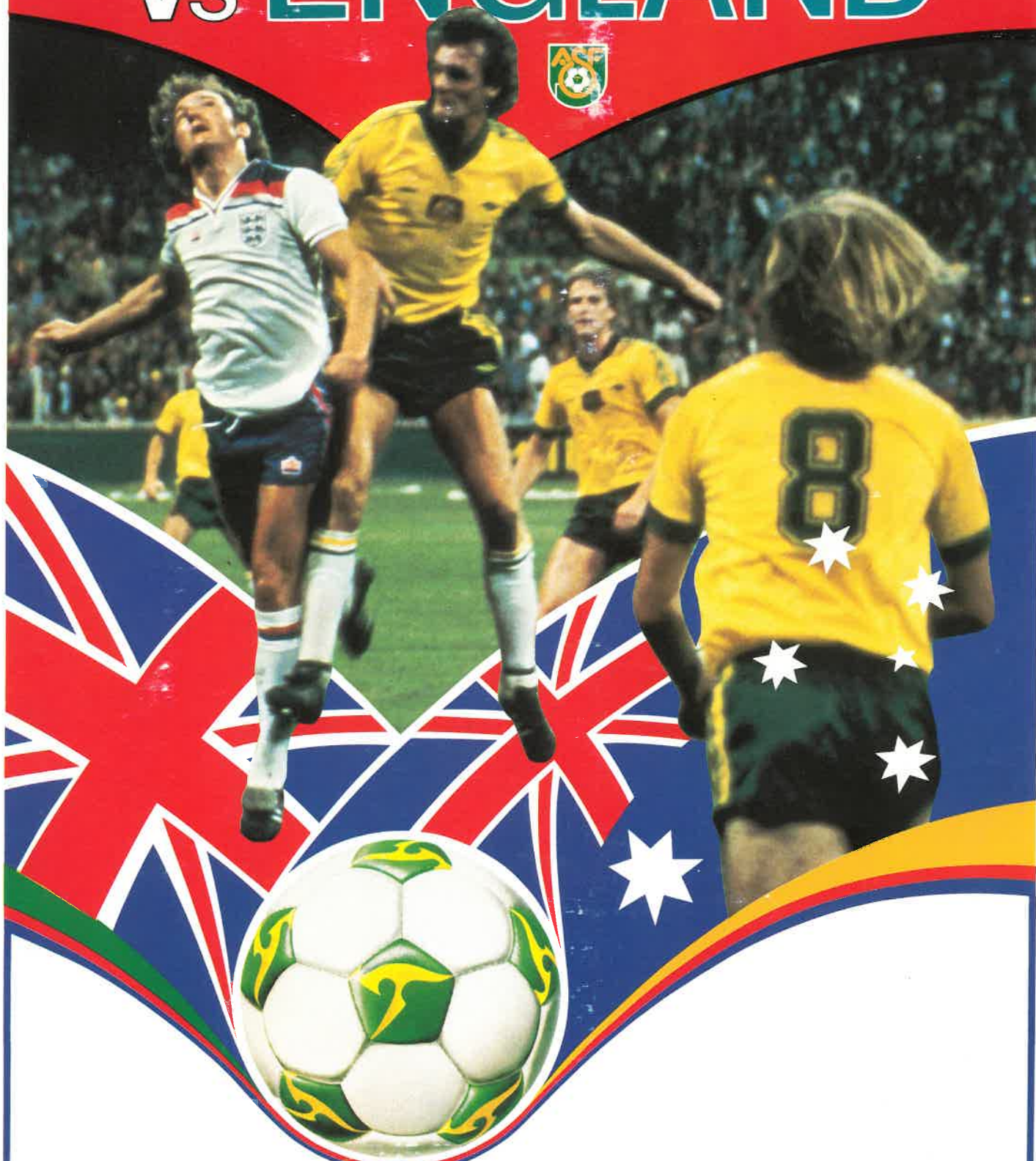


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## A message from The Australian Soccer Federation

It is my pleasure on behalf of the executive and members of the Australian Soccer Federation to welcome the England team and the officials representing the Football Association to Australia.

I am sure we are all looking forward to three entertaining games during the visit by England. While I am personally extremely disappointed in not being able to be in attendance at the games — as I must be representing Australia on FIFA committees at the FIFA World Youth Championships — I am sure that the senior vice-president, Mr Vic Tuting, together with the three State presidents, Mr Karel Rodny, from NSW, Mr Ian Brusasco from Queensland, and Mr Michael Weinstein from Victoria, will be only too happy to host our distinguished visitors.

While everyone is aware that the England team play good, entertaining football I am sure that you share with me the hope that this will be matched by the performance of our Socceroos. I take this opportunity to thank the West Nally organisation for their assistance in the promotion not only of these matches but also of Soccer in Australia.



## A message from the English FA

As chairman and general secretary of the Football Association we have looked forward with great excitement to accompanying the England football squad to Australia for this three-match tour. The three international fixtures — in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne — will form an important and integral part of England team manager Bobby Robson's preparations for the European championship finals to be played in France in a year's time.

The players in Bobby Robson's squad have almost 200 senior caps between them. The squad includes players who have commanded transfer fees of up to 1 million pounds and over, as well as two who together enjoy the special distinction of having scored the winning goal in a European Cup final. The all-round strength of the squad selected is a clear indication of the importance of the matches in Australia. Make no mistake, we are coming to Australia to win.

We all look forward immensely to renewing old friendships from our last visit in May, 1980, and, of course, to meeting new friends and enjoying the wonderful hospitality of Australia.

Bert Millichip,  
Chairman

Ted Croker,  
General Secretary



Ted Croker



Bert Millichip



# Australia versus England

## Flashback to 1980

It was billed as the match of the century. After 100 years of Soccer in Australia, the Socceroos and England would finally meet in a full A international.

The venue, of course, was the Sydney Cricket Ground, illuminated like a gigantic birthday cake by its six soaring light towers. On the chilly night of Saturday, May 30, 1980, the ground reverberated to the roar of more than 30,000 spectators and the melodies of massed bands.

Electricity filled the air. It was impossible not to be caught up in the feeling of something unique, a moment in history whose pageantry was surpassed only by the all-pervading sense of excitement and anticipation.

As Ron Greenwood's Englishmen emerged from the shadows of their dressingroom to the spotlight of centre field, the emotions of Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf and his players were felt by the thousands who had thronged to cheer and urge on the Socceroos. The unspoken question in everyone's heart was: Could Australia's part-time players possibly match the superfit, superskilled professionals from the toughest domestic competition in the world?

Nobody with any knowledge of Soccer really expected anything other than an English victory. Yet Australia had recovered from 4-0 and 5-0 hidings by Czechoslovakia in February to draw 2-2 with the then European champions. And only two weeks before the England match, a New South Wales team which Gutendorf had filled with Socceroos came back from being a goal down to topple the artists of AC Milan 2-1. One of Italy's top club sides even resorted to petty fouls in the second half as their less-skilled opponents took charge. It was just the morale-booster Gutendorf was looking for as his players marched into the lions' den for the England match which would be re-played on TV to hundreds of thousands of Australians later that night. The Socceroos' very credibility was on the line.

With players of the calibre of Hoddle, Mariner, Sunderland and Cherry, it was little wonder that England looked confident — and the Australians nervous. Yet England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan learned soon after the opening whistle that he had not come Down Under for a holiday. From a free kick just outside the penalty area big Gary Cole let go one of his right foot thunderbolts which the flying Corrigan had to knock over the bar.



When Cole missed a great chance to equalise midway through the first half it was obvious that all Australia could hope for was a respectable result. Such an outcome seemed unlikely when Mariner, roaming about at will, easily evaded an attempted tackle by Jimbo Muir and rippled the net to put England two up. A slaughter appeared inevitable.

But Soccer is a funny game. After halftime the Australians, perhaps ignited by the demands of Gutendorf, chose to make a game of it by applying more pressure to the steadfast England defence. The catalyst of this revival was winger Peter Sharne, the "Fairfield Express", whose lightning acceleration prompted Greenwood to remark later: "He is one of the fastest wingers I have seen."

