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Building a Victorian Team By "PILGRIM"

All soccer enthusiasts are becoming alive to the fact that more enterprise is needed in the game. Nowhere is this more applicable than in the present archaic method of selecting teams for representing the State and expecting to get results. Often, without even trial games, teams have been selected only a short period, sometimes just a few days, prior to an important game. The players do not meet each other until they are in the dressing room, as it were. They even are comparative strangers to each other and must feel anything but a happy team which is so essential to success. They actually are eleven individuals, and ...thout any previous playing together as am they are expected to succeed. Naturally such methods cannot succeed, and our performances in the past have proved it quite conclusively.

Now, take another method which must give far better results. As early in the season as possible, the State Selectors should nominate approximately 20 of the most promising players in the game, and arrange for them to be brought together weekly, under a coach, a trainer, and a manager. Olympic Park would be an ideal place. This would allow these players to practice together, with definite schemes as outlined by the coach. Views could be frankly discussed amongst the lot of them. Possibly more players could be added to the training list as the season went on.

The result of such a method if adopted would be astonishing, and other sports, such as tennis, have proved this to be absolutely essential if we are to hold our own in international, or even interstate contests. It is applicable to all grades, seniors down to schoolboys.

Another method of getting the players, would be for them to be nominated by the Clubs, and the State Selectors to go to the various matches and watch those players that have been nominated, and if found suitable, the players names to be included on a training list.

PERSONALITIES OF GAME No. 1.—Mr. W. A. Cumming, Chairman Of Council

"Bill" Cumming as he is affectionally known to thousands of soccer fans, is undoubtedly one of the real identities of the game in Victeria, being associated with the game for just on 40 years.

Born in Ayr, Scotland, his deep interest in the game, even as a youth, extended beyond playing, being a Secretary of a Juvenile Association numbering 14 Clubs.

Coming to Australia in 1908, he played at right back for Carlton United, a strong team then, during the 1909-10 seasons. He also was the Club delegate. His early administrative experience and ability saw him elected Secretary of the Victorian S.F.A., a post he

was to fill for many years.

In 1913 he finished his playing career and became a "Knight of the Whistle." The 1914-8 war saw all competition cease, but "Bill" was back on the job again in 1919, and in 1923, apart from his Secretarial job he was elected Vice-President of the Council.

Business reasons now forced him to relinguish these positions, but he still retained an active link with the game on the Independ-

ent Tribunal (Appeals Board).

His next appearance now brings us to 1942, when one could almost say he was brought out of retirement. Prevailed upon to stand for nomination, he was immediately elected Chairman of the Council. That he has held this position for the past 6 years is in itself tribute to his ability.

"Bill" admits to "getting on" a bit and will not be sorry no doubt to hand over the reigns. His association with the game will definitely

be remembered in the years to come.



RESULTS AT A GLANCE

First Division

Park Rangers 2 (Cottrill, Forrest) drew with Brighton 2 (Scott, Marone).

Prahran 2 d. Box Hill 0.

Sunshine United 11 d. Western Suburbs 0. Moreland 2 d. Yallourn 1.

Second Division

Coburg 6 d. Preston 1 (Archer). Bradford 3 d. South Yarra 1. Hakoah J.R.C. 3 d. Ringwood 2.

South Melbourne United & (Dorrington 3, • Guthrie 2, Carroll, Jowsey, Oliver, own-goal) d. Northcote 0.

Third Division

Heidelberg 6 d. Williamstown 0. Olympic 8 d. Metters 0. Yarraville 4 d. Macedonians 3. Melbourne University 5 d. George Cross 3.

First Division Reserves

Park Rangers 2 drew with Brighton 2. Box Hill 5 d. Prahran 2. Western Suburbs 6 d. Sunshine United 4. Yallourn 6 d. Moreland 1.

Second Division Reserves

South Yarra 3 d. Bradford 1. Hakoah J.R.C. 2 d. Ringwood 0. South Melbourne United 10 d. Northcote 0. Preston 4 d. Coburg 0.

