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TWO of the men forming the Queensland rearguard against New South Wales today are the Brisbane Lions teammates Jim Hermiston and his goalkeeper Nigel Lownds.

**Queensland v New South Wales**

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## QUEENSLAND PEN PICTURES

**NIGEL LOWNDS** — Goalkeeper. CAME to Australia from England at the start of this season to join Brisbane Lions in their Philips League campaign. Knocked back some good professional offers in his home country and now that he's decided on Australia and is only in his early twenties, Lownds wants to try for the next World Cup in the green and gold.

**STEVE PERRY** — Defender. THIS versatile player came to Brisbane City from Western Suburbs this year and played his early football with Sutherland. He can play anywhere in the backline and rates as one of the best valued imports ever to come to Queensland. Australian born. In tremendous form with Brisbane City and a real chance of a World Cup berth for Australia.

**JIM HERMISTON** — Defender. NEEDS no introduction to people outside the code such is his talent and impact made on the local scene when he signed with Grange Thistle in 1977. Played on loan with City in the League before switching to Lions this year for record transfer fee. The former Aberdeen star also wants to play for Australia in the World Cup.

**COL BENNETT** — Defender. NICKNAMED "Desperate Dan" by his teammates because of his fearless approach, this big centre half has been a regular figure in the national side for the past few seasons and has some 25 caps to his credit. Signed from Sydney's Apia when Lions began in the PSL, Bennett today continues his "stopper" role alongside Hermiston to maintain one of the best centre back combinations in the PSL.

**ALAN NIVEN** — Defender. ANOTHER of the big Lions contingent in this Queensland side. The consistent Niven has been with Lions for some time, even before the PSL began and has decided to make Australia his permanent home. Great news for Queensland football as he is still in early twenties and can play either at left fullback or in the midfield with equal distinction.

**STEVE AMOS** — Midfielder. JOINED Lions this year from West Adelaide, where he played most of last season as a fullback. But in the latter part of the season, this dynamic player has been making a midfield spot in the Lions side virtually a permanent one for himself with some very consistent performances. He will be remembered for a long time after his brilliant equalising goal last weekend against Fitzroy United.

**GEORGE POTTER** — Midfielder or Defender.

ONE of the most versatile players in Australia this former English professional has played for Lions as a sweeper, fullback and midfielder, with the latter his job for the State today, such is the quality of defenders at Denis Ford's disposal. Reads the game perfectly and will be a key figure in directing Queensland's advances in the middle of the park against men like Peter Stone and Murray Barnes.

**LARRY GAFFNEY** — Midfielder. ONE of the outstanding players on a consistent level for Brisbane City in the PSL and obviously played a major role in last season's Philips Cup success. The overall form of City this year has probably not helped him but Gaffney proved against Dundee he is a great big match player. Formerly from Wollongong, he was another of City's bargain buys for the League and his chief asset is his determination, whether attacking or defending.

**STEVE DOLAN** — Midfielder or winger. USUALLY plays in the midfield for his club Grange Thistle and is the only non Philips League player in the Queensland starting line-up. That is of little consequence as Steve has been a Queensland regular for many seasons and has toured overseas with an Australian under-23 team. A thrilling player on the ball and again is sure to have the crowd responding with his skill on the right wing today. His battle with Paul Degney should be an unforgettable one.

**BARRIE FAIRBROTHER** — Striker. IT would be hard to imagine this player in any role other than a dyed in the wool centre forward. The former professional with Milwall and Orient in England came to Australia last year to play with Mooroolbark in the Philips League before he was signed by Lions this season. Those who know their football can appreciate the amount of work and value to his side this player is with his constant foraging and niggling at the opposition centre backs a role he has excelled in for Lions in the latter part of the season. One of today's key players.

**BARRY KELSO** — Striker. HAS only been playing in the PSL for a short time with Brisbane City after coming from first division Redlands but this strong youngster has a big future in the game. He has certainly justified the faith of several people including Denis Ford. He has already proved he can hold his own in any company and today will be making

his fourth appearance for the State. His aggression, pace and tremendous shooting power will be of great assistance to the contrasting styles of Fairbrother and Dolan up front.

