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For

THE THIRD FIXTURE OF THE  
YUGOSLAVIAN TOUR

30th JULY, 1949

THE FIRST TEST MATCH

**AUSTRALIA**

v.

**YUGOSLAVIA**

AT

**The Royal Agricultural Showground, Sydney**

2-30 p.m.

Early Matches at 11 a.m. and  
12-45 p.m.

Teams for main game on  
pages 6 & 7.



*Cec Drummond, Australian Captain*, Teams for early matches on page 3.



*Frane Matosic, Yugoslavia Capt.*

## Editorial

Like the selection of all representative teams from the beginning of time, the choice of the eleven to do battle for Australia in today's first test has brought forth the usual volume of criticism. Such criticism is the essence of democracy because it tends to keep selectors "on their toes."

The boys who represented N.S.W. in last week's match, are the unfortunates, because in some measure they are really the "trial horses." Failure in the opening match often prejudices test match selection. Yet if a team fails—as N.S.W. did last week—and Australian selectors made no effort to improve it for the first test, they would be branded incompetents—and rightly so.

The selectors went into every angle of a very difficult problem—finding an eleven with the necessary balance and efficiency to best our very clever Yugoslavian visitors. No easy task you will admit. Unfortunately, when some enthusiast condemns the selection of a particular player—he is unable to answer the simple question—"Well who is better in that position." Selecting a team is not just a matter of finding who is the best inside right or left half, etc. Rather is it a question of finding an inside right who will blend with chosen colleagues and outplay opposing defenders—or, a left half who can subdue a troublesome right wing at the same time purveying his own left wing with scoring opportunities. But in all instances, first and foremost—a chosen player must blend with the remainder of the side or the most necessary tribute (balance) will be lost. The best player in any particular position in club football, is not necessarily the man required in international games.

So from that simple explanation you will realise that selection of an Australian team, has many more complications than just choosing the best player in any position in club games.

For that reason, I think the Australian selectors have made a great start on a heavy task. They may not succeed in the earliest stages, but contrary to a general belief amongst soccer fans, I do believe that they will eventually produce an Australian test team which will defeat our clever soccer visitors.

THE EDITOR.

## ITINERARY OF YUGOSLAVIAN TOUR

July 23rd: v. N.S.W. (Sydney), Showground.

July 27th: v. South Coast (Wollongong).

July 30th: v. Australia, 1st Test, (Sydney), Showground.

August 1st: v. Metropolis, Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 1.

August 6th: v. Australia, 2nd Test (Melbourne).

August 10th: v. Victoria (Melbourne).

August 13th: v. Australian XI (Adelaide).

August 14th: v. Broken Hill (subject to special arrangement).

August 20th: v. Queensland (Brisbane).

August 24th: v. Queensland (Brisbane), night match.

August 27th: v. Australia, 3rd Test (Brisbane).

August 28th or 31st: v. Northern Districts (Cessnock).

September 3rd: v. Australia, 4th Test (Newcastle).

September 4th: v. N.S.W. (Wollongong).

September 10th: v. Australia, 5th Test (Sydney Showground).

As the team will return to Yugoslavia by sea, additional matches will be played in South Australia and West Australia.

## TO-DAY'S EARLY MATCHES

11 a.m.

### STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (Under 16 years)

#### CANTERBURY

(Blue with Gold V)

Goal—J. Graham (Belmore)  
 1—P. Coughlan (Hurl. Park)  
 2—K. Cocks (Elswick)  
 3—N. Darby (Belmore)  
 4—E. Hall (Canterbury)  
 5—K. Rackley (Hurl. Park)  
 6—J. Gaben (Belmore Rovers)  
 7—R. Plate (Canterbury)  
 8—B. Young (Canterbury)  
 9—R. Neal (Canterbury)  
 10—R. Bryant (Canterbury)  
 Reserves: F. Phillips (Lakemba),  
 B. Eldridge (Canterbury)  
 Manager: Mr. J. Bryden.

Referee: Mr. F. Rouse.

