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NEW HOPE

Four weeks ago we stated on this page that there would be no tour of Australia this year by an overseas team. The Swedish F.A. had at that time decided definitely against visiting Australia, and no other country was either willing or able to do so.

Now, when we had all given up, a slight hope has arisen that after all we may see a visiting side before long, for two international teams are listed to visit Singapore and Japan in the near future, and the Australian Association is making every endeavour to induce both to visit Australia and play half a dozen or so games in the main soccer centres.

Who these teams are we have at present no clue, but that the matter has reached a point where decision is necessary is proved by the fact that Mr. W. R. Thomas (Chairman of the V.A.S.F.A.), and Victorian member of the A.S.F.A. International Tours Committee has been suddenly called to a conference in Sydney today.

This may be only grasping at straws, but nevertheless the A.S.F.A. is not a body to let a chance of this sort get past if they can help it. So let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that even at this late stage we may still see an overseas team of Soccer Stars in Australia this year.

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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.



Surprise of last week's round of games was the defeat of J.U.S.T. by Box Hill. With a little more restraint the Hillmen's victory could have been even greater, for the two J.U.S.T. goals were scored from penalties.

Juventus' heavy defeat of the bottom team, Park Rangers, gives the Italian side a clear lead of 5 points over J.U.S.T., their nearest rivals, and makes the First Division look like an open and shut case. Box Hill's win gives them a much needed two points, but they still need three more to climb out of the danger zone. Footscray City, by their victory over Prahran for the second time this year, have climbed above Yallourn, who had the tables turned on them by Moreland at Yallourn. Brighton crashed badly at St. Kevin's, where Hakoah beat them by a 4-goal margin.

In the Second Division South Yarra (who last year found it all they could do to win two games in the First Division) are still unbeaten this season and have a sizeable lead of three points over Polonia, their nearest rivals. Either South Yarra have done a great job of team rebuilding, or their position exemplifies the difference between First and Second Division football. South Melbourne, who started the season so well, went down last week to Preston, who are fighting to stay out of the relegation zone.

Only a miracle can now save Sunshine City from dropping to the Third Division next year—a great pity when it is recalled that but two years ago the City were well up in Division I. The same can be said of Sandringham City, whose defeat by Polonia put them in the danger zone also.

Newly promoted to fill a vacancy in the Fourth Division, Shell "A" dealt firmly with Slovakia and won by 6 goals to 3.

The bad weather last Saturday caused a falling-off in attendances at some of the grounds, but we found on visiting Albert Park that the touch line was full all the way round, whilst on transferring to Hakoah's ground the gate was barred against more cars. Evidently spectators felt that it was a good idea to take their own shelter. St. Kevin's ground with its high banked surrounds, lends itself ideally to watching from a car.

Olympic Park attendance was well down, with its lack of shelter on Saturday, but the fine spell on Sunday made up for things somewhat.

With the closing of the transfer season upon us, a last-minute rush is, as usual, being made by many well-known players to change clubs before it is too late. In the next week or two spectators may be surprised to see several of their favorites in different colored guernseys. Could be that the Victorian system of too easily obtained transfers is really "Victorian."

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT READ THE "ARGUS"

we take the opportunity of reprinting the following extract:—

"Soccer blazers are cheap these days. All you have to do is go up to Queensland as an observer for the V.A.S.F.A.

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TARTAN TOPICS

By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

Most of the Scottish "B" Division teams, who are contemplating disbanding their reserve XI's in an attempt to keep out of the bankruptcy courts, must surely envy the teams in last season's semi-finals and finals of the Scottish Cup. The "gates" from the semi-final totalled £18,000, to be split four ways, with Aberdeen and Third Lanark getting a "double-dunt" at the "kitty." The wily Dons had another couple of "twists" before the "banker" in the shape of the 'Gers "burst" them at Hampden. The S.F.A. take a mere 5 per cent. of the drawings.

With the big money floating around, the players' palms are getting itchy, and the latest demand to the Scottish League through their Union, is for £25 for a fourth round tie, £50 for semi-final, and £100 to both sides in the final. That's per player, of course. The Coronation Cup met with a similar demand, but I believe they settled for £35 per man.

Secretary of the Players' Union is no sinecure, and I mention this on a sudden memory which takes me back to the summer of 1938, when in the company of three other young men I climbed Ben Lawers in central Perthshire. The three young men were destined to become household names in Scottish football, one having only a few short years before making the supreme sacrifice.

