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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION LIMITED.

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TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members of the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION will be held at the CAMPERDOWN TRAVELODGE, MISSENDEN ROAD, CAMPERDOWN, N.S.W. on FRIDAY, 29th July, commencing at 3-00p.m. in the BLIGH ROOM.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting held on 10th April, 1987.
2. To receive and consider for adoption the Twenty Sixth Annual Report, Balance Sheet and accompanying statements for the period ended 31st December, 1987.
3. To elect a President for the ensuing two years.
4. To elect two (2) Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year.
5. To elect Auditors for the ensuing year. The retiring Auditors, Billerwell, Powers and Smith, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
6. To receive and consider any additional reports.
7. To transact any other business brought before the meeting by Notice of Motion.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sir Arthur George  
President

Brian Emery  
Executive Director

1st July, 1988.

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Period from 1st January to 31st December 1987



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Mr John Barclay	15.3.70	Mr Aulden Brown	10.4.87

# INTRODUCTION

This report is based upon the activities of the Australian Soccer Federation for the period 1st of January, 1987 to 31st of December, 1987.

The report is prepared by the Executive Director on behalf of the Executive Committee, for the consideration of the members.

Owing to the lapse of time from the period reported upon until the presentation of this report, it has been determined to restrict the report in both items and presentation.

This report will cover the results of all games played by the Winfield Soccerroos during 1987, together with the results and points scores tables of the National Youth teams and the National under sixteen team, in both their Oceania elimination series and their world cup finals.

Results of fixtures played between the 1st of January 1988 and the 29th of July 1988, the date of presentation of this report shall be recorded in the 1988 annual report.

Items as listed in this report are as follows.

- 1) The Winfield Soccerroos - Everton, Korea, Trans Tasman Winfield Series, Chinese Taipei.
- 2) The National Youth Team - Oceania Youth championship and World Youth Cup finals in Chile.
- 3) Under sixteen National Team - World Youth Cup Finals Canada, 1987.
- 4) Awards - Government recognition.
- 5) The West End National Soccer League.
- 6) The Rothmans Coaching Scheme.
- 7) The Australian Sports Commission and The Institute of Sport.
- 8) National Junior Championships.
- 9) The media.
- 10) Referees.
- 11) FIFA and Oceania.
- 12) The Australian Womens Federation.
- 13) The Sponsors.
- 14) The Financial report.



During 1987, the Winfield Soccerroos participated in games against Everton, New Zealand, Morocco, Chile, Shamrock Rovers, The Korean National B Team, Fortuna Sittard of Holland, Egypt and the Korean National team.

Listed below, are the dates of these fixtures together with the results and the players who represented Australia in each of these fixtures.

On the 3rd of June, at Olympic park in Melbourne, the Winfield Soccerroos played Everton and at full time the score was 1:1. The resulting penalty kicks saw a win for the Winfield Soccerroos, 4:1. This fixture was played just prior to departure by the National team to participate in the Presidents Cup in Korea.

On the 9th of June, the team defeated Morocco, 1:0 in the opening round of the Presidents Cup in Korea. This was followed by a 2:0 win over Chile, a 1:0 win over Shamrock Rovers, a defeat of the Korean National B Team 5:0 and a one all draw with Fortuna Sittard. The following game against Egypt, resulted in a 4:3 win on penalty kicks at the Olympic stadium in Seoul. In the final, Australia played the Korean National A Team and at full time the score was one all. Australia then lost its first game during 1987 when it was defeated 4:5 on penalty kicks, to determine the holders of the Presidents Cup for 1987.

The second round of the Winfield Trans Tasman Cup was played on the 2nd and 9th of September, 1987. The first game played at Olympic Park, Melbourne, saw the Winfield Soccerroos draw 1:1 with New Zealand. On the 9th of September in Wellington, the Winfield Soccerroos were defeated 1:0 by the New Zealand team. New Zealand now hold the Winfield Trans Tasman Trophy and during 1988, the 3rd series for this trophy shall be played.

