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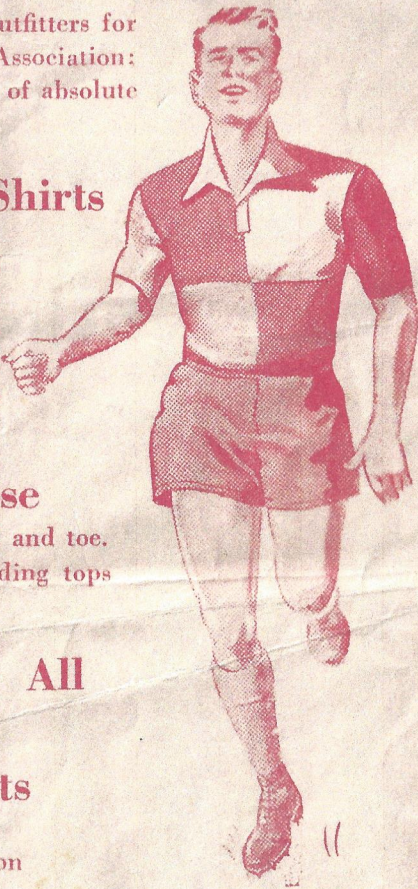
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The Fifth Test Match

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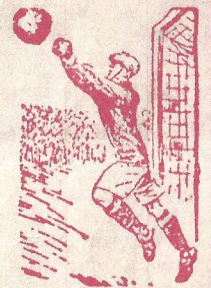
v

YUGOSLAVIA

at

**THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOWGROUND,
SYDNEY, 2.30 P.M.**

EARLY MATCHES AT 11 A.M. AND 12.45 P.M.



Cec. Drummond,
Australian Capt.

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the Early Matches on Page 3

Frane Matosic,
Yugoslavian Capt.

AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS!

Last week's victory does not solely represent a win over our Yugoslavian visitors; it also intimates to the rest of the soccer world that our standard is very much higher than generally imagined. And make no mistake about it, this result was known in every big soccer country within twenty-four hours of the final whistle. Many most sincere soccer folks believed we could never beat Yugoslavia, but those who knew the difficulties faced by earlier test teams never lost confidence in Australia's ultimate success. Let us now diagnose Australia's position or grading in world soccer.

The Yugoslavian international team was considered most unlucky to be beaten by Sweden in the Olympic soccer final of 1948. That Swedish team (all amateur) beat the English international team (professional) at the close of the 1948-49 season by 3 goals to 1.

The Yugoslavian team at present touring Australia has defeated the world famous Russian team—DYNAMO.

During the Dynamo team's British tour, in 1946, the Russian side was unbeaten. It defeated English champion side ARSENAL, Welsh champion team Cardiff City, and played a 2-all draw with Scottish champions—the Glasgow Rangers. From that you will no doubt acknowledge the fact that Yugoslavian soccer is in the top flight of world class. And need I then remind you that Australia beat the Dynamo team's conquerors by two goals to one last Saturday?

—THE EDITOR.

NORTHERN DISTRICTS OUTCLASSED!

That offside decision at Cessnock last Sunday certainly created a diversion for spectators. Drvodjelic showed his dissent against the referee's ruling by kicking the ball at that official who promptly ordered him "off". His replacement by Vukas made history, because in no major soccer game, friendly or otherwise, has a replacement of an "ordered off" player ever been permitted.

Northern soccer directors made extensive arrangements to give the Northern Districts team every opportunity to beat the Yugoslavs. Players were quartered together for several days and coached throughout the period by Alf. Quill—but all to no avail.

The fixture turned out to be a "picnic" match for the Slavs who easily won by eight goals to two.

If last week's attendance figures may be taken as a guide there is a wonderful future for soccer in Newcastle—if the code's affairs are properly handled.