The late Tommy Smith was left half of Dundee and a League internationalist, Eric (Jimmy) Guthrie, was also of Dundee at the time, but transferred to Portsmouth and won an F.A. Cup medal when he captained Pompey at Wembley. He is now secretary of the Players' Union in England. A carse of Gowrie man, by the name of Scott Symon, made up the party. Scott was with Dundee at the time but transferred to Rangers, then managed East Fife and eventually took over managerial reins with Preston North End. Wonder if I could get a complimentary season to Deepdale?

It appears that members of the Scottish selection committee must be able to read as well as know something about the game. They are now issued with a 34-point form to be completed after watching a possible candidate for representative honors. It even includes a question on the weather during the game. Doubt the local selectors would need someone to fill in such a form for them!

The aftermath of the recent trouble between George Young and the Ibrox heads may see George in some other colors next season. Could you imagine it?

My thanks to Mr. Brydson for his information on Glentyan Thistle. However, coming as I do from a neighboring county, I am quite acquainted with Renfrewshire Juveniles, including Glentyan. But I did not know of a village by that name. Hence my query. On numerous occasions I have passed through Kilbarchan, but frankly admit I did not associate the two. My knowledge of tartan is sufficient to realize that nobody from north of the Caledonian Canal would agree with your statement on the subject.



SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL SOCCER—LAIDLAW CUP

England's Team for Middle Park—

The following are selected to play at Park Rangers' ground, Sunday next, June 21, players to report at dressing-rooms, Chalet, Middle Park, before 2.30 p.m.:

Gough (Sunshine United), Heath (Moreland), Swoffer (Moreland), Stubbs (Pahran), Willee (University), Delaney (Park Rangers), Wilson (Pahran), Baker (Footscray City), Trinder (George Cross), Waitzer (Park Rangers), Donnelly (Footscray City). Reserves: Roberts (Footscray City), West (Box Hill), Stott (Moreland).

A strong team will be engaged to provide stiff opposition in preparation for the game versus Poland in the second round Laidlaw Cup, June 28, at Olympic Park.

BALLARAT ASSOCIATION

INTER-DISTRICT CUP

The Council of the V.A.S.F.A. has agreed to play an Inter-District competition between teams from Northern Victoria Association, Border District Association, Peninsula Association, Ballarat Association, Latrobe Valley Association and Upper Yarra Dam. The draw will be announced next week.

The Hostel Athletic "A" team is made up from boys whose ages range from 15 to 18, with one or two of the older members of the Hostel club. The boys, even though they are having big scores against them, are not down-hearted.

R.A.A.F. are playing good football this season and have very good players in this club. Centre-half, Harding, was one of the best players on the field on Saturday against the Hostel.

B.P.M. This club has a good player in Govan, playing at centre-forward.

Venta are short of players—not a very favorable report to have to make. They have now forfeited 6 points for not playing games.—A. HEMS.

PENINSULA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MORNINGTON

The match between Rosebud and Mornington, listed to be played at Rosebud, had to be cancelled owing to heavy rain, so this match will be played at a later date. We are sorry to say that owing to pressure of business, etc., Mr. E. Mount tendered his resignation as secretary to the P.S.A. A meeting of all delegates is called for June 29 at St. Peter's Hall, and will then elect a new secretary. Two teams of the P.S.A. will meet at Dockerty Cup opponents on June 27—Mornington v. Frankston at Mornington, and Rosebud v. Moreland, at Moreland. We wish both our teams good luck. The draw for the P.S.A. Cup has been made; results as follow: July 11, Mornington v. Signals. Winners of this match will play against Frankston P.S.A. at Frankston on August 1; Army School of Apprentices v. Rosebud on August 1. Date for the Cup Final to be arranged. There is also a move afoot to arrange a lightning premiership. A trophy for this competition is being donated by the president of P.S.A.—a very keen soccer man.

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STORY OF THE F.A. CUP—PART 5

By TED PRIDGEON

The Final of the 1893 season was played between Everton and Wolverhampton Wanderers at the Manchester Athletic Club ground at Fallowfield, near Manchester. Well before the kick-off the gates were closed with 45,000 people (almost double the previous record) overflowing the touch and goal-lines. Everton, strong favorites to win, were due to play the Wolves in a League game a week before the Final. In order to keep their team fresh for the big game the Everton directors sent their reserve team to face the full strength of Wolverhampton. The Everton reserves won, 4-2!