1987 was basically a year of preparation for the Winfield Soccerroos for the 1988 Olympic Games elimination series. Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson together with all the players listed below, are to be congratulated for their dedication and the sacrifices that part time players have to make to represent their country.

WINFIELD SOCCEROOS

PRESIDENTS CUP - KOREA - 3.6.87 to 22.6.1987

Australia -v- Morocco 1-0  
9th June 1987  
Kangnung

Olver, Jennings, Yankos, McDowell, Farina (Villani), Wade, Arnold,  
Raskopoulos, Kalantzis (Crino) Hunter.  
Goal Scorer - Arnold

Australia -v- Chile 2-0  
11th June 1987  
Kyong Ju

Olver, Davidson, Yankos, Dunn, De Marigny, McDowell, Crino, Villani  
(Raskopoulos), Zinni, Arnold, Kalantzis (Farina).  
Goal Scorer - Arnold, McDowell.

Australia -v- Shamrock Rovers 1-0  
13th June 1987  
Taegu

Gibson, Savor, Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, Farina, Wade, Arnold (Kalantzis)  
Raskopoulos, Zinni (Villani), Crino  
Goal Scorer - Farina

Australia -v- Korea B 5-0  
15th June 1987  
Suwon

Olver, Savor (Davidson), Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, McDowell, Farina,  
Wade, Arnold, Raskopolous (Crino) Kalantzis.  
Goal Scorers - Yankos, Farina x 2, Crino, Arnold

Australia -v- Fortuna Sittard 1-1  
17th June 1987  
Inchon

Gibson, Davidson, Hunter, Dunn, De Marigny, Crino, Zinni, Kalantzis,  
Villani, Jennings, Savor.  
Goal Scorer - Hunter

Australia -v- Egypt 4-3 Penalty Kicks.  
19th June 1987  
Olympic Stadium Soeul

Olver, Savor, Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, McDowell, Farina, Wade,  
Arnold, Raskopoulos (Hunter), Zinni (Crino).

Australia -v- Korea A 1-1 Full Time 4-5 Penalty Kicks.  
21st June 1987  
Olympic Stadium Soeul

Olver, Savor, Jennings, Yankos, Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, Farina,  
Wade (Raskopoulos), Arnold, Kalantzis (Zinni) Crino, Davidson.  
Goal Scorer Arnold.

#### WINFIELD SOCCEROOS

Australia -v- Everton 1-1 Penalty Kicks 4-1  
3rd June 1987  
Olympic Park Melbourne.

Olver, Savor, Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, McDowell (Villani), Farina,  
Arnold, Raskopoulos (Crino), Kalantzis (Zinni), Davidson.

Goal Scorer - Dunn

#### WINFIELD SOCCEROOS

WINFIELD TRANS TASMAN CUP 2.9.87 & 9.9.87

Australia -v- New Zealand 1-1  
2nd September 1987  
Olympic Park, Melbourne

Olver, Savor, Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, Farina, Wade, Arnold,  
Raskopoulos (Brown), Zinni, Crino (Odzarkov), Gibson, Davidson,  
Hunter.

Goal Scorer - Zinni

Australia -v- New Zealand 0-1  
9th September 1987  
Wellington

Olver, Yankos, McDowall, Dunn, Savor, Wade, Odzadov (Crino),  
Davidson, Farina, Arnold, Zinni (Brown).



## THE NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM.

In January 1987, the National Youth Team played the Oceania elimination championships in New Zealand. Australia defeated Fiji 7:0, drew with Israel 1:0, defeated Chinese Taipei 5:0, and in the final game defeated New Zealand, 3:0 to once again qualify for the World Youth Cup.

