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Soccer Judges' Choice

(Extract from "Sporting Life")

In Australia, more than it used to be in England, it is a case of "wherever there's a coalfield you'll find a game of soccer."

Most of Australia's finest players, have come from the coalfields of Newcastle or the N.S.W. south coast, though Sydney has contributed some.

Reg Date, Australia's greatest present-day player, was born in Newcastle.

But three of the shrewdest judges of soccer, with 40 years' experience would not include him in their best-of-all-time Australian team.

The experts are Eric Mobbs, who kept goal for the 1914 Granville team which had only four goals scored against it that season; Sid Blake, famous N.S.W. outside lift; and Sammy Stone, fullback and N.S.W. selector for four years.

Mobbs casts his "best-ever" vote for Alf Jennings, the great Australian centre-forward who was invited to England, played successfully for Tottenham Hotspurs.

Blake selects another centre-forward, the late Jack Milton.

"He was a second man on the flying trapeze," said Blake. "I have seen him keep fearlessly heading the ball at the net after his face had become covered with blood."

Stone chooses Bert Moore as the champion of champions. "Moore played in any of the half-back positions or as inside or centre-forward," said Stone.



A NOTE FROM RINGWOOD

The Ringwood Club in the third year of soccer in this outlying district of Melbourne are having another successful year. Despite the absence of match points so far, our teams are happy and a feature has been the increased attendance of spectators and others interested in the Club, which is in a very sound financial position.

The Club is now running an Under 15 team and next year hope to form an Under 17 years team. The Club has this year been unfortunate in injuries to players, but despite this our First Division team's success against Hakoah on Saturday, 12th June has been a real tonic.

Any players or soccer enthusiasts living around this district should contact our Secretary, Mr. F. Lee "Pincarrow," Wantirna Road, Ringwood, and a very cordial welcome will be assured.

The game is the thing and we in this district are doing all in our power to better the code.

EAST SATURDAY'S CUP RESULTS

Dockerty Cup

Macedonians v. Yallourn result not to hand.
 Hakoah J.R.C. 2 (Meyer 2) d. University 0.
 Preston 4 d. Heidelberg 2.
 Sunshine United 7 d. Moreland 2.
 Metters 5 (Purdon 5) d. Northern United 0.
 Ringwood 6 d. Yarraville 0.
 Coburg 3 d. Woodlands 0.
 Brighton 4 (Nicholsen 2, Barr, Marone) d.
 Prahran 3.
 South Melbourne United 6 (Cahill 3, James,
 Murray, Tieppo) d. Olympic 0.

Reserve Cup

Moreland 4 d. Ringwood 1.

Junior Cup

Yallourn 5 d. Western Suburbs 1.
 Coburg 1 drew with Box Hill 1.

Miller Cup

South Melbourne United 8 (Stott 3, Thwaites
 2, Prest 2, Gleave) d. Sunshine United 0.
 Preston 4 (Jeavons 2, Horabin 2) d. Brighton
 1.

Dunkling Shield

Ringwood 2 d. Box Hill 0.
 Brighton 3 (Stevenson, Jordan, Gribben) d.
 Northcote 0.
 South Melbourne United 2 (James 2) d. Pres-
 ton 1.



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It is wondered if officials, players and supporters, realise that in "Soccer News and Views" they have one of the most forceful methods of publicising the game of soccer—the printed word.

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Attract Attention To Soccer

Big strides in this direction can be made by a larger and wider spread circulation of "Soccer News." With 72 teams playing soccer in Victoria today, and comprising over 1,000 of-

ficials and players, there seems to be no reason why the circulation of this journal should not be 3,000 instead of just over 900 as at present.

The appointment of a Circulation Manager or Publicity Officer in each Club would take a certain amount of work off the Club Secretary and should be a very interesting position for the person appointed.

His duties would entail the distribution of the "News" every Saturday to the regulars, arrange for the sale of copies around the lines during the match and the building up of the number of regular buyers of the journal.

Just think of it! The interests of 3,000 people attracted to the game of soccer by the regular weekly reminder of "Soccer News and Views."

Creating And Holding Interest

Having attracted the attention of a prospective soccerite, it is up to us to interest him or her in the game. This can best be done by the judicious use of the limited space available in the "News." Make every item of news in the paper full of interest and worthy of the space it occupies. Remember that the public will require knowledge of the rules and finer points of soccer football. Their attention has been attracted by your approach with "Soccer News and Views." Now hold their interest by telling them all about the game and your Club's social activities. Use names of players and officials in your write-ups. It gives the paper a personal touch and becomes of interest to players and supporters alike.

