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## WELCOME TO DUNDEE



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# FEATURE PAGE - COACHES' CLINIC A BIG SUCCESS AGAIN

## ROTHMANS NATIONAL SPORTS FOUNDATION COACHING CLINIC UNDER QUEENSLAND SOCCER COACHES FEDERATION By Matt Carson

The past two weeks have seen us just complete our 2nd Annual Soccer Camp on Queensland's Fabulous Gold Coast. 140 boys from all over the state attended our clinic and spent what I consider the most instructive coaching these boys have ever had.

We never cease to be amazed at the natural talents of some of these boys and their thirst for knowledge.

We are concerned that they are being denied the type of coaching they deserve. I'll come straight out and blame the parents of these boys for putting up with the coaches that some clubs are allowing to bring on their future Senior Players. I might add this includes my own club, but I'm planning to overcome this.

This year a big percentage of boys came from country centres: i.e. Townsville, Maryborough, Mackay, Gympie, and Beaudesert.

In Camp I the Coaches Federation decided that the 2 best boys over the week would be our Guests and have their expenses refunded. The qualifications we looked for were Behaviour, Knowledge, Skill and General Attitude to this sort of environment and not to the Best Soccer Player although these boys had skill.

Camp I Winners - C. Memonson (Merton-East), M. Halliday (South Utd.). Camp 2 Winners - D. Sergeant (Acacia Ridge), P. Crane (Idalla Rovers, Townsville).

We had a few rough days with the weather but we overcame this with

Lectures, Quiz Games, Panel Games etc. The coaches reports to all parents will be sent out as soon as we have finalised them.

My many thanks to all those Clubs, parents and the boys themselves for again making this a most memorable experience. To the staff coaches who worked really hard. F. Robins - St. Helens, T. Lowndes - Oxley, F. Kingshott - Mt. Gravatt, B. Ahearn - Coalstars, B. Millis - Primary Schools.

To Rothmans National Sports Foundation, without whose help we couldn't have functioned, our grateful thanks.

May we see you all again some time next year.

Matt Carson, Director of Coaching, Queensland Soccer Coaches Federation.

### QUEENSLAND SOCCER COACHES FEDERATION

THE NEXT MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 22nd MAY, 1972 AT PERRY PARK COMMENCING AT 7.30 p.m. ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND.

Mr. Sam Morgan who represented the Q.S.C.F. had the great honour and privilege of turning on the lights at Pine Rivers new ground, The Wendy Allison Park last Saturday the 12th May, 1972. Mr. Bob Millis from the Brisbane State Primary Schools Soccer Association was also present.



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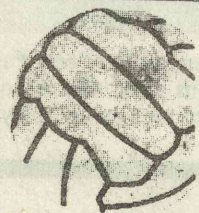
### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"They play it a lot tougher up here. There's more physical contact". - Billy Donaldson.

"What am I supposed to have done now?" - John Dann to Vince Dobinson.



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# BRISBANE JUNIOR SOCCER

## NEW SOUTH WALES TOUR

Fifty-seven boys and four officials arrived home by air last Saturday tired but triumphant after a hectic but successful visit to Granville and Bankstown Associations in Sydney.

All teams were successful and the value of pre-tour matches and trials was adequately illustrated.

The under 12, 14 and 15 teams won the Wally Hall trophy, which was presented by Mr. Hall, Managing Director of Action Insulation, Sydney, for competition twice yearly between Bankstown United Association of Soccer clubs and the B.J.S.A.

Team captains Teddy Thomas (under 15), Billy Fisher (under 14) and Mark Aponas (under 12) proudly carried the trophy off the plane with other members of the successful teams.

The under 11 team was hosted by Granville District Soccer Association and played against other Sydney Association representative teams.

They also brought home a trophy to mark their excellent performances and Captain Martin Harrison also had the honour of proudly leading his boys off the plane.

In all, the four teams played 21 matches during the week for 15 wins, three draws and three losses, surely the most successful tour ever undertaken on such a big scale by the B.J.S.A.

The under 11's were undefeated in five matches, beating Manly-Waringah (under 11 rep.) 5-1 and Sutherland (under 11 rep.) 6-3.

Their fifth match was drawn 2-2 against Gladesville under 11 representative side.