A week later Everton's first team lost the Final by 1 goal to 0!

"Funeral Cards" were a great feature of the early days. This one was issued—one suspects—by Wolverhampton supporters after the match.

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But now they go home gravely,
O'er their troubles for to weep.

Farewell, farewell dear old Everton,
No more for the Pot you will dribble,
You have lost it today through difficult play,
And we'll shout farewell for ever and ever.

Whilst not exactly the best of style, it reflects the spirit of the day.

The next year (1894), the F.A. chose Anfield Road ground, then used by Everton but now the home of Liverpool F.C. as the venue, but they established, in 1895, the Crystal Palace ground and there, for the next 20

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years the scene is set. Aston Villa met West Bromwich Albion in the opening Final and the Villa, scoring the only goal of the match within 30 seconds after the kick-off, emerged victors. Later in the year—to be precise, on the night of September 11, 1895—the Cup was stolen by thieves from the shop window of William Shillock, football and football boot manufacturer, of Newton Row, Birmingham. Despite a widely publicised reward of £10 offered by Mr. Shillock for its recovery, it was never returned and the original Cup has never been seen or heard of since.

The following is an extract of a newspaper report which appeared in the local Birmingham report on the day following the theft:—

“... The average football enthusiast would look upon the smashing up of the English Cup (by the thieves) as little short of a national disaster. The Cup is a battered old relic. Rumor does say that it has been dropped and otherwise maltreated by those who, in the hour of victory, have consumed more champagne out of it than they could stand. It has been passed round thousands of pairs of hands; it has been carted round to various towns on charabancs and wagonettes, and has been exhibited at bazaars, art galleries and museums, hostelleries, tradesmen's establishments and functions innumerable. . . . The Cup may be returned but it must not be forgotten that even when stolen three times in succession it does not become the property of the stealer!”

As we know now, the original Cup was lost forever. When all hope of its return had been abandoned the F.A. purchased a replica at a cost of £25. Aston Villa were fined £25 by the Association.

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



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

Second Division—

Please note that the new secretary of Geelong Soccer Club is Mr. D. McArthur, 82 Melbourne Road, Geelong. Telephone: U 1369.

Third Division Reserves—

Please note, Mr. J. J. Felix, 83 William Street, Melbourne, is the new secretary of Wilhelmina Soccer Club.

The new ground is situated at Greythorne Park at the end of Madden Street, Balwyn (five minutes' walk from the corner of Doncaster and Balwyn Roads). The ground is off Balwyn Road.

Cup Matches—

The draws for the third round of the Dockerty and Reserve Cups will be published immediately after the conclusion of the second round games on Saturday, June 27, 1953.

Soccer News on July 4 will publish the official draw in this column.

Soccer Broadcast—

All important information from Council, League, and other sub-committees is given every Saturday at 9.30 a.m. from Station 3UZ.

If clubs desire publicity for their dances, whist drives, etc., or have any important news, I shall be pleased to use same in the broadcast.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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WOULD "POOLS" PAY?

The official attitude in this State is deliberately vague concerning betting, lotto, lotteries, and the like. Now one food company has openly been running a football forecast competition in Melbourne, and I wonder if the gate is now open for the Association to sponsor a "Pools" competition for next season. It is a great money spinner and would bring the game more before the public eye.



QUERY CORNER

One supporter last week gave an opinion that takers of penalties should not handle the ball once it has been "spotted." The official verdict given in reply was very clear. Anyway, how we would miss the careful placing of the ball, lace towards goal, the hitch of the pants, rub of the toe against sock, the measured run, and then, "Woof!" over the bar!

LASTING THE PACE

Interesting to see the comparison drawn between the fitness shown on the field by the Queensland team as compared with our own boys. No need to go further from Melbourne to see how stamina counts. Watch some of the dragging footsteps of the opposition as they walk off with the Juventus players.

RESERVE STRENGTH

Although J.U.S.T. Reserves have not kept up their good start to the season, their record so far is a vast improvement on last season, when after 15 games they had conceded over 100 goals, and not gained a point. It made many wonder how they were ever able to call on new men for the first team.

LOCAL NEWS??

I applaud the remarks of Mr. Guthrie, who appeals for more local news. The remedy lies in the hands of club officials who seem unaware that local items are welcomed.