#### NORTHERN SUBURBS

(Red and Black)

Goal—J. Gornal (Naremburn)  
 1—A. Poyitt (Naremburn)  
 2—P. Murray (Lane Cove)  
 3—A. Pilgrim (Hornsby)  
 4—C. Boyd (Naremburn)  
 5—K. Burkett (Lane Cove)  
 6—R. Carmanil (Lane Cove)  
 7—J. McCann (Hornsby)  
 8—R. Mannering (Lane Cove)  
 9—G. Smith (Lane Cove)  
 10—C. Jenkins (Hornsby)  
 11—R. Trinder (Willoughby)  
 12—R. Bourke (Hornsby)  
 Manager: Mr. A. Doak.

Linesmen: Mr. S. Perry (Blue Flag) and Mr. H. Woolley (Yellow Flag).

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP (1st Grade)

AUBURN (Blue and White Halves)

Manager: Mr. A. Stone.

Trainer: Mr. T. Anderson.

Goal—M. Parry

1. H. Haggett

2. J. Stevens

3. C. Callaghan

4. V. Loftus

5. T. Lloyd

7. J. Woodlands

9. D. Hamblin

6. F. Denny

8. D. Stuart

10. P. Drew

10. L. Phillips

8. A. Watt

6. A. Smith (Capt.)

9. A. Czisz

7. K. Walker

5. J. Urry

4. V. Williamson

3. E. Fisher

2. F. Czisz

1. B. Courteney

Goal—G. McKell

BANKSTOWN (Green and Gold)

Manager: Mr. R. Walker.

Trainer: Mr. A. Hayes

Referee: Mr. H. Spowall

Linesmen: Mr. J. London (Blue Flag) and Mr. H. Heggan (Yellow Flag)

## Interesting Facts About Our Visitors

Quite a number of N.S.W. clubs were interested in trying to induce some of the Yugoslav players to remain in Australia. Inclusion of any of them in our teams would most certainly raise the standard of Australian soccer. Alas for the hopes of our enterprising club officials—all of the visiting lads are too much in love with Yugoslavia to settle in Australia or any other country.

★ ★ ★

Peculiarly enough, although they do not speak English, they sing some songs in the English language with perfection. Their rendition of "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain" and "Tipperary", is as flawless and entertaining as their amazing soccer skill on the field.

★ ★ ★

None of the boys worry about the Australian beer scarcity. In fact they are not really drinkers in that sense at all. Their only inhibitions are those of the average continental diner—a glass of good quality wine instead of tea or coffee during dinner.



Bernad Vukas

★ ★ ★

The Yugoslavian boys visited the Zoo last Sunday as guests of Mr. E. Hallstrom. One of our local soccer wags said that Mr. Hallstrom invited them so that Vukas and Drovdjelic could teach the monkeys a few tricks.

★ ★ ★

In the tour's opening match last week, spectators were amazed by the voluble and demonstrative remonstrations amongst the Yugoslav players during play. The explanation is simple. Each time an attacking move broke down, the offender was told exactly how far out of position he was—thus causing the breakdown of a planned move which often involved as many as six players. Captain Matosic's word was law, to all of them.

★ ★ ★

The youthful goalkeeper Vladimir Beara is as modest as he is clever. Presented with an action photograph showing him leaping high over Frank Parsons head to clutch the ball, he pointed to Parsons, and ignoring his own magnificent effort, said through the interpreter "he is a very good player."

★ ★ ★

I know they regarded one or two of our players as well—not so good, but when you asked their opinions of those players, the Yugoslavians smiled benignly and said they were good.

★ ★ ★

Australia was the first soccer country to think of numbering its players, the numerals on the shirt of course ranging from 1 to 10, with the goalkeeper un-numbered because his isolated position made him easily distinguishable. John Lewis, manager of the English professional side which toured Australia in 1925, liked the idea, and introduced it upon his return to England.—But with one difference. The goalkeepers bore number 1 and the range was extended to number 11. This system has been adopted in all other countries now. (Note: It is displayed on the Yugoslavian jerseys).



Slavko Lustica



Vladimir Beara

## POINTERS ON TO-DAY'S AUSTRALIAN TEST TEAM

**\*The Goalkeeper:** Jim Jenkins, of Woonona Club, N.S.W.: Was nearly lost to soccer when he retired at the age of 25 years, last season. "Kidded" back into the game this year, he struck the best form of his career, with the result that he is now an Australian international player.