The under 12 team had only one loss in five matches, going down 2-3 to an under 12 Gladesville rep. side.

Their victories were 4-1 (Greenacres under 13), 3-0 and 5-0 (Bankstown

under 12 rep.) and 1-0 (Padstow Park under 11).

Greenacres, who they downed comfortably is the leading side in the Bankstown Association.

The under 14 team was the most successful, stringing together five wins and a draw from six matches.

They downed the Bankstown under 14 representative side three times - 5-1, 2-1 and 2-1, defeated Bankstown under 13 2-0 and beat Gladesville under 14 4-0.

The draw (1-1) was against Basshill R.S.L. under 14, a local club team.

Finally, the under 15's returned with a record of two wins, two losses and one draw from five matches.

The wins were against Bankstown Sports under 14 (5-1) and Gladesville under 15 rep. team 2-0, while the 1-1 draw was played with Bankstown under 15 rep. team.

The latter gained some revenge for the local sides by winning the return match 3-1 while the visitors also went down 1-5 to Yagoona under 15 club side.

All those on tour who had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Eric Drury will have a chance to return the compliment this week-end.

Mr. Drury, who is secretary of the New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation and secretary of the Bankstown United Association of Soccer clubs, will be at Perry Park on Sunday.

He will be travelling with the N.S.W. under 16 team, which will play a curtain-raiser before Queensland's match against Dundee.

On behalf of this Association, many thanks to you and your Association members for your generous hospitality and we hope that your stay (although too short) will be a pleasant one.

### FIRST DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	AGGREGATE																
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Hellenic	Thistle	Azzurri	Bardon	Hollandia	St. Helens	Merton	Coalstars	Polonia	Oxley
7	5	1	1	21	12	11											
7	5	-	2	21	7	10											
7	5	-	2	16	10	10											
6	4	-	2	11	8	8											
7	3	1	3	18	15	7											
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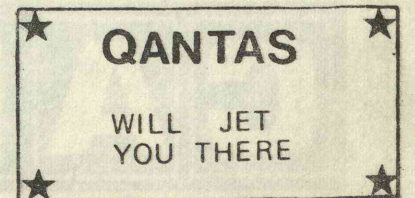
	HOME																
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Hellenic	Thistle	Azzurri	Bardon	Hollandia	St. Helens	Merton	Coalstars	Polonia	Oxley
3	3	-	-	13	4	6											
3	3	-	-	10	2	6											
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3	1	-	2	7	7	2											
4	1	2	1	7	10	4											
3	1	1	1	8	8	3											
3	-	2	1	3	7	2											
4	-	1	3	3	8	1											
4	-	1	3	6	13	1											

	AWAY																
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Hellenic	Thistle	Azzurri	Bardon	Hollandia	St. Helens	Merton	Coalstars	Polonia	Oxley
4	2	1	1	8	8	5											
4	2	-	2	11	5	4											
3	2	-	1	4	4	4											
3	2	-	1	8	5	4											
4	2	1	1	11	8	5											
3	1	-	2	8	15	2											
4	-	2	2	5	8	2											
4	1	1	2	7	9	3											
2	-	2	-	3	3	2											
3	1	-	2	3	7	2											

### NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday, May 27 - Polonia v. Merton (Perry Park), Oxley v. Azzurri (Dunlop Park).

Sunday, May 28 - Hellenic v. Coalstars (Perry Park), Thistle v. Hollandia (Lanham Park), St. Helens v. Bardon (Ebbw Vale).



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# REFEREES' CORNER

Reply to an Open Letter from Mr. Jacques Ferran by Sir Stanley Rous C.B.E., President of FIFA.

## "CORRECTION NOT TO THE LAWS BUT TO THEIR INTERPRETATION"

(The subtitles of Sir Stanley's reply are composed by 'L'Equipe)

In reply to your open letter addressed to me in the columns of 'L'Equipe, I would like to state, as a former international referee, a football administrator and magistrate, that I think the punishment should fit the crime, and I am reminded of a verse from the Gilbert & Sullivan opera, "The Mikado", which runs as follows:

My object all divine  
I shall achieve in time  
To let the punishment fit the crime -  
The punishment fit the crime!  
I sympathise with the sentiments, but must remind you and your readers that the laws of the game or competition should not be varied if the exact punishment is not fitting.