Information supplied by a representative of a leading sporting organisation up there is that less than 7,000 attended an inter-State Rugby League match on Newcastle Sportsground this season. Almost 7,000 attended the N.S.W. v. Yugoslavia soccer match at that ground on Wednesday, 31st August, and over 12,000 paid for admission to last Saturday's test.

That surely proves that Newcastle "sports" are very open minded about all codes and if soccer can produce the "goods" it has a ready market in the northern area.

Were the position as fluid in Sydney, there would be no brakes upon the drive made to establish the round ball code as this city's major winter sport.

SELECTED TEAMS FOR TODAY'S EARLY MATCHES 12.45 p.m. GRAND FINAL

State League Alliance Grade Premiership (Southern Section)

Granville

(Black and White)

- G. R. THOMPSON
1. L. CARRIG
2. R. WALL
3. N. BRUNIGES
4. A. ROBEY
5. G. CAMERON
6. R. MCKENZIE
7. B. SCHNARR
8. A. GARSIDE
9. K. VAIREY
10. L. SOLOMON

Manager: Mr. W. ADAMSON

Leichhardt-Annandale

(Red)

- G. A. GARWELL
1. J. SWARBRICK
2. L. STEDMAN
3. G. GARDINER
4. C. MANNING
5. L. MOUNSER
6. J. SIMPSON
7. A. McNAUGHTON
8. D. HARVEY
9. F. SANDS
10. B. STRINGER

Manager: Mr. J. SCULLION

Referee: Mr. J. McKenzie

Linesmen: Mr. P. Milroy (Blue Flag) and Mr. E. Seir (Yellow Flag)

(Leichhardt-Annandale won the Minor Premiership of this competition but was beaten 4-2 by Granville in the Premiership Final and of the play-off series. As Minor Premiers Leichhardt-Annandale is thus entitled to challenge Granville to a grand challenge final, which is here presented to patrons as principal supporting fixture to the fifth and final test match.)

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE FIXTURE

11 a.m.

Yugoslavian F.C.

(Broken Hill)

- G. R. ALAGICH
1. K. PIRAK
2. E. NIDGE
3. F. CELINICH
4. G. RAVLICH
5. C. MEADOWS
6. W. ROFF
7. M. NADILO
8. J. HALL
9. G. LOWE
10. S. BUSKARIJOL

Reserve: S. PERKAL

Manager: Mr. M. ALAGICH

Trainer: Mr. N. PIRAK

Maltese Settlers F.C.

(Sydney) (Red)

- G. F. GINGELL
1. F. DEBONO
2. F. HUMPHRIES
3. F. IRELAND
4. M. SCHRODER
5. K. FINLAY
6. K. TAYLOR
7. O. ARGUIS
8. F. LANDOLINA
9. V. WHELPDALE
10. E. CORDINCA (Capt.)

Reserve: N. WALKER

Manager: Mr. P. ALBANY

Trainer-Coach: Mr. F. IRELAND

Referee: Mr. R. Carr

Linesmen: Mr. A. Steedman (Blue Flag) and Mr. G. Terry (Yellow Flag)

The Yugoslavian players from Broken Hill have sponsored soccer in that district and its popularity there is a grand tribute to their enthusiasm.

The Yugoslavian club's opponent today was formed amongst Maltese settlers in Sydney and plays in the Metropolitan Leagues competition.

In the early match to the Metropolis v. Yugoslavia game in Sydney on August 1, the Maltese players' delightful footwork provided splendid soccer entertainment.

The Yugoslavs are Great (but Very Temperamental) Sportsmen!

Hedley Parkes gave Vukas a torrid time last week, and referee W. (Bunny) McWilliams ignored many Slav appeals for fouls on the young winger.

Frane Matosic, constantly protested against decision of the ref., but when he could not convince the official in charge of his claims, resorted to retaliatory measures.

When Beara caught a ball and was bumped over the bye line by Gordon Nunn, he protested volubly against the ref.'s award of a corner kick. The ref.'s decision was quite correct, however.