Under 19 Division

Preston 5 d. Prahran 2. Park Rangers 13 d. South Yarra 0. Box Hill 0 drew with Yallourn 0. Brighton versus Hakoah match postponed. Western Suburbs 5 drew with Coburg 5

Under 17 Division

Brighton 8 d. Sunshine United 1. South Melbourne United 4 d. Coburg 0. Preston 7 d. Box Hill 0.

Under 15 Division

Preston 8 d. Northcote 0. Sunshine United 2 d. Box Hill 0. South Melbourne United 4 d. Brighton 1

Note: Owing to withdrawal of teams in "B' Section of the Third Division, the Third Division has been reformed into one section

only.

The Second Division Reserve match, Bradford versus Coburg, which was to have been played last Saturday week, April 17th, has been claimed by the Bradford Club for non-appearance of Coburg.

SCREEN PUBLICITY

During the forthcoming week the Association's screen slide will be shown at "Broadway Theatre," Camberwell, and "Clifton Theatre," Clifton Hill.



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Moreland	2 1 *0			2
Brighton	2 0 2	0 4	4	-2
Yallourn	2 0 1	1 3	4	1
Box Hill	2 0 1	1 2	4	1
West Suburbs	2 0 1	1 2	13	1

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Second Division

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Second Division Reserves	Yallourn v. Brighton
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South Melb. United 2 2 0 0 14 0 4	Box Hill v. West Suburbs
South Yarra 2 2 0 0 6 4 4 Preston 2 1 0 1 6 3 2	Second Division
Preston 2 1 0 1 6 3 2 Hakoah J.R.C 2 1 0 1 2 4 2	South Melbourne United v. Coburg
Northcote	Ringwood v. South Yarra
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Ringwood 2 0 0 2 0 6 0	Third Division—"A" Section Williamstown v. Yarraville
Under 19 Division	Metters v. Brighton
Club P. W. D. L. F. A. Pt	Heidelberg v. Olympic
Park Rangers 2 2 0 0 18 0 4	Macedonians v. Northern United.
Preston	Third Division—"B" Section Heidelberg "B" v. Woodlands
Box Hill 2 1 1 0 5 1 3 Brighton 1 1 0 0 3 0 2	Melbourne University v. Macedonians "B"
Yallourn 1 0 1 0 0 0 1	Northern United "B" v. George Cross
Vestern Suburbs 1 0 1 0 5 5 1	Reserve League
Joburg 2 0 1 1 5 8 1 Hakoah J.R.C. 1 0 0 1 1 5 0	Same as draw for First and Second Division
Prahran 2 0 0 2 2 10 0	but on opposite grounds.
South Yarra 2 0 0 2 1 18 0	Under 19 Division - West Suburbs v. Preston
Note: Brighton and Hakoah match was post-	Park Rangers v. Brighton
poned last Saturday. Yallourn versus Western	Prahran v. Hakoah J.R.C.
Suburbs match of 17th April, not to hand.	South Yarra v. Yallourn Coburg v. Box Hill
Under 17 Division	
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IMPROVE YOUR PLAY

The Junior

When a boy leaves school and wishes to get into the local soccer team, he finds this is not so easy as it sounds. He must get his own kit together, and this is one of the most vital things in his effort to become a soccer player. How many boys realise this?

Boots are usually far too big for them, several studs are missing when they come to put the boots on for the match. No boy or man can write with a broken pen nib and no player can play good football with bad boots.

First try on new boots bare footed, see that they are a nice close fit. Covering the foot with vaseline when first putting on the boots will prevent sore toes and skinned heels and make them comfortable to break in, but do not, as many do, put them in water, either hot or cold.

When used for an hour or so they will seem more comfortable, and that is the time to put on a thin sock. Later, after a spell of kicking, it will be possible to get football stockings on.

After a week or so, even when the boots are broken in, there should always be at least one inch to 11/2 inches between lace holes, which is a sign of perfect fitting.

See that good fitting knickers with plenty of room in them are procured. They must not be tight or they will impede running and movement. Do not have string tied around stockings, use elastic, and that must not be tight, for it should be possible to place your finger between the elastic and leg without any undue pressure of the elastic, which must be over a calf muscle, or cramp in the leg will set in.

