaccuracies may occur. For official confirmation clubs should contact The Q.S.F. office.

THE WEEKEND'S TEAMS

PREMIER LEAGUE — ROUND FOUR

NORTH STAR v EASTS

O'Callaghan Park
Sunday, 3 p.m.

NORTH STAR	EASTS
..... PETER ROBERTS	..... PAUL DRURY
..... ANTHONY POLITIS	..... PAUL MYLONAS
..... WERNER FRISKE	..... JEFF DOLAN
..... SULLY MAITRE	..... MARK J. KNAGGS
..... MICHAEL McEVOY	..... ROD STEIN
..... BRIAN SAMPSON	..... CHRIS FEGAN
..... JOHN DOYLE	..... LEX DONSKY
..... PETER CARTER	..... PHIL THOMPSON
..... ALAN EDWARDS	..... MICKEY SINN
..... MICHAEL TRIPP	..... LEON WILSON
..... DAVID MOORE	..... GEORGE TAKIS
..... TOD WHISSON	..... JEFF HANSEN
..... LYLE BRYCE	..... NOEL LORD
..... SHANE SCRIGGINS	..... TONY BRIGHT
..... BILLY FISCHER	..... DAVE PICKUP
.....	..... ANGUS. MEIKLE

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

OLYMPIC v MOUNT GRAVATT

Godwin Park
Sunday, 3 p.m.

OLYMPIC	MOUNT GRAVATT
..... M. CALOGERAKIS	..... S. WOODRUFFE
..... GEORGE VASILIOU	..... MARK DAVIS
..... MIKE CERNAKA	..... NOEL DAVIS
..... M. McNAUGHTON	..... ERIC THOMPSON
..... CRAIG SCHNEIDER	..... DAVID COSTA
..... JIM BELLAS	..... C. CORCORAN
..... PETER TYSON	..... STEVE CLARK
..... S. KONSTANTINOU	..... HARRY STEWART
..... GRAHAM WILSON	..... ARCHIE FRASER
..... TOM MCGREGOR	..... STEVE McNALLY
..... ANDY OGDEN	..... CRAIG DICKSON
..... NICK NICOLAOU	..... TIM TAYLOR
..... NICK KRITICOU	..... BRYSON EASTON
..... JOHN GORZA	..... GARY BOHAN
..... CRAIG LOW	..... JIM McINTYRE
.....	..... CAMERON BELL
.....	..... MARK HAIRSINE

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

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

Match	MARK BRIGDEN Go Soccer	MAREE LEONE Go Soccer	GEOFF STEAD Telegraph
NSL			
Lions v Footscray	LIONS	LIONS	LIONS
West Adelaide v Brisbane City	DRAW	BRIS. CITY	BRIS. CITY
Canberra v Heidelberg	DRAW	CANBERRA	HEJDELBERG
Sydney City v St. George	SYDNEY C.	DRAW	ST. GEORGE
Sth. Melbourne v Wollongong	STH MELB.	STH MELB.	STH. MELB.
Preston v Newcastle	DRAW	PRESTON	DRAW
Marconi v Sydney Olympic	MARCONI	DRAW	OLYMPIC
Leichhardt v Adelaide City	DRAW	ADELAIDE C.	DRAW
PREMIER LEAGUE			
Valley Trident v Sunnyside	VALLEYS	DRAW	SUNNYSIDE
Acacia Ridge v Grange Thistle	THISTLE	THISTLE	THISTLE
Taringa Rovers v Brisbane City	BRIS. CITY	DRAW	BRIS. CITY
North Star v Eastern Suburbs	DRAW	EASTS	DRAW
Brisbane Lions v Ipswich Utd.	IPSWICH	DRAW	IPSWICH
Olympic Utd. v Mt. Gravatt	MT GRAVATT	MT GRAVATT	MT GRAVATT
FIRST DIVISION			
Nambour v Mitchelton	MITCHELTON	DRAW	MITCHELTON
Wynnum v Newmarket	NEWMARKET	WYNNUM	NEWMARKET
Annerley v Rochedale	ANNERLEY	DRAW	ANNERLEY
Coalstars v ardon	COALSTARS	DRAW	
Goodna v Darra	GOODNA	GOODNA	
Redcliffe v Pine Rivers	REDCLIFFE	REDCLIFFE	REDCLIFFE
Success Rate	47%	39%	49%

• Continuing a series on the Premier League captains and coaches. Next week — Mount Gravatt.

BROTHERS BACK AT VALLEY TRI.

Two years ago when Valley Trident swept all before them to win the First Division Premiership and grand final it was no coincidence that success came in the same year that well-known brothers Mauro and Nereo Saftich joined forces to coach the team.

The two Saftichs have a long history in Brisbane Football and are not only keen judges of talent but excellent motivators.