Australia qualified for the 1981 World Youth Cup as hosts. However, they have now proved the selection of Australia in 1981 as being fully qualified to enter a National Youth Team as the team has qualified for every World Youth Cup held since. The National Youth Team has played in the finals in Mexico in 1983, Russia in 1985 and Chile in 1987.

The talent identification schemes set up to select, prepare and participate with the best young players in Australia, has now been so successful, that many of the young players are becoming professionals overseas. The Winfield Socceros is now loaded with former National Youth Team players and surely this is one of the main aims and objects of the Australian Soccer Federation.

Les Schienflug, Vic Fernandez, all the officials and particularly the players are to be sincerely congratulated on their efforts in The World Youth Cup Finals, played in Chile. The Australian ambassador in Chile, Mr. Michael Dan, complemented the team on their presentation and behaviour in Chile. Whereas the team did not qualify for the quarter finals, after being defeated by the eventual world youth champions, Yugoslavia, in the first round, they created a great impression for all of Australia by their behaviour and presentation in Chile. Many of these players, I am sure, will be representing Australia in the Winfield Socceros within the next 3 to 4 years.

## AUSTRALIAN UNDER SIXTEEN TEAM.

The Australian under sixteen team qualified for the second world under sixteen titles, conducted by FIFA, which were played in Canada, from the 12th to the 25th of July, 1987. In 1986, in Chinese Taipei, the team defeated the Oceania teams to become the Oceania champions and hence qualify for the finals. The senior vice president, Mr. Ian Brusasco, was the head of the delegation that took the team to Canada in 1987.

The National under sixteen coach, Mr. Vic Dalglish and Mr. Bruce Stowell, the assistant coach, are to be congratulated for the magnificent performance of this team and particularly relative to the small amount of preparation that was allocated.

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 16 TEAM

WORLD UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS - CANADA - 12/25.7.1987.

Australia -v- Saudi Arabia      1-0  
12th July 1987

Russell, Triantafyllou, Mills, Longo, Horvat, Georgakis,  
Dickinson, Jee, Dimoudis (McGregor), Rago, Richardson.  
Goal Scorer - Horvat

Australia -v- France              1-4  
14th July 1987

Russell, Triantafyllou, Mills, Longo (McWhirter), Horvat  
(Dimoudis), Georgakis, Dickinson, McGregor, Jee, Rago,  
Richardson  
Goal Scorer - Georgakis

Australia -v- Brazil              1-0  
17th July 1987

Russell, Triantafyllou, Mills, Longo, Georgakis, McGregor  
Jee, McWhirter (Freiberg), Dimoudis (Pisano), Richardson.  
Goal Scorer - Richardson

Australia -v- Nigeria            0-1  
19th July 1987

Russell, Triantafyllou (Freiberg), Mills, Longo, Georgakis,  
Jee (Christopoulos), Rago, Richardson.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM.

WORLD YOUTH CUP FINALS - CHILE - OCTOBER, 1987.

Australia -v- Togo                2-0  
11th October, 1987.

Hughes, Kulcsar, Healey, Koch, Reynolds, Grbac, Polak (Van Blerk),  
Saad, Hristodoulou, Edwards, Trimboli.  
Goal Scorers - Edwards & Reynolds.

Australia -v- Yugoslavia        0-4  
14th October, 1987.

Hughes, Kulcsar, Healey, Northam, Reynolds, Grbac, Polak,  
Hristodoulou, Saad (Markovski), Trimboli, Edwards.

Australia -v- Chile              0-2  
17th October, 1987.

Hughes, Kulcsar, Healey, Northam, Reynolds, Koch (Polak), Grbac,  
Saad, Hristodoulou, Trimboli (Van Blerk), Edwards.