### Sole Judge of the Facts

There are two kinds of infringements in a football game which should be punished: the intentional or deliberate

breach of a Law, and play which is dangerous to opponents. For the rest, the referee uses the discretion which is allowed to him under Law V and Law XII, where his powers are set out in the widest terms and qualified only by the phrase, "If, in the opinion of the referee". It is made clear in Law V that the referee is sole judge of the facts.

Football falls into two categories: throughout the world: amateur and professional. Broadly speaking, amateur football is played as a leisure-time activity - that is, for fun. The professional games are entertainment and staged to attract the public. Some senior amateur games also aim to do this, but where this is the case, the public will only support the game if the laws are kept and are the same in every country and at every level. What is more spectators expect players to play according to the laws as THEY understand them from whichever country the players come.

Millions of boys and young people all over the world are learning every day

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to play association football. One set of laws must set the pattern of play, otherwise they cannot play competition matches nor can referees be appointed to control the games.

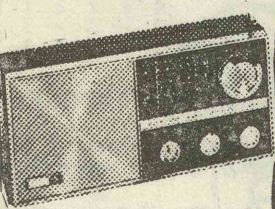
There are some players who will always offend against the spirit of the laws and the spirit of the game. Who will do anything to prevent a goal being scored against their own side. They will handle a ball to prevent a certain goal when the goalkeeper is beaten because the resulting penalty may not result in a goal. Such players lose more than the goal; they lose their self respect. The "cheat" seldom prospers in a game for long, any more than he does in other walks of life.

### The Possibilities of the Advantage Law

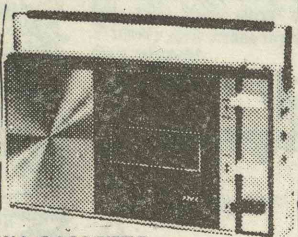
The makers and "keepers" of the Laws - the International Board - have tried to help referees award appropriate punishment against wrong doers by authorising them to apply the "so-called" advantage law, so that even when an offence is committed, but it is to the advantage of the non-offending side for play to continue, the referee may use his discretion. But it is here that inconsistencies occur in the application of the laws. Some referees will apply an "advantage" when there is none, and when firm disciplinary action should be taken.

# Make your goal-family fun

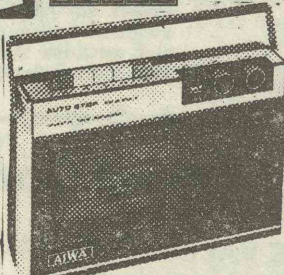
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Gap	7	4	1	2	12	9	9
Mitchelton	6	3	2	1	19	8	8
Annerley	7	3	2	2	12	15	8
Mt. Gravatt	5	3	1	1	7	2	7
Budapest	7	3	1	3	15	19	7
Taringa	5	3			2	18	6
Wynnum	5	2	1	2	11	8	5
Newmarket	5	1	3	1	11	12	5
Souths	6	2	1	3	10	16	5
Merton	6	2		4	6	11	4
Germania	6	1	2	3	10	13	4
Hellenic	5	1		4	5	14	2

2B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bardon	7	6		1	31	10	12
Redcliffe	7	6		1	21	10	12
Gold Coast	5	4		1	24	7	8
Redlands	6	4		2	18	18	8
Coalstars	6	3	1	2	28	15	7
University	6	3	1	2	15	17	7
Azzurri	6	3	1	2	15	18	7
Thistle	5	3		2	18	12	6
Polonia	5		1	4	3	21	1
Merton	5			5	11	26	0
Dnipro	5			5	8	21	0
Hollandia	5			5	4	21	0

2C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxley	7	6		1	22	7	12
Olympic	6	5	1		23	14	11
Annerley	7	4	2	1	24	16	10
Germania	6	3	3		15	7	9
Wynnum	6	4		2	17	6	8
Mitchelton	7	3	2	2	25	16	8
Fairfield	6	3	1	2	28	13	7
Gap	7	2	3	2	18	11	7
Taringa	7	1	1	5	15	17	3
Bardon	6	1		5	9	26	2
St. Helens	6		1	5	13	27	1
Budapest	7			7	13	62	0

