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NEW CLUB IN ACTION



—“Argus” photo).

MOORABBIN CITY, a new club this year, is having a successful season and at present is tying fourth in the Third Division (South). Picture shows Pat Daly (centre-half) coming in to shoulder charge a Park Rangers player, while Hal Symons comes up to support. (Moorabbin City are featured in this Issue.)

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



Running a paper from a sick-bed is not as satisfactory as it might be, and it is to be hoped that we have succeeded in this and last week's editions in maintaining a standard satisfactory to our readers. It seems now that it may be some weeks before I am back on my feet, in which case more and more work will be thrown on the shoulders of the members of "Soccer News" committee, who have already, since the commencement of the season, demonstrated their willingness and ability to do their fair share of the job. From my own point of view, the worst feature is the fact that already I have missed two weeks of good soccer and am likely to miss a few more, and I find that second-hand reports and minute articles in the press are but a poor consolation.

One or two surprises appear in the teams chosen for the State Trials. Whilst we are on the subject, we must apologise that owing to the fact that these teams were given incorrectly to our publisher over the phone at the last minute, the names of the "Probables" were given to the "Possibles" and vice-versa.

It will be seen that in the absence of Tom Jack in South Africa, Ralph White, of Sandringham City, has been moved to centre-half from the position of left-back, which he occupied in the Victorian side last year, and Hollis, of the Navy takes his place at left-back. The place of Jackie Wilson at inside-left, who is also going to South Africa, will be filled by Peter Vidovis, the tricky merchant from JUST. These and the rest of last year's Victorian side have been chosen for the "Probables" team.

Ashworth, of Prahran, in the "Possibles'" goal, needs no introduction, but the inclusion of three Sandringham men in the "Possibles" side may come as something of a surprise to many. Davis, right-back, who played all last season for Sandringham, is a very solid player and is rapidly coming into prominence, while Wilson and Bambro, both newcomers from overseas, comprise one of the most dangerous wings in football this year. McFeeters, of Box Hill, once again comes into the limelight at left-wing, with Brown, centre-half, a distinct possibility. The three Prahran men also cannot fail to bring credit on themselves and their club.

Time is early yet, however, and the selectors will have much hard thinking to do before they finally make up their minds, and if the trials take the form which they did last year, when over 60 players were tried out before final selection was made, there will be plenty of opportunities for many other players to show their paces in the best company.

Date and time of the first trial are yet to be decided, but when these are finalised "Soccer News" can strongly recommend all lovers of good football to attend these trials, for last season, tired as many of the players were on a Sunday after Saturday's hard games, we yet witnessed some of the finest football we have seen for years, at the State Trials.

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SOCCER FILMS — MONDAY, MAY 15

Sir,—In an article appearing in your issue of the 15th inst. written by A. S. Jarvis, he suggested that the showing of soccer films would be of assistance to players in that hints on coaching, etc., which would otherwise be denied them, could be brought home on the screen. This has resulted in arrangements being made here at Police H.Q., Russell Street, for the showing of several films in our Auditorium, which has the equipment of a modern theatre, at 8 p.m. on Monday, 15th May, 1950. Films booked at the moment are:—

1. Coaching.
2. Methods of Coaching.
3. Trapping.
4. The Great Game.

The programme will be added to and we hope to have a good selection for the show. It is our hope that all clubs will take this opportunity to see these films, and an invitation is extended to all interested to come along at 8 p.m. on Monday, 15th May, to Police H.Q., Russell Street, where a soccer night will be held in the Auditorium. Entrance to Auditorium is in Latrobe Street side of the Police buildings. Club secretaries interested in making this a club night can contact me and let me know how many they would like to make arrangements for on this occasion. There is room for 350, so all can be accommodated.

Admission will be free, although a collection will be made in order to defray the costs of this show. We sincerely hope that all will take advantage in this and that soccer will continue to progress in this State and country.—Yours, etc.,

W. REILLY,

Hon. Secretary, Victoria Police Soccer Club.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Since the "new" "Soccer News" has appeared I have been trying to find the time to make a small contribution to the paper.

I receive from time to time a magazine from Scotland, which is sent to all the amateur soccer clubs in the west of Scotland, and on comparing the styles of the papers I can safely say that "Soccer News" has nothing to learn. Watching the match, Box Hill v. Sandringham, I felt very proud of being the Secretary of an Association which could provide such a high standard of soccer. Certain players caught my attention and I would like to comment on their styles. McDonald, Box Hill, did not have much of the play, but was always looking for the opportunities. His equalising goal was a lovely shot, which no goalie could have saved. Ralph White, at centre-half, played his usual good game, and it would be a debatable point whether Tom Jack is a better centre-half. However, either player would do me to represent Victoria.