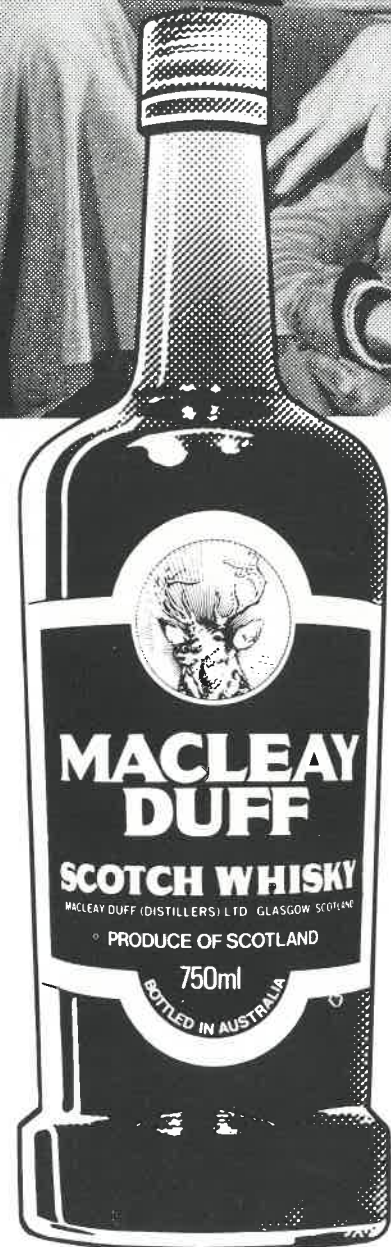
Despite a leg injury which had almost ruled him out of the match during the week, Sharne responded to the cheers of the Australian supporters by bamboozling Trevor

Cherry, the England captain, with sheer pace. It was such a burst that brought about the Socceroos' solitary goal. Sharne, who had been crossing to his teammates from the right flank whenever possible, for once decided to head towards the goalposts himself.

England's defence was left flat-footed as the Marconi speedster suddenly found himself with only Corrigan to beat. The big Manchester City goalkeeper knew what had to be done, and in a tackle that would have done a Rugby League international proud, he brought Sharne down inside the box. Not even the vocal England supporters could argue with any conviction about the penalty decision. And Cole, perhaps wishing to atone for having missed his chance earlier, calmly knocked the ball home to reward the Socceroos for their gallantry against superior opponents.



Sadly for Australia, such chances were rare. And once England settled into their rhythm the worst fears of the locals became a reality. When only 10 minutes had elapsed, a cross from Alan Sunderland on the right flank found Paul Mariner, who laid it back to the elegant Glenn Hoddle who gave Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse no chance from 20 metres out.



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A relieved Gutendorf told the post-match press conference: "After the first half I thought it was going to be 17-0 or something. We were outclassed and outmanoeuvred by a professional English team. We were very good in attack and this was our strength."

The quietly spoken Greenwood analysed the match with his customary insight and, at the time, gave Australian Soccer fans cause for optimism about the future.

Of the Socceroos, Greenwood said: "They appear to be dedicated and enthusiastic. They attacked with flair and enthusiasm but they were very vulnerable in defence."

"Most important of all, they were quick and played a much tighter game than we did. If England had scored two more goals after halftime, which they should have done, it would have been a runaway victory. But the days of runaway victories are long gone. Australia battled defensively but in world football they do have a lot to learn."

"Several of their players impressed me and I believe they have a chance of playing English first division Soccer . . ."

**Flashback to 1980**



JOHN  
KOSMINA



**One player with a healthy respect for England's star-studded team of professionals is Australian captain John Kosmina, who will spear-head the Socceroos' attack.**

The blond-haired striker, now 26, learned first-hand about the strength of English football during a 15-month stint with first division club Arsenal in 1978-79. Arsenal manager Terry Neill had no hesitation in signing Kosmina on a \$30,000 transfer deal after seeing the youngster's skill and goalscoring ability during the four-team tournament in Australia in July, 1977.

The Socceroos, under coach Jimmy Shoulder, were pitted against Arsenal, Glasgow Celtic and Red Star Belgrade. Celtic eventually won the tournament, but the biggest shock was Australia's 3-1 win over Arsenal at the Sydney Sports Ground. Kosmina, who scored one of the goals, displayed enough talent to arouse interest not only from the eagle-eyed Neill but also from Celtic.

When Australia failed to qualify for the 1978 World Cup finals — after doing so four years earlier — Kosmina decided to expand his Soccer horizons. With 22 international appearances to his credit he agreed to sign with Arsenal.

His high expectations, however, failed to materialise. Although he made three UEFA Cup appearances and played a couple of League matches, the man from Down Under never quite cracked it into the big time. As he admits: "I spent much of my time keeping the reserves bench warm."

A combination of frustration, disappointment and home sickness finally persuaded him to return to Australia. "I didn't really feel settled at Arsenal," he says. "After a while I just wanted to go home."

Arsenal agreed to release Kosmina to West Adelaide for a reported \$45,000 early in 1979. But returning to his home town proved to be more difficult than he had bargained for. His form in the Philips Soccer League reflected his inner turmoil.

"When I returned to Adelaide I got in a bit of a rut," he recalls. "Everyone was expecting so much of me that the more I tried the worse I got. My confidence left me and I felt I was going nowhere with West Adelaide."

Indeed, he was initially overlooked by the new national coach, Rudi Gutendorf. To try to reclaim a permanent place in the Australian team Kosmina made possibly the most important decision of his career at the end of the 1980 season — he agreed to join Sydney City, the PSL champions, on a \$28,000 transfer deal.

Immediately the omens looked promising. He scored both goals in the New South Wales team's 2-1 win over the touring Croatian club side, Dinamo Zagreb, in January, 1981, and was included in the Socceroo squad for the abortive World Cup campaign not long after. It was a traumatic period in the history of the game in this country, culminating in Gutendorf's resignation as coach the day after Australia lost to New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Kosmina consoled himself by helping Sydney City to retain the PSL title.

Picture courtesy of The Sun



But it is 1982 that most aptly can be called Kosmina's year. Working in tandem with his Socceroo teammate David Mitchell in Sydney City's forward line, Kosmina set a PSL record of 23 goals for the season, including four hat-tricks and, in one match, four goals.

This in no small measure helped Sydney City to win their third successive championship and undoubtedly prompted Les Scheinflug, who succeeded Gutendorf, to appoint Kosmina as Socceroo captain for the Merlion Cup in Singapore last October. Fittingly, the sharpshooting skipper scored one of Australia's goals in the 3-2 win over South Korea in the final. Kosmina's future as captain was assured, despite the two defeats by New Zealand earlier this year. Kosmina believes that the Socceroos can atone for those embarrassing losses by producing a whole-hearted effort against England.

"We may not win the series against England but we'll give it everything we've got," he declares with the conviction of a man who won't accept second best. "Physically we won't be a match for them because they are full time professionals, and they obviously have a bit more skill. But as our coach, Frank Arok, said, England are at the end of their season whereas we are in the middle of ours. That may work in our favour."

"Our players could be a little nervous at the start, but provided we settle down we should give them a run for their money. It's marvellous how wearing the green and gold can lift players, especially if Australia are the underdogs . . ."

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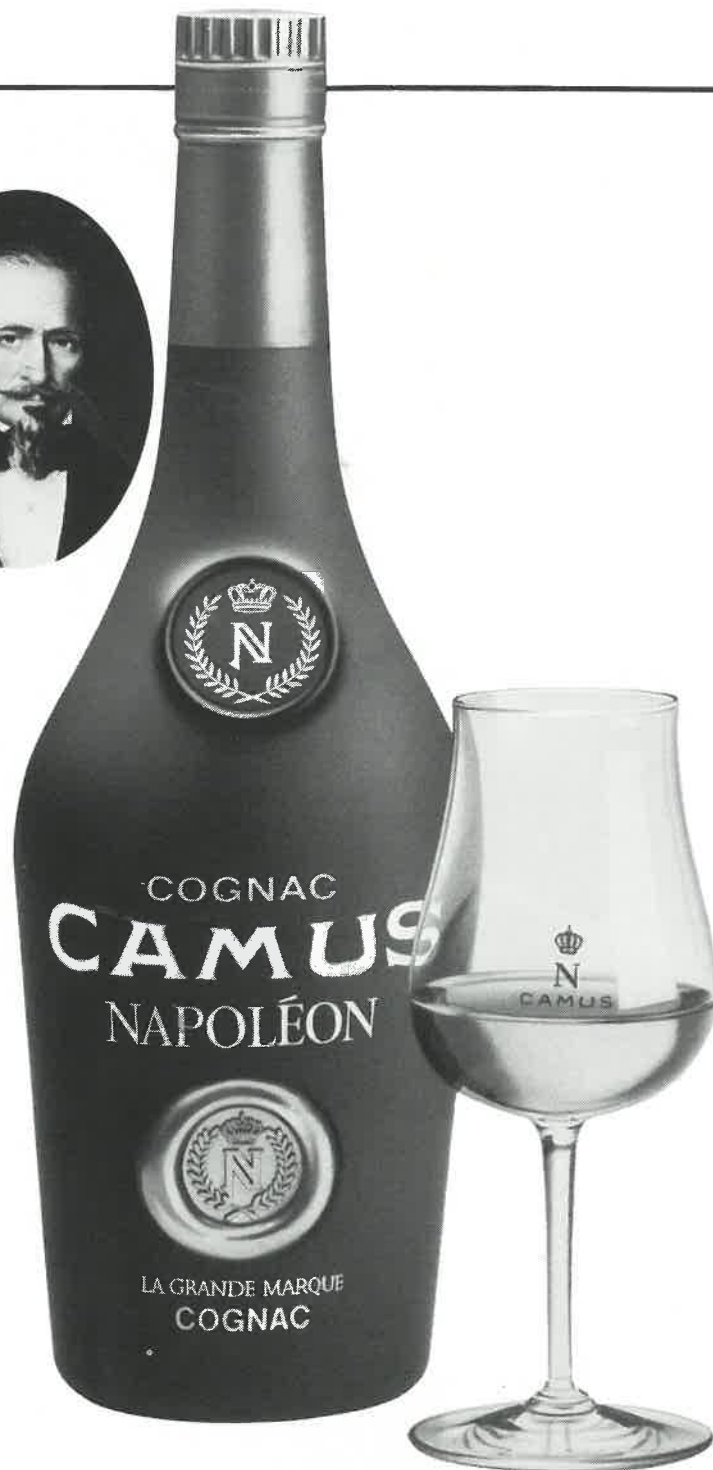
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## PETER SHILTON



*Brian Clough's football judgment has seldom been vindicated more conclusively than when he enticed Peter Shilton from Stoke City to Nottingham Forest in 1977.*

The big, courageous goalkeeper became an integral component in the Forest machine which Clough and his sidekick, Peter Taylor, built into the strongest club side in Europe at the end of the 1970s.