Last year the pair split with Nereo returning to Brisbane City for a season but now they are reunited again and Valleys supporters are once again anticipating success.

Although the club calls Nereo, 44, the head coach and Mauro, 40, his assistant, the two work very much as a team during training sessions.

The two brothers have a fervent desire to win and subsequently their demands and expectations from the Valleys players is similar.

The Saftich brothers were born in Fiume, Italy, Nereo was 10 years and Mauro 6 when they came to Australia. They first went to Newcastle then to Cairns before finally settling in Brisbane. Both began their local footballing careers with the Grange Thistle juniors.

Mauro then transferred to Latrobe where he was a big success and made his first team debut at the age of 16. Two years later he moved across to Azzurri where he joined up again with Nereo, who after moving there some years earlier had become a club favorite.

Nereo eventually took over as player-coach of Azzurri, then just coach, while Mauro also retired from playing in his late 20's to coach the Brisbane City senior colts.

Both tasted considerable success with their teams. But in Nereo's case there were also the disappointments of a struggling National League side and he was eventually asked to step down as first team coach. Mauro also resigned and the pair moved across to Valleys.

"Everybody has their opinions and we sometimes disagree. But we are able to sit down and talk things over," Mauro said.

TOM NOW IS A NATURAL

Valley Trident captain Tom Pike came perilously close at one stage to being placed on the transfer list.

Valleys assistant coach Mauro Saftich explains he had started to think Pike was no longer going to make the grade but then the Irishman began working solidly at training and in his game.

"He lifted the standard of his game so much and showed the right attitude that he was a natural choice as captain," Saftich said.

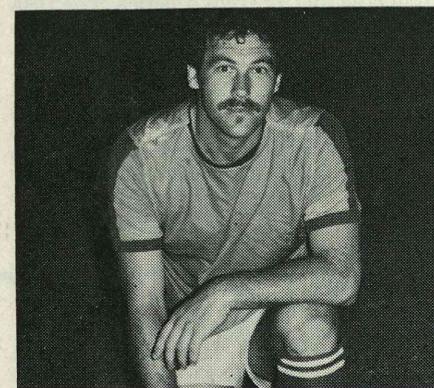
And Pike is just as pleased that he was rewarded with the captaincy. "It's a real honour and something I really look forward to. But the Valleys team is an easy one to lead as there is so much experience in the side. Generally everyone knows what his job is — and whether he is doing it," Pike said.

Pike, 32, was born in Belfast and began his football career playing with a local amateur side. He came to Australia in 1974 and first played for Grange Thistle. He then transferred to the ill-fated Gold Coast State League side.

When that team folded Pike played one game with Thistle, and another ironically for Valley's before moving onto Rockhampton when he turned out for Frenchville — another former State League team.

He transferred back to Valley Trident in 1981 and has been a first team regular since.

Pike is in favour of the new Premier League but after playing in the country areas, he fears for the affects the folding of the State League will have in some parts of the State.



Valley Trident captain TOM PIKE takes a quick rest from training.

BRIG'S WORLD

A WORLD ROUND-UP

COMPILED BY MARK BRIGDEN

April 26 will be the crunch date for the future of football on English television. That's when the League meets and the management committee has strongly recommended the \$13.5 million offer from Telejector to screen soccer in pubs and clubs be accepted. But 11th hour moves could be made to keep football on television. A labour MP has called for the government to intervene, saying children, the elderly, teetotallers and the like, will be discriminated against if football goes off television.

The national tabloid, *The Sun*, has also begun a campaign "to keep millions of kids tuned into telly football".

It appears the only way the league will stay with the television networks is if they concede to allow clubs to play in shirts bearing sponsors names. But so far the BBC and ITV have given a flat no.

But the whole prospect of showing football matches in pubs is a daunting one. Can you imagine a pub packed with rival fans watching a local derby?

The players of Werder Bremen, one of the top clubs in the West German Bundesliga, must have impressed one fan. A local car dealer provided each player with an Alfa Romeo car.

Eighty-six countries have entered for the 1984 Olympic games soccer tournament including 25 from Africa, 19 from Asia and 19 from America. The USA as hosts and Czechoslovakia as holders of the gold medal qualify automatically. Games will be played in Washington, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Indianapolis and not confined to the Games site in Los Angeles. The final will be at the 106,000 capacity stadium in Pasadena, 32 km from the Olympic Village. One country that won't be competing in the Olympic

soccer though will be Australia — and perhaps it is about time we started to ask why.

The Easter weekend saw a return to British crowd trouble when Burnley fans climbed onto a roof of the grandstand in the second division Lancashire derby against Blackburn. The so-called fans began hurling pieces of slate onto the pitch and the two teams had to be taken from the field midway through the second half.