RESULTS OF QUEENS CUP COMPETITION

19-11-86	AUSTRALIA	V	BANGKOK BANK	2 - 0
22-11-86	AUSTRALIA	V	THAI AIR FORCE	1 - 0
25-11-86	AUSTRALIA	V	THAI ARMY	5 - 1
30-11-86	AUSTRALIA	V	HAKKA	0 - 0

RESULTS OF AUSTRALIA YOUTH TEAM ELIMINATION SERIES

17-1-87	AUSTRALIA	V	FIJI	7 - 0
19-1-87	AUSTRALIA	V	ISRAEL	1 - 1
23-1-87	AUSTRALIA	V	CHINESE TAIPEI	5 - 0
26-1-87	AUSTRALIA	V	NEW ZEALAND	3 - 0

In the very first round, in Canada, Australia defeated Saudi Arabia 1:0. However, the team was then defeated by France 4:1 in the following game. The 3rd game in the series was undoubtedly Australia's best and they defeated Brazil, 1:0. The team then moved into the quarter finals and were defeated by the runners up in the tournament, Nigeria, by 1:0. The under sixteen team is now rated on results at world under sixteen titles, as second in the world. The full results of this tournament, together with the world rankings submitted by FIFA from 1 to 23, are shown in the following page.

Many of these players will, now that they have placed their foot on the first step of the stepping stone process to the Winfield Soccerroos, make their presence felt in the National Youth Team, the 1992 Olympic Games Team and I am sure the 1994 World Cup Squad. The players were excellent ambassadors for Australia, under the conditions encountered in Canada and are to be congratulated for their results. The parents of every boy in this team should feel extremely proud of the manner in which these players represented Australia.

#### ORDER OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS.

The President of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George, was made a member of the Order Of Australia, during 1987 and Mr. Tony Kovacks of the Victorian Soccer Federation received the medal of the Order Of Australia for services to soccer.

On behalf of the executive and members of The Australian Soccer Federation, we congratulate these two gentlemen, for the honour they so richly deserve.

#### THE ROTHMANS NATIONAL COACHING TEAM.

Mr. Eric Worthington, the Rothmans National director of coaching has completed another successful year in the accreditation scheme. The figures listed below show the number of coaches qualified at various levels up to the end of 1987, together with the particular figures for the year 1987.

This year, the Rothmans Sports Foundation together with the Australian Soccer Federation, approved the use of the ASF accreditation scheme and the coaching manual, to be used by the Oceania Confederation. This is a complement to both Eric and the ASF and all the members of the federation should feel a certain amount of satisfaction, that Australia's scheme is now adopted and being used by all members in the Oceania Confederation.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> FIFA UNDER 16 WORLD TOURNAMENT FOR THE JVC CUP

Canada, 12 – 25 July 1987

## Group A – Toronto

(Canada, Egypt, Italy, Qatar)

12.7.87	Italy v. Canada	3:0 (2:0)	A. Brizio Carter, Mexico
	Qatar v. Egypt	1:0 (1:0)	D. Di Placido, USA
14.7.87	Italy v. Qatar	1:0 (0:0)	J. Orellana, Ecuador
	Canada v. Egypt	0:3 (0:1)	K. Wallace, New Zealand
16.7.87	Italy v. Egypt	1:0 (0:0)	J. Blankenstein, Netherlands
	Canada v. Qatar	1:2 (1:2)	J. Ortube Vargas, Bolivia

1.	Italy	3	2	1	0	5:1	5
2.	Qatar	3	2	1	0	4:2	5
3.	Egypt	3	1	0	2	3:2	2
4.	Canada	3	0	0	3	1:8	0

## Group B – Saint John, New Brunswick

(Ecuador, Ivory Coast, Korea Rep., USA)

12.7.87	Ivory Coast v. Korea Rep.	1:1 (1:0)	B. Ulloa Morera, Costa Rica
	USA v. Ecuador	1:0 (0:0)	N. Jouini, Tunisia
14.7.87	Ivory Coast v. USA	1:0 (1:0)	A. Jassim Mohamed, Bahrain
	Korea Rep. v. Ecuador	0:1 (0:0)	I. Ben Itzhak, Israel
16.7.87	Ivory Coast v. Ecuador	1:0 (1:0)	B. Ulloa Morera, Costa Rica
	Korea Rep. v. USA	4:2 (0:0)	N. Jouini, Tunisia