3A DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	7	5	1	1	22	6	11
North Star	6	5		1	14	7	10
Redcliffe	7	4	1	2	17	11	9
Park Rangers	7	4	1	2	18	18	9
Dnipro	6	4		2	15	11	8
Souths	7	4		3	15	15	8
Pine Rivers	7	3	1	3	18	14	7
Toowong	6	3		3	15	14	6
Annerley	6	2		4	13	17	4
Thistle	6	1	1	4	9	14	3
Newmarket	6	1	1	4	9	16	3
Gap	7			7	3	25	0

3B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	7	6		1	29	3	12
Darra	7	6		1	34	7	12
University	7	6		1	21	9	12
Booval	7	6		1	26	14	12
Brighton	7	4	1	2	37	14	9
Mt. Gravatt	7	3	1	3	18	13	7
Valley	6	3		3	18	11	6
Redlands	7	3		4	15	26	6
Taringa	7	2		5	5	28	4
Toowong	6	1		5	7	35	2
Annerley	7			7	4	54	0

3C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Farm	7	7			36	2	14
Irish	7	6		1	35	6	12
Gold Coast	6	4	1	1	10	6	9
Budapest	5	4		1	15	14	8
North Star	6	3	1	2	18	17	7
University	5	3		2	23	14	6
Mitchelton	7	3		4	24	19	6
Nerang	5	2		3	6	10	4
Fairfield	6	2		4	16	34	4

Park Rangers	7	1		6	11	45	2
Kedron Teach.	5			5	8	30	0
Mt. Gravatt	6			6	1	6	0
4th DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wacol	7	7			48	11	14
Army	7	5		2	50	12	10
Logan	7	5		2	30	10	10
St. Michaels	7	5		2	19	9	10
New Farm	6	4		2	23	12	8
Irish	7	4		3	11	8	8
Pine Rivers	7	3		4	13	25	6
M.G. Teachers	6	1	2	3	16	15	4
Newmarket	7	1	1	5	31	36	3
Toowong	6	1	1	4	7	38	3
North Star	4	1		3	8	25	2
Nerang	7			7	3	58	0
COLTS DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	7	7			51	5	14

Hollandia	5	4	1		26	4	9
Mt. Gravatt	7	4	1	2	19	9	9
Oxley	7	4	1	2	19	22	9
Germania	6	3	2	1	22	7	8
Annerley	5	4		1	18	8	8
Pine Rivers	7	3		4	17	31	6
Logan	6	2	1	3	15	10	5
Souths	6	2	1	3	11	19	5
Wynnum	6	2	1	3	18	22	5
Mitchelton	6	2	1	3	15	22	5
Azzurri	6	1	1	4	9	16	3
Thistle	6			6	4	27	0
Darra	6			6	6	48	0

# Queensland (maroon shirt, white shorts, maroon socks)

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## QLD. SQUAD.

Mark Walker (Hollandia)  
 Martin Coe (Bardon)  
 Gary Wilkins (Hollandia)  
 Gary Clifford (Azzurri)  
 Peter Nielsen (Azzurri)  
 Geoff Gault (Bardon)  
 Alex Senjuschenko (Merton)  
 Chas Matters (Hellenic)  
 John Hudson (Bardon)  
 Tony Murtagh (Hellenic)  
 Eddie Carrigan (Bardon)  
 Billy Fagan (Hellenic)  
 Charlie Dench (Azzurri)  
 Kevin Caldwell (Coalstars)  
 Jim Ancliffe (Thistle)  
 Willy Connors (Azzurri)

COACH - George Pagan  
 TEAM MANAGER - Cliff McClurg

## DUNDEE

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## DUNDEE SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS - Mike Hewitt  
 Tom Allan

DEFENDERS - Bobby Wilson  
 Dave Johnston  
 George Stewart  
 Ian Phillip  
 Doug Houston  
 Bobby Ford  
 Robert Robinson

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 Gordon Wallace  
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# Dundee (dark blue shirt with white collar, white shorts)

## DUNDEE VERSUS QUEENSLAND

By Bob Buchanan

With the news from the south telling us that Dundee play an open fast attacking game, all supporters will be looking for an entertaining match today.

