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CHINA WINS FIRST TEST



Lee Ping Chiu

A crowd of nearly 35,000 saw the Chinese team defeat Australia last Saturday in the first Test match at Sydney showground. They thereby dumbfounded most of the critics who, almost to a man, considered that the Australians' extra weight and bustling tactics would prove too much for the visitors.

The Chinese gave the Australian team a tactical lesson and could quite easily have scored more freely than their 4-1 victory indicates.

Two of the Chinese star players, Ho Cheung Yau and Lee Ping Chiu, were not included in the team owing to minor illness.

Both sides had early scoring opportunities. A shot from Garside (N.S.W. inside left) for Australia, skimmed the bar, and a shot from Chinese inside-right (Chu Wing Keung) was just deflected by Wendt (N.S.W. left-back) of Australia. Sands (N.S.W. right-half), Australia, then tried a long drive at goal but it was nicely cleared by full-back, Hau Yung Sang.

Australia had a let-off when O'Malley (S.A. right-back) for Australia passed back hard to Mahoney (N.S.W. goalie for Australia) who only just managed to flick the ball behind.

Scoring opened for China when Mahoney allowed a dropping ball from centre-forward, Lee Chun Fat, to float over his head into the net.



Chu Wing Keung

The Chinese were too smart for the Australians in mid-field, but were not finishing too well.

Bob Lawrie (Q'land), Australia's captain, at centre-half was giving Lee Chun Fat far too much room and the Chinese centre-forward was too agile altogether for him.

The Australian full-backs O'Malley and Wendt were becoming more and more bamboozled by wingers Hau Ching To and Ho Ying Fun.

Australia drew level when Stewart (N.S.W. outside-right for Australia) was left unmarked for a moment and drove in a shot from 30 yards out.



Hau Ching To

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Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8. by first post on Monday.



After 16 weeks of soccer, Park Rangers (of all clubs) have at last broken their duck, at the expense of J.U.S.T. Although it will take a lot more than one victory to save them, Park Rangers are to be congratulated, for surely their long run of defeats must be a record. Juventus, weakened by suspensions, still managed to play colorful football to hold Prahran to a 2-2 draw on Saturday at Olympic Park. The Italian team thereby increased its lead in the First Division to 4 points over J.U.S.T., who are second.

With a 6-4 victory over Footscray City on Sunday, Hakoah now have climbed to within two points of J.U.S.T., with Prahran two points further away. Yallourn, who only managed a draw with Brighton at home, climb above Footscray City on goal average. The fight to avoid relegation is still on, and Box Hill, who lost 6-2 to Moreland, are only one point out of the danger zone.

In Division II, Polonia's defeat of Geelong has probably put paid to the chances of promotion of the Corio Bay team for this season at least. With only four games left to go no club can afford to sacrifice any points.

In Division III, Moorabbin, who have had a hard struggle this year, were able to hold Frankston to a 2-2 draw. In this division the fight for promotion is still keen between Maccabi, Northcote and Fairfield, while at the bottom of the tree, Williamstown are battling it out with Coburg to avoid accompanying University into the Fourth Division next season.

In Division IV, Hellenic, with a game in hand, are right on the heels of leaders—Slavia—and with a better goal average, while Slovakia are only two points further back.

Shell, who have played only four games, are but one point behind Victoria Police, who have played 12.

Sydney reports show that the Chinese tour is likely to be a huge success. Although it was not expected that the Chinese team would be such a colossal draw-card as the English team was two years ago, the attendance at the first Test match in Sydney—35,000—is only 6000 lower than that for the first Test against England. The high standard of play of the Chinese visitors, and the undoubted improvement in the play of the Australian team once selection errors are corrected and it settles down, should make the series a very close contest indeed.

Adelaide is still commenting on a supposed Victorian tour of South Australia in August. I don't know where they get their information from, but it is extremely unlikely that any Victorian team will tour anywhere else this year. Certainly nothing could be gained by a visit to Adelaide. The Queensland trip was a "must" and was fully warranted, but the trip to Adelaide earlier in the season of a "Victorian XI," picked without any member having played for six months, to play under unfamiliar flood-lit

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DICTATORSHIP!!

By V. J. M. DIXON

The parlous situation has arisen in Victoria where a body of so-called sportsmen can deny the use of Melbourne's main sporting arena for an international football match and this, not because they need the use of it themselves. From time to time we have heard talk of alienation of public lands. What else is this? The Melbourne Cricket Ground is crown land governed by a board of trustees, but there the matter ends and anybody applying for use of the ground becomes enmeshed in a mass of red tape.