Watch next week's issue of this paper for article on how to make your Club Jottings interesting to soccer enthusiasts and beneficial to your Club in particular.

Selling Soccer To Victorians

With a larger circulation to attract attention and create interest in soccer football, you will notice that your games draw more spectators and your social activities will receive additional support.

There is a big field in which to sell the game of soccer. Not only have we the Schoolboys and Juniors anxious to learn to play soccer but coming into this country are hundreds of emigrants who are already soccer minded. Now let "Soccer News and Views" work for you by using it as a means of bringing soccer football to the fore in Victorian sporting activities.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Sunshine United	9	8	1	0	36	10	17
Box Hill	9	5	2	2	29	21	12
Brighton	9	4	2	3	23	18	10
Prahran	9	3	2	4	21	24	8
Park Rangers	9	3	2	4	15	20	8
Moreland	9	3	1	5	19	20	7
Yallourn	9	2	1	6	27	34	5
Western Suburbs	9	1	3	5	10	33	5

Second Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Bradford	9	6	3	0	24	4	15
South Melb. United	9	6	2	1	31	10	14
Hakoah J.R.C.	9	5	1	3	19	15	11
South Yarra	9	4	2	3	27	15	10
Coburg	9	4	1	4	27	22	9
Preston	9	3	1	5	20	33	7
Ringwood	9	1	1	7	10	30	3
Northcote	9	1	1	7	10	39	3

Third Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
George Cross	7	6	1	0	23	7	13
Melb. University	7	5	2	0	37	7	12
Heidelberg "A"	7	5	1	1	38	7	11
Olympic	6	4	1	1	15	9	9
Yarraville	6	4	0	2	17	19	8
Williamstown	7	3	1	3	17	23	7
Woodlands	7	2	2	3	15	19	6
Macedonians	7	2	1	4	9	19	5
Brighton	7	2	0	5	18	24	4
Metters	7	1	1	5	9	18	3
Regent (ex Nthn. U.)	7	1	0	6	7	29	2
Heidelberg "B"	7	1	0	6	6	30	2

First Division Reserves

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Brighton	9	7	2	0	42	9	16
Prahran	9	6	1	2	31	19	13
Park Rangers	9	5	2	2	31	15	12
Western Suburbs	9	5	0	4	28	40	10
Box Hill	9	4	1	4	36	20	9
Yallourn	9	3	1	5	26	35	7
Moreland	9	2	1	6	17	35	5
Sunshine United	9	0	0	9	9	47	0

Second Division Reserves

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
South Melb. United	9	8	0	1	50	8	16
South Yarra	8	8	0	0	32	7	16
Bradford	9	6	0	3	27	14	12
Preston	9	3	2	4	14	16	8
Hakoah J.R.C.	8	2	1	5	4	17	5
Ringwood	9	2	0	7	8	36	4
Coburg	7	1	1	5	5	15	3
Northcote	7	1	0	6	6	33	2

NOTE.—Hakoah J.R.C. has been awarded points for match against Northcote for default on May 15th, and this has now been included in above ladder. Other claims for defaults have not yet been decided.

Under 19 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Brighton	9	9	0	0	46	4	18
Park Rangers	9	7	0	2	42	7	14
Yallourn	9	6	1	2	28	9	13
Preston	9	4	1	4	24	19	9
Coburg	9	3	3	3	16	19	9
Box Hill	9	3	1	5	22	23	7
Western Suburbs	8	3	1	4	20	26	7
Prahran	9	2	2	5	16	28	6
Hakoah J.R.C.	8	2	1	5	14	31	5
South Yarra	9	0	0	9	2	64	0

NOTE.—Claim by Western Suburbs against Hakoah J.R.C. for default on June 12, not included in above ladder.

Under 17 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
South Melb. United	9	8	0	1	35	6	16
Preston	9	8	0	1	29	12	16
Brighton	9	6	0	3	29	11	12
Sunshine United	9	2	0	7	16	30	4
Box Hill	9	2	0	7	14	30	4
Coburg	9	1	0	8	4	38	2

Under 15 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
South Melb. United	7	6	1	0	57	5	13
Preston	7	5	2	0	34	4	12
Brighton	8	5	1	2	36	11	11
Sunshine United	7	2	0	5	11	45	4
Box Hill	8	3	0	5	6	31	4
Ringwood	6	1	0	5	6	28	2
Northcote	5	0	0	5	0	26	0

NOTE.—Claims by South Melbourne United and Sunshine Clubs, against Northcote for default, not yet included in above ladder.

CLUB JOTTINGS

Metters Versus Regent

After a late start owing to the referee not turning up the two captains decided on an unofficial referee and the game got started.