In 1974 Shilton transferred from Leicester City, where he began his professional career, to Stoke for what was then a record transfer fee for a goalkeeper: £340,000. It was a measure of Clough's astuteness as a manager that Forest paid a "meagre" £300,000 for him three years later — a bargain if ever there was one.

Explaining his decision to sign with Clough and Co, Shilton said: "I was a positive person myself and I saw in Brian Clough a man I knew I could respect who would do the job the right way. We had a good team for a while at Stoke, but things went on there that were not totally professional. There was never any danger of that under Clough. I read him as a born winner . . ."

How right he was. The following year, 1978, Forest won the League championship and, to nobody's surprise, least of all Clough's, Shilton was voted by his fellow professionals as the Player-of-the-Year. The championship got Forest into Europe, and they did not waste their chance to show their rivals across the Channel that the British could also dance the Continental. Shilton revelled in the big time. As he said: "I had not had the opportunity of playing for a really successful club before."

Shilton played an enormous part in Forest's double European Cup triumph — first against Malmo in Munich in 1979 and then against Hamburg in Madrid in 1980. Yet, despite this success and the determined attempts of the Europeans to lure him away from his homeland, Shilton has remained loyal to England. What better man, then, to captain the English team to Australia?

He has led England in four of his 48 internationals so far, and has played in 11 of his country's past 12 matches, the past three as captain. He readily admits that the responsibility has not only rekindled his enthusiasm for the game but has, if anything, improved his performances.

Shilton, an incredibly agile 33, is still one of the world's truly great goalkeepers. Some have called him the best, certainly the best in Europe. Are there many more exhilarating sights than Shilton, seemingly without regard for his own safety, diving at the feet of marauding opponents or defying gravity to tip a near-certain goal over the crossbar? Surely not. Such courage, reflexes, strength and agility are not the attributes of average men. Perhaps above all it is Shilton's decisiveness — his ability to know exactly when to go for a ball without hesitation — that stamps him apart.

It was an ability that became obvious in his early teens so that by the time he reached 16 he had earned his first major honour as part of the Leicester team

that shared the National Schoolboys' Trophy with Swansea. At 17 the writing was on the dressing room wall when he took over from the immortal Gordon Banks in the Leicester City goal. Shilton, who played his first full international in 1970 when England beat East Germany 2-1, became the first goalkeeper to be capped for England at schoolboy, youth, under-23 and full international level. Not even Banks could claim that achievement. In 1970 Shilton played in his first World Cup. Last year he figured prominently in Ron Greenwood's campaign in Spain and obviously is very much part of Bobby Robson's plans.

In 1981 Shilton told Brian Glanville, of The Sunday Times: "I've got tremendous respect for Brian (Clough) and Peter (Taylor). I think they're the best management team around, but I think that as a player you've got to look at yourself sometimes and do what's right for yourself. I like to think that for most of the time I've been here, Forest have had full value from me. They might end up getting what they paid." It was a prophetic interview. Last August when Shilton transferred to Southampton, Nottingham Forest were reportedly paid £350,000.

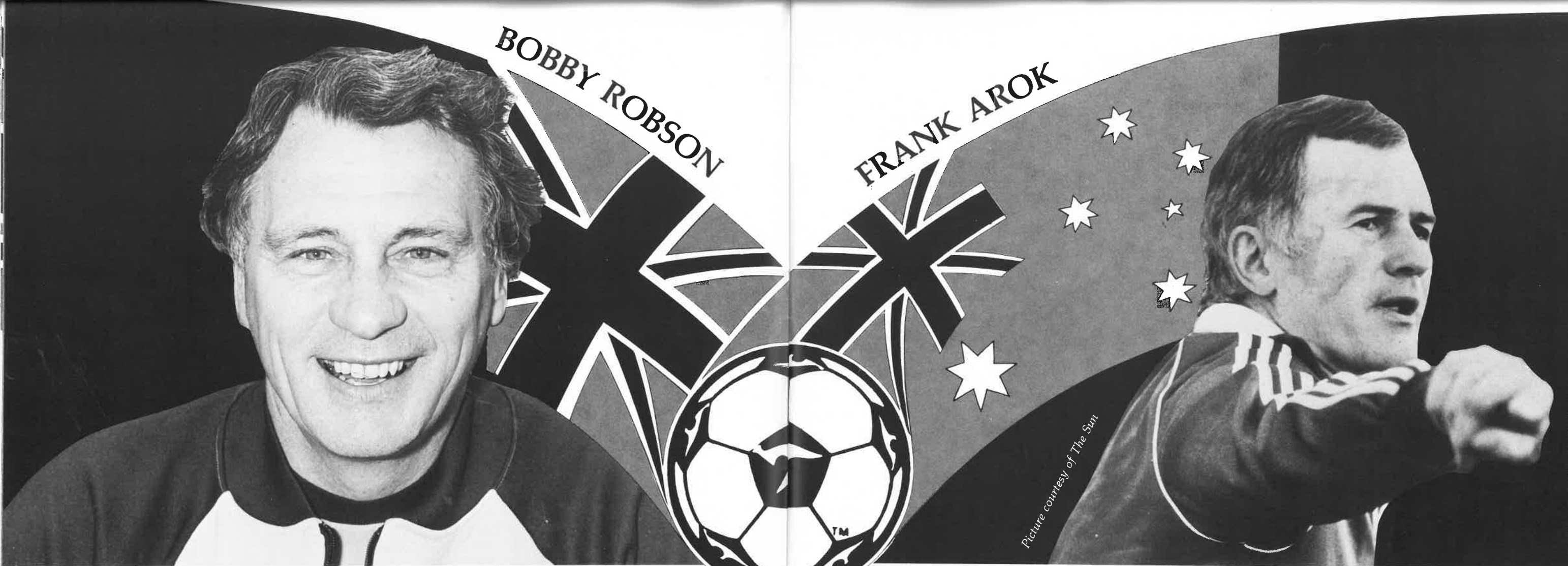
Clough did not want to let him go initially, but Shilton thought that a change of club would do him good. Unfortunately for Australia's strikers, he was right . . .



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If history repeats itself, England will win the 1986 World Cup. In 1962 Alf Ramsey left Ipswich (after taking them to the League championship) to become the England manager. Four years later his team, boasting such superstars as Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton and Gordon Banks, beat West Germany 4-2 at Wembley to become the kings of world Soccer.

Last year Bobby Robson, after a 12-year stint as the Ipswich manager, left Portman Road to succeed Ron Greenwood with the England team. It was a move applauded by English fans and critics alike, and despite a somewhat embarrassing scoreless draw with Greece at Wembley in March, few would deny that Robson has the ability to lift England back on her pedestal as one of the world's great football nations. Can he emulate Sir Alf? Only time will tell.

Meanwhile, Robson has more immediate matters on his mind, like trying to beat Australia's eager-beaver footballers on their home soil. The England manager knows that what the Socceroos might lack in skill and fitness compared with his band of fulltime pros, they will make up for with courage and determination. That's why, despite the unavailability of several players because of club tours, he has still named the strongest team possible to carry England's colours. If Robson was not taking the trip Down Under seriously, he would scarcely

**"My greatest wish is to introduce better skills"**

have included such established stars as Trevor Francis and Peter Shilton. He remembers only too well Australia's spirited second-half fightback in the Centenary match against England in 1980, when he was Greenwood's assistant.

Robson, 50, brings to the England manager's job a record of stability and consistency that is a virtual blueprint for other aspiring club managers. By the time he left Ipswich he had become the first division's longest serving manager at one club. Despite lucrative offers to join richer clubs — not least the £230,000 carrot which Barcelona dangled in front of him — Robson stayed with the less rich, less glamorous Ipswich. His record of finishing in the top six every season except one in the past decade speaks for itself. And even in 1978, when they missed out, Ipswich consoled their supporters by winning the FA Cup. They added the UEFA Cup to their trophy case in 1981. At Portman Road the legend of how Robson used his fists to gain authority in his early days lives on. His ever-ready smile conceals a man who knows exactly what he

wants and how to get it.