The Chinese tour was arranged late in the season, but a letter applying for the use of the M.C.G. on August 22 and 29, was sent on June 25, 1953. The M.C.G. trustees were sympathetic and the V.A.S.F.A. request was favorably received but Soccer was told that the Victorian Football League must also be consulted. To get a reply from the V.F.L., Soccer had to wait, until July 27, and the first Chinese game is on August 22. The chances are now that the International games will have to be played at Olympic Park.

In 1952, with the Interstate Carnival in view, the V.A.S.F.A. applied for the M.C.G. So much time was wasted and there was so much procrastination that the V.A.S.F.A. was forced to apply for Toorak Park—a ground which was too small and too far out to be suitable.

Later last year (1952) to ensure plenty of time was available for consideration of its request, the V.A.S.F.A. applied for the use of the M.C.G. for Queen's Birthday week-end, 1953. Six months went by before a reply was received. Needless to say, it was in the negative.

It is fair to ask, "How long can this state of affairs be allowed to continue? Are soccer fans, Old and New Australians alike, to allow themselves to be told, "Unless you follow OUR brand of football you must stand in the mud and rain to watch whatever game you happen to follow?"

It is time the public was told that every second week throughout the winter months the Melbourne Cricket Ground stands practically empty, while anything from 5000 to 15000 members of the public stand in impossible conditions at Olympic Park watching soccer, which is so far away that a telescope is needed to see the far end of the ground.

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Wed., Sept. 2—CHINA v. A VICTORIAN CONTINENTAL XI

CHINA WINS FIRST TEST—Continued

Just on half-time the Chinese took the lead again with a fine goal. Lee Chun Fat sent in a terrific drive which struck the upright. Szeto Man (inside-left) caught the rebound and drove home before Mahoney could move.

On the resumption, the Chinese scored their third goal almost at once, Ho Ying Fun on the right wing trapping the ball and beating two defenders to score on his own.

Hau Ching To put the issue beyond doubt when he scored a fourth goal towards the close of the game.

The Australian team never seemed to settle down, and "Bunny" Nunn, of Queensland, at centre-forward, for Australia, failed time and time again in front of goal.

After the game Sydney authorities made the customary remarks that the team would have been stronger without the players from States other than N.S.W. After seeing both the Chinese and the N.S.W. teams in action, we are inclined to feel that it will take skill to match the Chinese team, and the N.S.W. "belt and hope" tactics will fail against the visitors just as they did in Melbourne at the Interstate Carnival. Probably more success will be achieved when more and not less interstate players are included in the Australian side.

Angus Drennen, Victoria's only representative, at left-half, did well but was poorly supported, and at times was forced to cover the complete Chinese right-wing. Many changes are certain to be made in the team for the Second Test at Brisbane cricket ground on August 8, but it is a safe bet that no more Victorians will be included.



Bob Lawrie



Szeto Man

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WHAT OF SOUTH MELBOURNE?

By GUY HOOPER

Soccer has been played in and around South Melbourne for very many years and the present South Melbourne United club is one of the oldest in the Association today.

It might be said, on looking back, that the foundations of the present club were laid in 1932, when a team, playing as the Middle Park Schoolboys' Soccer Club, became known as the South Melbourne Juniors.

This team of young enthusiasts were premiers of schoolboy football for a couple of years running and in 1935 they won the junior premiership.

The same year saw a merger between the South Melbourne Soccer Club and the South Melbourne Juniors, and the following year, 1936, heralded the birth of South Melbourne United as we know it today.

Two of the stalwarts of the new club in the persons of Jack Guthrie and Jack Olsen are still connected with the club today. Jack Olsen was secretary in those days when the young club was suffering from growing pains, but to the credit of himself and the committee of the time, it soon became a virile force.

Jack Olsen is still one of the keenest supporters, although he is probably best known in soccer circles now as the secretary of the Victorian Junior Soccer Association.

With the advent of the year 1938, the club entered the senior ranks, and for some years after that they played in the First Division.

The grimy paw of war, however, reached out and sapped the strength of the club. Altogether about 95 per cent. of the members answered the call, and it was during this period that relegation to the Second Division took place.

The name of South Melbourne is still seen near the top of this division, the old enthusiasm is still there and it can by no means be said that South Melbourne United's sights have been lowered from the First Division.

Special Notice to all Club Secretaries—

Next Saturday August 8, Soccer News will be sent to all Melbourne Clubs who are playing fixtures and to all country and Tasmanian Clubs as usual. Melbourne clubs who have no fixture play will not receive copies unless they request them.

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The club is fortunate in having as its president a keen soccer man in Mr. Frank Crean, M.H.R.

The present secretary, Des. Hamilton, who has been a member of the V.A.S.F.A. council for five years, is a wide awake and tireless worker for soccer generally, and for his club, which for so long has had the ground at Middle Park as its headquarters.