1.	Ivory Coast	3	2	1	0	3:1	5
2.	Korea Rep.	3	1	1	1	5:4	3
3.	Ecuador	3	1	0	2	1:2	2
4.	USA	3	1	0	2	3:5	2

## Group C – Montreal

(Australia, Brazil, France, Saudi Arabia)

12.7.87	Brazil v. France	0:0	Lee Do-Ha, Korea Rep
	Saudi Arabia v. Australia	0:1 (0:0)	A. Evangelista, Canada
14.7.87	Brazil v. Saudi Arabia	0:0	A. Spirin, USSR
	France v. Australia	4:1 (4:0)	S. Bantsimba, Congo
16.7.87	Brazil v. Australia	0:1 (0:1)	Lee Do-Ha, Korea Rep
	France v. Saudi Arabia	0:2 (0:2)	A. Spirin, USSR

1.	Australia	3	2	0	1	3:4	4
2.	France	3	1	1	1	4:3	3
3.	Saudi Arabia	3	1	1	1	2:1	3
4.	Brazil	3	0	2	1	0:1	2

## Group D – St. John's, New Foundland

(Bolivia, Mexico, Nigeria, USSR)

12.7.87	USSR v. Nigeria	1:1 (0:0)	J. Ramiz Wright, Brazil
	Mexico v. Bolivia	2:2 (0:0)	M. Hafez, Egypt
14.7.87	USSR v. Mexico	7:0 (3:0)	K. Hope, Scotland
	Nigeria v. Bolivia	3:2 (1:1)	I.R. Al-Jassas, Kuwait
16.7.87	USSR v. Bolivia	4:2 (2:0)	K. Hope, Scotland
	Nigeria v. Mexico	0:1 (0:0)	J. Ramiz Wright, Brazil

1.	USSR	3	2	1	0	12:3	5
2.	Nigeria	3	1	1	1	4:4	3
3.	Mexico	3	1	1	1	3:9	3
4.	Bolivia	3	0	1	2	6:9	1

## Quarter Finals – 19.7.87

Toronto	Italy v. Korea Rep.	2:0 (0:0)	K. Wallace, New Zealand
St. John, N.B.	Ivory Coast v. Qatar	3:0 (1:0)	B. Ulloa Morera, Costa Rica
Montreal	Australia v. Nigeria	0:1 (0:0)	A. Evangelista, Canada
St. John's, N.F.	USSR v. France	3:2 (1:0)	J. Ramiz Wright, Brazil

## Semi-Finals – 22.7.87

Toronto	Italy v. Nigeria	0:1 (0:0)	J. Blankenstein, Netherlands
St. John, N.B.	Ivory Coast v. USSR	1:5 (0:3)	A. Brizio Carter, Mexico

## Match for third place – 24.7.87

St. John, N.B.	Italy v. Ivory Coast	1:2 (1:1, 0:1)	A. Evangelista, Canada (after extra-time)
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## Final – 25.7.87

Toronto	Nigeria v. USSR	1:1 (1:1, 1:1)	J. Ramiz Wright, Brazil (after extra-time)
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Result  
by penalty-kicks: 1:3