Robson joined Fulham as a wing-half or inside forward in 1950; went to West Bromwich Albion in 1956; and six years later returned to Fulham. He earned 20 England caps and played in the 1958 World Cup finals in Sweden. In 1966, after 584 League appearances, he joined the Vancouver Royals as a player-coach in the North American Soccer League. In 1968 he returned to Fulham as manager, lasted 10 months, and joined Ipswich at the beginning of 1969.

Robson, who is reportedly on £70,000 a year as the England manager, has been accused by his critics of being mercenary. But as he says: "If you've been manager of Ipswich for 12 years, you have to learn to be mercenary. I've never had a lot of money to spend on players and I've always insisted on keeping their salaries reasonable." Wise words indeed in these inflationary times when transfer fees are threatening to send many clubs broke.

Soon after his appointment as England manager, Robson was asked what he most wanted to achieve in the job. He replied: "My greatest wish is that we can introduce better skills — not only in the international squad but throughout the game in our country."

If Robson can also introduce that philosophy in this country through England's performances, his trip to the Antipodes will have been worthwhile.

**Frank Arok, Australia's caretaker coach for the three-match series against England, would never have taken the position if he believed that the Socceroos could not compete with their illustrious opponents.**

"If I thought we couldn't beat them once out of three matches I'd tell everyone: Forget it!" he says with customary frankness. "Of course I don't expect us to win the series, but as Brighton showed in the FA Cup final, a less-fancied team can match a better team at least once. But maybe not a second time."

Arok, who looks younger than his 51 years, believes that being the underdogs gives Australia a psychological advantage. "We are hoping we'll be underestimated, especially in the opening game," he says. "England may be in for a shock when they realise that our players are willing to die for the green and gold . . ."

It is this total commitment which characterises Arok's coaching, although he admits that taking over the national team for three matches is a lot different from spending several seasons building a club side, as he is doing with St George in the National Soccer League.

Ever since he first coached in Australia back in 1969-70, when he came from his native Yugoslavia to cement his close association with Saints, Arok has won respect and success. He prides himself on being more than just a coach. As a former sporting editor he is no stranger to public relations. He is, you might say, the Soccer writer's ideal subject because he is always ready with

the quotable quote. This awareness of the power of the media has enabled Arok to combine coaching with the varied tasks of being a club manager. At St George the entire off-field business is handled by Arok in addition to team training. Furthermore, he has brought money to the club by organising such entrepreneurial projects as the four-team tournament at the St George Stadium last year involving St George, Sydney Olympic, the Yugoslav first division team Vojvodina and the Hungarian national team.

Such flamboyance epitomises Arok's love for the game, just as it reveals the excitement he feels for this, his greatest, challenge. "Coaching the national team for three matches is so different from club coaching," he says. "At club level you are not necessarily looking for instant success, but for players who will win enough matches throughout the season to win the title. You therefore choose stable, consistent people who are capable of adapting to give the maximum every week, who are loyal to the club. In a club situation you have a limited number of people to work with, but you also have time to change their style of play, if necessary, to suit the team, to brainwash them."

"In my situation with the national team I have everybody to call on, but you must choose the right players because there are no second chances. You have no time to change things. That's why I want fighters, warriors, in the national team; players with skill and aggression — controlled aggression, that is."

If Arok can translate his success with St George into the national team's performances, Australia have a chance of

matching England's full time professionals. After lifting St George to second in the State League in 1970, Arok returned to Yugoslavia (where he has been involved for 16 years on and off with Vojvodina). But in 1972 Saints enticed him back to Australia. It was indeed St George's year in which they made a virtual clean sweep of the major trophies.

Satisfied that he had done all he could for the club, Arok again returned to Yugoslavia and seemed lost to Australian Soccer.

But with Saints floundering in the then Philips Soccer League, Arok answered a call to act in an advisory capacity to coach Raul Blanco in 1980. It was not enough to help the club avoid relegation, but it was enough to persuade Arok that he was again needed on a full time basis. So in 1981 he took over the Saints for the third time and succeeded in one season in lifting them back into the national competition. That might have been enough for some coaches, but not Arok. With astute team building Saints became one of the glamour teams in the PSL last year. They finished second to Sydney City in the championship and capped a memorable year by winning the Top-Four championship grand final.

With national coach Les Scheinflug having to go to Mexico with his young charges for the FIFA World Youth Championship this month, the Australian Soccer Federation approached Arok to stand in as caretaker coach for the senior team's matches against England. Although his only previous experience with a representative team was to coach New South Wales in 1970, Arok accepted the national team job "because it was a challenge."

# AUSTRALIA



## ENGLAND

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 PHIL NEAL  
 DANNY THOMAS  
 DEREK STATHAM  
 SAMMY LEE  
 GORDON COWANS  
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 TREVOR FRANCIS  
 MARK WRIGHT  
 PAUL WALSH  
 JOHN BARNES  
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 NIGEL SPINKS  
 RUSSELL OSMAN  
 MARK BARHAM  
 NICK PICKERING  
 GARY SHAW

*At the time of going to press the English Football Association had not issued numbers for its players. Please listen to the public address announcer for the numbers*

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3	GRAHAM JENNINGS
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5	DAVID RATCLIFFE
6	STEVE O'CONNOR
7	JOE WATSON
8	JIM CANT
9	JOHN KOSMINA
10	PETER KATHOLOS
11	DAVID MITCHELL
12	MICHAEL O'SHEA
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  7. M. BARHAM /
  8. J. GREGORY / — yellow card.
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  10. T. FRANCIS /
  11. G. COWANS /
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  - o 14. P. STONE
  15. M. SOPER
  17. K. MURPHY

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 P. WOOD  
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5. ROBBIE McGINN
6. WILLIAM GRIFFITHS
7. DENNIS DURATE
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9. DON ALLAN
10. RAY FARRUGIA
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12. MICHAEL FOGERTY
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17. EDDIE TESORO
18. MICHAEL BLANCO

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 Linesmen: P. HAFEY  
 M. LOUPIS

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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2. ALBERT NOCERA
3. ALEX LAMPROPOULOS
4. GEORGE AKOUTAS
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# Australia

# Team Profile



**JOE WATSON** (Sydney City)



Midfielder-winger. Scottish born (1-1-52). 5ft 6in, 10 stone 4lb. Despite his size is one of the most penetrating players in the National League and another reason why Slickers are the champions. Great ball skills with a deadly accurate cross from the right and ability to hold ball. At 31 Australia's "elder statesman", his experience will be invaluable against England. Belatedly called into national team after 10 years in Australia. Occupation: Sales clerk.

**JOHN KOSMINA** (Sydney City)



Striker. Australian born (17-8-56). 5ft 10in, 12 stone 4lb. Socceroos' captain who leads by example up front. Most experienced international with more than 50 caps, including two World Cup campaigns. Superb ball skills, strong runner who can ride tackles. Loves scoring goals as he showed last year by setting National League record of 23 for season. After playing with Polonia in Adelaide spent 15 months with Arsenal in England before returning to join West Adelaide 1979, and Sydney City 1981. Occupation: Sales rep.

**PETER STONE** (St George)



Midfielder. Australian born (30-9-54). 5ft 9in, 10 stone 8lb. Experienced, hard-working, clever player who fought his way back into national squad after first playing for Australia under Jimmy Shoulder in 1977. Played for Western Suburbs in State League until they amalgamated with Leichhardt, then later switched to St George where he has become a key player. Occupation: Teacher.

**GRAHAM JENNINGS** (Sydney Olympic)



Defender. Australian born (18-1-60). 5ft 10½in, 12 stone. Used to be a striker until Tommy Docherty made him a fullback this season. Can be considered something of a surprising selection but Arok is confident he can handle left fullback role because he is a natural left-footer. New to Australian team. Has spent past five years at Olympic since transferring from Adamstown Rosebuds.

**DAVID RATCLIFFE** (St George)



Central defender. English born (9-3-57). 6ft, 12 stone. No-nonsense tackler who will work all day. Learned his football with Bradford City in England. Played with Brisbane City in the National League from 1978-81 before joining St George last year. Occupation: Steelfixer.

**PETER KATHOLOS** (Sydney Olympic)



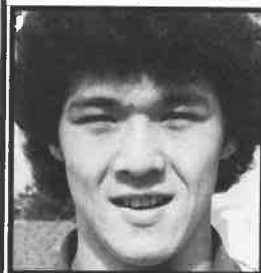
Midfielder. Greek born (18-3-61). 6ft, 12 stone 2lb. Artistic ball player with skills to match his creativity. Clever passer of ball who can just as easily beat a man on his own. Has played 11 times for Australia. From Canterbury-Marrickville he joined St George in 1979 and transferred to Olympic in 1981. Has matured under Docherty's influence. Occupation: Technician.