EDITORIAL—Continued

conditions against players who had been under those conditions for three months previously, was merely making a chopping-block of the Victorian side to boost S.A. prestige. On top of this the S.A. authorities publicised the game as S.A. v. Vic., which, added to the defeats in Queensland, have done much to lower Victoria's prestige in the Australian selectors' eyes—a fact which is only too obvious when it is seen that Angus Drennen was Victoria's only representative in the first Test.

• Victoria's record at home in the last four years is an impressive one. In 1949 we drew with Yugoslavia—the only State to do so. In 1951 we were beaten by the English team and the score was one of the lowest against this unbeaten side. In 1952 in Melbourne, we defeated, in succession, Queensland, N.S.W. and S.A. Possibly this fact may be taken into account when the Chinese team comes south and Victoria may get one-and-a-half or even two players in the side for the Fourth Test.

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By REX BENSON

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ANOTHER WALK-OUT

Remember the walk-out en masse of the English soccer touring team from a Melbourne hotel two years ago? Their reason was that the accommodation was not up to standard. Believe it or not, about ten cricketers recently walked out of a Birmingham hotel where they had been booked in for the Test trial. Their reason? The hotel was too expensive for them!

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

I suppose Shell considered a large share of the gate at Olympic Park justified staging the replay there. They may regret conceding their ground advantage. Walthamstow Avenue this year drew at Manchester United and held the replay at Arsenal instead of Walthamstow. They lost.

ENGLAND TOURISTS RECOVER

The England team recovered some prestige in South America by beating Chile, 2-1. Ground accommodation at Santiago is normally 50,000, but an extra 20,000 were allowed around the touchline in a special enclosure. It appears that the old masters are still the best drawing-card abroad.

AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL ELEVEN

Victoria can hardly have hoped for a better representation in the Australian team. Where are one-time Australian stars? Very few in the offing, despite the alluring prospect of a place in the Olympic Team in 1956.

RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES

Roger Parvin will doubtless be meeting some old friends from Hong Kong when our Chinese visitors arrive. Unfortunately it will not be on the field, as a recurring knee injury is keeping him out for the rest of the season.

KEEPING IN TRIM

There is a whisper that Duncan McDougall, the former State player, is getting back into training and practising short sprints. But not to return to the game as a player. He has hopes of becoming a referee, but I do not know of any more aspirants. I would refuse point-blank to take on the job without the assistance of reputable linesmen. Some bone-headed spec-

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Can it be that Soccer crowds such as this at the last International game against England at the M.C.G. cause worry to the V.F.L. "JUNTA"? Whether they do or not, they are Australian citizens and deserve civilized conditions to watch their football.

DICTATORSHIP!!—Continued

national games of other codes. The same could be done here, and should be, before the public wakes up to the fact that £1000 every second week could be drawn at the M.C.G. by Soccer instead of opening the ground and running it at a loss so that Reserve teams can perform before empty terraces merely to stop the Soccer public from watching the code it follows in comfort.

In the meantime—passing over the insult to our visitors—with Interstate laughter still ringing in our ears over the Olympic Games wrangle, Victoria is once again to be made a laughing stock to our neighbors, while Australia's prestige overseas will suffer for lack of a little sportsmanship on the part of a code that claims to be truly Australian.

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STORY OF THE F.A. CUP—PART 10

By TED PRIDGEON

Between the years 1926 and 1930, Bolton Wanderers, Huddersfield Town and The Arsenal had almost a monopoly of the Finals at Wembley Stadium. Teams and scores for these Finals read:—

1926, Bolton Wanderers v. Manchester C., 1-0; 1927, Cardiff C. v. Arsenal, 1-0; 1928, Blackburn R. v. Huddersfield, 3-1; 1929, Bolton W. v. Portsmouth, 2-0; 1930, Arsenal v. Huddersfield, 2-0.

Each of the teams mentioned appeared twice in the Finals in those five years and, in defeating Arsenal 1-0 in 1927, Cardiff City, under the captaincy of Keenor, took the Cup out of England for the first time.

Football had, by now, become a gigantic show business, with the Cup—as always it will be—at the top of the bill. The introduction of broadcasting running commentaries on matches, via the wireless, extended enthusiasm for the game still further. The five-figure transfer fee had arrived in 1928, when Arsenal paid Bolton Wanderers £10,890 for David Jack. From 15 entries (for the F.A. Cup Competition) in 1871-72, entries had, by the turn of the century swelled to 242, and throughout the 1920's the figure had oscillated around the 550 mark, Arsenal, whose deeds went ringing round the world, dominated the 1930's, but, in the nine years preceeding the outbreak of the second World War the Cup went three times to Lancashire, twice each to the South and North-East and once each to Yorkshire and the Midlands, as per the following table:—

1931—West Bromwich Albion v. Birmingham, 2-1.