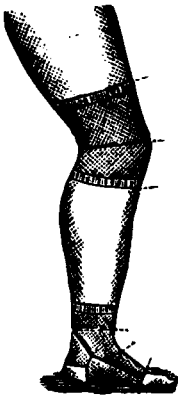
No need to discuss Wilson, the outside-right of Sandringham. Clubs will find out to their sorrow and the State selectors to their delight. All the players in the above match are to be complimented on their display. Saw JUST playing the other week and they are worthy of playing in a higher Division from what I witnessed. The same applies to the Flinders Naval Depot team, in which Hollis starred. Why does Victoria have so many good centre-halves? What a headache for the selectors later in the season. I noticed in "Soccer News" that State matches should be revived, but it is not the fault of the Council, as they have contacted New South Wales on more than one occasion this season to arrange a match. Sorry, the answer is "No" at present. Windy? However, Queensland has obliged, which is a step in the right direction.

One man who has not been idle during the summer is Jock Parker, chairman of the Laws and Constitution Committee. Rules for the Dockerty Cup, Reserve Cup, League Rules and a new Constitution have been prepared and meetings will be held at a future date to pass the alterations.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED REQUEST SUNDAY GAMES

South Melbourne United have several vacant Sundays for friendly games with other clubs. The club has secured its ground for Sunday afternoons, and negotiations are now in hand for games with the Victoria Police team and the Royal Caledonians. Friendly games are also required for South's Junior teams. Clubs interested are requested to contact the South Melbourne Secretary, Mr. L. Irvine, 341 Howe Parade, Garden City, S.C.8, or telephone Mr. Olsen at LB 1444.



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TWO NAVY STARS

FRANK ABBS (centre-forward), left, and "Ginger" **Hollis** (centre-half), right, two of the key men in this year's successful Navy side for Flinders. Abbs is always a danger that no team can take chances with. Hollis, one of the best "stopper" centre-halves in Victoria, has been chosen for the "Probables" in the forthcoming State Trial games.

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Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

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Pertinent Pars.

By PERCY SEARLE

WHAT ABOUT IT?

Some soccer crowds around Melbourne are as voiceless as geraffles! Vocal encouragement is helpful to the players and adds excitement to the game.

NEW COACH

Popular appointment at Moreland was Les Gilbert as non-playing coach. Cartilage trouble has prevented him from playing. Moreland, with Les at the helm, hope to steer themselves away from "Relegation Point" before long.

IS THIS A RECORD?

Unusual instance of three brothers appearing in one game occurred at Hurlingham Park recently. Alan Nicholson (goal), Bert Nicholson (right-back), from Box Hill, contended with brother Jimmie (centre-forward), Brighton.

ARE YOU GUILTY?

Gate takings at club games attracting large crowds often disappoint club officials. When that box comes around, don't put a "tray" or a "zac" or a few coppers in and feel generous. BANG A "BOB" IN. It's still cheap sport.

A SUGGESTION

A Soccer Library in every club for Schoolboys and Juniors would pay dividends. Many excellent books are available, written by famous players, such as Frank Swift, Tommy Lawton, etc.

QUIZ

Of the Victorian team that played Palestine on June 24, 1939, at Olympic Park, only one player is still playing First Division soccer. Who is he?

REFUSES TO SHINE

An inside-forward refuses to play with the First team but turns out for the Reserves each week. It doesn't tally up with winning a best and fairest trophy last year. Especially as his club needs his help.

IT HAPPENED IN SPORT

Ken Oxley (Geelong Celtic) was blithely painting the goal posts for the opening match of the season. Much to his consternation a car drew on to the pitch. Out stepped four ladies who brusquely stated they were going to build a house right in the middle of the pitch! Whatsmore, they had deeds in hand to prove it! This bombshell in the Geelong camp proved a damp squib, however, for apparently they were in the wrong paddock. Did Ken get a shock, though!

KNOW YOUR CLUBS — 5

MOORABBIN CITY

The first thing that strikes one at Moorabbin is the accent on youth, and this is not surprising when one considers that the idea of forming the club originated in a railway carriage on the way back from Adelaide where many of these lads had been last year as members of Brighton's Under 19 side. In the next carriage was Mr. Jack Rickerby (coach), who, as he admits himself, was "talked into it." Jack is now president. Living in Moorabbin was Pat Daly, of the then Bradford club, who, when approached, met the idea with enthusiasm, with the result that he and brother Jim became secretary and treasurer respectively. Last, but not least, came George Ellis, from Carlton, an ex-Millwall supporter, to complete the adult element of the club. From the Brighton Under 19 club came big Johnny Wake, Doug Weir and many other enthusiasts.