Admittedly Queensland will be underdogs, but if they are allowed to take chances early on, it could be quite interesting.

They will be given opportunities, no worries about this, as true to Scottish tradition, the "Dens Parkers" will play the game open, therefore mistakes can happen, and if our strikers do the job they are picked for, then anything can happen.

Although we don't hear much of this Scottish side, take it from me, they cannot be taken lightly, as they have a wonderful record in European soccer, in fact in 1963 they were beaten in the semi final of the European Cup by A.C. Milan who were the eventual winners.

They have beaten such great sides as Anderlecht who played Real Madrid in that fantastic final in Glasgow, Lisbon F.C., Liege, F.C. A.B. Copenhagen to name a few, in fact they are unbeaten at home in any European Cup game that they have played.

Dave White, the manager, is a very shrewd man and is greatly respected, with Coach, Harold "Iron Man" Davis, Dundee have the perfect combination.

Last week they beat Victoria 4-2 and already the scribes are picking Dave Johnston and Jocky Scott as players to watch.

The side has numerous players who have gained "under" 23 caps and three of them are reputed to be destined for higher honours. They are Goalkeeper Mike Hewitt, 22, Ian Phillip, 20, and Winger Duncan Lambie who is only 19.

What of Queensland? Well, if enthusiasm was to win matches, they would win hands down. Everyone in the squad is really keen to do well.

Our keepers - we have two of the best with Mark Walker probably getting the nod, but I hope George Pagan gives Martin Coe a chance to prove himself at least for half a game.

Chas. Matters must get a game after last week, he had a blinder. Gary Wilkins is steady as are John Hudson, Alex Senjuschenko, Gary Clifford and Geoff Gault, leading them is Peter Neilson who never plays a bad game.

With Tony Murtagh, should be Eddie Carrigan, probably the player with the best knowledge of Scottish Soccer at this standard.

Our front rank, who everyone expects to score goals will come from Jim Ancliffe, Charlie Dench, Billy Fagan, Kevin Caldwell and Willie Connors.

Let's be honest. They will have their hardest match for a long time and there will be no quarter given, especially if Queensland get ahead.

It will be entertaining, it will be fast, with Queensland trying their best to give our soccer a boost, with a good performance against this touring side.

Dundee must win, as they are a full time professional side, with experience and plenty of youthful talent. They are efficient and place the emphasis on playing good soccer to achieve the right result.

Let's hope for an entertaining game with both sides going for goals, and playing hard. I know Dundee will, and I think Queensland can. See you there!

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# Dundee Ben Pictures

**MIKE HEWITT** — Goalkeeper (22) Signed from Queens Park in 1970. Came into first team at start of this season and has already received honours at under 23 level.

**THOMAS ALLAN** — Goalkeeper (25) Signed from Hibernian at start of this season. Only the brilliance of Hewitt has kept him out of the first team.

**BOBBY WILSON** — Fullback (28) A very speedy quick-tackling fullback who was signed from Cowdenbeath in 1966. One of the modern attacking backs who likes to come through on the overlap. Scottish League Cup in 1968.

**DAVE JOHNSTON** — Fullback (23) A big powerful player signed from an Aberdeen junior club in 1967. Like his partner Wilson likes to overlap. Very good shot and has scored many goals from free kicks outside the penalty box.

**GEORGE STEWART** — Halfback (27) Signed from Tynecastle Boys Club in 1964. Tall, powerful tackler with a good turn of speed.

**IAN PHILLIP** — Halfback (20) Signed from local juniors club in 1969. A cultured player always trying to initiate attack. Has received under 23 and Scottish League honours this season.

**DOUG HOUSTON** — Halfback (28) Joined Dundee in 1962 from Queens Park after a successful amateur international career. Has been team captain for last three years.

**BOBBY FORD** — Halfback (22) Signed from Falkirk this season. Aggressive hard-tackling player who doesn't know when he's beaten.

**ROBERT ROBINSON** — Halfback (20) Signed from Falkirk last season. A clever player who has shown tremendous promise throughout the season.

**JOHN DUNCAN** — Forward (22) Local player signed in 1966. A strong running player always on the lookout for a goal. Nicknamed "Gillie" for his strength in the air.