FIFA U-16 World Tournament								1985	1987	
Permanent Table										
La clasificación «eterna»										
Le classement «éternel»										
Die «ewige» Rangliste										
1	Nigeria	12	7	4	1	17	7	18	1	2
2	Australia	8	5	1	2	7	6	11	5	6
3	USSR	6	4	2	0	21	7	10		1
4	Brazil	9	4	2	3	13	9	10	3	13
5	Italy	9	4	1	4	11	8	9	11	4
6	Ivory Coast	6	4	1	1	9	7	9		3
7	Saudi Arabia	7	3	2	2	10	5	8	6	9
8	Germany FR	6	3	1	2	13	10	7	2	
9	Guinea	6	2	2	2	7	7	6	4	
10	Mexico	6	2	2	2	6	12	6	10	10
11	Hungary	4	2	1	1	5	3	5	7	
12	China PR	4	2	1	1	8	7	5	8	
13	Qatar	7	2	1	4	6	13	5	15	5
14	USA	6	2	0	4	6	10	4	12	14
15	Argentina	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	9	
16	France	4	1	1	2	6	6	3		7
17	Korea Rep	4	1	1	2	5	6	3		8
18	Egypt	3	1	0	2	3	2	2		11
19	Ecuador	3	1	0	2	1	2	2		12
20	Bolivia	6	0	2	4	8	15	2	13	15
21	Congo	3	0	0	3	4	10	0	14	
22	Canada	3	0	0	3	1	8	0		16
23	Costa Rica	3	0	0	3	1	9	0	16	

The state directors of coaching should be sincerely congratulated for their efforts in supporting Eric to reach the targets that have now been obtained.

The state directors of coaching are taken for granted, but no one appreciates the irregular hours that is necessary for these gentlemen to work, because they are continually dealing with the coaches, who are giving their spare time to help raise the standard of the game within Australia.

#### THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION.

During 1987, the practical aspect of the Australian Sports Commission came to the fore. Their proposed amalgamation with the Institute of Sport, has created an atmosphere of practical assistance to the sports within Australia. The Commission is no longer a statute body, who determine grants and allocations to all the national sports. Their involvement with the Institute of Sport, has made them a practical organisation and one that is appreciated particularly by the executive directors of those sports that are receiving assistance through the schemes.

There are many schemes within the commission and the institute and I am sure, shortly, that all these schemes shall be co-ordinated under one heading for each sport. The various methods of assistance need to be co-ordinated, instead of sports heading in various directions to obtain assistance under 4 or 5 different schemes.

I would like to personally thank, on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation, Greg Hartung of the sports commission for his guidance and assistance. Mr. Dean Moore should also be congratulated for the amount of time that he spends out of so called normal business hours, to assist the sports within Australia. Our direct contact, Mr. Neil Richardson, is an absolute pleasure to work with and reflects the attitude of the commission and institute that are there to assist all sports within Australia.

#### AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT.

The youth team within the Australian Institute of Sport is getting better and better each year. National youth coach, Mr. Les Schienflug speaks highly of the assistance given to the preparation of teams by Ron Smith and his new assistant, Gary Cole.

The number of players coming from the Institute of Sport to the National Youth Team is increasing each year. This increase is occurring even with the number of youth team players playing in the National League. When the first National Youth Team was selected, only one player, Peter Raskopolous was playing in the National League. It has now reached the stage that 3 to 4 national youth teams can be selected from the number of players registered with the National League and are still eligible by age.

To Ron Smith, Gary Cole and all the sport staff institute, please accept the sincere congratulations of the Australian Soccer Federation for the magnificent job that you are doing in promoting both players and the sport of soccer within Australia.

#### NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The backbone of soccer within Australia is undoubtedly the juniors. If all the officials and coaches associated with the junior organisations within each state and with the National Junior Council, decided to retire and go fishing, the Australian Soccer Federation would not have an Olympic Games team, a Youth team or a National team within a matter of 5 to 6 years.

The State Federations prepare an under 13, 14 and 15 team each year to start the stepping stone process for national representation. The National Junior Championships are for some players, their pinnacle of achievement. However, for the future Winfield Socceroos, they are merely the start of a rather exciting career. The under 13 national championships were actually used for the selection for the under 14 team, to be prepared during 1986. During 1987 this team played at under 15 in the Oceania elimination championships and reached the final of the under 16 in July, 1987, in Canada.