Typical of their young ideas was the purchase of guernseys from England (which have just arrived) in black and white quarterings, which caused the boys to pick on the nick-name of "The Dominoes."

The club has a good ground and dressing rooms in Patterson's Road, Moorabbin, just off Point Nepean Road, which can be easily reached by bus from Bentleigh station.

Centre-half and secretary, Pat Daly, last year was chosen to play for the Rest versus Victoria at the age of 18. More will be seen of Pat yet in big football. Inside-right, Harold Symons, also is a fine player and came last year from England, where he played with the Colts' team of famous London professional side, Fulham. Cam. Rough is another star performer and for his age is one of the surest goalies in Victoria. Doug Weir, wing-half, is a solid defender and has the ability to make everything look easy. A lot of hard work was put into this club during the off season and its background is solid. We can expect to hear plenty about Moorabbin City in the years to come.

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CLUB JOTTINGS

SOUTH YARRA v. PRAHRAN

Prahran, with the aid of the wind, pressed right from the start and kept South Yarra's defenders busy, but the rocklike defence of the home side held out and weathered the storm. Then Yarra took the ball down to Prahran's goal, but Ashworth cleared in great style and from this Prahran burst through, but Lott made a magnificent one-handed save. Again South Yarra worked the ball into Prahran's danger zone and were awarded a penalty, which T. Sharp converted, playing the ball beautifully into the corner of the net. Ashworth was making some good saves and keeping South Yarra forwards at bay, and eventually clearing, Prahran went away and a good movement from the visitors' right-wing resulted in Zeelen equalising the score. Half-time: South Yarra 1, Prahran 1.

After half-time the game was mainly in South Yarra's favor, but attack after attack was foiled by Prahran. Then a good move from the home side's right-wing ended in Beatty crossing the ball to Sharman, who made no mistake and flashed the ball past Ashworth, giving Yarra the lead. Prahran were playing hard now, clearing their goal, and Ashworth was getting plenty to do, hard shots from all Yarra forwards coming in from all angles, until at last Moores (South Yarra) cleverly hooked the ball to Beatty, who made a perfect cross to Stoddard, resulting in Yarra going further ahead, Stoddard giving Ashworth no chance to save.

Final scores were: South Yarra, 3; Prahran, 1.

BENTLEIGH

Bentleigh, like all new and young clubs, are having their teething troubles. What with injuries and sickness, it has been hard to put our best team in the field, but it's been grand to have some stalwarts of the club (who have long ago left the soccer field) to come along and have a crack at 'em. I refer to Charlie Kelly, Eddie Totton and John Jones. Thanks, Boys.

We lost to Park Rangers, but it wasn't the fault of that valiant Welshman, Jack Harris, or Angus Mitchinson; they are swell guys, these. I would also like to say thanks to John Tunson for taking over the most important position—goal. It's quite a step from outside-left to goal, but he did a jolly good job. Our Juniors are still doing well, and a keener bunch of boys would be hard to find. Here's good shooting, boys!

Supporters, don't forget the first Tuesday in the month for our crazy whist drives, etc.

JUVENTUS RESERVES (6) v. HEIDELBERG RESERVES (0)

Juventus was too strong for the opposing team, which, however, only fielded 10 men. The match, played at Royal Park, was played very fairly, but was one-sided. The home side's defence was extremely hard to pass.

PARK RANGERS v. HAKOAH

Hakoah were no match for the home team at Middle Park last Saturday and were beaten 3-0. The Rangers' half-backs dominated the game so that the full-backs and goal-keeper had very little work to do. The goals were scored by Mulcahy (2) and Gillies. For the visitors the defence stuck to its guns and kept the score lower than it might have been.

Players of both sides are to be complimented for their refusal to be upset by the action of a number of spectators who objected to some decisions of the referee and invaded the playing arena, holding up the game for several minutes. The incident was a disgrace to the people concerned, as the obvious intention was to intimidate the referee. Most of the culprits were old enough to have more sense and to know that, in soccer, the referee is the final arbiter on the field and that he alone is responsible for the conduct of the game.

Of the other games played at Middle Park, Rangers won two (Under 16, "C" section, and Third Division) and lost two (Under 14 and Under 19).

We should like to take this opportunity of wishing J. Wilson, Rangers' inside-left, the very best of luck during the forthcoming tour of Africa. May you have a happy trip with lots of good games.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

Playing against Footscray City at Footscray on a ground that is a disgrace to First Division soccer, Sandringham were flat out to avoid defeat.