**JOCK SCOTT** — Forward (23) A very dangerous sharp-shooting opponent. Signed from Chelsea in 1964. Capped against Russia last season during which he was an outstanding success.

**GORDON WALLACE** — Forward (28) Signed from Raith Rovers in 1969 and has rarely missed a game since. In 1968 was Scotland's leading goalscorer and was named player of the year.

**DUNCAN LAMBIE** — Forward (19) Has shown great promise since signing from Armadale Thistle last season. Has received under 23 honours this season.

**JIMMY WILSON** — Forward (29) A skilful dangerous winger who previously played for Newcastle, Morton, Aberdeen and Motherwell.

**IAN SCOTT** — Forward (25) Signed from local rivals Dundee United last season. Hard working player with a fair turn of speed.

## DUNCAN LAMBIE

One of the Dundee goalscorers against Victoria.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Once again I would like to draw attention to the subject of referees. I don't wish to complain about anything in particular but I feel that many referees' attitude to the game has much to be desired.

It was said recently by a prominent Brisbane referee that, "Referees are individuals." This is all right if they also have individual sets of rules for each game. But the fact is they don't, they each have the same sets of rules to enforce.

A referee has no right to interpret the rules his own way. This I feel is one of the reasons of inconsistency. What one referee would call perfectly legal, another referee would stop the game and declare a foul. There are far too many interruptions in a game. This is such a thing as advantage play.

We the soccer public criticize because we are interested enough in our game and want to see it become the most popular in the country. When you think of it, we the supporters, can make or break the game, so how about taking a

little heed of our criticisms. What is being done to improve refereeing standards? If we, the public, were given some answers we might keep quiet, but until that time we go on complaining.

I think that too many referees brush off their unexcusable errors by saying, "Oh, but we're only human." Fair enough, but once they set foot on the field, they become "Gods of the Game" having supreme decisions over all. No mere mortal player dare go against his decisions, be they good or bad. Let's face it, who protects players from referees?

Another fact I find ludicrous is that players are fined for having socks rolled down during a game being televised. Because of a TV camera must soccer become false, something marred by progress. People who can't go to games watch them on TV, not because they think they are missing out on the latest field fashions, they watch it because they want to see their club playing good fast football that they would have otherwise missed if not for TV. Anybody watching soccer for the first time would

think that soccer was a game of softies if they knew that players weren't allowed to have their socks down, even though whilst running socks sometimes tend to slip down.

It seems as though we're more impressed by neat players than ones playing quick fast-tackling football.

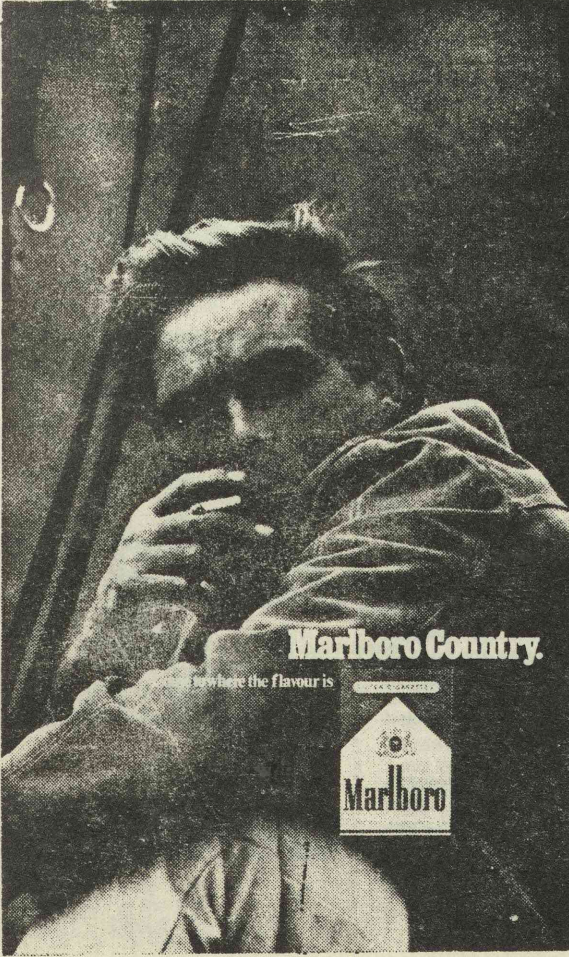
Until I am given a feasible explanation for this I fail to see its importance. Wake up and stop taking away players money, earned by sweat and football ability because of its resultant, rolled down socks.