Blackburn keeper Terry Gennoe had earlier been hit by a bottle and a smoke grenade was thrown onto the pitch. Burnley lost 1-2 to stay on the bottom of the table but their manager Frank Casper summed up the feelings of most when he said later on: "The fans that are causing this trouble are a disgrace to Burnley Football Club and after today we don't want to see you. This is the worst incident in my long connection with Burnley and I am ashamed of you."

Saudi Arabia continues to lure top managers and coaches to its country thanks to the power of the petro-dollar. Ladislao Kubala, Spain's ex-national team boss, is to receive about \$1.5 million for his one year stint as manager of El Hilal.

April 22 sees the start of the season for the North American Soccer League in what must be a make or break year. Despite their recent claims that they could successfully stage the World Cup, soccer in North America has not continued to blossom at the expected rate. Indeed this year there are only 12 teams, compared to the 24 of two years ago. Attendances dropped dramatically last year and the league suffered a financial loss of \$25 million in 1982.

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REFEREES HAVE THEIR SAY . . .

(From Page 3)

to walk off the park, having done a job, and leave what went on on the park — on the park.

"We don't have the comradeship that say players and spectators do. At the end of the game referees usually just have a shower then get into their cars and go."

"The way things are at the moment sometimes it's not worth it to go into the clubhouse afterwards. There is always someone not happy.

"It would be a pleasant change if once in a while people talked about the good decisions we made. If we were given an honest chance ourselves, I think many people would find we are not the trouble-makers they like to think we are," Kibbler said.



Just like players, referees train regularly and have a workout at Perry Park every Tuesday night, as is pictured above.

ON THE WYNNUM WAVELENGTH

After a disappointing season last year, Wynnnum Wolves have taken to the 1983 season with a new lease of life.

On the football side an attempt has been made to give players — old and young — a greater range in standards of competition. Wynnnum has six new Junior teams and a seventh division side for the seniors.

New club coach Tony Lowndes is looking for style and competitiveness from his players and already has had some success. The Senior Colts team won the annual Ampol Colts Cup held at Wynnnum last month.

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All four senior teams have had a good start to the season. The First team won its first two matches — beating Pine Rivers 4-1 then repeating that score in the second round against Bardon.

The First Division reserves also notched up wins against the same clubs and the Senior Colts and Seventh Division sides won their opening matches.

And next weekend's clash with Newmarket will be a real beauty!

Wynnnum Wolves have taken to the 1983

If teams visiting Wynnnum have been disappointed with our changing facilities in the past, they won't be for much longer. Plans have been approved for a new changing and toilet block which, with any luck, should be completed before the end of this season.

Want to be a Coach-Player?

As Queensland's new director of coaching, Bruce is keen to train more coaches, particularly from current players.

With this in mind, Stowell is anxious to start a Level Two (preliminary) course for players which hopefully will lead to them later on taking the Level Three (advanced) certificate course.

Stowell needs a minimum of 12 players, aged about 19 years or older, although some younger players may be considered. He would be delighted if he had enough participants that he had to get in another coach.

The course takes roughly 30 to 36 hours — 11 nights or three weekends. Stowell realises this could be a difficult schedule for some players to meet and if he can't begin a course now he would like one to commence immediately at the conclusion of the season.

The cost of the course will be about \$35. But the benefit will be worth much more than that. Anyone interested, and the course is highly recommended, should contact Bruce Stowell on 52 5328 during office hours.

The first in a series of brief stories on some of the players who could wear the Maroon against New South Wales in the Centenary interstate clash against New South Wales on May 8.

FRANK'S BEEN CAPPED BEFORE

Playing in Queensland teams is not the only representative football Brisbane City midfielder Frank Pimblett has experienced — he is a former England schoolboy international.

Pimblett, 26, was selected in the 1973 England schoolboys team and played matches against the Home countries and West Germany.

The City midfielder was captain when Queensland played Victoria in February and is a front-runner for the position in the match against New South Wales.

Pimblett was born in Liverpool and first played competitively with the Huyton schoolboys team. He was apprenticed at Aston Villa and played there for four years.

Pimblett came to Australia four weeks prior to the inaugural year of Philips League and has played with City ever since — being one of the club's most consistent players.

Pimblett, a steel fixer works for his City team-mate Peter Tokesi.

"Good support helps boost the team. We sometimes get at Brisbane City and don't be mistaken, the players do hear it on the park. If we can get a good crowd to cheer us on we are a good



Player: FRANK PIMBLETT
Age: 26
Birthplace: LIVERPOOL
Club: BRISBANE CITY
Position: CENTRAL MIDFIELD
No. of State Caps: 2

chance of beating New South Wales. But the secret is never give up. You must fight for the whole game, every game," said Pimblett.

'SCIENTIST' STEVE IS SUPERFIT

By the time Queensland plays New South Wales on May 8, aggressive Brisbane Lions midfielder Steve Hogg will be only weeks away from attaining his bachelor of science degree.