Our new players were all at sea on the bad ground and in consequence our system went to pieces, whilst Footscray, used to the ground, took every opportunity and went the direct way to goal.

The writer states, "Some of the grounds in the Second and Third Divisions are Wembley Stadium compared with Footscray City, and further, Footscray will beat more teams than will beat them on their own ground; so visitors, beware."

The Sandringham team was only a shadow of the team that played against Box Hill and as stated before, were lucky to share the points. Jack Davis was unlucky enough to bear the ligaments around his knee, falling down a pot-hole on the ground, whilst Ken Farrow is a very lucky man to be with us today, after taking a nose dive on that cricket pitch. Don Bingham and Ralph White kept Sandringham team together and both stood out all day.

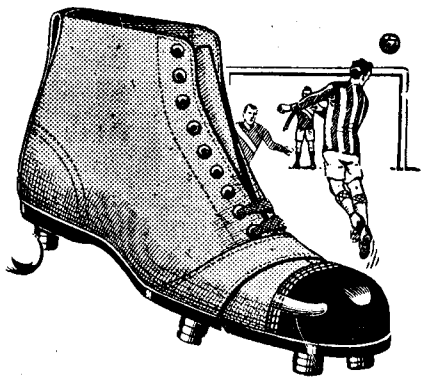
The Second team played well together and had another win and must now be a force to reckon with in the First Division Reserve Championship and Reserve Cup.

The Under 16 team, in charge of Doug McKie, journeyed to Ringwood, and after a hard game, won 3-2. Good work, Doug.

Under 19 team journeyed down to Balcombe Camp, and after a hard game with scores level (1 goal all) they were given a cup of tea and eats, then home; quite an enjoyable trip. Good work, Norm.

The club's annual visit to Flinders takes place Sunday May 14. Tickets will be 10/- each. Please advise Don Bingham how many seats are wanted—men only.

Finally, we don't like complaining, Footscray, but get something done about that cricket pitch before somebody breaks his neck.



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South Yarra will notify clubs re their home ground, and also directions for reaching same.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Macedonians have cancelled all their fixtures and retired from the competition.

S. BEATON,

Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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BOX HILL DEFEAT MORELAND

Box Hill defeated Moreland, 3-1, after a snappy game. Although some good soccer was played, at times it was very patchy. Box Hill are not combining as they did in the first two games, and will have to improve if they want to win the League Championship. Box Hill were the first to score on Saturday, through Tester, with a long drive from 30 yards out, but soon after Moreland equalised, with a brilliant shot along the carpet by Hardman, which gave A. Nicholson no chance. Hardman should have had another, but put it over the top. In the second half it was all Box Hill, but Moreland's defence stood firm until Bob McFelters scored direct from a corner. Soon after, Tom Davis scored the third goal from a free kick, 25 yards out, and it was a beauty. This is Tom's first goal for Box Hill, but there will be a lot more goals coming from him this season. Tom Davis was one of the best players for Box Hill on Saturday. Our Reserve team showed improved form on Saturday by beating Moreland Reserves, 5-2. Nicholson, from Brighton, scored three of the goals. Our Third team were beaten, 5-0; Under 19 drew, 1-1; Under 16 lost, 3-2; but our Under 14 are still undefeated, beating Sandringham (2-1).

Congratulations to Bob McFelters and C. Brown, and we hope they both do well in the State Trial game. Box Hill are looking forward to the game against their old rivals, Park Rangers, next Saturday at Olympic Park.

SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES DRAW WITH PRESTON RESERVES

Having the wind in its favor in the first half, in its match against Preston Reserves on Saturday at Middle Park, South Melbourne pressed home its attack very vigorously, and at the interval had a 3-0 advantage. Preston forwards pressed very strongly during this half, but found the South defence a most difficult task. At the change-over, Preston played very tenacious football, and took every advantage of the strong wind now in their favor. South Melbourne tried hard to stem their strong attacks, but were beaten on three occasions, which made the scores at the whistle, 3 goals each. Both teams played good, open football, and the result at the finish was a good indication of the calibre of both teams. Goal scorers were: South Melbourne, Knight, Horan, Trainer; Preston, Leece (2), McNiece (1).

Thanks to Yallourn.—South Melbourne's Reserve team wishes to thank Yallourn Soccer club for the hospitality extended to them on their recent visit to their town, especially to their trainer, who patched up odd scratches and bruises for some of South's players. Although defeated, 2-0, South Melbourne Reserves are unanimous in their praise to the Yallourn players for one of the cleanest games they have played in. Keep up the good work, Yallourn.