1932—Newcastle United v. Arsenal, 2-1.

1933—Everton v. Manchester C., 3-0.

1934—Manchester City v. Portsmouth, 2-1.

1935—Sheffield Weds. v. West Brom. "A", 4-2.

1936—Arsenal v. Sheffield United, 1-0.

1937—Sunderland v. Preston North End, 3-1.

1938—Preston North End v. Huddersfield T (after extra time), 1-0.

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NEW NATIONAL TEAM?

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We understand that there is no truth in the rumor that the V.A.S.F.A. have offered to allow the Victorian Football League the use of Olympic Park for their first International game.

CUP REPLAY

Shell v. Brighton should be a "cracker." The Shell side play a hard, open game, very exciting to watch, and will beat more teams than will beat them. If they can get past Brighton tomorrow, they must be seriously considered for the Dockerty Cup.

CHAMPION CHINESE

An ex-international player who has seen the three Chinese teams in action against Australia, told me that in his opinion this present team is the best to visit our shores—even better than the 1941 side, which drew the Test series against Australia. They play delightful football, relying on speed and ball control to score goals. Once they get into condition (for their season finished ten weeks ago) they will be formidable opponents and Victoria will have to excell if they are to beat them.

COPELAND "COPES"

Bill Copeland at the moment is playing well and must be considered seriously for State honors. Last week against Prahran he excelled himself, scoring two goals, and in both of them he had a prominent part in the lead up.

His play was certainly appreciated by the spectators, friend and "foe" alike.

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

Due to the excessive rain of the past few days, the centre portion of South Hobart ground resembled a sliddery-slimy mess—a soccer player's nightmare. Both teams were under strength with Metro having their crack centre-half as leader of the attack, and full well did he fulfil his mission. The winners of today's game would practically seal the League championship. Metro came out of the first half with glowing colors. The ground conditions were all against the short-passing game as adopted by the Scots, and Metro exploited the off-side trap to perfection. Harmsen and Arnold were a positive menace to Slater & Co., and Arnold's goal was the reward of sheer grit and determination. Arnold just got his foot to the ball which sailed over the goal line at a snail's gallop. A very commendable goal, indeed. Half-time, Metro 1, Caledonians 0.

The opening stages of the second half was Metro's, and a full-blooded drive from Arnold hit the cross-bar; then Alexander moved to inside-right and immediately a transformation came over the Scots' forwards, ably backed up by their half-backs. The Caleys swarmed into the attack and Metro adopted a purely defensive game. (In my opinion entirely wrong; the best form of defence is attack). With only eight minutes to go, Dunlop meandered towards the centre, collected a ball within the penalty box, let rip a real grounder, which beat the unsuspected Wise, to put the scores level. The Scots were now out for the kill and advanced in massed formation. A pass from Slater to Renato; the latter lobbed in a beauty and "Bustling George" collected and, although severely harassed, beat off his challenger and with a terrific left foot drive bulged the rigging—a marvellous goal and beautifully executed. To Metro I pay a high tribute — they went down fighting. Caledonians 2, Metro 1. Goal-scorers: Caledonians, Dunlop, Arnott; Metro, Arnold.

Acquaroff (Metro star) is still suffering from a leg injury. Let's hope he will be fit for the Launceston game!

I understand that a medal is to be presented to the finest all-round player of the season, graciously donated by Mr. Mearns, late of Bronte Soccer Club.

The Caledonians hope to play Hakoah (Vic.) and Moreland (Vic.) during their forthcoming visit to Melbourne.

Three games were played on South Hobart ground last Saturday, and when the Caledonians and Metro took the field, the centre of the pitch was a gory sight. Can the Association do nothing about it on these occasions?

Late News.—A.N.M. 1, v. South Hobart 4, played at Claremont.

I understand that A.N.M. are a greatly improved side. Well, that's good news.

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Letters to the Editor

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

Sir,—Our Upper Yarra Dam Club had looked forward to playing an Association team at our home ground on July 25 in the first round of the "Garrick Cup" competition—a late-season competition, especially arranged to give half a dozen country associations the opportunity of fielding their best elevens against each other and demonstrating the spread of interest in the game throughout the State.

Considerable catering and publicity arrangements had been made by our social committee and publicity officer, and the "welcome mat" was very prominent here for over a week before the match date. Bus-loads of visitors, including at least one bus from Melbourne, had signified their intention of making the trip.