Linesman Archie Welch awarded a throw-in to Australia, but Radovnikovic who had picked up the ball to take the throw, refused to give it up to the Aussie right half. Referee McWilliams showed he had complete control by racing across to take the ball from Radovnikovic, give it to Lawrie, and order play to proceed.

Right winger Drvodjelic might have made a great actor—if he hadn't turned to soccer. On numerous occasions during close tussles with Drummond, the winger claimed for a corner kick when the ball rolled over the bye line. When his claims (sometimes ridiculous) were rejected, the winger brought his arms up and then down in hopeless disgust, and shuffled away—the picture of abject despair.

Right back Kokeza is a great player—and a "hard doer". He "walloped" Harry Robertson with heavy bumps a couple of times, and nonchalantly trotted towards his goal amidst vociferous criticism. But he is no squeaker, and later enjoyed the heavy tussles with the hard hitting Leichhardt winger.

Left back Broketa and left half Radovnikovic "could not make head or tail" of Georgie Sanders. In really "cheeky" fashion the young Granville winger "diddled" both time and again before crossing the ball. The serious Broketa just muttered something and chased him each time, but although generally beaten the little Slav left half just grinned with sheer delight of the good clean tussles.

Conquest came out once, to cut off a Drvodjelic cross, but centre-forward Andrijasevic beat him to it and headed the ball over his hands towards the untenanted net. The big quiet centre's expression of dismay when Drummond arrived just in time to clear off the goal line, spoke volumes for his disappointment.

Little is heard of right half Ivo Mrcic, but the big chap is a real glutton for work. He worked untringly last week (he had to) trying to keep pace with the Bignall-Hughes-Robertson combination.

Centre half Ervin Katnic has dominated play against our forwards in other tests. Last week with the ball kept out on our wings, thus keeping his full backs wide out, he had a torrid time trying to cope with Australia's inside trio.

Do you remember Charlie Brink, the big South African goalkeeper? He has gone to Scotland to play for Clyde F.C.

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Most Southern League Premiership matches commence at 12 noon today—the Alliance grade fixtures at 10.30 a.m. Idea is to let all players attend the big international game this afternoon.

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Brian Hayden, outside left of Ex-Imperial team scored twice direct from corner kicks, within 5 minutes last Saturday.

ROUND THE GROUNDS!

The Ex-Imperial Club, Sydney, has added three new overseas players to its team. They are R. Yeandle (ex-Yeovil Club), J. Stephenson (ex-Birmingham Club) and A. J. Jamieson (ex-Dundee-United Club). Yeandle has scored six goals in two matches.

Leichhardt club secretary, Jim Anderson, as you know is on his way to Britain. Another Sydney club has just sent a representative home to Scotland. He is Charlie Pirie, committeeman of the St. George Club, who will interview a couple of players in his native Dundee where he says ALL the good soccer players come from.

Leichhardt Club's captain, Les Hankin, is still nursing two broken ribs sustained in the Corrimal match on August 20.

Billy and Andy Henderson—sons of the Granville Club coach—have been greatly instrumental in that team's remarkable run of successes in recent weeks.

Corrimal half back, Bob Young, is the refined, studious type of young man in every day life, but a glutton for punishment and hard work on a football field.

That great youngster mentioned a few weeks ago, A. Pettigrew, of the Wallsend under 18 years team, will soon be lost to soccer. His future destiny is that of a clergyman.

Most Sydney folks do not know much about West Wallsend's goal-scoring forward, Ted Baldwin. As a schoolboy representative he played in the same team as Reg. Date, Dicky Kemp and Hedley Parkes.

How referee W. McWilliam permitted two illegalities to go unpunished in the penalty box last week is a mystery. First was when Parkes, beaten by Vukas, back charged the winger. The second was when Nunn tricked Katnic and would most certainly have scored from close in if the centre half had not tripped him in desperation.