FIFERS SOCCER CLUB

The Senior team are getting nicely into stride and recorded another fine win against Melbourne Rangers by 2-1. Both goals were scored by Colin Beveridge, who is now finding the target consistently. This was a closely fought game and the team lasted well in the second half, playing against a strong breeze.

Another social evening was acclaimed by all to be the success we now expect it to be. As one wit remarked: "Why train when you can join in these Scottish dances?" Training night for the club is now fixed for every Monday at 7.30 in the Rifle Club Hall, Fairfield. Remember, the next match will be against Geelong Celtic at Geelong, so book your seats early, either with the club secretary or any

committeeman. Congrats. from all the boys to goalie George on his selection for the first Trial game—we'll be barracking.

To date, the First team have 8 points out of 10, and considering that the opposition in the Third Division this year is much tougher than last. let's say, "well done, lads." A brief note of games to date: **White Eagles have been our toughest opponents, a good team. We lost, 3-2, but deserved a draw, and maybe would have had it, if the referee hadn't played 12 minutes extra time, in which White Eagles scored from a penalty; still, no excuses for the defeat, but next time we meet, we'll try and reverse the result. Woodlands were a much easier proposition, but they made us fight all the way for our 5-1 win. One thing our boys will have to try and remember: when in front, don't try and take it easy. Melbourne Rangers are quite a good side and will win more games than they will lose. A draw might have been a fitting result, but we got that extra goal and after all, it is goals that count. The score was 2-1.**

Regarding the Reserves, they aren't doing so well, but it is to be expected, considering that we are trying to convert a lot of "Aussie rules" boys, who hadn't kicked a soccer ball before until this season. Just keep on trying, lads, and you will make good with the best of all sports—soccer.

Our dance went with a swing on April 22 and a good time was had by all. Remember, the next one is on May 13, and we can promise you just as much enjoyment at this one. May we extend hearty congratulations to Harry and Isobel Morgan on getting "spliced" on March 25.

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**SNAKE GULLY ROVERS v. WOOP WOOP UNITED
GAME ENDS IN GOALLESS DRAW**

(As seen by the Woop Woop United Press correspondent)

Snake Gully never looked like winning and their ineffectual efforts in attack were completely nullified by splendid solidity of the Woop Woop defence. The only movement that ever looked dangerous was when from a clearance from one of their backs the Snake Gully inside-right threw a sloppy pass to his winger, who after three attempts, during which he managed to trick O'Shannasey (Woop Woop's right-back), succeeded in bringing the ball sufficiently under control to swing it into the centre, where the pass was brilliantly intercepted by Jones (Woop Woop's centre-half), who as usual was right on position and headed clear.

(As seen by Snake Gully Rover's Publicity Expert)

Woop Woop were on the defensive all day only bad luck stopped Snake Gully from winning. One movement in particular was positively brilliant, when from a forward pass by Jewkins (the Snake Gully right-back) Ramsbottom (inside-right) slipped a magnificent low pass out to wing, where it was snapped up in true professional style by Piddington (outside-right). Ignoring a deliberate kick in the leg from the Woop Woop left-back, Piddington brilliantly centred the ball, which would undoubtedly have fallen right at the foot of McWurzel (centre-forward) but for the fact that the Woop Woop centre-half (who at the moment was trying to swing a punch at McWurzel) moved into the way and was struck on the head by the ball.

(Report from "Soccer News" correspondent, who happened to be present at the game)

This game was undoubtedly the worst game of soccer I have ever witnessed. One particular incident was so bad that it is worth recording. The Snake Gully right-back, in endeavoring to clear on the full a cross pass from the opposite wing, completely mis-timed the kick and sliced the ball up field, where it struck the Gully's inside-right (who had his back turned) in the posterior and re-bounded out of play. A spectator immediately kicked it into play once again and as the Snake Gully linesman was in charge of that line no action was taken, although the ball went to the foot of the Woop Woop left-back, who, in wildly endeavoring to clear it, kicked the Snake Gully winger in the shin. The winger, recovering, felled the left-back with a nifty bit of knee work in the stomach, the referee (who I later discovered to be his Uncle Bert) ignoring the whole incident. The right-winger recovering the ball, centred it wildly where it struck the Woop Woop centre-half (who was showing some photos to the Snake Gully centre-forward) on the head and rebounded up field, where it was kicked clear.

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STATE TRIALS, SUNDAY, MAY 14

Players are expected to report at Olympic Park on above date at 2.15 p.m. Game will commence at 2.45 p.m. Notification through "Soccer News" to be regarded as official.

Any player not available must notify Chairman of Selectors, A. Kerr, 50 Mangalore Street, Ascot Vale, by letter.