**The Right Back:** Josa Marston, of Leichhardt Club, N.S.W.: At 23 years of age, has already played ten times for Australia, and looks like breaking all records for appearances in test matches.

**The Left Back:** Cec. Drummond, of Drummoyne Club, N.S.W.: Captain of the side and like Marston has played 10 times for his country. The "never beaten" type, whose amazing speed and agility gets his team out of many tight corners.

**The Right Half:** Bob Lawrie, of Bundama Club, Queensland: Australia's roving player. Native of Queensland, but has played soccer in South Australia, N.S.W., Queensland and England. Probably the most artistic half back in this country.

**The Centre Half:** Billy Wilson, of Leichhardt Club, N.S.W.: Big, powerful and resolute half back, equally at home in defence or attack. Will make the great stopper type of centre half in third back system some day.

**The Left Half:** Lex Gibb, of Queensland: Veteran of the side, whose selection in test teams during last two years has led to much criticism of the selectors. Then bobs up with a classy display, to silence the critics.

**\*The Outside Right:** George Sanders, of Granville, N.S.W.: A new international "cap". This youngster has all the ability required for test match soccer, and today will reveal whether or not he has that most essential attribute . . . Big match temperament.

**The Inside Right:** Alan Johns, of Adamstown Club, N.S.W.: This grand young forward toured New Zealand with the Australian team last year. Did not reveal his best form last Saturday, but is expected to shine in today's match.

**The Centre-Forward:** Gordon Nunn, of Queensland: One of the most interesting selections. Played in one game for Metters-Canterbury Club in Sydney this season, but is generally unknown to N.S.W. fans. Reportedly clever and a grand shot.

**The Inside Left:** Ron Hughes, of Metters-Canterbury Club, N.S.W.: Ron's amazing speed was nullified last week by the keen anticipation of Yugoslavian defenders—but this wily inside forward will have it all thought out differently today.

**The Outside Left:** Ray Marshall, of Granville Club, N.S.W.: Small, but good. There are so many likely aspirants for this position, that Ray must be on his toes to retain it. That is only a matter of him producing his best club form.

\* First time selected in a test team.

Reserves:

**Full Back:** Hedley Parkes, of Wallisend Club, N.S.W.: Unlucky player. Shows great form in club games but of course has to compete for a full back position with those great pair of backs, Marston and Drummond.

**Half Back:** O'Neill, of Cessnock Club, N.S.W.: Australia's greatest utility player. At home in full back, half back or forward positions.

**Forward:** Frank Parsons, of Leichhardt Club, N.S.W.: Australia's leading goal-scoring forward. Played for N.S.W. last week. His return to the Australian team may depend upon centre-forward Gordon Nunn's showing in today's game.

**The Manager:** Mr. J. D. Revie, of Queensland: President of the Queensland Soccer Association, and one of our most capable administrators of the code.

# TEAMS FOR TO-DAY'S MAIN GAME

Team Manager:—Mr. J. Revie (*Queensland*)

Trainer:—Mr. W. Park (*N.S.W.*)

## AUSTRALIA

(GREEN AND GOLD)

Goal: J. JENKINS (*N.S.W.*)

- 1. J. MARSTON (*N.S.W.*)
- 3. R. LAWRIE (*Queensland*)
- 7. A. JOHNS (*N.S.W.*)
- 6. G. SANDERS (*N.S.W.*)

4. W. WILSON (*N.S.W.*)

8. G. NUNN (*Queensland*)

2. C. DRUMMOND (*N.S.W.*)

5. L. GIBB (*Queensland*)

9. R. HUGHES (*N.S.W.*)

10. R. MARSHALL (*N.S.W.*)

11. B. VUKAS

10. F. MATOSIC

6. I. RADOVNIKOVIC

3. B. BROKETA

9. S. KRSTULOVIC

5. E. KATNIC

Goal: I. V. BEARA

## YUGOSLAVIA

(WHITE)

Managers:—Mr. IVA RAIC and Mr. MILENKO KRATULOVIC.