**MARSHALL SOPER** (Sydney Olympic)



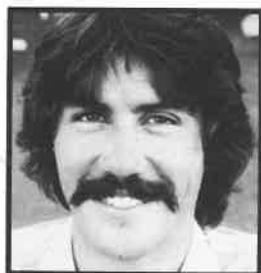
Striker. Australian born (12-5-60). 6ft, 11 stone 6lb. Dynamic attacker who loves to run with the ball and score goals. Tough, able to ride tackles, always gives maximum effort. Joined Leichhardt from Stewart and Loyds in Newcastle three years ago and has continued to impress since coming under Docherty's wing at Olympic. New to the Australian team. Occupation: Soccer player.

**ALAN DAVIDSON** (South Melbourne)



Fullback. Australian born (1-6-60). 5ft 9in, 11 stone 7lb. One of the classiest players in Australia whose ability to overlap down the flanks makes him a potent attacking force. Also a strong tackler. Has played 30 times for Australia including last World Cup. A South Melbourne regular for past five years. Occupation: Electrical contractor.

**STEVE O'CONNOR** (Sydney City)



Stopper. Australian born (24-11-54). 6ft, 14 stone. One of the toughest defenders in the game and a key factor in Sydney City's winning the past three National League titles. Rugged on the ground, dominant in the air, has developed into a player who always commands respect. A Sydney City stalwart since 1970. Occupation: PE teacher.

**DAVID MITCHELL** (Sydney City)



Striker. Scottish born (13-6-62). 6ft, 12 stone. An elegant attacker who can score with the head or boot. Complements Kosmina perfectly at Sydney City. Their understanding will be vital in penetrating England's defence. Helped Slickers win last year's championship after transferring from Adelaide City. Has 11 Australian caps. Occupation: Window cleaner.

**PHIL O'CONNOR** (Wollongong City)



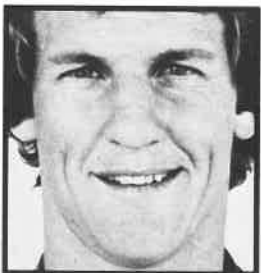
Striker. English born (10-10-54). 5ft 9in, 11 stone 5lb. Elusive runner down the flanks with pinpoint crosses and ability to beat a man through skill and guile. Has played 21 times for Australia. With St George from 1977-79, joined Leichhardt in 1980 and then Wollongong last year. Learned his artistic touches with Luton Town in England. Occupation: Sales rep.

**CHARLIE YANKOS** (Heidelberg)



Sweeper. Australian born (29-5-61). 5ft 9in, 12 stone 7lb. Strong defender who reads a game well and can go forward if needed. A fitness fanatic who will run for full 90 minutes with whole-hearted effort. Has played more than 60 National League matches for Heidelberg as well as State League since transferring from Polonia Maribyrnong. Occupation: Assistant manager.

**TERRY GREEDY** (St George)



Goalkeeper. Australian born (27-8-55). 6ft 2in, 12 stone 5lb. Courageous and agile with tremendous reach in the air and cool under pressure. Played State League with Bankstown 1978-79 and Melita Eagles 1980-81 before Frank Arok lured him to St George. Although new to national team Arok obviously believes he is ready for higher honours. Occupation: Teacher.

**MICHAEL O'SHEA** (St George)



Defender. Australian born (27-5-60). 5ft 11½in, 12 stone 2lb. Strong tackler and a tireless worker, gives 100 per cent. Although a surprise selection, Arok has a high opinion of him and he should handle the rise in standard if called on. Played in 1978-79 with St George, transferred to Canberra in 1980 but returned to Saints last year. Occupation: Mechanic.

**KEN MURPHY** (South Melbourne)



Midfielder. Scottish born (19-6-56). 5ft 8in, 11 stone 3lb. Attacking, strong player who shows experience of playing with Dundee in the Scottish Premier League before coming to Australia four years ago to join Croatia in Melbourne. Joined South Melbourne this year. New to national team. Occupation: Fitter and turner.

**JIMMY CANT** (Sydney City)



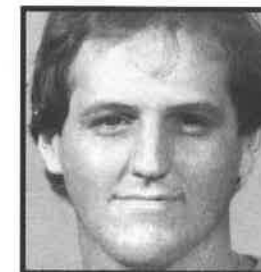
Midfielder. Scottish born (24-9-53). 5ft 9in, 11 stone 5lb. Prefers fullback or sweeper but should acquit himself well in midfield where his strong defence and hard running will be needed. Learned his trade with Heart of Midlothian. Since coming to Australia five years ago has had stints with Canberra and Marconi before joining Sydney City two years ago. New to national team. Occupation: Computer operator.

**ARNO BERTOGNA** (Leichhardt)



Defender. Australian born (9-4-59). 6ft 1in, 13 stone. An uncompromising tackler, strong in the air, can distribute well from the backline. Has been part of the national squad for the past four years, playing three full internationals as well as friendlies. Left Perth four years ago to join Newcastle KB Raiders before switching to Wollongong City in 1981. Joined Leichhardt this year. Occupation: Soccer player.

**KIM WISHART** (Brisbane City)

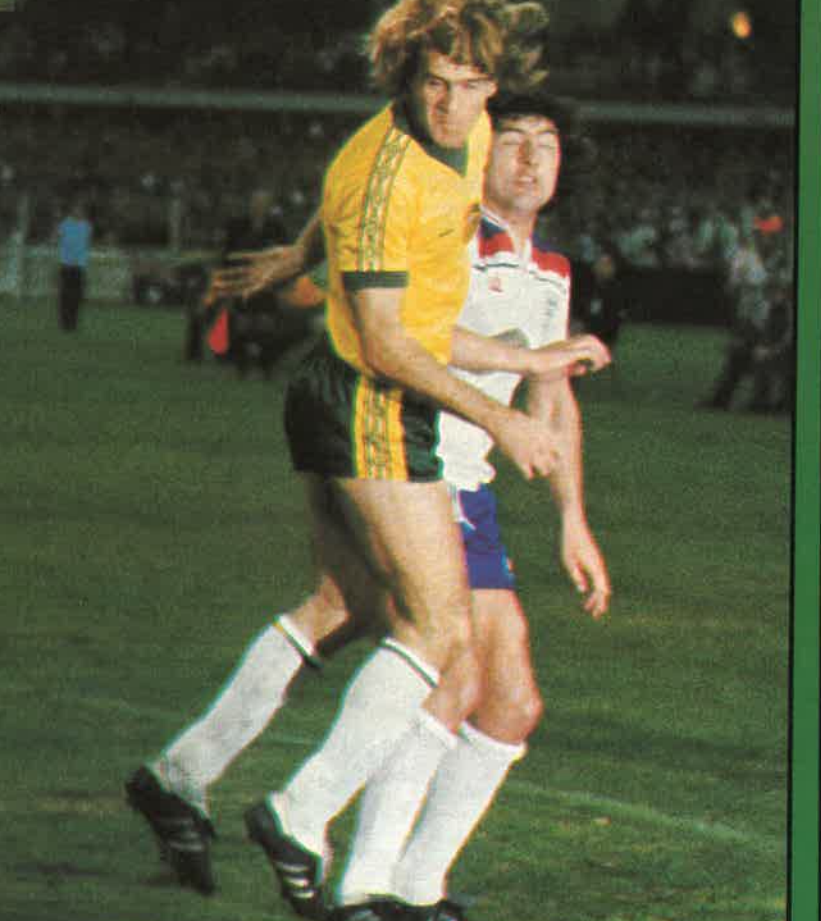


Goalkeeper. Australian born (13-1-57). 6ft, 15 stone 8lb. Strong, fearless custodian who has been a consistent performer with Brisbane City in the National League for the past five years. Despite having a cartilage removed from his left knee in 1981 has regained his best form to force his way into national squad ahead of more fancied rivals. Occupation: Draftsman.





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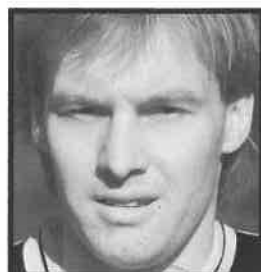


**DANNY THOMAS** (*Coventry City*)



Fullback. Age 21. In March he became the first Coventry City player to be selected for the full England squad (v. Greece) since goalkeeper Reg Matthews in 1956. Born in Nottinghamshire of Jamaican parents, Danny has won five Under-21 Caps and captained the side against Hungary in April.

**DEREK STATHAM** (*West Bromwich Albion*)



Fullback. Age 24. A player with the same attacking style as Arsenal's Kenny Sansom, for whom he deputised in the British Championship match against Wales in February. It was Derek's first senior cap after representing England in Youth, "B" and Under-21 matches and, just to underline the point about style, he came close to scoring against the Welsh in the first couple of minutes. He joined Albion from school, and has overcome two cartilage operations to become one of the top fullbacks in the country.