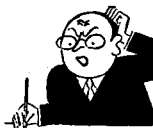
Players chosen were published in last week's issue of "Soccer News."

A. KERR,

Chairman, State Selectors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



Sir,—Being a supporter of soccer, I was wondering if I could find out through "Soccer News" if this was a record for Australia. I would like to know if Mr. C. Rodger, the well-known referee, who leaves for Scotland on May 3, holds the record: for 21 years as a referee, as well as having officiated at 417 games up to April 15 of this year, not including Juniors or Schoolboys, for whom he has done a power of good work in his time. He is as well known in South Australia as in Victoria, as he refereed 10 years there prior to 1936 and has all the honors in soccer. He is well known to all the past and present Association officials, and I am sure he will come back with some good information for our game here.—Yours, etc.,

S. ROBERTSON.

[We passed this on to "Jock" Parker, who obliged with the following reply:—
"Yes, this would be correct. Mr. C. Rodger did ref. in South Australia, as I was chairman of Referees' Association when he came over here. He is a good old-timer and we hope he has a good send-off."—Editor.]

Sir,—One of the greatest dislikes of players and officials is to see their names incorrectly spelt in the papers. All newspapers make mistakes (don't I know it?), but I find that by using capital letters when writing a name, mistakes are avoided. I recommend this method to "Soccer News" contributors.—Yours faithfully,

A SCAMMELL.

[We fully agree with Mr. Scammell.—Editor.]

Sir,—Sailor's cartoon, with the three forlorn small boys unable to get a game of soccer, strikes right at the heart of a very vexed problem.

Many years ago no club could enter the First Division without at least one Junior team. Today we see three First Division clubs without Junior sides and two of them at the bottom of the table. No wonder! If a club won't foster players, it can't hope to survive, and if it is not prepared to put back into the game some of what it is taking out, then it is just a parasite on the game and should not be entitled to enter the First Division.—Yours, etc.,

EX-GEORDIE.

[Thanks, Ex-Geordie, there is no doubt a lot in what you say, but it is not for this paper to decide what is to be done about it.—Editor.]

JUNIOR SECTION

SUNSHINE UNITED — HOW IT ALL STARTED

By **BILL BOWMAN**

In 1929 Nobels formed a works team and in 1937, before they were allowed to take their hard won place in the First Division, they were compelled to run junior teams. Thus they formed the Albion Schoolboys Under 15 and Under 17 Junior sides.

However, in 1941, Nobels decided they could not field Senior sides and disbanded, leaving their Junior side without a Senior body to support them. So with permission of members of the old Nobels committee, I took over all equipment and the boys of Under 15 and 17 formed their own committees among the players.

They carried on without much outside help until 1946, when they found they had enough Seniors to enter the Senior grade. At one stage there were four Junior sides, Mrs. Bowman travelling with the younger boys and myself travelling with the next group, while the older teams just managed on their own.

Both A. Drennan and W. Kyle were secretaries at an early age, so these boys are really the foundation of the present Sunshine club. The old Sunshine, which ran for a number of years, ceased to function about 1931.

In 1946—Sunshine United won the Consolation Cup.

In 1947—Sunshine United were Premiers.

In 1948—Sunshine United were Runners-up.

A good achievement for a set of Juniors who kept together and ran their own organisation.

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Mr. Wm. F. Brown, late of Coburg club, has been appointed Central Gippsland representative of the Victorian Junior Soccer Association. Mr. Brown has now moved to Yallourn for an indefinite period.

Charlesown (N.S.W.) Juniors will visit Melbourne in August to play representative matches against Victoria, and individual club teams. Tentative dates of their visit are: Arrive in Melbourne, August 19; return to New South Wales, August 29.

Clause 11 of the Junior Association imposes fines on clubs who fail to be represented at two or more consecutive meetings. Clubs who have failed to have representatives at the last two meetings are Ringwood, Sunshine United, Yarraville, Hakoah, and South Melbourne United.

The next general meeting of the Junior Association is to be held at the usual place, Temperance Hall (Savoy Theatre Buildings) Russell Street, Melbourne on Monday, May 1.

Vacancies on the executive committee of the Junior Association have been filled by Mr. D. Weir (Central Gippsland) and Mr. R. Brown (Coburg).

At the end of the fifth round of Junior games, in all sections positions of leading teams remained unchanged, with the exception of the Under 16 Division, where Northcote returned to the top position from second place, changing with Brighton.