Trainer:—Mr. LUKA KALITERNA.

### RESERVES — AUSTRALIA

Full Back: H. PARKES (*N.S.W.*)

Half Back: K. O'NEILL (*N.S.W.*)

Forward: F. PARSONS (*N.S.W.*)

### RESERVES — YUGOSLAVIA

V. ANDRIJASEVIC

S. LUSTICA

T. RADOVNIKOVIC

A. MLADINIC

K. VIDOVIC

Referee: Mr. F. CHIDGEY

Linesmen:—Mr. S. THORPE (*Blue Flag*) and Mr. J. McKENZIE (*Yellow Flag*)



W. Wilson



J. Jenkins

Should any Changes Occur in the above Teams  
Replacements will be Posted on Notice Board

## ROUND THE GROUNDS!

Two Yugoslavian players who came to Australia a few months ago are the stars of Victorian soccer. They are I. Drobnic and K. Ristic, of the Brighton Club, and are expected to play for the Victorian State team against their own countrymen.

The best youngster seen in N.S.W. Soccer or many years, is 17 years old Mat Pettigrew, of Wallsend's under 18 years' eleven. Remember that name, because you will see it in the Australian team in your programme some day.

Wallsend secretary, Laurie Nelson, had a quaint experience last Saturday. Outside Crystal Palace ground he found a youngster crying bitterly because he had lost his money to get into the match. Laurie handed him the usual 3d. ticket and ushered him in, whereupon the kid started howling again. When asked what was wrong this time the youngster told Laurie it was 6d. he'd lost and he had received no change with his ticket.

The Yugoslavian tourists will receive a royal welcome from countryman, Mr. K. Kuketz—lessee of the Hotel Metropole, Melbourne.

Ken Greives has gone to India with the Empire Cricket team. Here is a little secret. Ken's WIFE (yes he's married to a lovely English lass) is on her way to Australia, and Ken may join her here for a few weeks at the end of his tour, before returning to Britain.

Frank Parsons and his schoolteacher fiancée are to be married on August 6th.

Most of our soccer followers in and around Sydney seldom see a southern league match, and controversy often arises over the standard of the teams of that competition. To enter into any such controversy those involved should understand the subject fully. In today's early match listed to commence at 12.45 p.m. they will have the opportunity of witnessing a southern league 1st grade premiership match, in which two of the strongest teams will clash.

The great displays of substitute half backs. A. Henderson and R. McLelland for Granville, are going to set the club's selectors a ticklish problem when the regular men, N. Bruniges and M. Banks are fit again.

Though Swansea Belmont only obtained one point from the eleven matches in the first round of the premiership competition, the team has already won two games and thus obtained four points from its five matches played to date in the second round.



J. Marston.

Here he is! the Australian player whom the Yugoslavian managers describe as a champion. But didn't we already know that?

A Czechoslovakian player, said to be a good one, has joined the Leichhardt Club.

The code's greatest all round sportsman is Bob Bignall. Bob has won premiership medals with the Corrimal 1st grade soccer, rugby league and cricket teams.

## The Man Who Flies Without a Trapeze



The Great Beara!

There is little doubt that Vladimir Beara is one of the greatest goalkeepers ever seen in action here. Here is one of his typical and effective high leaps during last Saturday's N.S.W. v. Yugoslavia match at the Showground.

(Blocks loaned by "Sydney Morning Herald".)

## ODD FACTS IN SOCCER!

Soccer saved the life of an English soldier in Germany during the war. The soldier, James Blanketer, was captured and when known to be a good player was invited to have a game with a German Army side. He refused and later escaped but was recaptured and sentenced to death. The camp commandant deferred execution of the sentence, because it was hoped that Tommy would eventually consent to play.

Soccer is the greatest moral builder of all sports. During the progress of the Armies through Italy, British teams followed playing exhibition matches for the soldiers' entertainment. The code also proved greatly effective in allaying unrest amongst the Italian people. The exhibition matches which they were permitted to attend, attracted enormous crowds.

Two days behind the Armies of the D-Day invasion teams followed also, playing exhibition matches. Many hundreds of Yanks became soccer fans after watching the skill of the British star players.