The National Junior Council should now be looking at preparing a team for the national under 16 coach, up to 2 years prior to his requirement, to participate at under 15 in the Oceania championships. It is far too late to select a team under 14, and expect them to be prepared for participation in an international event within 12 months. When they are successful in the Oceania titles, they then have to move into the world scene, after only a total of 18 months preparation, This is not sufficient nor is it fair for the players involved. I recommend to the National Junior Council, to start their programme of preparation for this team every 2 years. To the officials who conduct the National Junior Championships, the sincere thanks of the executive of the Australian Soccer Federation, for your efforts and I can assure you that they are sincerely appreciated by all national team coaches.

## THE MEDIA.

SBS continue to dominate the media, as far as soccer is concerned in Australia. The amount of air space given to soccer is far in excess of other sports. To Ian Hamilton, Austin Steele and all the sports department of SBS, please accept a sincere thanks from the Australian Soccer Federation for your efforts.

There have been many changes in the written media during the last 3 years. One news group now owns 68% of all the media in Australia. As such, the reports from any reporter within that group are circulated to nearly 3/4 of the Australian population.

The support given by all soccer journalists is greatly appreciated and even those who are critical of the Australian Soccer Federation's endeavours are sharing in the improvement of soccer within Australia.

If 10 years ago the Australian Soccer Federation had said that it could select players of under 20 to beat Argentina, Germany, Brazil and England and qualify for world youth cup 1/4 finals, the media would have said we were dreaming. All this has been accomplished in the last 10 years and if the increase in standard continues to rise over the next 10 years, then it will be a case of selecting a team to represent Australia from Australian players who are all playing overseas as professionals.

To the specific soccer publications, the executive extend their sincere thanks for your support during 1987. I am sure that all members appreciate that the media is nothing more than a reflection of the integrity and amount of enthusiasm shown by the players and the officials.

It would be remiss of the Australian Soccer Federation not to acknowledge the retirement of one of the long term soccer journalists, Mr. David Jack. Mr. Jack of the Sydney Sun was a leading soccer journalist throughout Australia and we extend to him our sincere thanks for his efforts and trusts he has a happy retirement.

## THE REFEREES.

During 1987, Australian referees again strutted the world stage. Richard Lawrence was selected to participate in the world youth championships in Chile and received a very good report. He follows Chris Bambridge who refereed the world under 16 finals in 1985 and in the world cup in 1986. Chris Bambridge has also been selected again to officiate at the 1988 Olympics.



The Australian Soccer Federation were sorry to lose the services of Stuart Mellings during 1987. He retired with a magnificent record and has left a hole in the list that has not been filled yet. On behalf of the Executive, may I thank you for the services you have rendered since your first international appearance in 1967.

Stuart's record shown below, is one to be very proud of.

To Bill Jones and his men , sincere thanks for the time and effort that you are giving to our game. He attends the NSL meetings on a regular basis and has never failed to drop into the ASF office, his monthly contact is greatly appreciated.

#### FIFA AND OCEANIA CONFEDERATION.

During 1987 the Australian Soccer Federation were involved with FIFA at both the world under 16 and the Youth Cup in Canada and Chile. Their efficiency made it a delight to be involved in these tournaments and congratulations go to the secretary, Mr. Sep Blatter. The ASF are very proud to be a member of FIFA and fully support the senior organisation.

#### OCEANIA CONFEDERATION.

Australia participated in the Oceania Confederation under 16 and youth championships during 1987. The Oceania Confederation problems, relative to the number of countries, have been expounded over the past few years to FIFA. It is anticipated that during 1988 FIFA will take some steps to have Oceania increased in numbers to be able to participate as a full member and have direct representation .

To Ian Brusasco thanks for acting as delegate on behalf of ASF to the Oceania Confederation To George Dick and Doug Rennie we thank you for your assistance in the development of Oceania.