Imagine, then, U.Y.D.'s disappointment when our secretary reported that on Thursday afternoon preceding the Saturday of the match he had received a letter from the organiser of the Cup competition to the effect that the opponent Association (Ballarat) had withdrawn from the competition on the ground of financial difficulties.

It is recognised, of course, that no two clubs or associations are likely to be of equal strength, financially or otherwise.

In the particular case prompting this letter, U.Y.D. have no doubts that Ballarat Association wished to carry out their part in the competition. However, if soccer is to enlist supporters (we at U.Y.D. are satisfied that this can be done), particularly in country districts, then clubs should not hesitate to advise the authorities or organisers concerned, at the earliest possible time, of anything preventing their playing on the date arranged or at the ground set down for play.—E. K. DAWSON.

Sir.—The V.A.S.F.A. Council, in the performance of their duties, should not allow themselves to be carried away by personal emotions or yield to outside pressure, but should face every situation coolly and objectively, weighing all the pros and the cons and acting according to logic and commonsense. Take, for instance, the way they dealt with the incident at the Italy v. Ireland game. Nobody can deny that a miscarriage of justice has been committed, in suspending all eleven players and heavily penalising the Juventus Club, without allowing them a hearing. But let us face the facts. Were the 11 players and the Juventus Club responsible for the incident? Personally, I will go as far as admitting that the behavior of the players was, to a certain extent, responsible for the incident and that those of them



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who disputed the referee's decision and walked off the field would deserve the punishment meted out to them, but not all the players. But where does the Juventus Club come in? It was said at the Council that the club is responsible for its players. A beautiful sentence! The Government is responsible for its citizens. But did you ever hear that a Court has sentenced the Government as accessory, in view of this responsibility. It was further claimed that Juventus cannot control its players. But those players have been registered with the Association before being eligible to play for Juventus and the Association claims control over them for 365 days a year. Why cannot the Association control them? After all, they are the ones who have the judiciary machinery in their hands, not the Clubs. And then what does the Council exactly mean by "Juventus cannot control its players"? Was Juventus in a position to prevent the happening of the incident and failed to take action? I do not think for a moment that the Council are serious in thinking that any club can control the temper of its players and least of all by telepathy, since the officials of the club are not allowed on the field. Perhaps it will be said that the club should know its players. But those players had all a clean sheet; not one of them had ever been reported for any infringement of the rules of play. So, how could the club know in advance how they would have behaved in this circumstance? Unless it is claimed that they should have had their horoscope read, or should have consulted the crystal ball. Supposing that a number of players from Juventus are selected to play for the State and one or more players, through their behavior, provoke an incident, would the Council then take the responsibility for such incident, or would they still lay the blame at the door of the club? Are the councillors deluding themselves that by penalising the clubs they indirectly hit at the players (if responsible) and the spectators? If they harbor this hope, then again they are wrong. The players don't give a hoot whether their clubs are penalised. As to the spectators, those of them who revel in the disturbances and consider them as part of the fun for which they paid part of their entrance ticket, well, they don't give a hoot either. So, eventually, it all falls on the shoulders of the club officials who, besides having to sacrifice more than their leisure time for the ungrateful job of looking after the affairs of the club, must also carry the blame for disorders which are beyond anybody's control except the perpetrators themselves. Cannot the Council see that there is no logic nor justice in their measures? If the player or players are actually responsible, why not punish them as they deserve and leave the clubs alone? If the

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spectators and not the players are responsible, why not concentrate on finding ways for preventing them from interfering with the game. As Mr. Rose rightly pointed out in Soccer News, it is a fenced ground and not scapegoats that is needed. If I were not afraid of being accused of machiavellism, I would say that the Council should have welcomed this incident to press their case for enclosed grounds. Instead of filling the columns of the Press with groundless and defamatory utterances against the Juventus Clubs, what better opportunity could they expect than this free publicity, for voicing their grievances against those refusing soccer enclosed grounds, before the fair-minded public opinion?

By their lack of vision, instead of enlisting support, they have created the impression that the people connected with soccer are mostly hooligans who cannot be trusted with grounds, and the less soccer is encouraged the better.

Why doesn't the Council learn a lesson from Australian Rules Football officials? I have now been in this country over five years and during this time I read of innumerable incidents in Australian Rules football, the most recent case being the one reported on this week's front page of the Sporting Globe, in which rabid spectators sank so low that they attacked an injured player as he was leaving the arena and where the police and trainers had to protect the Victorian players at whom blows were swung. Yet, in all this time, I never heard of a single club having been penalised.

The Council should also learn a lesson from Mr. Duncan, the man who is responsible for order in this city, who derided those suggesting that he should ban soccer with these words: "What, ban the best game of the world. If I had to ban soccer for an occasional brawl, then I should ban Australian Rules also." P. BEDROSSIAN.