**ALAN MARLEY** — Striker. THE presence of this man in the reserves highlights the strength of the Queensland team. Made a long overdue entry to the PSL this year when he joined City on loan from St. George and the former New Zealand World Cup player has so far been his club's leading goalscorer in that competition. His style of football is very similar to that of Fairbrother, in that he warrants enough attention to create openings for his teammates up front.

**JOHN PATTERSON** — Midfielder or Striker.

PLAYS with Grange Thistle in the first division and this Scot is one of the most aggressive and productive players in Queensland. Has represented Queensland

previously against Australia last season and has been a regular goalscorer for Thistle in their premiership campaign. Could be called on to substitute either in the midfield or in the forward line.

**RON MILLMAN** — Striker. ANOTHER first division selection and plays for premiership leaders Southside Eagles, after spending most of his earlier career with Merton East and Redlands. Has also played for Queensland many times before and his tremendous acceleration makes him a handy asset to any top class attack.

**KIM WISHART** — Goalkeeper. IPSWICH youngster who signed with Brisbane City from St. Helens after it became obvious he was capable of playing with distinction in the highest Australian standard of football. Obviously would have been the State's first choice but for the outstanding form of Lownds.



Barrie Fairbrother



Top — Ron Millman  
Steve Dolan



QUEENSLAND

Coach: DENIS FORD

Team QUEENSLAND

1 NIGEL LOWNDS

2 STEVE PERRY

3 JIM HERMISTON

4 COL BENNETT

5 ALAN NIVEN

6 STEVE AMOS

7 GEORGE POTTER

8 LARRY GAFFNEY

9 STEVE DOLAN

10 BARRIE FAIRBROTHER

11 BARRY KELSO

Reserves:—

- 12 ALAN MARLEY
- 13 JOHN PATTERSON
- 14 RON MILLMAN
- 15 KIM WISHART

1 TODD CLARKE

2 KEVIN MULLEN

3 STEPHEN O'CONNOR

4 JOHN O'SHEA

5 PAUL DEGNEY

6 PETER STONE

7 MURRAY BARNES

8 PETER SHARNE

9 CRAIG HALL

10 CLIVE EATON

11 PHIL O'CONNOR

Coach: JOE VLASITS

Team NEW SOUTH WALES

Reserves:—

- 12 BOB RUSSELL
- 13 TERRY BUTLER
- 14 SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO
- 15 BARRY HOARE

Referee — DEITER KLOSE

Linesmen — DAVE NUGENT  
JACK WOOD

NEW SOUTH WALES



## QUEENSLAND UNDER-16 v MT. GRAVATT

### QUEENSLAND

- 1 FRANK MONTEVERDE - goalkeeper
- 2 GLEN AHEARN - goalkeeper
- 3 PETER KELLY - defender
- 4 CRAIG McLATCHEY - defender
- 5 PHILIP CAMPBELL - defender
- 6 ROBERT GREEN - defender
- 7 WILLIAM McQUEEN - defender
- 8 ALISTAIR PAGAN - midfielder
- 9 PAUL BURNS - midfielder
- 10 PAUL BARRY - midfielder
- 11 MALCOLM TUTTLE - midfielder
- 12 CLARK ANDERSON - midfielder
- 13 ROSS SWAN - striker
- 14 IVAN FRKOVIC - striker
- 15 NEIL McAULIFFE - striker
- 16 ROBERT PETERSON - striker

**Coach:** DENIS FORD

**Manager:** GEORGE ROBERTS

**Referee:** COL AMOS

**Linesmen:** BARRY FRY, KEL FISHER

### MOUNT GRAVATT

- 1 MARK DAVIS
- 2 DAVID COSTA
- 3 ERIC THOMPSON
- 4 GARY FISHER
- 5 MICHAEL BRZOZOWSKI
- 6 JOHN FERGUSON
- 7 HARRY STEWART
- 8 MICKEY ROONEY
- 9 IAN STEELE
- 10 MIKE PRESTON
- 11 CRAIG DICKSON
- 12 BRIAN HUDSON
- 13 CHRIS CORCORAN
- 14 LUIGI BORGIO