VICTORIAN BLAZERS

I was perturbed to read in a Melbourne daily that State blazers were two a penny, in that one observer at Brisbane has been wearing one with a badge "Victoria XI, 1953." Although it is my opinion that blazers are too freely given in some cases (I would not give one to the 12th man in a Test match), I can rectify the report. The informant may have been myopic (not to be confused with a local disease of one-eyedness), as the blazer was one that was allowed to State selectors at the Interstate Carnival last year, and carried a badge: "Interstate Carnival, 1952," not "Victoria, 1953." Three mistakes in six lines—my, my, that's "news-getting."

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

Two notable players to catch the eye with Bronte are sharp-shooter Kielmann (centre-forward) and Blisse (right-back). Both were professionals in Division I soccer in Germany.

In conversation with Gardner, South Hobart's crack centre-half, I learned that Norman hails from Milford Haven, South Wales. He played most of his soccer with that club. A. Mackie has now fully recovered from his recent injury. This congenial player will give added strength to the South's forward line.

McFie, Caledonian's centre-half, who received a double fracture to his right leg in a recent game with A.N.M., is progressing favourably. Keep smiling, Jack! Smith, the Scot's dapper defender, has entered the "noble sphere of matrimony" and is now travelling on the "honeymoon express."

Having seen A.N.M.'s goalkeeper on three occasions this year, I place him in the top-flight category and consider he should be ear-marked by the Association for State honors and that goes for Reid and Harrison also.

Mr. Michael is making splendid progress after his major operation.

No "gold seekers" to be found? The ex-Caledonian centre would not be on the idle list if I were manager of a club—and a penalty-kick king, too! Little wonder I'm baffled. Are you listening, Messrs. Cooper and Morrison?

Metro are making a great come-back and will not be far out when the honors are being handed out. Joseph is playing a great game and always in among the goals.

BRONTE PARK

Bronte Park have a new committee: F. Drummond (president), Mr. J. McThesney (chairman), Mr. J. Elder (treasurer). All correspondence to new secretary, Mr. E. Restaly, 239 Bronte Park, Tasmania. Bronte Park will include two good Italian players this week and the giant Millers will visit Queenstown in August.—L. RESTALY.

NORTH-WEST TASMANIA ASSOCIATION

This Association is composed of four clubs, three in Burnie and one in Penguin. Two weeks ago the N.W.T.A. defeated the N.T.A. (Launceston Association) in the "Intra"-State Cup competition by 3 goals to 2. As winners, the N.W.T.A. pass into the final and will meet the winners of the S.T.A. v. Queenstown tie.

The Northern Association side were the first to score in this game when Lancaster (N.W.T.A.) headed into his own goal. Early in the second half Peters scored the North's second goal. But the Burnie boys were far from beaten, and Milne headed a perfect goal from a pass from De Boer. Soon after, Wilson slammed home from a rebound off the crossbar to equalise. During extra time Milne scored the deciding goal to put N.W.T.A. in the final.

A.P.P.M.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.	Penguin	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
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SOUTH YARRA

NORTHERN TASMANIA ASSOCIATION

The spotlight of soccer last Saturday was on the coastal town of Burnie, where the chosen XI of Northern Tasmania met the elite of the North-West Coast. After 90 minutes' play, the score stood at 2 goals all. During a further 20 minutes of extra time the coastal men crashed through the all-important winning goal, and this victory should give the round ball code a great fillip in the North-Western district. The coast team, a better balanced lot than the Northerners, just about deserved their victory.

Features of the game were clever and interesting outfield play, well-conceived approaches, all of which, however, petered out when nearing the target. Sharp-shooters, if any, had left their shooting boots at home.

If there is a better pair of backs in Tasmania than the Northern couple, Ramsay and Woods, I have yet to see them.

With the "big guns" away at Burnie, all Division I games were suspended, and it was left to the Division II boys to keep the ball rolling in the city of Launceston.

Highlight of this grade was the meeting of the undefeated Terminus team with Paton and Baldwins "B" team. Terminus gained the points with a 1-0 victory, and are well on their way to win the "B" grade premiership.

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S NOTES

The game at Queenstown, played during the morning, resulted in a victory for South, which now enters the inter-association final with the North-West Coast to decide the State title.