Player: STEVE HOGG
Age: 23
Birthplace: MELBOURNE
Club: BRISBANE LIONS
Position: MIDFIELD FLANK
No. of State Caps: 2

Hogg, 23, has shown great application and concentration to maintain his studies and still produce the goods on the playing field and even make Australian squads.

He lists his aims this season as getting his degree and helping Lions climb away from the bottom of the National League table. And of course, he wants Queensland to win on May 8.

"It's great playing for Queensland and I often wish there were more state matches", Hogg said.

Hogg was born in Melbourne although he lived much of his younger life in Papua New Guinea. He moved to Canberra in 1976. Hogg has played 11 internationals.

He transferred to Lions from Canberra City in 1979 and credits the experienced Col Bennett and Ron Millman as helping him to adapt quickly.

Hogg is always superfit which reflects in his game. He is keen on a lot of sports but particularly likes tennis, and sailing.

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Brig's World

Tottenham's Easter Monday 5-0 drubbing of Arsenal was the biggest win in 73 years of derby games between the two rivals.

The influx of superstars into the Italian First Division seems certain to continue as Inzer Milan are very interested in Glen Hoddle and Paul Walsh, the young Luton Town striker. Hoddle's contract with Spurs expires next month so as a free agent he can pick and choose which team he wants. English soccer will be much the poorer if it loses the skills of these two great players.

Winger Laurie Cunningham flew home at halftime after he strained a thigh muscle in a recent Manchester United reserve team against Isle of Man. Seems United, who have Cunningham on loan from Real Madrid, wanted to give the striker the best treatment possible, as soon as possible. The Isle of Man players must have shuddered when they saw the United team-sheet. Also playing was former England captain Bryan Robson, making his return from an ankle injury. The Manchester team won 2-0.

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POINTS TO PONDER



Surely the most unlucky team involved in one of the several washed out matches over the Easter weekend had to be the Slacks Creek Fourth Division side. They were leading North Pine United 6-0 when torrential rain caused the game to be abandoned. The game, along with several others washed out on that day, now will have to be replayed — in full.

One local club may send an official to Perth soon in its bid to sign a "midfield general."

Go Soccer must be more widely read than many would imagine. Last week we received a letter from a reader in west Germany. Now we only wish we could understand what he wrote in his German-worded note!

One local reporter just couldn't take a trick last week. He finished the week having five different people offside for various things he had written in a number of publications. He just took the attitude — It's when they STOP talking about you that you start to worry.

RIDGE REPORTING

with MIKE COLLINS

Good news off the field for coach Bob Butchard this week when he became a grandfather for the first time. Congratulations to Tracey and John on having their little boy. I can't wait to see grandmother Chris!

Spotlight on a player starts this week, looking at one of our up and coming 14 year olds Alan McFarlane. Alan was introduced to soccer by his father Lex "Cowboy" McFarlane (himself an ex-junior with the club) just over six years ago. In those few years Alan has progressed from a raw player to an outstanding young footballer.

For the past 3 years he has represented the Brisbane South district and last year played his first games for Queensland. Alan this year is playing for our Senior

Colts, not bad for a lad that does not turn 15 until November.

Having watched him play this season he thoroughly deserves all the accolades he has received, and don't let that baby face fool you, behind those smiles lies a sleeping animal (that's his father's side — the looks belong to his mother). Alan we wish you all the best for this season on both a club and representative level.

While talking about Ridge juniors, a lad who played for over 13 years for the club, Alan Hunter, is currently doing very well for himself playing in the Lions N.S.L. team. Alan, like the previously mentioned Alan, is a very dedicated young man and deserves all his triumphs over the past few years. Again, we also wish him all the best from the club which has been his second home for years.

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NSL MATCH OF THE DAY

- NIGEL LOWNDS
- BOBBY McSKIMMING
- ALAN MARSZALEK
- COL BENNETT
- ALAN NIVEN
- STEVE HOGG
- RUSSELL STEWART



Coach
SIMON KISTEMAKER
Colours
ORANGE and BLUE

- DANNY WRIGHT
- BARRY KELSO
- CALVIN DAUNT
- ALLAN HUNTER
- JIM McDONAGH
- JOHN STEWART
- GREG MARSHALL

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BRISBANE LIONS			
FOOTSCRAY			

- DENNIS BOLAND
- SLOBODAN STOJCEVS
- IGOR HAZABENT
- KRYIA KYRIAKOULEAS
- JIM KONDARIOS.....
- JIM O'REILLY
- GRAHAM TUTILL



Coach
BOBBY McLACHLAN
Colours
BLUE, WHITE, RED

- KEN TAYLOR
- SULIMAN CUROVIC
- GUS McLEOD
- JOE CARROLL
- PAUL SIMIC
- BRUNO COZZELLA
- JAMIE PATON

Other Games

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

Next Week

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