Having obtained and dealt with all the required equipment, the player must get fit to play and to stay the course without overexertion. For the young boy, plenty of walking at a good pace strengthens the leg muscles, is good for stamina, and this, combined with skipping, both fast and slow, is all that is recomended for boys who have to maintain their strength, and not use it all up.



QUESTION BOX



We acknowledge receipt of letters from Mr. T. Oddy, Yallourn, and Mr. P. McCoid, Yarraville Soccer Club, which are receiving attention and will be replied to as soon as possible.

We have received a letter from Mr. W. Anderson of 336 North Road, Brighton, enclosing a copy of "Soccer News" as issued by the N.S.W. Soccer Football Association. We appreciate Mr. Anderson's thoughtful action and thank him for his wishes for the success of our own "Soccer News" in this State

ROUGH PLAY By F. J. Hall

In writing this article I take the risk of being unpopular in some quarters. Rough football can be a controversial point, but I think that every worth while player of the "round ball" game dislikes playing in a match while foul or dangerous play is deliberate.

There are two reasons why some players indulge in excessively rough tactics and as I emphasised earlier I may be unpopular when I say that the referee who fails to use the power vested in him is the main reason for such tactics. To a less extent the linesmen can be defaulters too.

The second reason is one which is sometimes overlooked by everyone. Players are trained and lectured by older and more experienced coaches—in fact one could say that they are "talked at" too much of the ma object of the game. Coaches have too much of an obsession that the only purpose of the game is "to lick the opposing side."

Players are temperamental—some more than others—and the tendency to "fly off the handle" is always more evident when teams are talked to by persons who do not understand how to get the maximum controlled effort from players.

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It will be appreciated by the V.S.F.A. Publicity Committee, if readers mention "Soccer News and Views" when transacting business with the advertisers in this paper.

• Overseas Items •

The English F.A. are compiling a training and instructional course to convert specially selected ex-players into League referees.

Tommy Lawton, the £17,500 plus, ex-Chelsea centre now leads Notts County, an up and coming Third Division team.

Frank Swift, Manchester City's goalie is the only goalkeeper in the English Football League to captain a side.

The F.A. issued an official "Black List" vering all classes of football folly and crime, mplete with the names of some of soccer's most celebrated names. They hope this cautionary list will curb the outbreak of foolish fouling before it brings the sport into disrepute.

Don Welsh, Charlton's captain in their 1947 Cup victory has been managing Brighton, a struggling Third Division team, with £50,000 for transfer shopping.

No television broadcasts are to be made of any League matches in England. International matches may be excluded from the ban.

Queens Park Rangers have had a really successful season and should be right for promotion to Second Division.

Arsenal, having the reputation of being in the veteran class, showed during the 1947-48 season some of the form reminiscent of the 'lex James period.

How are these for football attendances?—On Easter Saturday, 145,000 spectators packed Hampden Park (Glasgow) to watch a Scottish Cup game, while at Ibrox Park, only three miles away, another 85,000 people watched another Cup game. Just imagine! 230,000 spectators at two games! There is no argument against that.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLICATION

To enable prompt publication of the "News" each week Club Secretaries or Publicity Officers are requested to send in reports of Club activities to reach the Editor by not later than Monday morning's post.

AN S.O.S. FOR REFEREES

An urgent request is made to all those soccer enthusiasts who are now no longer taking an active part in the game on the field, to join the Victorian Soccer Referees Association. This Association meets on the fourth Monday in each month, at 8 p.m., Room 8, Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street, Melbourne. All enquiries should be addressed to Mr. H. Armstrong, 27 Farm Street, Newport.

CLUB JOTTINGS

Brighton Club

Brighton met Box Hill at Brighton on the 17th April, and after a very even and interesting tussle the game ended in a draw—2 all.

Brighton failed mainly owing to too much passing across goal when direct methods would have paid dividends, but the Box Hill goal had narrow squeaks when Barr and Scott just missed in lightning thrusts while Box Hill scored with first time shots.

Best players for Brighton: Barr, Scott, Marone and Bingham; Box Hill: Brown, Bayley, Tester and Gravell in goal.