The match attracted a fine crowd of over 1000, and although played in drizzling rain, provided spectators with a good display of football. After only five minutes' play, Jack Acqueroff, Southern captain, drew blood when he crashed one past the West Coast goalie.

Half-time scores: South 1, Queenstown 0.

After half-time, South's superiority in combination began to tell, forwards getting much drive from wing-half, Renato, and centre-half, Rupetti, and newcomer, Clasper, who scored South's second goal. Very soon afterwards Clasper scored again from a shot that ricocheted off a West Coast defender. Score: South 3, Queenstown 0. Scorers: South, Clasper (2), Acqueroff.

BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

It comes to every club one day. Albury City had their colors lowered for the first time in a League match, since soccer started in this area, and the victors were none other than their sister team, Albury United.

Play throughout the match was fast and hard, with the United defence proving too good for their opponents' forward line. United have a goalkeeper who is the best seen in this area for some time and one of his saves from a hard drive by Krieger was a brilliant piece of goal-keeping.

On the day the best team won and congratulations must go to the United team for inflicting the first loss on Albury City.

Goal-scorers for United: Branchi, Slavik.

In rather a one-sided match Wodonga proved too strong for Central Workshops and ran out winners by 9 goals to 1.

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Around the Clubs

ASTOR

Last week we played Heidelberg, and in beating them 13-0, made t highest score in this first round of the Reserve Cup. This gives us a ha game in the next round when we meet Footscray City on our own groun

This week we played Dandenong, winning again, 3-0. It was a fa game, and credit must go to our forward line, who, with short, quick passe continually broke through the defence and, but for some really good work l the Dandenong goalie, would have made the score considerably higher. Ou side-right (L. Wickman), small but fast, was on top of his form.

Astor players would like to acknowledge the very welcome cup of t provided by the Dandenong club after the game.—LESLIE WOOD.

COBURG UNITED

Coburg, at home, went down to Northcote after ninety minutes of har fast football. The deciding factor of the game was Northcote's superio combination and anticipation.

Coburg were quickly in attack and registered two quick goals befor ten minutes of the first half had gone, the first from a corner by L. Staffrace and the second by centre-forward, J. Farrugia. Northcote's only score fo the first half came with seven minutes to go. Half-time: Coburg 2, North cote 1.

Northcote's superior teamwork showed itself in the second half, and their excellent defence kept the Coburg forwards scoreless, paving the way for Northcote's four goals.

A feature of the game was the excellent keeping by S. Galia, who took over the keeping job when the regular keeper was unavailable.

Reserves were defeated by Northcote, 2-1. The game was marred by the bad condition of the ground. The Coburg defence once again proved a stumbling block to the opposition; the forwards were unlucky not to have scored on several occasions, for they had numerous shots, but failed to find the net. Goal: Ferigua. Best players: Walker, Ferigua, Drummond.



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HAKOAH

Last Saturday, at St. Kevin's Oval, Hakoah avenged their early-season defeat by Brighton to the tune of 5-1. The game was played at a furious pace throughout, with both goalkeepers tested in turn. Gottesmann, who gave a masterful display throughout, opened for the home side, only to see McKenzie reply with a penalty shot given for hands. In spite of the pouring rain, the crowd was kept on its toes. After the interval, Hakoah maintained its ascendancy, with Brighton rarely getting within shooting distance. The ladies provided some very welcome hot tea at the interval, which certainly did a lot to lift everyone's spirits.

After seven weeks on the sidelines, Cec. Drummond, former Australian representative, is still looking over the fence, with no clearance granted.

The club hopes to have Lester back in the line-up soon, provided his run with the reserves shows no ill-effects.

GEORGE CROSS

George Cross, playing without their two regular half-backs, were just a shadow of themselves last Saturday, when they went down to Maccabi by four goals. Without trying to minimise Maccabi's win or finding excuses in our defeat, the weather conditions played a big part in our match. Maccabi excelled themselves in the rain, while our players could not find their feet. Half-time score was 1-0 in favor of Maccabi, and up to this stage, George Cross did everything but score.

Don't forget our Coronation Dance on Saturday, June 20, at 8 p.m. in St. George's Hall, Pelham Street, Carlton (opposite the Children's Hospital).

MOORABBIN CITY

After a bad lapse, we have at last struck form. The defence has been strengthened with the inclusion of John Rhodes, after his suspension, and with a couple of changes in position, the side seems more balanced.