Auburn made the State's Minor Premiers, Leichhardt, stretch right out in last Sunday's State Cup Tie. The game was marked by a tragic incident. During Auburn's great burst of pressure in the first thirty minutes, excitement was intense. When Auburn opened the scoring in the 31st minute, Mr. A. Allsop, a vice-president of the club, collapsed and died.

Drawn games in cup ties prolong the season. Metter-Canterbury and Granville played a 1-1 draw in last week's fourth round tie and a replay will now be necessary.

Jimmy Cunningham's great display in last week's Sydney Cup Tie left no doubt in the minds of good soccer judges, that the South Coast man could still be a big noise in international soccer.

TOMORROW (SUNDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER)
SYDNEY CUP (ROUND 1)

METTERS-CANTERBURY V. EX-IMPERIAL

at

Arlington Park, Dulwich Hill

GRANVILLE V. NORTH SHORE

at

Macarthur Park, Granville

CORRIMAL V. LEICHHARDT-ANNANDALE

at

Memorial Park, Corrimal

All Games at 3 p.m. Early Matches at 1.15 p.m.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY'S MAIN GAME

AUSTRALIA

(Green and Gold)

Manager: Mr. R. GRIEVES (Newcastle)

Trainer: Mr. W. PARK (Sydney)

Goal: N. CONQUEST (N.S.W.)

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. H. PARKES (N.S.W.) | 2. C. DRUMMOND (N.S.W.) |
| 3. R. LAWRIE (Queensland) | 5. R. BIGNALL (N.S.W.) |
| 7. A. JOHNS (N.S.W.) | 9. R. HUGHES (N.S.W.) |
| 6. G. SANDERS (N.S.W.) | 10. H. ROBERTSON (N.S.W.) |
| 11. B. VUKAS | 7. D. DRVODJELIC |
| 10. F. MATOSIC | 8. B. VIDJAK |
| 6. I. RADOVNIKOVIC | 4. I. MRCIC |
| 3. B. BROKETA | 2. L. KOKEZA |

YUGOSLAVIA

(White)

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

Trainer:—Mr. LUKA KALITERNA.

RESERVES — AUSTRALIA
Full Back: J. MARSTON (N.S.W.)

Half Back: D. COOTE (N.S.W.)

Forward: R. MARSHALL (N.S.W.)

Referee: Mr. F. CHIDGEY

RESERVES — YUGOSLAVIA
S. KRUSTULOVIC
S. LUSTICA
T. RADOVNIKOVIC
A. MLADINIC
K. VIDOVIC

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

They starred in last week's Test.



Ivo Mrcic



Ervin Katnic



B. Vukas



V. Beara.



L. Kokeza



Bozo Brokita



Ivo Radovnikovic



V. Andrijasevic

AND IT CAME TO PASS!

The following summary of the Yugoslavian team's sojourn in Victoria was compiled by the great Melbourne philosopher, "Dicko", and is here presented as published in the Official Programme of the Victorian Soccer Association.

A VISION OF THE PROPHET "DICKO".

Now it came to pass in the year 1949 that a host from the land of the Yugoslavs descended on the country of the Sydneyites and fought a great battle with the local lads at a place called Showgrounds and lo! the Sydneyites were defeated with much slaughter.

And the Sydneyites lifted up their voices and called unto the Queenslandites "lend us three blokes who will help us against these Yugoslavs" and the Queenslandites did so, and they fought another great battle and again were defeated, and the slaughter was nearly as great.

And the Sydneyites cried unto each other, putting their heads together and one spake saying, "let us fight the Yugoslavs in the land of the Melbourneites, and perhaps it shall be that these Melbourneites may give us some trifling assistance".

And Bill, the son of Thomas, spake saying, "Bring the beggars down here and we will lend two of our most stalwart warriors—even Angus, the son of Drennan and Barr, Barr the Black Sheep"—and it was so. And once again they were defeated, and this time the slaughter was even more terrific.