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BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

CARRICK CUP

On Saturday last the Border District Association visited Benalla to play the Northern Victoria Association in the first round of the "Carrick" Cup. Northern Victoria were unlucky in losing their goalie in the first half through an unusual accident. Border District centre-forward, Jerry Krieger drove a hard ball from a rebound which struck the goalie on the side of the knee-cap and dislocated it.

Half-time scores were Border District 1, Northern Victoria 0.

In the second half the Border boys' positional play was too good for their opponents and they ran out winners at 5-0. Goal-scorers: Dick (2), Petricola, Krieger (penalty), Wilson.

Border District play Peninsula Association at Albury in the second round.

On Sunday last a team from Griffith (N.S.W.) visited Albury City and won, 2-1. Balldale, a new team, beat combined Albury City and Wodonga Juniors, 2-0.

At Wodonga the local team crushed Mount Beauty by 12-0. Highlight of the game was the saving of a penalty by Havenga, Wodonga's goalie.

Bandiana drew with Albury United, 2-2.

Next Sunday brings the start of the Williamson Cup, with Balldale v. Wodonga, Albury City v. Tallangatta, Bandiana v. Albury United and Central Workshops v. Mount Beauty United. — CLEM MARTIN.

V.A.S.F.A. SECRETARY'S NOTES



Fourth Division Reserves—

All clubs please note that Nunawading Reserves has withdrawn from this division. Points should be claimed by letter from matches now cancelled.

Fourth Division—Hellenic S.C.—

The new secretary is Mr. B. Colligas, 71 Eastern Road, South Melbourne, S.C.5. Telephone: Day, Central 379; evening, MX 1974. The assistant secretary is Mr. J. Divoli, 28 Blessington Street, St. Kilda; telephone, LA 8239.

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Around the Clubs

ASTOR

On Saturday Astor played Ukrainia at Royal Park and lost 0-3. Astor had their fair share of the game and were unlucky not to score. Playing with two reserves, the defence was a little shaky at times, and Ukrainia did not miss any opportunities to score.

On Sunday we had a very enjoyable day playing Mornington S.C. The weather was perfect for a good game on a splendid ground.

Two of Astor's players failed to arrive, so Mornington lent us a player for the first half, and at half-time the score was 4-3 in Mornington's favor. In the second half, Astor had eleven players, but the final score was Mornington 8, Astor 4.

A very nice cup of tea at half-time, provided by the Mornington club's lady supporters, was very much appreciated. We are looking forward to another game with this very sporting and friendly club before the end of the season.

COBURG UNITED

Maccabi, on top of the Third Division, received a shock at Coburg when the home team ran them to a single goal win. The outstanding feature was the defensive play of both teams, giving special credit to the keepers.

The only score of the first half came after twenty minutes, when a high dropping shot eluded Coburg's keeper. Half-time, Maccabi 1, Coburg nil.

In the second half Maccabi were first to succeed when a goal came from a scramble. Coburg replied five minutes later when the right-winger, Renfrey, passed to Patrick, to L. Staffrace, who goaled from 10 yards out. During the remaining 20 minutes of play the strong defences held firm and no further score resulted. Result: Maccabi 2, Coburg 1.

This Saturday we meet Moorabbin City, who were 5 goals better than us in the first round. Is it still the case, lads?

Coburg Reserves were beaten by Wilhelmina, 4-1. The first 15 minutes was all Coburg and another win looked in sight. Then it happened. Wilhelmina completely disorganised and out-passed Coburg in every position. Half-time score: Wilhelmina 2, Coburg 1.

In the second half Wilhelmina still had the advantage and we had no counter for their nippy forwards. Good keeping by Coburg kept the scoring to a respectable total. Final score: Wilhelmina 4, Coburg 1. Goal: L. Outon. Best players: Kerr, King, Smithwick.

FAIRFIELD

Under ideal conditions Fairfield Reserves and Williamstown Reserves gave a display of first-class football, with both teams continually on the attack; positional play was near perfect.

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Fairfield's younger side set a hard, fast pace which Williamstown had trouble in keeping up with. J. Forma proved a valuable asset to the side, scoring three of Fairfield's four goals with break-away dashes. C. Cristoo scored the fourth.

Most of Williamstown's good attacking moves met with disaster at the back line; the two goals they did get, were planted solidly in the back of the net. Final result: 4-2.

Fairfield's first team visited Dandenong and collected both points with a 3-2 victory.

VICTORIA POLICE

The game opened on a dour note for the Police as only 10 players were present. Nevertheless, with 10 men we opened the game on a good tone, scoring the first goal after 15 minutes, scored by Conway. Unfortunately, a few minutes later a Police defender put the ball into his own goal, thereby equalising for Shell.