Metters opened the scoring in the first four or five minutes of play. With the pressure on the Regent goal line most of the first half, Metters centre forward J. Purdon found the net five times with the co-operation of Cuthbertson and Hurlstone on the right wing. With the score at five goals to nil in the first half Metters eased up a little but were giving Regent no chances as they remembered what happened in their first meeting.

R. Williams outside left for Metters, put across some dangerous crosses from corner kicks once he hit the upright and the ball bounced back into play.

Preston Club

Preston won through to the second round of the Cup by defeating Heidelberg by four goals to two. Four of Preston's forwards scored goals and showed quite an improvement over their previous form. Both of Heidelberg's goals were very nicely scored. George Smith and Alex Drysdale broke up many attacks while Joe Crompvoetts and Jim Pickering were very busy on the forward wings.

Preston Under 17 team goes on to the next round of the Miller Cup with confidence after defeating Brighton by 4 goals to nil.

Jeavons and Horabin scored for Preston, while Turner, Binns and Clark also pulled their weight during the match.

Preston Under 15 team was defeated by South Melbourne United in a close match by 2 goals to 1. The United boys' system won them the day. Salter and Peachey were Preston's best players.

University Versus Hakoah J.R.C.

The University team which is unbeaten in the Third Division put up a splendid fight and a real good game of soccer was produced. Hakoah found their old form again and led University 1:0 at half time.

Albert Meyer scored this goal with a wonderful technique from a pass from the left. The second goal for Hakoah was also scored by A. Meyer when he broke through the Uni-

versity defence. Final score: Hakoah J.R.C. 2 goals defeated Melbourne University nil.

Brighton Club

Please note that result of Brighton versus Park Rangers game (First Division) played 12th June, should have been 5 goals to 1 and not 4 to 1 as published in "Results At A Glance."

Stuhr, the left back of the Under 17 team unfortunately broke his leg while playing for Brighton against Preston in the Miller Cup.

Alec Barr and Don Bingham were the recipients of medals presented by the Kingswood Club to the two best Brighton players in the recent Brighton v. Kingswood interstate game.

Officials, players, and visitors alike, thoroughly enjoyed themselves at a smoke night held in honour of our South Australian and Tasmanian visitors.

Our guests voted the trip, and the arrangements for their reception and stay a great success.

Brighton is proud of the achievements of its Under 19 team, who up to and including Saturday, 12th June, has not lost a point and has a goal average of 37 goals for and 4 against.

Credit is due to Mr. W. Thomas and Mr. J. Rickarby, who have had the handling of this team and who are responsible in a large measure for its present success.

Brighton in the next year or so will undoubtedly reap the benefit of its policy of fostering juniors and schoolboys.

The Under 17 and Under 15 teams managed by Mr. Alec Mackie and Mr. Norm Shing, respectively, have also had their fair share of success and are at present third and second in the League tables.

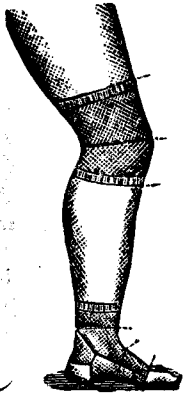
With such a nursery of players at hand, Brighton's soccer future is assured for many years to come.

South Melbourne United

South Melbourne United's first team met and defeated Olympic 6 goals to nil in the first round of the Dockerty Cup played at Middle Park last Saturday.

At half time, South Melbourne had only registered a single goal but soon after the resumption, they took complete control of the game, and won comfortably. Olympic put up an excellent showing, especially during the

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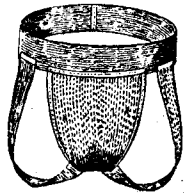
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first half, and missed several scoring opportunities. Their goalkeeper was outstanding in defence, despite the fact that he was suffering from influenza. Had he been in fit condition, it is problematical whether United would have got all six goals past him.

South Melbourne's Under 17 team played the curtain-raiser in the first round of the Miller Cup, against Sunshine, and had a comfortable win to the extent of 8 goals to nil.

A first class schoolboy contest was staged by South Melbourne and the Preston Under 15 teams, in the first round of the Dunkling Shield, also played at Middle Park. South Melbourne's good systematic play won them the day to the extent of 2 goals to 1, and will now enter the semi-finals.

All junior members of the South Melbourne United Club were given a real bumper night last Saturday night, when the Club conducted a "Fish and Chip Night." One hundred pieces of fish, a pound's worth of chips, fifteen dozen pickled onions, six dozen sausage rolls, biscuits and cheese, and two dozen bottles of soft drink quickly disappeared, and the boys all voted the night an A1 success. Community singing, accompanied by Mr. Fergie

Rose and his piano accordion, a table tennis contest, and a quiz between the Under 17 and Under 15 teams, wound up a night which will be long remembered by the boys.



FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The Editor,

Sir,—I cannot help but feel that the present practice of playing soccer matches, especially the best games, in closed grounds, is not a policy calculated to spread the game and attract support from those not already devotees.

It seems obvious, that only those already enthusiastic, will pay an entrance fee to see such games. Neither can the small monetary returns from such games, after payment of expenses, justify it from a financial aspect, as I suppose that most Clubs would receive more from collections, etc., on the open parklands. Personally, it usually costs us much more to attend the latter games, which I do not begrudge, knowing that it is all going to the particular Club.

Recently, I had a very vivid illustration of this contention, on leaving Olympic Park to see a larger crowd watching the Macedonian game in Swan Street than was in attendance at Olympic Park. Most of this crowd was made up of early departures from the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the sort of people, I presume, we wish to attract.

It must also be very discouraging to outlying teams like Brighton, etc., who depend on the creation of local interest, to have to play their best home matches at that dismal graveyard—Olympic Park—in preference to the homely and friendly atmosphere of Hurlingham Park.

No, sir, soccer in its present position in this State cannot afford to go into hiding, which, is what closed ground matches amount too, and even Cup Finals should be played on the open parks. Hoping that those responsible for the present state of affairs will see their way clear to reconsider this practice.

—R. THOMAS, Malvern.



SCREEN PUBLICITY

During the forthcoming week the Association's screen slide will be shown at "Alhambra Theatre," Brunswick, and "Glen Theatre," Glenferrie.

TODAY'S LEAGUE GAMES

All games this afternoon in the First Division should be very close contests, but the pick of the matches will be at Sunshine, where the home team, Sunshine United will be up against formidable opposition, against Brighton. Brighton, who were only beaten by one goal to nil in their last encounter with the Division One leaders, may be the cause of Sunshine's first major upset. Brighton are playing much better football since that day, and can always be relied upon to put up a better brand of football when against good opponents.

Prahran has not won a game since May 15, whilst their opponents, Yallourn have been successful in all of their last three games. Despite this however, both teams are very evenly matched, and a good game may be witnessed by soccer followers at Yallourn.

Moreland has had a run of outs in its last four matches, but on their good showing against the division leaders, Sunshine, on 5th June, which caused the leaders to drop their first premiership point for the season, Box Hill should meet some very stiff opposition. Moreland is another team which can cause major upsets in the League ladder, and on their good performance against Brighton last week in the Cup match, it would not surprise if they come out on top after the ninety minutes play.

The remaining game in the First Division, Park Rangers versus Western Suburbs to be played at Middle Park, should be also very open, and the winning margin, if any, at the close of the match, should be very narrow.

Main match in the Second Division should be at Middle Park where South Melbourne United will be at home against South Yarra. South Yarra is the only team to have defeated South Melbourne this season.

Ringwood's improved form should cause Coburg some headaches at Ringwood, whilst Bradford, the division leaders, will not find Northcote easy opponents. Preston is another team that has shown a marked improvement from the early matches of the season, and are expected to win against Hakoah in their match at Bell.

The match of the day in the Third Division will be Olympic's contest at home against the

division leaders, George Cross. Should Olympic win, it may mean a change in the leadership of the Third Division, for the University boys are just a single point behind the George Cross team.



AN APOLOGY

Owing to the public holiday (King's Birthday) last week, no mail was delivered on that day, and Club Jottings, Descriptions of Games, were received too late on the Tuesday to be included in last week's issue. An apology to all Clubs who sent in contributions is tendered, but non-inclusion of articles was unavoidable.



REGENT SOCCER CLUB

The Northern United Soccer Club has now changed its name to the "Regent Soccer Club," and henceforth will be referred to in this paper as "Regent" and not the old name of "Northern United."

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DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND OF CUP-TIES

The draw for the Second Round of Cup and Shield contests was made last Thursday, but was received to late for publication in today's issue of "Soccer News and Views." The second rounds are to take place next Saturday.

Owing to the Coburg and Box Hill Under 19 teams playing a drawn game in the first round of the Junior Cup, this match will be replayed today, at Box Hill. This will necessitate the postponement of two Under 19 League games, Box Hill versus Hakoah, and Brighton versus Coburg.

Teams still left in the various Cup and Shield competitions are as follows:—

Dockerty Cup

Yallourn, Hakoah J.R.C., Preston, Sunshine United, Metters, Ringwood, Coburg, Brighton, South Melbourne United, Box Hill, Park Rangers, Williamstown, Bradford, South Yarra, Western Suburbs and Northcote.