KAREN GREGA  
Azzurri Fan.

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But a referee cannot be wrong if he acts according to the Law. He may unwittingly punish a team if he gives an advantage which proves not to be one.

He should, however, not allow the offending player to go unwarned if the offence was a gross one, even if he has allowed an advantage - and if the player persists in this type of offences, then the referee has the power in his hands to dismiss the offending player from the field of play. This is a power which some referees tend not to use as firmly as they should. It is my view, therefore, that the laws, in this respect, provide the referee with the power to punish, and he should use it on occasion more than he does.

There are many would-be reformers in the world of football, and most of them are sincere in their desire to achieve reform. The authorities are not deaf to their suggestions. This is evidenced by experiments which have been tried in recent years to improve the off-side law; but at the present these changes have not produced conclusive evidence to warrant a change in the present law. Such experiments, in my view, should be carried out by all the teams in one league or tournament for a period of six months, in order for them to be properly studied, understood and assessed by players, referees and administrators.

The Game has developed more than the Laws

The game has changed considerably in the last twenty years without the laws being much altered. Two substitutes have been allowed; goalkeepers are more protected by instructions from those responsible for the administration of various competitions - possibly too much in my own view. They can now take four steps while holding the ball instead of two; they are seldom challenged in possession, even when a challenge would be fair according to the laws; a foot must not be raised against them even when, with the advantage of using their hands as well as their feet, they are in possession of the ball, where the laws would allow such action against other players in similar circumstances in the field; they are expected by law to put the ball quickly into play even if their own players are not in position to receive it to attack or to clear their lines. Some of these changes have led to time-wasting and other tactics which do not benefit the modern game.

Over the years it has been found that an alteration in the laws caused a change in the style of play and other laws had to be altered in turn or explanatory decisions and rulings have had to be added to those already in the Universal Guide to Referees. If the International Board makes a change in the laws it needs three to four seasons before all concerned in every part of the world are aware of its full implications and all the necessary rule books are latered. It is necessary therefore, to think long and hard, and to

look as far forward as possible, before making such changes official.

The worst fouls, which sometimes lead to the most unpleasant incidents, are not the obvious ones, but the "hidden fouls" as the Germans call them. These fouls, if they go undetected, and therefore unpunished, are of the kind which arouse the resentment of the opposing team and lead to retaliation and loss of control and which create the incidents which can bring the game into bad repute. It takes a very experienced referee, with wide understanding of the game, to detect them.

I am not against Modifications

I was responsible for the Laws of the Game in their present form and "invented" the diagonal system of control which has been adopted throughout the world, but I am not against change if it is progressive and beneficial change. I have suggested or agreed with my colleagues to put forward the substitute change, and am at present working on a publication to show how the laws of the game have developed and been changed throughout the years, with their implications for the game during that time.

I would also like to see the "two referee" system introduced as an experiment in one championship or tournament, even though I know that in the early days of the game, a "two-referee" system was used for a period, before being abandoned in favour of one referee and two-linesmen.

There was a time, early in the history of the game, in England, when the referee was not allowed on the field of play at all. It might be that in the modern context such an experimnt would show that a reduction in officials was possible, and that fewer mistakes would be made, where the referee was only responsible for one half of the field. They would be better able to keep up with play and exercise a closer watch on tackses, charges, off-side and goal mouth incidents. But there would be difficulties, which no one should make light of, and some of which I can foresee. However, it might be an answer and I, for one, would not want to dismiss it without some trial.

Reference has been made to the different forms of Rugby Football; I would remind you that although, as you rightly state, there are different forms of the game - Rugby Union, Rugby League American Rugby - each of them has a set of laws or rules which every club and player must obey. The laws are not differently applied within their organisation or code, even though there are differences between the organisations and codes.