**SAMMY LEE** (*Liverpool*)



Midfield. Age 24. A player often described as "a pocket battleship", Sammy has really come into his own in the 1982-83 season. He began by captaining the England Under-21 side to victory in the UEFA Championship Final in October, won his first senior cap in Greece a month later and finished the season with a League Championship and Milk Cup winners' medal won with Liverpool — and five caps.

**GORDON COWANS** (*Aston Villa*)



Midfield. Age 24. He made an impressive England debut, with Statham, against Wales earlier in the year, showing great skill and vision in midfield and with enough balance on a slippery surface to move forward for a series of superbly-struck shots at goal. Gordon reverted to the substitutes' bench for the next match (Greece) but was back in the team against Hungary and chipped over the free-kick from which Trevor Francis opened England's account. In successive seasons Gordon helped Villa win the League Championship, European Cup and European Super Cup.

**LUTHER BLISSETT** (*Watford*)

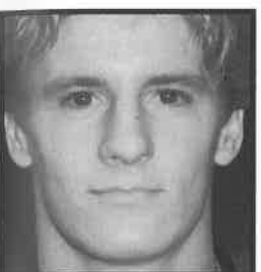


Forward. Age 25. Like Sammy Lee, he has established himself in the England team this term — and in his first season as a First Division player too. With Watford he has travelled all the way from the Fourth Division to runners-up spot in the First. Next season, Luther, Watford's leading goalscorer who put four past Sunderland in one match, will try his luck against the defenders of top European teams in the UEFA Cup. In five England appearances he has scored three goals — all in the rout of Luxembourg last December.

**NICK PICKERING** (*Sunderland*)

Midfielder. Age 19. Nick made the breakthrough to First Division football on the opening day of last season and has now firmly established himself in the first team at Roker Park. Not twenty until August, Nick has represented England at Under 21 level on three occasions this season.

**PAUL WALSH** (*Luton Town*)



Forward. Age 20. Paul is Luton Town's record signing — from Second Division Charlton Athletic last season for a £240,000 fee — and a player who looked certain to make the England senior team after four impressive games at Under-21 level. His match-winning goal against Hungary in April gave England an excellent chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the 1982-84 European Championship. In his first season of First Division football, with Luton, he knocked in three hat-tricks.

**JOHN BARNES** (*Watford*)



Forward. Age 19. A forward/winger with dazzling skills and tremendous pace, John was introduced into League football by Watford after his talent had been spotted in local amateur matches. That was two years ago and, after making his League debut against Oldham Athletic in a Second Division match as a substitute, has emerged as one of Watford's star performers. He has three Under-21 caps and seemed destined for the senior team.

**JOHN GREGORY** (*Queens Park Rangers*)



Midfield. Age 28. This versatile player — he wears the No.11 shirt for his club and usually attacks and defends in equal measure — has earned England recognition on the basis of some scintillating displays for the Second Division Championship winners. He began with Northampton Town as a fullback, with nearly 200 appearances mostly in the Third Division, then had spells with Aston Villa and Brighton before linking up with Rangers last season.

**STEVE WILLIAMS** (*Southampton*)



Midfield. Age 24. Steve has been on the threshold of full England recognition for about five years and has 4 "B" and 14 Under-21 caps to his credit. His Under-21 caps total has only been bettered by West Bromwich's Gary Owen amongst current players. A Londoner, Steve is an elegant midfield player with great balance and an eye for the defence-splitting pass. Southampton has been his only club and he has represented them over 200 times in League matches.

**GARY SHAW** (*Aston Villa*)

Midfielder. Age 22. In his first full season at the age of 19 in the Villa side saw Gary obtaining a League Championship Medal and three Young Player of the Year awards. Capped by the England Youth team and was a member of the team in West Germany winning the UEFA Under-21 Championship. Scorer of 24 goals this season.

**MARK BARHAM** (*Norwich City*)



Midfield. Age 20. Like Paul Elliott, Mark has been included in the full squad for the first time without any games at Under-21 or "B" level. He became a regular in the Norwich City first team in 1980-81 season, making 35 appearances as his club finished 20th and were relegated to the Second Division. But twelve months later Norwich were back in Division One and Mark's gutsy displays in midfield helped them to achieve promotion, in exciting fashion, on the last Saturday of the 1981-82 season.

**MARK WRIGHT** (*Southampton*)



Central defender. Age 19. Mark was already an England Youth International when Southampton signed him from Third Division Oxford United in the 1981-82 season and he proceeded to make three appearances before clinching a permanent place this season. He has also won 2 Under-21 caps — against Greece and Hungary — producing two calm and polished displays.

**NIGEL SPINKS** (*Aston Villa*)



Goalkeeper. Age 24. When Villa's regular first team goalkeeper, Jimmy Rimmer, had to leave the field with an injury after only nine minutes of the 1982 European Cup Final in Rotterdam, Nigel was pressed into service in this very important match. Despite his inexperience — he had only played once before for the first team — Nigel produced a nerveless display that defied the Bayern Munich forwards, including European Footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, and allowed Villa to become the third English club to lift the trophy in the past six seasons.

**RUSSELL OSMAN** (*Ipswich Town*)



Defender. Age 24. Was recalled to the England squad for the match against Hungary after being overlooked since partnering clubmate Terry Butcher in central defence in the season's opening international against Denmark. Won the first of his seven full caps in Australia in 1980. Played Rugby Union for England Schools.

**PETER SHILTON** (*Southampton*)



Goalkeeper. Age 33. England's goalie in eleven of the last twelve matches (captain in the last three and four times skipper in his total of 48 Internationals). Joined Southampton from Nottingham Forest in August 1982 for a £350,000 fee, having also played for Leicester City and Stoke City.

**PHIL NEAL** (*Liverpool*)



Fullback. Age 32. Has missed only one of England's seven matches in 1982-83, giving him a total of 45 full Internationals, in which he has scored five goals (two this season). He hasn't missed a First Division match for Liverpool in the last seven seasons, a remarkable record of consistency. Manager Bob Paisley's first signing, from Northampton Town in 1974, Phil has featured in all of Liverpool's recent triumphs at home and in Europe.

**TREVOR FRANCIS** (*Sampdoria*)



Forward. Age 29. Britain's first £1 million player, now performing in the Italian First Division with Sampdoria, is one of the most dangerous strikers in Europe. He had a good World Cup in Spain, scoring against Czechoslovakia and Kuwait, and began the new International season with a brace of goals in Denmark which earned a 2-2 draw in Bobby Robson's first match as manager. Trevor now has 35 caps (11 goals) and has featured in three English clubs' forward lines — Birmingham City, Nottingham Forest and Manchester City — and commanded total transfer fees of almost £3 million.



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Ron Greenwood

Norman Fox, of The Times, put it succinctly when writing of the appointment, in December, 1977, of England's football manager: Ron Greenwood . . . was not always an obvious choice. In his 17 years as manager of West Ham United he was respected rather than known. By the time Greenwood vacated the most onerous job in English football, he was both known and respected. Twelve months into retirement, the same still applies.

Greenwood looks as Greenwood is — a kindly 61-year-old grandfather. But behind the benign facade of this pleasant English gentleman lies a wealth of knowledge accrued during a lifetime spent in football's most demanding arena.

It is a knowledge he has been sharing with Australians during the past few weeks, and which he brings to television viewers as a guest commentator on Channel 7 for the matches between Australia and England.

Retired Greenwood may be. But he is anything but retiring when he talks of football, a game in which he classifies simplicity as genius. "Soccer is a simple game. But it takes a lot of hard work to make it simple," he is fond of saying.

Born in Burnley, Lancashire, Greenwood moved to London with his family as a boy of 10. Apart from a spell at Bradford Park Avenue, he played most of his football within the bounds of London, at Chelsea, Brentford and Fulham.

A good centre half, he was regarded as an intelligent footballer and an ideal captain, representing England B and a number of FA XI's, and winning a championship medal with Chelsea in the 1954-55 season.

Greenwood was appointed assistant manager at Arsenal in 1958, and formed his link with West Ham in April, 1961 after coaching for the FA, Oxford University, Arsenal and the England under-23 team.

West Ham suited Greenwood's outlook. It had a tradition of fostering the talent within its own ranks. In spite of limited resources, West Ham under Greenwood tasted the champagne of success, clinching the FA Cup in 1964 and 1975, the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1965, the FA Youth Cup in 1963 and in America the International Soccer League.

Greenwood's ability was recognised by his appointment as a technical adviser to FIFA, the international governing body, for the 1966 and 1970 World Cups.

When Don Revie left for greener if sandier pastures in 1977, the FA turned to Greenwood as temporary England manager, for a friendly international against Switzerland and the World Cup qualifying matches against Luxembourg and Italy.

England failed to qualify for the 1978 World Cup. But a win over Italy at Wembley was sufficient to convince the FA they had found a good man, and converted Greenwood's status from temporary to permanent.