Our Reserve goalie, Tony Plenty, promoted to the Firsts, gave a good exhibition, and was very cool and collected; he should improve with age. Nice work, Tony; keep it up.

We are all eagerly looking forward to our Cup Tie with Shell "A," and expect to be the first to lower their colors.

NORTHCOTE H.S.O.B.

The seniors in the Fourth Division Reserves lost to Brighton on a very wet and slippery ground. I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our two new players, direct from Australian Rules football. They will make good. Also, I think we hold a record in our most consistent player; he hasn't missed a game this season. I refer to Harry Adams; his age, yes, 57 years, and he still leaves the youngsters behind. Do they come any older?

Now, the juniors Under 20. I would like to welcome our three new Chinese boys, Steven Cheng, Sonny Cheng and Liaw Yun King. These boys will go a long way in soccer. Also the outstanding performance of

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Captain Len Cousins' new role as goalkeeper; he plays a great game. We defeated South Melbourne, 1-0.

PARK RANGERS' SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Sunday, June 7 (as you may remember) was noted for a heavy fog over Melbourne, but Park Rangers were on their way to Upper Yarra Dam on a social visit. Even though we arrived late, there was a hot cup of tea awaiting us, and a tour of inspection of this mighty project. Our thanks go to Mr. Yorston, the president of the U.Y.D. Soccer Club, for his clarification of the processes of erecting this great dam.

In the afternoon we played around on a very nice sports ground, which had received more than its share of rain. The resemblance to soccer was only a shadow, but both teams enjoyed themselves immensely. If the game played was soccer, Upper Yarra Dam would win by six goals to one. Superior tactics won the day. To correct a misstatement in the daily papers as to the cost of a parlor coach to U.Y.D., our coach cost £24 on a Sunday for a 33-passenger conveyance, which is very reasonable these days. If Upper Yarra Dam can be admitted to the League in 1954, they would prove a worthy asset to the game in all respects. A club only requires to travel once a year, which is well compensated for by the warm-hearted and genuine welcome and the refreshments and tea laid on after the game. We thank all members of the U.Y.D., particularly the very energetic and active ladies' committee, for a most enjoyable and happy day. To round off these remarks,

See the Game of the Week

at OLYMPIC PARK

TOMORROW, SUNDAY, JUNE 21

BRIGHTON v. J.U.S.T.

(CURTAIN RAISER—JUNIOR GAME)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27—DOCKERTY CUP (2nd Round)

PRAHRAN v. JUVENTUS

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SOUTH YARRA

The game versus Sunshine City opened in a downpour of rain and that started the upset of play. The City were the most forceful and it was only through lack of shooting that their chance was lost. The Yarra will need to improve their front rank before long as Cup-Ties are much harder. Bolten lived up to his name by scoring the first goal at outside-left. McNeil was put inside-left in place of Mulhem, who was on the sick list, while McNeil was the other scorer. Colin Campbell said he is too old! What a laugh! 10 goals against!

The third team were on the target again on Saturday, Slatter scoring three of the six. Nott got two and Pappas, a coming boy, got the other. Final score, 6-0. Keep it up!

Reserves.—Usual result—won 4-1. Allen scored a real "hep cat" goal. Gibbons (captain) got a sitter.

YALLOURN

Yallourn opened strongly and Walker, who scored 4 goals last week, should have opened the score, but shot wide. Soon after he struck the crossbar with a great shot. After this Moreland came more into the game and more than held their own. Half-time score: 0-0. The second half was evenly contested, but as time went on Moreland proved they were better suited to the heavy conditions and went on to win, 2-0.

Yallourn Reserves, level with Moreland at half-time, went on to win, 4-1.

PENINSULA ASSOCIATION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Rosebud	6	6	0	0	50	11	12
Mornington	6	4	0	2	22	16	8
Frankston P.S.A.	7	2	3	2	25	18	7
Signals	7	1	2	4	14	29	4
Apprentices	6	0	1	5	9	46	1

BALLARAT ASSOCIATION

	R.A.A.F.	7	6	1	0	35	5	13
Ballarat P.M.	7	5	1	1	38	13	11	
Ballarat City	6	3	2	1	12	9	8	
Hostel Ath.	8	3	0	5	32	26	6	
Venta	6	0	0	6	1	22	0	
Hostel Ath. (A)	4	0	0	4	1	41	0	

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Results not to hand at time of going to press were:—Under 20 Division (Brighton v. Preston); Under 17 Division (Polonia v. Preston); Under 15 Division (Sunshine United v. Brighton); Under 14 Division (Northcote v. South Melbourne United and Brighton “B” v. Park Rangers).