With considerable optimism the Police put the pressure on, and D. Grimer scored the second goal for the side. Half-time score: Police 2, Shell 1.

Opening the second half, the team continued to withstand all the attacks of Shell and eventually, after a brilliant piece of long passing, R. Sparling scored to make it 3-1 in favor of the Police.

The Shell team, playing hard, short passing, soon scored their second goal ten minutes from the end. From a penalty Shell equalised the score, the result being 3-3.

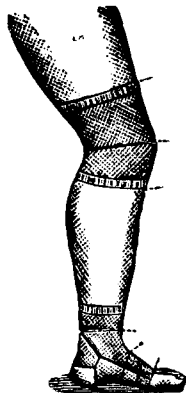
HOME AND AWAY (continued)

tators expect Mandrakes who can keep within a few yards of the ball all the time.

TEST POINTERS

Commentators may become confused with the names of players. When Czechoslovakians played in England their star inside-forward lost his proper name for the title of "Saucepan," and it stuck for every match. The Chinese right-back is already known as "Flash Harry," and I can see another name being coined for his partner, Lee Ping Qiu—something like "Jumping Jack."

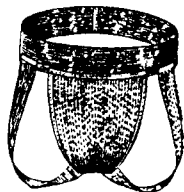
One big interest for us locally is whether our imported stars will fare better than the home products. I trust that a good pitch will be available, seeing that the First Test was played after two curtain-raisers, probably to lend weight to the worn-out cliché so beloved by some soccer reporters that "the centre-forward ploughed a lone furrow down the middle without the support of his inside men."



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Junior Section

SWINBURNE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

On Wednesday, July 22, the Swinburne Boys' Junior Technical School soccer team, in completing its programme of League games for the season, succeeded in maintaining its unbeaten record and so won the Technical Schools' championship. The last match, against Footscray, was played at Kooyong. Each side was aware that the League leadership was the prize of victory and a fast, vigorous game resulted. However, the respective defences were sufficiently strong to prevent the opposing forwards scoring, so that the result was a goal-less draw, which just about reflects the merits of the two teams.

As can be seen from the table that has appeared weekly in Soccer News, the Swinburne team's record makes it worthy champions.

Games played 10, won 8, drawn 2, lost 0; goals for 31, against 4.

The chief goal-scorers were: T. Coull (centre-forward and captain); W. Burns (inside-left) and R. Darvell (outside-right). Others to stand out in the team were V. Maier (centre-half), J. Toivonen (left-half), and the two backs, B. Griffin and P. Bilstein. The goalie, G. Clarke, did all that was required of him in good style, including a save from the only penalty awarded against the side. We are looking forward to the "knock-out" competition commencing next Wednesday, and, naturally, hope to do well in it.

—A. JOHNSTON

SOUTH MELBOURNE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Wednesday 22 saw the game of the year, in which the outright winners were decided. It was the long awaited match between Swinburne and Footscray at Swinburne, which resulted in a drawn no-score game. Our congratulations go to Swinburne for their well deserved win this year. [The results of next week's games cannot upset them.] Perhaps they may be extended in the "knock-out" round starting the following week.

—NEIL LEFOE, South Melbourne Tech. School.

VICTORIAN UNDER 20 TEAM CHOSEN

The Under 20 team to visit South Australia on August 16 is as follows: Goal, Mitchell (Brighton), Horrocks (Box Hill).

Full Backs, Vangalister (Juventus), Melvor (Preston), Simpson (South Melbourne United).

Half Backs, Roberts (Brighton), McCartney (Captain, Brighton), Peterick (Sunshine United), Traynor (Box Hill).

Forwards, Bould (Sandringham), Sullivan (Preston), Finlay (Brighton), Durkin (Sunshine United), Cousins (Northcote), Lynch (Box Hill).

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 27, 1953

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	14	11	2	1	41	12	24
J.U.S.T.	14	10	0	4	48	26	20
Hakoah	13	8	2	3	42	21	18
Moreland	14	7	2	5	38	24	16
Prahran	14	7	2	5	41	33	16
Brighton	14	7	1	6	35	33	15
Box Hill	14	4	2	8	26	44	10
Footscray City	14	4	1	9	20	43	9
Yallourn	13	3	2	8	19	35	8
Park Rangers	14	1	0	13	17	55	2