A two-year appointment stretched to four. But while Greenwood took his side into the World Cup finals in Spain last year, where they were unbeaten, England failed to get past the first round.

The affable manager, more comfortable in a tracksuit on the sideline planning moves than sitting in an office in a suit, had already announced his intention to retire to his home in Brighton.

He remains an adviser to the FA, and still manages to watch football as often as possible — perhaps with a less critical eye.

Greenwood is in Australia as a consultant. He has travelled extensively to lend Australian coaches the benefit of his experience, and he has passed on some useful hints about the visiting English team.

Having brought England to Australia for the Centenary match in 1980,

Greenwood is no stranger to these shores or to Soccer in this country.

There is potential here, he says, particularly amongst the youth of which he is a strong advocate.

But the pressures have been lifted from Greenwood's shoulders. "I have relaxed completely for the last year," he said. "I never enjoyed the publicity that went with the job as manager of England. I am a private person, and I have been able to enjoy my privacy."

But football has been Ron Greenwood's life, whether in the spotlight or out of it. We are only too happy to welcome his prompting from the wings.

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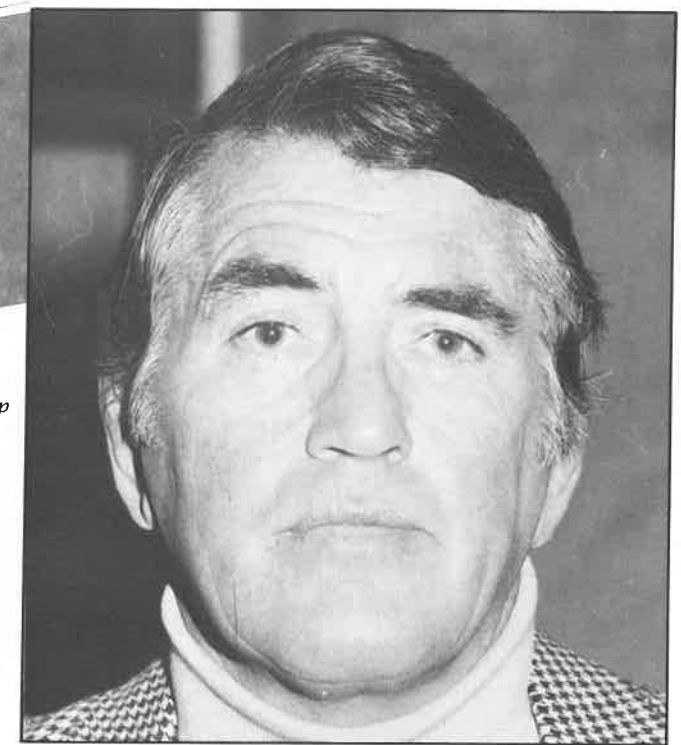


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CHANNEL 7



Rex Mossop



**Soccer made an historic breakthrough with the decision by the Seven Network to televise a minimum of eight international matches in Australia this year.**

The lack of exposure on commercial television — as distinct from Channel 0-28's coverage of the National League — has long been one of the major hindrances to the game's growth in this country. Television, probably more than any other medium, can turn previously obscure names into recognisable faces overnight.

In short, the box turns players into stars. And it is this star quality, perhaps above anything else, that attracts spectators to matches. One of the great anomalies of Soccer has been that, through television, British players are more familiar to Australians than Australian players. Just about everybody knows about Trevor Francis or Peter Shilton, but how many Australians could identify Marshall Soper or Terry Greedy?

The Seven Network's decision, then, to become associated with Soccer will be welcomed by all who love the game. Indeed, the importance of that association to the future of the round-ball code in this country cannot be over-emphasised.

Mr David Salter, the Executive Sport Producer of Channel 7 in Sydney, fully appreciates the vast, latent audience for Soccer in Australia. Says he: "I receive 10 times more mail on Soccer than any other sport." Not all of it is complimentary, of course. And although sports such as Rugby League and Australian Rules figure more highly in the ratings than Soccer does in 1983, the number of youngsters playing the game cannot be ignored by television stations. As Mr Salter says: "The youth movement is so strong."

But it is at the senior level that Soccer has failed to keep pace with the times. Mr Salter probably hits a raw nerve or two when he observes: "If there has historically been a problem it is that Soccer in Australia has not always been able to present a unified face."

However, now that Channel 7 has taken the plunge, as it were, by giving Soccer a go, officials and players alike have a rare chance to give the game a long-needed kickalong. It was unfortunate that the Socceroos lost to New Zealand in Melbourne in the first international covered by Channel 7 this year. Fickle Australian viewers like to see winners, especially when they are wearing the national colours.

But winning is not everything, of course. Australians also appreciate and applaud a team who, although possibly outclassed, go out and give it all they've got. And so the Socceroos have a wonderful opportunity to compensate for the New Zealand debacle when they take on mighty England. All three matches will be covered by the Channel 7 cameras; indeed, there will be seven cameras at each ground to

bring viewers the most comprehensive coverage of Soccer seen in this country. There will even be a "backpack" cameraman running up and down the sideline to provide a ground-level view of the action and to capture all the drama on the benches, when corners are taken, and so on.

The commentary team will comprise Rex Mossop, well known to Sydney television viewers, former Australian captain Johnny Warren, former England manager Ron Greenwood, and Garry Carr who will patrol the sidelines for interviews with Australian coach Frank Arok, England manager Bobby Robson, and other personalities. There will be three action-replay machines on hand to give viewers a frame by frame analysis of each incident.

Sydney's Channel 7 are taking their involvement so seriously that they sent director Phil Berry to Britain for 10 days last January to study the BBC's football methods. Berry, who raised Channel 7's Rugby League coverage to the level of excellence, is confident of achieving similar results with Soccer. "It's a lot easier to cover," he says, "because it's a low-scoring game." Berry will also have on hand a computer to provide instant read-outs of players' backgrounds and statistics, which will be flashed up on screen to supplement the action.

Under such a probing eye, the onus will be on the Socceroos to produce the brand of football that will entice viewers back for another look. And another look they will get in November during the four-team tournament involving Australia, Uruguay, Poland and Cameroon. This too will be covered by Channel 7.

But before that, Australian viewers are in for a treat when an international indoor Soccer series is televised from the Sydney Entertainment Centre from June 30 to July 3. This will feature players from Italy, Scotland, Red Star Belgrade, the United States and Australia. Many observers believe that indoor Soccer is essential if Australian Soccer players are to become fulltime professionals because it will allow them to earn a living all year round. Moreover, it is an ideal game for television, combining speed with skill, much like ice hockey or basketball.

David Salter foresees indoor Soccer becoming the game of the future in Australia. "We are very much looking forward to introducing the Australian public to indoor Soccer," he says.

Channel 7 could also extend their plans to include coverage of the National League, although the problems of regionalising the competition makes this unlikely in the near future. But, as Mr Salter says: "It's difficult to say what we might do. Channel 7 is convinced of the long-term value of Soccer on television."



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## OVERVIEW

**TOM HAMMOND,** sporting editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, takes a penetrating look at where Soccer is heading in Australia.



Australian Soccer, reputedly a slumbering giant, appears ready to awaken from a self-induced coma. That is my opinion after listening to Peter Sheean, the commercial director of the Australian Soccer Federation.

The articulate and persuasive Mr Sheean, a man seldom lost for a few thousand words — most of them making good sense — sees a buoyant future for Soccer in Australia.

A former marketing executive with David Holdings and the prime mover in the plan to build the Parramatta Stadium, Mr Sheean knows you cannot kid John Public. "From now on the Australian team will only be seen against quality opposition," Mr Sheean said.

"One of the tragedies of the past two years has been the lack of first class matches."

There is no argument about that, Australian Soccer fans could be forgiven for forgetting the national team over the past two years. Apart from the abortive World Cup campaign and a couple of "friendly" disasters against New Zealand in the interval, the Socceroos have been conspicuous by their absence and their performances. Indeed we have to go back to 1981 and the enterprising displays against England and Northern Ireland to find anything to cheer about.

Thankfully, Mr Sheean promises, that is about to change. Following the three-match series against England, the Socceroos will be seen and promoted regularly.

The four-nation tournament in November, featuring the powerful Polish team, the fiery, skilful Uruguayans, the colourful Cameroonians, and, of course, Australia, is just the start of a three-year plan to make the game more professional. Added to that ambitious schedule, the Australians will travel to Singapore to defend the Merlion Cup.

The format will be the same next season. A pedigreed national team, such as Brazil, West Germany or Italy, will make a tour in mid-winter. Then in November another

## Where is Soccer heading

four-nation tournament will be organised, again putting the accent on class opposition.

The youth team will not be forgotten. Unlike the present squad who have not been seen in their homeland — and I think that was the ASF's biggest blunder — the next group of young Socceroos will feature in their own tournament in Australia before competing in the 1985 World Youth Championship.