The Reforms which you suggest

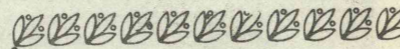
The suggested reforms in your letter have all been examined time and time again and may eventually result in changes in the laws. We should all pause a moment, however, and think of the protests from the players if a referee were permitted to award a penalty goal or a

penalty for an intentional foul committed anywhere in the field. Consider also the difficulties of the referees, who would differ in their application of such a law. There would always be disputes about interpretation over what was deliberate, or rough or unintentional and accidental.

I have thought that an extension of the penalty area might be worth some experimental exploration, because the worst of the fouls your letter was concerned with are committed in an area some 30 yards from the goal line.

I am not in favour of temporary expulsion. Laws are intended to apply to all football, whether played in a grand stadium or on playing fields in a park or recreation ground, where they may be no cover at all. My objections are practical ones: Who would be responsible if the suspended player were sent off for 10 or 15 minutes, and, wet and cold after exertion, and possibly muddy, then caught pneumonia? Where would he spend his time of suspension - amongst possibly hostile spectators? Who would be responsible for watching over him and timing his suspension?

The Laws of the Game do not want altering - the application by players does. The "clean-up" in many countries this season is having good effects and this should be progressively good for the game. The rough and tough player is being punished; the skilful players are enjoying greater freedom to display their qualities. In the end there is no substitute for skill!

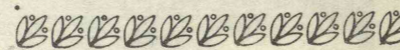


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RANGERS' GOOD WIN

Despite a muddy field Park Rangers had a good hard match in the 3A Division last week-end before winning 5-2 over Toowong.

Right winger Theodoridis scored the first goal after 25 minutes and centre forward Devitti made it 2-0 for Rangers six minutes later.

Toowong's first goal came from the penalty spot, scored by Williams, but Devitti put Rangers well on top when he scored three more goals in the second half.

Toowong's only answer in the second half was a goal scored by Kenyan Kweifio-Okai. Devitti was easily Rangers' best player, well supported by his goalkeeper Nocerino.

Williams and Verlander worked well in attack for Toowong while K. Proudlove and A. Hilton were the pick of the defenders.

Toowong probably would have done better by following Rangers' lead and using the long ball down the middle in the conditions.



GAP DOWN AGAIN

Early 2A Division premiership favourites the Gap were shot to pieces by three goals in the first 15 minutes against Taringa last week-end

The Gap tried hard to get back into the match but were met with stubborn resistance from Taringa, particularly their goalkeeper.

The Gap's lone goal was a penalty by Alan Green after Warren Best had been fouled. Gap officials had high praise for referee John Gale after the game.

The Gap's 2C team downed Taringa 3-0 in an entertaining match to complete a winning sequence of five matches.

Despite a game display by the Gap's 3A Division goalkeeper the side lost 1-0 to North Star in a hard fought and willing tussle.

A FEW STILL UNBEATEN

At this stage of the season there are still a number of teams yet to suffer their first defeat.

Olympic in division 2C, while only second on the table have yet to taste defeat for the first time, but they have a match in hand in trailing the leaders Oxley United by one point.

Germany also in that division are unbeaten with three wins and three draws from six matches, but at present are lying in fourth position.

New Farm, leaders in division 3C are probably the most impressive. They have yet to concede even one point and have a remarkable goal average of 36-2.

Team officials are confident of a premiership victory, although traditional rivals. Old. Irish, who are only two points

behind, look to be the main dangers.

Wacol also have a perfect record at the top of the 4th division with a goal average of 48-11 for their 14 points. The big guns from the Army team are firing well as their 50 goals from seven matches makes them the Federation's second highest goalscoring team at this stage.

The honour goes to St. Helens Colts team, who have scored 51 goals and conceded only five to be undefeated to naturally lead the Colts table.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The Prodigal Son (Ian Johnston) has returned". - Bob Buchanan.

"What do you have to say about Oxley now (leading 2-1)" - Irate Oxley supporter. Footnote: (they lost 2-4)

"We play the best Soccer so we must win everything". - Eddie Carrigan.

"Why don't you amalgamate with Coalstars?" - Jim Binnie to Fred Butcher.

"What! and kill football in Ipswich altogether" - Fred Butcher to Jim Binnie.

"Not bad is he. Wait until he becomes acclimatised" - Bob Broadbent talking about Billy Donaldson

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