In each case the offending club was the home team and are each automatically fined the sum of 2/6. Please forward the amount of fines to the Junior Association Secretary within seven days.

Will the Nunawading club please forward the result of their Under 17 match played on June 6 against Box Hill, and the same applies to those clubs who failed to phone their results last Saturday.

The Under 17 League Table published in this issue of Soccer News is as from June 6, when the combined Under 17 League commenced its fixtures.

J. A. OLSEN, Junior Assn. Secretary.

Coburg v. Moorabbin.—Moorabbin won, 3-1. Very inspiring play by our goalkeeper, Tom Lancaster. Noteworthy precision work by our forwards led by Tony Ball, with our captain's inspiration in defence, assisted by our vice-captain.

Moorabbin v. I.C.I.—Moorabbin won, 5-0. With a somewhat changed team—absence of three regulars and altered positions of others, we came

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out easy winners. Trevor Gell showed good form, with improvement also by John Neep. Keep it up, lads.

SWINBURNE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

As a result of our match against Prahran, which we won, 6-0, we maintain our precarious hold on first position in the Technical Schools competition. Like South Melbourne, we are looking forward to the key game on June 17.

Against Prahran, our boys turned on first-class football, to which our opponents had no counter. But for the excellent game of the visiting goalie our score could quite easily have been greater. Although only two of them scored, every forward had a hand in the goals that brought us victory, while the defence backed them up in fine style. An aggregate goal average of 10-1 in competition games speaks for itself.

By the time this article appears in print, the vital game against South Melbourne will have been played, with the winner taking undisputed first place. We only ask for fine weather and a good game is assured.—A.J.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 15, 1953

Under 20 Division					Under 14 Division										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	8	7	1	0	31	7	15	Coburg United	8	4	0	4	15	11	8
Brighton	7	4	2	1	25	6	10	Preston	8	3	1	4	6	15	7
Box Hill	8	5	0	3	15	10	10	I.C.I. (Deer Park)	9	2	0	7	5	40	4
Juventus	8	4	1	3	20	13	9	Box Hill	9	1	1	7	6	47	3
Footscray City	7	3	0	4	14	25	6	Brighton	8	1	0	7	7	21	2
Preston	6	2	1	3	10	13	5	Under 14 Division							
Northcote H.S.O.B.	7	2	1	4	9	18	5	Box Hill "A"	7	7	0	0	61	1	14
Sth. Melb. United	7	1	1	5	8	24	3	Sunshine City	8	6	0	2	47	11	12
Sandringham City	8	1	1	6	8	24	3	Essendon	8	6	0	2	20	7	12
Under 17 Division								Brighton "A"	8	6	0	2	22	9	12
Prahran	2	2	0	0	8	1	4	Northcote	6	4	0	2	22	18	8
Preston	1	1	0	0	7	0	2	Coburg United	9	4	0	5	8	34	8
Sandringham City	1	1	0	0	5	1	2	Prahran	8	3	0	5	21	24	6
Brighton	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	Sth. Melb. United	7	3	0	4	10	14	6
Frankston	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	Box Hill "B"	3	1	0	2	4	13	2
Sunshine City	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	Moorabbin City	5	0	0	5	2	16	0
Sth. Melb. United	2	0	1	1	2	4	1	Park Rangers	4	0	0	4	1	33	0
Moorabbin City	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	Brighton "B"	7	0	0	7	1	39	0
Box Hill	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	METROPOLITAN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS							
Moreland	2	0	0	2	1	6	0	Swinburne	4	4	0	0	10	1	8
South Yarra	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	Footscray	4	3	0	1	17	7	6
Polonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	South Melbourne	4	3	0	1	10	6	6
Nunawading	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Preston	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Under 15 Division								Prahran	4	2	0	2	11	15	4
Sunshine City	8	8	0	0	34	1	16	Brighton	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Sth. Melb. United	9	8	0	1	47	3	16	Collingwood	3	1	1	1	8	6	3
Moorabbin City	9	5	0	4	25	12	10	Oakleigh	3	1	0	2	8	6	2
Sunshine United	7	4	1	2	25	7	9	Caulfield	4	1	0	3	4	16	2
Sandringham City	9	4	1	4	14	27	9	Box Hill	4	0	1	3	5	10	1
								Richmond	4	0	1	3	5	16	1