Hoorah.

Mr Sheean, a self confessed Rugby League follower, is first of all a sports fan.

"The Australian public fail to appreciate the magnificent performances of the youth team in recent months," Mr Sheean said.

"They are competing with more than 150 nations. Just to get to Mexico and the finals is a magnificent achievement."

"We boast about our other football codes — but what kind of opposition do they face?"

"The Australian Rugby League team is magnificent, but we are champions in a restricted code. VFL is even worse. Australia versus... who? Rugby Union and cricket haven't much to beat the drum about either. We only play against about half a dozen world class nations," Mr Sheean said as he warmed to the subject.

"Australia's part-time against players have to compete against teams from countries where football is a religion, a profession, a way of life or, in some cases, a matter of

state policy. Even some of the emerging nations have unlimited funds, like the petrodollared sheikdoms.

"We are a nation of just 15 million competing against countries like Brazil, with 100 million, and the Soviet Union. And remember, the Australian youth team were only beaten 1-0 by the Russian robots in the Havelange tournament."

After lumbering from one crisis to another over the past three seasons, Australian Soccer appears to have a planned future.

"We have to have a professional outlook and a professional team," Mr Sheean said.

"The new entertainment centres in Sydney and Melbourne will provide a springboard for a national indoor Soccer league where a completely new audience will become aware of the skills of the game and promote new heroes."

"It will also mean that players can earn an income when the bread and butter league season is over. It could even lead to full-time professionalism in the code," he said with a touch of enthusiasm.

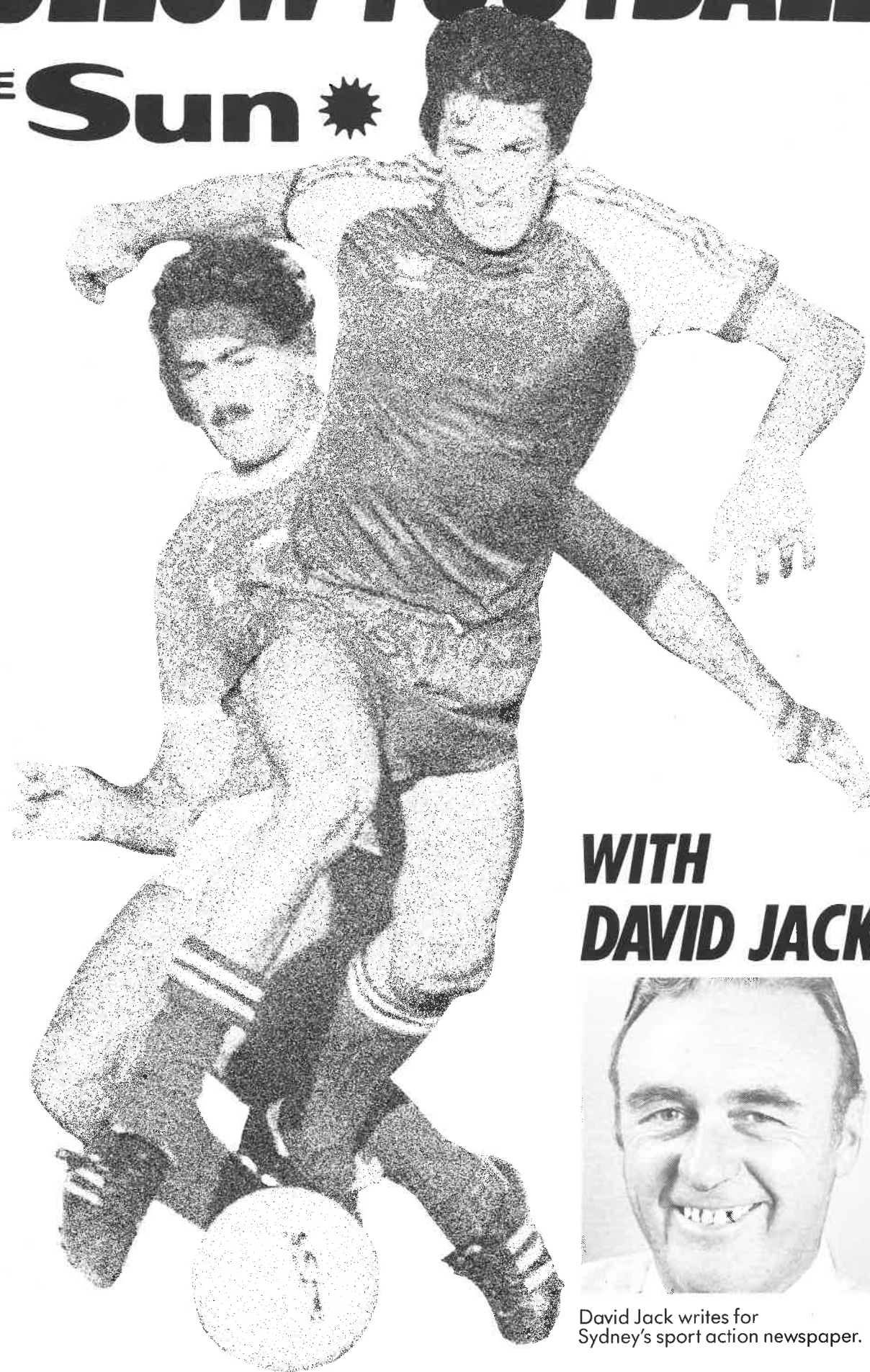
"But parallel with that, we have to make the National League more competitive and more marketable. All this would give the youngsters a goal and create a stepping stone for those hundreds of thousands of tiny tots who kick a ball around on a Saturday morning. That is the ultimate aim of the game."



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David Jack writes for  
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The first international  
football matches ever played

## ENGLAND

were those between England and Scotland in 1870. The series owed its beginning to the enterprise of Charles Alcock, then Honorary Secretary of The Football Association.

Alcock's letter, published in the "Sportsman", announced that a match between "the leading representatives of the Scotch and English sections" was to be played under the auspices of The Football Association and it invited players to submit their names for selection. The match was eventually played on 5th March 1870, at Kennington Oval in London, and resulted in a 1-1 draw. It had created such interest that another match was arranged to take place at the same venue later in the year.

A series of five England versus Scotland matches were played between 1870 and 1872, all at Kennington Oval, but none of them are now accorded official recognition as full internationals. The first of the series to be played in Scotland — at the ground of the West of Scotland Cricket Club at Partick, near Glasgow, on 30th November 1872 — is now accepted as being the first official international.

The first official international between any of the home countries and a foreign country was that between England and Austria, in Vienna on 6th June 1908. Two earlier games between England and a visiting German side in 1901 are not ranked as official.

England's first home defeat by a team from abroad took place in 1949 when the Republic of Ireland won 2-0 at Goodison Park, Liverpool. The first continental team to beat England at home were Hungary, 6-3 winners at Wembley in 1953.

Arsenal had seven players in the England team which played Italy in 1934 and Liverpool had seven in Ron Greenwood's first England team against Switzerland in 1977 — Clemence, Neal, McDermott, Hughes, Keegan, Kennedy and Callaghan.

The player with the most England caps is Bobby Moore who finished in 1973 with 108. Bobby Charlton won 106 caps and Jimmy Greaves is England's top marksman with 44 goals in 57 appearances. Billy Wright made 70 consecutive England line-ups, beginning against France in 1951 and ending against U.S.A. in 1959.

Up to and including 27th April England had played 576 Internationals, winning 339, drawing 122 and losing 115. 1451 goals have been scored and 664 conceded. In the 1982-83 season, under new manager Bobby Robson, England have beaten Greece (3-0), Luxembourg (9-0), Wales (2-1) and Hungary (2-0). They have drawn with Denmark (2-2) and Greece (0-0) and lost to West Germany (1-2).

The previous England managers have been Ron Greenwood (1977-82), Don Revie (1974-77), Joe Mercer (caretaker, 1974), Sir Alf Ramsay (1963-74) and Sir Walter Winterbottom (1946-63). England won the World Cup in 1966, when the Finals were played in England, defeating West Germany 4-2 in the Final. The England team was Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, Jack Charlton, Moore (captain), Ball, Hunt, Bobby Charlton, Hurst and Peters. England also reached the Quarter-Finals of the 1970 World Cup,

losing 3-2 to West Germany in Leon, Mexico  
after being two goals in front.



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 Linesman — A. Kibbler  
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 4th Official — D. Nugent



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**MELBOURNE**

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 Linesman — S. Zoumas  
 Linesman — L. Hemmes  
 4th Official — N. Okur

*Early Matches*

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**SYDNEY**  
 1.00 p.m.  
**SYDNEY OLYMPIC**

*versus*  
**MELITA EAGLES**

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**BRISBANE**

5.30 p.m.  
**TOWNSVILLE**

*versus*  
**BUNDABERG**

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**MELBOURNE**

1.00 p.m.  
**FOOTSCRAY**

*versus*  
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