During half time the Ladies Committee christened a new innovation in that afternoon tea was available in the Scout Hall on the ground, and it was very popular indeed, and will be more so when the colder days arrive.

University Soccer Club

The University Soccer Club, formed last year, has now, with the encouragement of new members, entered the Association. Although only in the Third Division this year we hope in succeeding years to play our way into the top divisions.

We must thank such students as K. Gravell and R. McKellar and others who, although members of our Club, are affiliated to play with First Division Clubs, for their constructive criticism, coaching and unfailing support, which we greatly appreciate.

We would also like graduates and undergraduates of the University to give us their support in the forthcoming season in this the greatest of all games.

We are looking forward to a good season of good soccer and we are sure that our opponents will see that the matches we intend to win shall not be easily won.

A BRIEF REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Sunshine United's easy win against their neighbors, Western Suburbs, places them at the head of the championship ladder of the First Division, and they are now the only team in this division to have gained maximum points in the two games played.

Brghton followed up its previous drawn game with another two-all draw on Saturday, this time against Park Rangers at Olympic Park. Both these teams, together with the leaders, Sunshine United, are now the only undefeated teams in their division.

Prahran and Moreland, who in the opening round of games both failed by only a single goal, made amends on Saturday in two very close contests. Yallourn must have improved a great deal from its last year's performances, to run the Melbourne team to so close a score.

Of the Second Division games, Bradford showed that they are a vastly improved side from that of last season, by defeating the holders of the Dockerty Cup, South Yarra by two clear goals. With this victory, Bradford goes to the top of the ladder, and they together with the First Division leaders, Sunshine United, are the only two main division teams to have gained full points for the two rounds of matches so far played.



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PUBLICITY

Club Secretaries are not phoning results of their home games to the Association Secretary (Mr. H. Armstrong) in time for the results to be broadcast in the 3AW Sports Session.

This matter is most important from the publicity point of view of our Code, and Club Secretaries are reminded that all results must be phoned through to the Secretary (phone MW 7476) by no later than 5.20 p.m., to be included in the 3AW Sports Session.

Please treat this matter as urgent.

JUNIORS' LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

A thrilling last three minutes of the Under 19 Final of the Junior Lightning Premierships held at Olympic Park last Monday, ended a very enjoyable day for quite a good crowd who were in attendance.

The scores, with only three minutes to go were 1 goal each, with Western Suburbs leading by two corner kicks. Park Rangers quickly took control of the game however, and added a goal a minute, making the final score 4 goals to 1 in the Rangers favour.

In the other age groups, Preston defeated South Melbourne United in the Under 17 Fin-1 by 2 goals to nil, and in the Under 15 Fin. South Melbourne United won against Brighton by 2 goals to one.

Details:—

Under 15 Section

First Round—

South Melbourne United defeated Preston by 3 corners to 1.

Final-

South Melbourne United 2 d. Brighton 1.

Under 17 Section

First Round—

Preston 4 d. Coburg 0

South Melbourne United 2 d. Brighton 0.

Final—

Preston 2 d. South Melbourne United 0.

Under 19 Section

First Round—

Western Suburbs 5 d. South Yarra 0.
Prahran 2 corners d. Coburg 1 corner.
Box Hill 4 corners d. Brighton 1 corner.
Park Rangers 4 corners d. Preston 0.

Semi-Finals—

Western Suburbs 2 corners d. Prahran 0. Park Rangers 1 d. Box Hill 0.

Final-

Park Rangers 4 goals d. Western Suburbs 1.

Mr. Dockerty congratulated the Under 19 winners, Park Rangers and the runners-up, Western Suburbs on their display and the Captains of each team suitably responded.

Mr. A. Kerr also thanked the referees for their services, whose co-operation helped greatly in the smooth operation of the day's activities.

PROSPECTS FOR TODAY.

Main First Division game today should be at Hurlingham Park where the home team, Brighton, which has not yet cracked it for a win, should be hard pressed by the Division One leaders, Sunshine United.

Sunshine's young and virile team should add fresh laurels to its already undefeated record, but they may find Brighton more serious opposition than their two previous victims. Brighton has always been a team of surprises, and it is predicted that a very close result will end a game which should be packed full of thrills from start to finish.