Now the Sydneyites spake together saying, "let us return to our own country for surely it is not meet that we should stay and see the Melbourneites get pasted. For is it not written that they are but a bunch of monkeys, and as footballers, lo! they smell. And when the Yugoslavs have done with them, we will return and take their M.C.G. and dump it in our 'arbour".

So they up with tents and departed, leaving only Doug, the son of McLaren, to keep watch on the Melbourneites and give them the good oil when he returned to the land of the Sydneyites.

Now when they heard this, Alec, the son of Kerr, and Andrew, the son of Herd, spake unto the blokes saying, "surely this is a bad show, for are we not deserted?" But Tom, the son of Jack, spake saying, "let us get stuck into the cows, for what have we to lose?" And they arose and, seeing the Yugoslavs coming afar off, got fairly stuck into them.

But the Yugoslavs laughed saying, "have we not Frane, the son of Matusic, and Bernad, the son of Vukas, and are they not equal to fourteen Australians, twenty-nine Pommies or thirty-seven of the wild hairy men that the Pommies let live in the extreme northern part of their country".

And they up and put on two goals and ran together saying, "PLES U PROSTORIJAMA NOGONESLOCOG KLUBA". Which, being translated, means "ain't it bonza".

But whilst they still spake, Bertie, the son of Grix (he with the red hair), ran up and sank a sly one. But whilst he stood tying his hair ribbon the Yugoslavs rushed up and smote the Melbourneites yet a third time, and behold they were two up again.

Now as they stood singing and dancing, Reg., the son of Hardman, "belted a beaut", so that it made a great dent in the Yugoslav net, and lo! it was the best goal of the battle.

Now seeing this the Yugoslavs ran to and fro tearing their hair and lost heart, so that they returned to their house which is below the hill where sat the High Priest, Ingham, together with his lesser Priests and many beautiful damsels, all chanting hymns of praise and banging on the

loud cymbals and saying one to another, "surely in the second half we will belt the pants off them".

And when the battle was resumed it was so. For Jackie, the son of Wilson, sank another, even with his head, which as all men know is exceeding thick.

And Vladimir, the son of Beara, rushed madly around, wringing his hands and saying, "I CAGANHA POSLE PODNA" which means "turn it up chaps".

And the noise from the hill was very great, and loudest of all spake Alec, the son of Kerr (he with the shekels), saying, "surely this must make all our fortunes."

And Jack, the son of Olsen, cried unto the prophet Dicko, "did we not TIP it in 'Soccer News'" (even though we believed it not). "Surely we must go into the racing game and collect many pieces of silver and much folding money."

And Tom, the son of Jack, and Ralph, the son of White, and Joe, the son of Kennedy, withstood the Yugoslav attacks, together with that hairless one—the laird of the McDougalls—and Angus, the Son of Drennan.

And Charlie, the son of Weight, stopped many hard and awkward shots from the Yugoslavs, adopting many strange and unconventional attitudes to do so.

And Dave, the son of Stoddart, ran right fast with the ball and the Yugoslavs muttered together saying, "let us kick his legs from under him else are we lost". And it was so, even in the goal mouth, and so they brought him down, and his best effort came to nought, but the people were with him and said so.

And Alec, the son of Barr, took many pot shots, but the luck was not with him, so that they passed over and around the goal and the Yugoslavs made use of their praying mats.

And Tom, the son of Jack, arose and spake saying, "let us wear them down and when they are in bad nick we will send them back to Sydney so that the Sydneyites may beat them and make much money, and not have to sell their bridge to buy tucker".

And lo! the score was 3-all. And the Melbourneites rejoiced even as if they had won. And Andy, the son of Herd, spake saying, "these lads have done a great job and should any not be mentioned by the prophet "Dicko" surely shall he receive as much credit as the others".

AND IT WAS SO.

Items of Interest

Jack Smethhurst, who played in Sydney during the war years, has been chosen to play for West Australia v. Yugoslavia.