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	14	11	2	1	51	17	24
Polonia	14	10	3	1	50	11	23
Geelong	14	7	3	4	30	21	17
South Melbourne	13	8	0	5	48	28	16
White Eagles	13	6	2	5	26	32	14
Sunshine United	14	5	3	6	22	33	13
Preston	14	4	2	8	22	46	10
Sunshine City	14	4	1	9	23	33	9
Sandringham City	14	3	1	10	23	49	7
F.N.D.s	14	1	3	10	15	38	5

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maccabi	14	10	2	2	38	18	22
Northeote	13	9	2	2	42	19	20
Fairfield	14	9	1	4	40	27	19
George Cross	13	8	2	3	41	20	18
Dandenong Rovers	14	5	4	5	33	19	14

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

Frankston	14	4	6	4	34	32	14
Moorabbin City	14	6	2	6	35	34	14
Williamstown	13	2	4	7	21	30	8
Coburg	14	2	3	9	23	45	7
University	13	0	0	13	6	77	0

Fourth Division

Hellenic	13	8	3	2	74	21	19
Slavia	13	9	1	3	42	14	19
Slovakia	13	7	3	3	54	23	17
Marlbyrnong	13	8	0	5	45	26	16
I.C.I.	13	7	1	5	19	19	15
unawading	13	6	1	6	31	36	13
Victoria Police	13	4	2	7	46	30	10
Shell	5	4	1	0	31	7	9
Heidelberg	13	1	0	12	13	62	2
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First Division					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F. A. P.
Juventus	14	13	0	1	56 12 26
Brighton	14	11	1	2	42 19 23
Box Hill	14	9	0	5	50 24 18
Prahran	14	8	2	4	37 26 18
Footscray City	13	7	0	6	28 20 14
J.U.S.T.	14	7	0	7	39 31 14
Yallourn	13	4	1	8	23 29 9
Moreland	13	3	2	8	20 37 8
Park Rangers	14	2	0	12	15 59 4
Hakoah	13	1	2	10	11 50 4

Second Division					
South Yarra	14	13	0	1	85 17 26
Polonia	14	12	1	1	76 18 25
Geelong	14	10	2	2	44 22 22
South Melbourne	14	9	2	3	41 23 20
Sunshine City	14	6	2	6	31 27 14
Preston	14	6	1	7	36 37 13
Sunshine United	14	5	1	8	27 45 11
Sandringham City	14	3	1	10	31 53 7
F.N.D.	14	1	1	12	22 52 3
White Eagles	14	1	0	13	14 98 2

Third Division					
Ukrainia	14	9	3	2	43 14 21
Fairfield	11	9	1	4	35 49 19

Southern Tasmanian Assoc.

First Division					
Caledonians	13	10	2	1	55 21 22
South Hobart	13	9	2	2	37 24 20
Metro	13	9	1	3	47 19 19
Bronte Park	13	4	1	8	32 40 9
Sandy Bay	13	3	1	9	15 43 7
A.N.M.	13	0	1	12	9 51 1

Second Division					
South Hobart	11	10	0	1	46 15 20
Mount Nelson	12	8	0	4	43 16 16
Caledonians	11	7	0	4	36 21 14
Zinc Works	12	4	2	6	20 30 10
Metro	12	2	2	8	21 44 6
University	12	2	0	10	13 48 1

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.					
Moorabbin City	13	7	1	5	35 34 15
Northcote	13	5	3	5	35 37 13
Coburg	14	5	2	7	24 31 12
Williamstown	14	5	0	9	29 61 10
Astor	14	4	1	9	38 60 9
Dandenong	13	4	0	9	24 33 8
Wilhelmina	5	3	0	2	11 7 6
Maccabi	13	2	2	9	8 35 4

Fourth Division					
Brighton	14	11	0	3	75 18 22
Box Hill	14	11	0	3	71 21 22
South Yarra	14	10	2	2	37 13 22
Shell "B"	14	10	2	2	21 14 22
Polonia	14	8	3	3	33 22 19
Heidelberg	14	5	1	8	11 33 11
Northcote H.S.O.B.	14	5	0	9	14 38 10
Hellenic	14	2	1	11	20 61 5
Nunawading	14	1	1	12	13 43 3
Moorabbin City	14	1	0	13	7 38 2

Nunawading and Moorabbin City withdrawn from competition.

Metropolitan Technical Schools

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Swinburne	10	8	2	0	31 4 18
Footscray	9	7	1	1	36 7 15
Preston	9	7	0	2	26 12 14
Oakleigh	9	4	2	3	25 10 12
Brighton	9	4	3	2	19 8 11
Prahran	9	4	1	4	20 22 9
South Melbourne	9	3	2	4	20 25 8
Box Hill	9	1	2	6	8 20 4
Caulfield	8	1	1	6	11 21 3
Collingwood	8	1	1	6	9 25 3
Richmond	9	0	1	8	6 45 1

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