Reserve Cup

Moreland, South Yarra, Box Hill, Bradford, Sunshine United, Heidelberg, Preston, Brighton, Coburg, Northcote, Prahran, Park Rangers, Yallourn, Hakoah J.R.C., Western Suburbs, and South Melbourne United.

Junior Cup

Yallourn, Prahran, Brighton, South Yarra, Preston, Hakoah J.R.C.; Park Rangers, and the winner of the Box Hill versus Coburg match to be replayed today.

Miller Cup

South Melbourne United, Preston, Box Hill, and Coburg.

Dunkling Shield

Sunshine United, Ringwood, Brighton, and South Melbourne United.



VICTORIAN SCHOOLBOYS TRAINING FOR INTERSTATE TRIP

Last Sunday, quite a large crowd at Middle Park witnessed the Victorian Schoolboys practice match against the Brighton Under 17 junior team. Both teams gave an excellent display and the State Selectors are quite confident that a Victorian Schoolboy team would hold its own against any State in Australia, including New South Wales. The

game at half time was 3-2 in favour of the Brighton team, but during the second half the Schoolboys put on another two goals to Brighton's one and the game ended in a draw, 4 goals each.

From the excellent showing put up by our Schoolboys, Victoria's soccer future is assured, and should the Olympic Games be held in Melbourne in 1952, our State should get its fair share of representation in the Australian team to compete against the world's football teams.

Tomorrow week (Sunday, July 4th), the Victorian Schoolboys will play another practice match at Middle Park against South Melbourne United's Under 17 team.



GLASGOW RANGERS TOUCH TWO MILLIONS

(Extract from a Scottish Paper by Alan Ereck)

While the whole town's talking about the record-breaking crowd at Hampden for the Scottish Cup final replay (133,570), a study of the Rangers' attendance figures for the 1947-48 season is an even greater cause for wonderment.

Excluding the four final matches of the season, the Rangers' aggregate figures were:

Scottish League	816,000
Scottish Cup	608,000
League Cup	339,500
Glasgow Cup	140,000
Total	1,903,500

What all this means in terms of money can only be estimated, but an expert in the matter tells me that Rangers must have been responsible for gates, including stands, amounting to a total of around about £200,000. And, of course, all the other clubs share in the drawings.

Last season Rangers played to 1,500,000, but they went out of the Scottish Cup early. Their semi-finals and final ties this season had aggregate attendances of 408,000.

I should imagine that even the Rangers' officials themselves stand in awe of those figures. There has never been anything like them in the history of the club.

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IT PAYS TO PLAY TO THE WHISTLE

An unusual episode which underlines the necessity of footballers playing to the whistle occurred in season 1946 in an English F.A. match. According to an account of the game, Stockport County versus Doncaster Rovers, Tindill, the Rovers' inside-right, pulled up when he considered himself offside in the County penalty area. Bowles, the goalkeeper, placed the ball for a free-kick near the penalty spot. Then Jordan, the Rovers' centre-forward, realising that the whistle had not sounded, ran up and kicked the ball into the empty goal, and scored. Tindill, by pulling up, had not interfered with the play, and so the referee did not stop the game.

No other rule in the game causes so much trouble as the one relating to offside, and this is mainly because players do not take the trouble to try to understand it.

An English F.A. player, who later gained a big name as an English International, once said that he had never read the Laws of the Game. He had then played several games for

a First Division Club and, naturally, many previously in minor football. Surely a good knowledge of the laws under which the game is played is essential for those who profess to be experts.

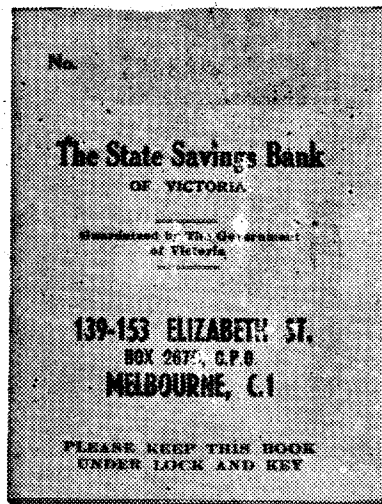
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COMMITTEEMAN ACTS AS REFEREE

There being no referee for the Metters versus Heidelberg "B" match on Saturday, 12th June, one of Heidelberg's committee took control of the game. He made a very good job of it and the supporters and players wish to convey to Heidelberg's man their thanks for the way he handled the game.

Heidelberg players remarked that he did a better job than some of the referees who have been in charge of some games that they have played in.

It was Metters first win this season, so they are all set now and are determined to keep on winning. This is a great spirit in any team.



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