#### THE AUSTRALIAN WOMENS FEDERATION.

The Australian Soccer Federation have allowed full autonomy for the Australian Womens Organisation to develop. Their increasing participation in overseas events has seen an increase in the standards of the teams.

Internal problems regarding their membership relative to one particular state did not interfere with their standing as the ASF received an invitation for the Australian Womens team to participate in an inaugural world tournament conducted by FIFA in China during 1988. The full results of this tournament will be given in the next Annual Report.

To Heather Reid, Executive Director and Elaine Watson President, we extend the congratulations of the ASF on the development of womens football in Australia.



Without doubt Winfield have been the greatest support that soccer have had over the past years. During 1987 they continued to support the Winfield Soccerroos in their preparation programme. 1986 being a world cup year, is always followed by the preparation year of the team for the following 4 years. 1987 was a year in which a new team was being prepared for both the Olympics in 1988 and the World Cup in 1990. The ASF cannot thank Winfield sufficiently for their support and we trust that in 1988, 89, and 1990 that the Winfield Soccerroos will show the flag for both groups.

#### OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS

Adidas again fully supported the Winfield Soccerroos, the National Youth Team and the under 16 team with the supply of their gear. All 3 teams were extremely proud to wear the product supplied by Addidas and we trust that they receive their due recognition.

To Bob Lay and Jim Tansy, we extend the sincere thanks of the ASF and the players.

#### MITRE.

Mitre again were the official suppliers of balls to the national teams and for promotional fixtures. To Scott Whitacker sincere appreciation is extended.

#### ROTHMANS SPORTS FOUNDATION.

Rothmans is looked upon as family rather than sponsor. Close involvement of their director Eric Worthington and Alan Davidson quite often is over looked due to their daily involvement.

Sincere thanks to Alan Davidson and his board for support with games in Australia.

#### AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES.

Australian airlines continue to be the sponsors for the ASF. Their assistance at junior level and visiting teams is of great assistance. Ian Jamieson's support has never faulted in the years of association.

To ASF representative Ian Tiley recieves sincere thanks for suport.

#### AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION.

The ASC's involvement with ASF's codes and the direct grants are of significant assistance. The ASC assist in various schemes and the ASF are grateful for their involvement.

#### THE AUSTRALIAN POOLS.

The ASP has developed a good working relationship with the ASF and were very sorry to lose the services of Peter Malim from Pools. Peter's direct involvement was of great assistance to the ASF and to Ted Simmons who handles the schemes for AAP. ASF trust that Peter will become involved again.

#### TRAVELODGE.

These official suppliers to ASF have again assisted in many areas. During 1987 the National Youth Team and the Winfield Soccerroos regarded Travelodge as home away from home.

David Seargent and Don Good have left the hotel and personal contact has been taken over by Rod Cubit. He has been of great assistance to the ASF.

## NATIONAL PANASONIC

National Panasonic supplied the ASF and all state federations with a fax machine and we are very appreciative of their use.

All state clearances are done on these National Panasonic machines and it has proved invaluable to the running of ASF. To Bob McCullum and the crew thanks are extended.

THANK YOU.

This is my last report for the ASF and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the State secretaries and the representatives of the states who make up the board from time to time and for the assistance they have given me over the last 9 years .

When I first joined the ASF in 1979, soccer had a national under 16 championship and a National team with a yawning gap in between. The national team was made up of the best players in Australia at the time, but very few of them learning their soccer in Australia.

We can now boast a national under 16 team, a national under 18 championships, a world youth cup team and even an olympic team inbetween the under 16 championships and the Winfield Socceroos.

A stepping stone process has assisted as we are now even exporting our players overseas. This gives me a great deal of satisfaction and trust that the new Executive Director will receive just as much satisfaction when we win a world under 16 or a world youth cup and reach the next world cups over the next 10 years.

Once again, sincere thanks for the assistance that has been rendered .

Brian Emery.