**Coach:** DEREK MANN

**Manager:** JIMMY ROGERS

## QUEENSLAND v NEW SOUTH WALES

THIS game today could be the beginning of a long road back to soccer sanity in this country. Ever since the advent of Philips League soccer it has been apparent to all interested and forward looking individuals that a levelling off process had taken place in the standard of soccer at a national level. The first season saw Adelaide City delight every non biased pundit in the game when they took on the money giants of Sydney and gave them the fright of their gilt edged lives. Then Fitzroy, the Melbourne underdogs and our own Brisbane Lions began second round charges that had everyone gasping as they rocketed ever upwards on the league table. This season has seen West Adelaide throw down the gauntlet to champions Hakoah and at the time of writing apparently proving a point well, as the big guns are still languishing behind with only two matches to go. With all this evidence the reader could be expected to think a resurrection of the inter-state series, so successful in cricket, rugby league, or any other Australian sport would be a natural form of entertainment to offer a naturally curious and definitely biased soccer

following but no, that's not how our top administrator's minds work.

However sanity has prevailed and at last what we see today will prove the points, has the soccer standard really levelled?, can an inter-state series be an entertainment and financial success?. We think it can and lucky for us Joe Vlasits agrees with us and to do his bit has promised to come north to win. His team has been picked with winning in mind and he even "told" Denis Ford that he is prepared to go after goals with a 4-2-4 formation.

What will you see for your money today? First of all a truly Australian N.S.W. side for the team that is kicking off contains no fewer than nine players born in this country. In Kevin Mullen and Paul Degney Vlasits has probably the two finest exponents of the overlapping fullback game in Australia, and in Stone and Barnes he has young, strong, tireless, pivots for these two to turn on their own brand of excitement. Sharne and O'Connor are probably the two best wingers in Australia and there can be no doubt in anyone's mind that these pair will be twin threats to the Queensland defensive wall. Vlasits has

chosen his central strikers well, in Clive Eaton he has the Philips League top scorer, a player always left out in Australian selections and yet who has consistently answered the rebuff in the best possible way, by scoring goals. Vlasits has also kept his pact with local youth by giving Craig Hall his chance at a rep. level, not that he hasn't been a rep. before but this will be his first real test against the "big boys". Cunningly picked these two, both keen to score goals, both keen to prove a point, both suited to each others' style, and the best of all both talented young men.

The central defence will be well served by Hakoah's giant Steve O'Connor and the restless mobile John O'Shea from Vlasits own St. George side. Todd Clarke is an experienced keeper on the way back and will not let the side down. The "old fox" has done his job well, there is a blend of youth, experience, strength, skill and speed with everything in place, there is no doubting his word, he means business.

What of Queensland? The Lions defence has proved to be reasonably competent this season and with Steve Perry in the backline it can only be strengthened. The

silly goals lost by Lions have been caused by other factors inherent in the Lions team and they should not be apparent today. What Denis Ford will do now that Eddie Spearitt has withdrawn remains to be seen but an idea might be to use George Potter in Spearitt's role where he performed so admirably a few weeks ago. With work horses Amos, Patterson or Gaffney to choose from it may be that Ford will be tempted to cut the supply lines to the N.S.W. flyers and stifle the mid-field with players who are also fit enough to break extremely fast. Dolan and Paterson could do this job on either side of Potter, Amos or Gaffney and with Kelso and Fairbrother attacking the middle defenders an interesting afternoon would be guaranteed.