The Ex-Imperial soccer clubs will soon be able to stage their own inter-State matches: Sydney and Perth have strong Ex-Imperial teams, while Melbourne and Brisbane will soon have them as well.

The world's wealthiest soccer club, Arsenal, which thinks nothing of paying five-figure transfer fees for star players, has just signed on a 15 years old Glasgow schoolboy, James Coyle.

You often hear of a player becoming a referee. Here is a new twist. Over in West Australia—an outstanding referee, W. Ogg, of Bassendean, has relinquished the whistle to play for the local club, and may represent for the West against Yugoslavia.

Western Australia and Tasmania soccer authorities consider their States have been neglected in the Yugoslavian itinerary. Both will make strong claims for the allocation of an Australian XI v. England game during next season's tour.

ODD FACTS IN SOCCER!

When those famous Scottish Clubs, Glasgow Rangers and Dundee, received invitations to tour Australia this year, Scottish newspapers said their contests with Australia would resemble a "slaughter of the innocents". The managements should now ask our Yugoslavian visitors for some information about these Australian "innocents".

There is quite a difference in the record gate receipts of the English and Scottish cup finals. Record English cup receipts are £43,378, taken at the Derby v. Charlton final in 1946. The Scottish cup record receipts are £12,248, taken at the Celtic v. Aberdeen final in 1937. Prices for the English cup final are much higher of course than those taken for the Scottish final.

The first four figure transfer fee paid in big soccer was the £1,000 paid by Middlesborough to Sunderland for Alf Common in 1905. The first five figure fee paid was £10,890 paid by Arsenal for the transfer of David Jack from Bolton in 1928.

A Sydney youngster has already scored a dozen goals for Australia in test matches (schoolboy tests). He is A. De Paoli, 16 years old centre forward of the Leichhardt Club's under 18 years team.

During the second half of last week's test, the Yugoslavia attack "threw everything" at the Australian defence for a period of 20 minutes. Australian fans, officials and sympathisers scanned their watches at short intervals fearing the worst would happen. When Australia rebuffed all attacks and then released a final burst of pressure, the watches got "a rest", but every one of the last five minutes brought further anxious scrutines of the timepieces.

Four penalty kicks were awarded in the Drummoyne v. Woonona Sydney Cup Tie at Arlington last Saturday and two were "missed".

Soccer fans laughed when in a recent issue of the programme it was mentioned that a Yugoslav player may be seen in a Sydney team next year. One club is very confident of completing such a deal.

Sweden beat England (professionals) 3-1 this season, after defeating Yugoslavia in the Olympic Games' soccer final by the same score. In the latter game, Yugoslavia was described as most unlucky to lose. Following last week's test match success, where does that now place Australia in world ranking?

In a game against Eire in Dublin early this year, the Portugese players were on a bonus of £40 for a win, £30 for a draw and "only" £10 for a defeat.

Billy Williamson, of the famous Scottish team, Glasgow Rangers, played only in the finals of the Scottish Cup in the last two seasons scoring a goal in each game. He now holds two cup medals, an award coveted by every Scottish player.

During the British Pools season on Australian soccer, one English newspaper quoted: "With Ex-Imperial leading Bankstown 1-0, the southern league match between these two clubs had to be abandoned because of snow". Bankstown Oval must have thawed out since.

Here is the Photograph of the Poster which took Brisbane by storm.

You Can't Keep a Good Man Down!



THE GREAT BEARA!

One of the greatest custodians ever seen in Australia, youthful Vladimir Beara has proved a tremendous attraction in all states to date.

His mighty leaps, uncanny anticipation and amazing agility have kept Australian forwards mostly at bay. Alan Johns beat him with a great shot from 30 yards in the first test—so he at least can be beaten.

But—it's got to be a good 'un that gets past this big, quiet, unassuming youngster, who makes the 24ft. x 8ft. goal look to opposing forwards about as big as a butter box.

(Blocks loaned by "Sydney Morning Herald".)