Undefeated teams after last Saturday are South Yarra and Army Apprentices in the "A" section of the Under 19 Division, and Yallourn and Yarraville in the "B" section. Although undefeated, Yarraville have played in three drawn games. In the Under 16 Division, Northcote are the only undefeated team, whilst in the Schoolboy grade, three teams share this honor, namely, Sunshine United, Box Hill, and Western Suburbs.

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JUVENTUS JUNIORS (12) v. NORTHCOTE JUNIORS (2)

Juventus (Under 19, "B" section) had a very easy win against Northcote, who were completely outclassed. The winners were always in attack and never looked in danger.

LEARN FROM VICTORIA'S STARS

5—A Run with the Juniors

By DON BINGHAM

The life of a footballer or any sportsman depends not only on the way he plays on a Saturday, but in the way he looks after himself during the week.

Having been an athlete in very strong class since the age of 14 years, when I won the State Schools 100 yds. Championship, then on to Victorian Technical School honors, and thence running under Victorian Athletic League Rules, I think that my experience in training methods should benefit all junior players of today in getting and keeping fit for soccer.

In mapping out a training schedule for Juniors under the age of 19, I suggest training two nights a week, say Tuesday and Thursday. The training to consist for the first few weeks of a slow run around the ground of, say, three laps ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile a lap). Then after a spell of five minutes a couple of 25-yard dashes; then home to a hot bath or shower; then to bed at a reasonable hour. Every morning before breakfast do, if possible, 10 minutes of fast skipping.

The days that you do not train, I suggest that you do at night 20 minutes of physical exercise, with plenty of stomach exercises to strengthen up stomach muscles, as this will help to gain you stamina; or, better still, if you can afford it, go to one of the physical culture classes in the city.

At least once a week go for a couple of mile jaunts, walking and running at different stages, then go to bed; this also is a great stamina builder.

After a couple of months of training, I would suggest that the older boys increase the lap work to four laps, and include a couple of fast 50-yard dashes.

It is important that one has plenty of sleep during a football season. Make it a strict rule to only go out on a Saturday night. Dancing is a good pastime, as it keeps your balance and also keeps you moving and works all muscles.

A Few Dont's:

Don't smoke to excess. Smoking is not harmful in moderation.

Don't drink any fluids the day of the match, as it tends to make you sluggish.

Don't have a hot bath the night before a match, as this tends to weaken you, but have a bath on the Thursday night before the match, and add $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. washing soda to the water and soak for 15 minutes; then to bed.

Don't have massage till you reach the age of 20 years.

Don't eat starchy foods, such as pastry, potatoes, etc., as they play up with your wind.

Remember, early nights; two hours in bed before midnight is worth four after midnight.

Eat plenty of fruit.

In conclusion, look after yourself, both physically and mentally, and your body will look after you.

Don Bingham is well known in Victoria as a runner, specialising particularly in middle distance events. He has won many notable races, including both the 880 and 440 yards at Stawell, Easter, 1941. In 1947 he was beaten only by inches in the Echuca Gift, and lost by a narrow margin in the Kerang Gift, at which meeting he won the 220 yards event. We can recommend his article to all juniors, as he is a noted physical culture expert.—Editor.]