One thing is for sure, this is going to be "one helluva game" as the Yanks say, and there is no doubt in this writers mind that if Denis Ford goes out with the same attitude as Joe Vlasits, if the players forget all their systems and plans and play as they are capable, we will witness today the first game in an interstate series that, if promoted and organised properly could become to soccer what the Sheffield Shield is to cricket.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES PEN PICTURES

**SEBASTIAN GIAMPOLO** — Centre Forward.

A big strong attacking striker who has made a big impression in the N.S.W. Rothmans League this year. Plays for Inter Monaro in Queanbeyan and at 19 years has a bright future. Australian born.

**ROBERT RUSSELL** — Defender.

SCOTTISH born player who has held a regular spot with the N.S.W. Champions Croatia Sydney since joining them in 1976.

**TERRY BUTLER** — Winger.

AT 25 years this Australian born forward is playing his 10th Season with APIA-Leichhardt in the N.S.W. Rothmans League. Terry has several representative honours and played for the last two years in Hong Kong during the Australian off season.

**CRAIG HALL** — Winger.

AN 18 year old Australian player who is showing immense potential. Represented N.S.W. at Youth level and plays for Sutherland in the N.S.W. Rothmans League.

**BARRY HOARE** — Goalkeeper.

NINETEEN years English born. Playing his fifth season with Australia's Oldest Soccer Club GRANVILLE in the N.S.W. State League. Barry is showing great form this year and rates as one of the states top custodians.

**PHIL O'CONNOR** — Winger.

WAS brought to Australia from Luton Town after that club bought Adrian Alston. In fact O'Connor replaced Alston in the Wollongong team. Very fast and dangerous, O'Connor is expected to be called up for Australia's national side now that he has fulfilled his residential qualifications. Joined Saints last year in a deal which upset Marconi who expected to buy him from Wollongong. A near-record transfer fee was involved.

**GARY BYRNE** — Midfield.

ALTHOUGH most people believe Gary is Australian-born, he was, in fact, born in England. He arrived here as a boy and graduated to Marconi's first team via junior Soccer in the Southern Districts. Byrne has played several times for Australia and has many more honours coming to him in the future.



**TODD CLARKE** — Goalkeeper.

THIS South Australian was first choice for Australia until injury cost him the job, with Marconi's Allan Maher taking over. Clarke now seems to have thrown off his troublesome injury and will make Maher fight all the way for the position in the national team.

**KEVIN MULLEN** — Right-back.

ANOTHER Australian-born player, Mullen was developed in the Bankstown junior area before signing for Easts Hakoah eight years ago. Still only 24, Mullen is one of the toughest tacklers in the game and has been tipped to win international honours.

**MURRAY BARNES** — Midfield.

AUSTRALIAN-born Barnes is a giant of a man who has taken over the goalscoring midfield role from retired Ray Baartz at Hakoah. Selected several times for Australia Barnes' chief virtue is a rocket shot. Age 24, he has been with Easts Hakoah for the past seven years. Also had a spell as apprentice, along with Kevin Mullen with Leeds United in England.

**CLIVE EATON** — Centre-forward.

A fiery forward capable of scoring goals if given any room. Comes from England's Potteries district and played there for Stoke City.

**PETER STONE** — Midfield.

ONE of the best Australian-born players in soccer, Stone is now a regular choice for the national team. A non-stop worker with fine touches, he is still in his early 20's and must have a rosy future.

**PAUL DEGNEY** — Defender.

YET another Australian-born youngster, the giant Degney is a speedy full-back, despite his size. He is a utility player, having played in all departments of the side. Toured New Caledonia with N.S.W. Schoolboys Squad, and represented N.S.W. Under 23's.

**JOHN O'SHEA** — One of the three

O'Shea brothers to have made first grade at St. George. Equally at home in defence or midfield, John is 21 and is the oldest of the three brothers. Has ambitions to leave his work as a clerk and become a sporting journalist.

**STEVE O'CONNOR** — Centre-half.

ANOTHER big, strong, defender, O'Connor was born in Australia. During the past eight years, he has come through Easts minor grades to establish himself in the First XI. Age 23.



Stephen O'Connor



Peter Sharne