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 15, 1953

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	10	9	1	0	32	8	19
J.U.S.T.	10	7	0	3	37	20	14
Moreland	10	6	1	3	29	12	13
Hakoah	9	6	1	2	34	15	13
Brighton	10	5	0	5	25	28	10
Prahran	10	4	1	5	27	27	9
Footscray City	10	4	0	6	15	32	8
Yallourn	9	3	1	5	15	20	7
Box Hill	10	2	1	7	15	35	5
Park Rangers	10	0	0	10	11	43	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	10	9	1	0	39	10	19
Polonia	10	7	2	1	38	9	16
Geelong	10	6	1	3	26	16	13
White Eagles	10	6	1	3	23	24	13
South Melbourne	10	5	0	5	37	26	10
Sunshine United	9	4	1	4	18	27	9
Preston	10	3	1	6	15	30	7
Sandringham City	9	3	0	6	16	34	6
F.N.D.	10	1	2	7	12	23	4
Sunshine City	10	0	1	9	7	32	1

Third Division

Maccabi	10	8	1	1	32	13	17
Northcote	9	7	0	2	27	13	14
Fairfield	10	7	0	3	33	23	14
George Cross	9	6	1	2	30	18	13
Dandenong Rovers	10	4	2	4	27	14	10

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Frankston	10	3	4	3	26	19	10
Williamstown	10	2	3	5	18	24	7
Moorabbin City	9	3	0	6	23	29	6
Coburg	10	2	1	7	17	36	5
University	9	0	0	9	4	50	0

Fourth Division

Hellenic	8	6	2	0	52	6	14
Maribyrnong	9	6	0	3	34	18	12
Nunawading	9	5	1	3	24	15	11
I.C.I.	9	5	1	3	11	12	11
Slavia	8	5	0	3	30	10	10
Slovakia	9	4	2	3	32	18	10
Victoria Police	9	4	0	5	38	20	8
Shell	1	1	0	0	6	3	2
Heidelberg	9	1	0	8	10	39	2
Union Jack	9	0	0	9	4	100	0

RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 15, 1953

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	10	10	0	0	42	11	20
Brighton	10	7	1	2	35	18	15
Prahran	10	6	1	3	28	20	13
Box Hill	10	6	0	4	37	18	12
J.U.S.T.	10	6	0	4	23	21	12
Footscray City	9	4	0	5	18	15	8
Yallourn	9	3	1	5	17	17	7
Moreland	9	3	0	6	15	23	6
Hakoah	9	1	1	7	8	35	3
Park Rangers	10	1	0	9	9	51	2

Second Division

South Yarra	10	10	0	0	51	10	20
Polonia	10	8	1	1	61	15	17
Geelong	10	8	1	1	38	16	17
South Melbourne	10	5	2	3	23	18	12
Sunshine United	10	5	0	5	19	26	10
Preston	10	4	1	5	26	24	9
Sunshine City	10	3	2	5	20	21	8
Sandringham City	10	3	1	6	29	42	7
F.N.D.	10	1	1	8	14	41	3
White Eagles	10	0	0	10	8	65	0

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Fairfield	9	7	1	1	25	24	15
Ukrania	9	5	2	2	19	10	12
Northcote	8	5	1	2	23	20	11
Moorabbin City	10	5	1	4	19	24	11
Coburg	10	3	1	6	14	24	7
Dandenong	9	3	0	6	21	28	6
Williamstown	10	3	0	7	19	50	6
Astor	10	2	1	7	22	48	5
Maccabi	9	1	1	7	6	31	3
Wilhelmina	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Wilhelmina entered League as from June 13.

Fourth Division

Shell "B"	10	8	2	0	19	7	18
Box Hill	10	8	0	2	51	14	16
South Yarra	10	6	2	2	23	11	14
Polonia	9	5	3	1	26	13	13
Brighton	9	6	0	3	54	12	12
Northcote H.S.O.B.	10	3	0	7	11	34	6
Hellenic	9	2	1	6	18	37	5
Heidelberg	10	2	1	6	9	29	5
Nunawading	9	1	1	7	11	40	3
Moorabbin City	9	1	0	8	7	31	2

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