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT APRIL 22

First Division					Third Division (South)										
Sandringham City	5	3	2	0	11	5	8	JUST	5	4	1	0	37	3	9
South Yarra	5	4	0	1	10	5	8	F.N.D.	5	4	1	0	18	2	9
Box Hill	4	3	1	0	13	8	7	Moorabbin	5	3	1	1	25	4	7
Sunshine United	5	3	0	2	10	8	6	Victoria Police	4	3	0	1	13	7	6
Brighton	5	2	1	2	12	11	5	Olympic	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Park Rangers	5	2	0	3	9	7	4	Box Hill	5	2	0	3	6	20	4
Prahran	5	2	0	3	13	16	4	Park Rangers	5	2	0	3	17	20	4
Footscray City	5	1	1	3	9	14	3	Brighton	5	1	1	3	14	26	3
Hakoah	4	1	0	3	5	11	2	Bentleigh	5	1	0	4	11	26	2
Moreland	5	0	1	4	3	15	1	Macedonians	5	0	0	5	1	37	0
Second Division					First Division Reserves										
South Melbourne	5	4	0	1	24	11	8	Park Rangers	5	4	0	1	19	9	8
Juventus	5	3	1	1	16	6	7	Sand'ham City	5	4	0	1	12	6	8
Yallourn	5	3	1	1	31	12	7	Prahran	5	3	0	2	17	8	6
Preston	5	3	0	2	24	11	6	Brighton	4	3	0	1	11	7	6
Western Suburbs	3	2	0	1	15	6	4	South Yarra	5	3	0	2	9	12	6
George Cross	3	2	0	1	4	6	4	Sunshine United	4	2	0	2	12	10	4
Ringwood	5	2	0	3	14	21	4	Hakoah	4	2	0	2	9	12	7
Yarraville	5	2	0	3	6	26	4	Box Hill	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
Melb. University	3	0	0	3	2	13	0	Moreland	4	0	0	4	6	16	3
Heidelberg	5	0	0	5	3	27	0	Footscray City	5	0	0	5	5	16	0
Third Division (North)					Second Division Reserves										
White Eagles	5	5	0	0	34	5	10	Yallourn	4	4	0	0	29	3	8
Pipers	4	3	0	1	15	8	6	Preston	5	3	1	1	11	8	7
Williamstown	4	3	0	1	1	10	6	Western Suburbs	4	3	0	1	24	7	6
Geelong Celtic	4	2	1	1	13	9	5	Juventus	5	3	0	2	13	15	6
Melbourne Rangers	3	2	0	1	13	10	4	South Melbourne	5	2	1	2	11	7	5
Coburg	5	2	0	3	10	17	4	Heidelberg	5	2	0	3	5	26	4
Royal Caledonians	4	1	0	3	8	12	2	George Cross	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Inter. Harvesters	3	0	1	2	6	7	1	Melb. University	2	1	0	1	2	8	2
Woodlands	4	0	0	4	6	26	0	Ringwood	5	1	0	4	0	11	2
Metters have withdrawn from League. Sth. Yarra will take over their fixtures.								Yarraville	4	0	0	4	1	8	0
					Third Division Reserves										
					Williamstown	2	2	0	0	10	4	4			
					Woodlands	3	2	0	1	6	7	4			
					Olympic	2	1	0	1	8	0	2			
					Coburg	1	0	0	1	3	4	0			
					Pipers	2	0	0	2	1	15	0			
					Moorabbin	1	0	0	1	0	8	0			

JUNIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT APRIL 22

Under 19 "A" Section					Under 16 Division										
South Yarra	4	4	0	0	11	2	8	Northcote	5	5	0	0	14	3	10
Sunshine United	4	2	1	1	12	6	5	Brighton	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Box Hill	4	2	1	1	3	2	5	Sand'ham City	5	4	0	1	13	6	8
Army Apprentices	3	2	1	0	5	4	5	South Melb. United	5	3	1	1	11	5	7
Brighton	3	2	0	1	13	2	4	Box Hill	5	3	0	1	15	7	6
Sand'ham City	4	1	1	2	7	10	3	Park Rangers	5	2	0	3	7	11	4
Park Rangers	4	0	0	4	3	28	0	Ringwood	5	1	0	4	6	13	2
Hakoah	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	Sunshine United	5	1	0	4	2	10	2
					South Yarra	5	1	0	4	2	18	2			
					Preston	5	0	1	4	3	9	1			
Under 19 "B" Section					Under 14 Division										
Preston	5	4	0	1	22	3	8	Sunshine United	5	3	2	0	21	2	
Yallourn	4	4	0	0	10	2	8	Box Hill	4	4	0	0	15	3	
Ringwood	4	3	0	1	11	10	6	Western Suburbs	4	4	0	0	15	3	
Yarraville	4	1	3	0	8	4	5	Coburg	5	3	0	2	14	12	6
Coburg	5	2	1	2	11	9	5	South Melb United "A"	5	2	1	2	14	7	5
Moorabbin	5	2	1	2	12	12	5	Park Rangers	4	2	0	2	16	4	4
South Melb. United	5	2	0	3	10	8	4	Bentleigh	5	2	0	3	7	8	4
Juventus	4	1	1	2	15	13	3	Preston	5	2	0	3	18	23	4
Metters	5	0	2	3	4	20	2	Brighton	5	2	0	3	9	15	4
Northcote	5	0	0	5	4	26	0	Sand'ham City	4	1	1	2	4	9	3
					Sth. Melb. United "B"	5	1	0	4	3	15	2			
					Highbett N.F.	5	0	0	5	2	37	0			

Notes.—South Yarra awarded walk-over against Box Hill on April 8.

South Yarra awarded walk-over against Hakoah on April 22.

All clubs will be interested to know that the Soccer Tables published in "Soccer News" are compiled by the Secretary of the Association, who receives the results over the week-end from Mr. Wilshaw, of the "Herald," "Sporting Globe" and the "Sun." Any results which have not been telephoned to the "Sporting Globe" will therefore not be published, as the Editor of "Soccer News" must have the League Tables by first post on Monday morning. Eight clubs did not telephone their results last week as instructed, therefore their results do not appear in "Soccer News" this week.

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