Yallourn's good showing against Moreland st Saturday, should provide plenty of interest at Como Park where they are to meet the home team, Prahran. Prahran should win however, but the game may not be easy for them.

Moreland, at home to Box Hill, should also provide a very close contest. Box Hill has not yet opened its account, and will be all out today with this object in view.

Of the remaining First Division game, Park Rangers should be too strong for Western Suburbs.

In the Second Division, the game of the day should be at Fawkner Park, where South Yarra will be at home against South Melbourne United. Of the other games in this division, Coburg, Bradford and Hakoah, should all be successful.

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A WORD TO RESERVES By F. J. Hall

Every week selectors have to face the problem of choosing the players for the Senior and Reserve teams. It often happens that week after week good youthful players who could make the Senior side have to be chosen to represent the Reserves.

For the selectors it is a problem quite as serious as for the player himself.

A good player may say— and rightly so— "I am a much improved player this year. And I would benefit greatly if I were given the experience; and I reckon that I am entitled to a crack at the senior side."

He may even say "how am I to make any further progress with perhaps the object of catching the eye of the interstate selectors, if I am always in this reserve team?"

Team management too often asks "how can we give these youngsters their chance without upsetting all the sides?"

It is well known that many reserve team players train more consistently and with greater enthusiasm than some of the senior men.

To the "up and coming" boys I say. "Do not worry about the senior team— just keep on training to maintain first class match form and physical fitness—your day will come."

Important engagements, illness and injuries strike at every team sooner or later and the chance will come to show just how good you are.

Keep going—and if you do this you will be a good dual purpose team man. Not only will you improve your own standard of physical fitness and playing ability, but you will keep that first team "right on their toes all the time."

SENIOR TEAMS LIGHTNING - PREMIERSHIP.

Clubs are reminded that entries for the Senior teams Lightning Premiership to be held at Olympic Park on King's Birthday, Monday, June 14th, close with the Secretary of the Association, Mr. H. Armstrong, 27 Farm Street, Newport, on Monday, May 3rd. So if your club has not yet entered its team, and desire to take part in the competitions, please see that your entry is in to the Secretary by no later than Monday morning's post

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PARK RANGERS v. SOUTH HOBART A Played at Hobart During Easter

The match between South Hobart A and the Rangers started off very even, but within ten minutes Rangers got into their stride and troubled the South Hobart goalkeeper, who gave a brilliant display of goalkeeping. South Hobart opened the scoring with a long shot which skidded off the keeper's hands into the net. In reply Rangers attacked and a long driving shot by Cotterill left the keeper standing. Within a few minutes Wilson walked the ball into the net.

South Hobart still persisted and were rewarded by a penalty from which they evened the scores.

During the interval rain fell very heavily and the ground got very slippery. The home team adjusted themselves to the wet conditions much quicker than the Rangers and goaled twice. Towards the end Rangers started to get a bit tired but held off repeated attacks. Final score—

South Hobart A 4 d. Park Rangers 2.

On Easter Monday against Titan, the final scores were--

Park Rangers 7 d. Titan 2.

PARK RANGERS JUNIORS v. COMBINED HOBART B GRADE

Played At Hobart During Easter

The Rangers proved too good for the Combine, and took the lead within the first five minutes of play. Muirhead netting from perbound off the post. Rain which had been falling steadily made the ground and the ball very greasy. Rangers kept pressing but failure in front of goal cost them a few goals. About ten minutes from half time Rangers scored again.

The second half started off fairly even but as the game progressed the tiring train journey started to show on the Rangers and the Combination took the initiative. The Rar ers' defence were kept very busy but they held firm and kept the Combination from scoring. Final scores—

Park Rangers 2 d. Combined B Grade 0.

On the Monday the Rangers Junior team defeated Titan by four goals. Scores—

Park Rangers Junior 4 d. Titan 0.

Will Club Secretaries please note that descriptions must be condensed to about 100 words or less and if possible drafted ready for printing, without alterations by the Editor, to facilitate inclusion in each copy of the "Soccer News." The above had been linotyped and has therefore been printed in full.



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