One of the strangest selections in a representative side was that of centre-half J. Vernon, of Eire, in The Rest of Europe team which played Great Britain in 1946. Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland and Norway were also represented in The Rest of Europe team. Whilst the players could not converse much because of language difficulties in the dressing room, the universal understanding of soccer on the field, enabled them to play like a machine.

A recent two day bus stoppage on the south coast upset many players' training schedules. Corrimal full back, Bob Marshall, walked 7 miles from Unanderra to Memorial Park, Corrimal, and after two hours of heavy training toddled back home again. Bob has had to stand quite a bit of twitting about that since, because, you see—he is a Scotchman!

"Pop" Parkes, father of outstanding players, Jock and Hedley, was responsible for a good one recently. Watching a new English player in action he said "Look at him, he knows every trick. I've never seen a player who knows the game so well, if he could only — play it!"

It did not take the fans long to find easily pronounced "monikers" for our visitors. "Bozo", "Jenko", "Radio", were some overheard last week.

There are 1500 soccer leagues in the U.S.S.R. and the winners of each enters the U.S.S.R. knock out cup tournament.

As late as the early 20's it was not uncommon to see Australian players wearing skull caps. These generally were made of wool and looked like a night cap, but of course they were the same colour as the jersey worn.

## Metropolis (Sydney) v. Yugoslavia

MONDAY, 1st AUGUST, 1949

AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND No. 1

2-30 p.m.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The usual 8 page programme will be on sale at all club matches (see back page) tomorrow. A special souvenir issue of the programme will be on sale for the Metropolis v. Yugoslavia game at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 on Monday. Both of these programmes are distinctly different issues from that on sale today.

## GAMES TO BE PLAYED TO-MORROW (SUNDAY, 31st JULY)

### STATE PREMIERSHIP (Round 19)

METTERS-CANTERBURY v. LEICHHARDT-ANNANDALE at Lambert Park, Liechhardt  
 DRUMMOYNE v. WALLSEND ..... Macarthur Park, Granville  
 WOONONA-BULLI v. ADAMSTOWN ..... Bails Paddock, Woonona

### State Premiership Games to be Played To-day (Round 19)

CESSNOCK v. CORRIMAL ..... Cessnock Sportsground  
 W. WALLSEND v. SWANSEA-BELMONT at Crystal Palace Grd., Wallsend  
 LYSAGHTS ORB v. GRANVILLE ..... Mayfield Park, Newcastle

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1st (BANK HOLIDAY)

### METROPOLIS (SYDNEY) v. YUGOSLAVIA SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND No. 1

2.30 p.m.

Early Fixture at 1 p.m.

In the above match, the third back system of soccer will be used by a representative eleven of local players for the first time.

Full backs, R. Lee and M. Barker, and centre half, A. Marshall, all of Granville (which is the only major N.S.W. club to use the system referred to), are chosen in the Metropolis team. All soccer men are curious to find out how our clever Yugoslavian visitors, combat this style of soccer.

Please note that the venue is: SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND NO. 1.

## NEXT WEEK'S CLUB MATCHES, 6th AUGUST, 1949

### STATE PREMIERSHIP (Round 20)

W. WALLSEND v. WOONONA-BULLI at Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend  
 ADAMSTOWN v. METTERS-CANTERBURY ..... Adamstown Oval  
 SWANSEA-BELMONT v. GRANVILLE ..... Belmont Oval  
 CORRIMAL v. DRUMMOYNE ..... Memorial Park, Corrimal  
 LYSAGHTS ORB v. CESSNOCK ..... Mayfield Park  
 LEICHHARDT-ANNANDALE v. WALLSEND ..... Lambert Park, Liechhardt

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE (Round 20)

EX-IMPERIAL v. GLADESVILLE-RYDE ..... Arlington Park  
 CUMBERLAND UNITED v. N.S.W. POLICE ..... Granville Showground  
 ST. GEORGE v. CONCORD ..... Prince Edward Park, Carlton  
 PYRMONT-BALMAIN v. BANKSTOWN ..... Wentworth Park  
 NORTH SHORE v. GUILDFORD ..... Chatswood Oval