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The Inter-Association Cup

The year's Dockerty Cup competition is bringing to Melbourne a number of country clubs, two of whom, Puckapunyal and Albury City, are playing in the metropolitan area today against Sunshine City and Slovakia respectively. The growth of soccer in the country is being more and more forced into the public eye.

Last year at a conference of the V.A.S.F.A. and Country Associations a request was made that the Inter-Association competition (for which the "Carrick Cup" was presented many years ago) should be revived. A promise was made by the V.A.S.F.A. Council that this would be done this season.

With the advance of the season a sub-committee has been appointed by the V.A.S.F.A. under the chairmanship of Mr. Sam Horrobbin to arrange this competition. On the committee with Mr. Horrobbin are the Council representatives of four of the five country associations: Mr. Hooper, of the Latrobe Valley Association; Mr. Lockwood, of the Peninsular Association; Mr. Dixon, of the Border District Association, and Mr. Hawker, of the Northern Victoria Association.

Plans will be made immediately to get the Competition under way. Country associations are asked to submit suggestions. It will be interesting to see which of the five Victorian country associations can field the strongest team and the Competition generally should give a great fillip to country football.

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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.



One topic which received but scant mention in the Press recently will cause apprehension to followers of the round-ball code in Victoria, for it is something which strikes at the very root of soccer.

With the approach of the Olympic Games tremendous alterations will have to be made at Olympic Park, and the first stages are almost here. No. 1 Oval, where soccer is played on Saturdays and Sundays, and is in effect the home of Victorian soccer is to be torn up and completely remade. This will probably commence in September of this year—before our season finishes. This would mean that all that will be left to soccer will be an occasional use of No. 2 Oval, which we should have to share with other amateur sports. This, we fear, is not all for worse may come. The Richmond Australian Rules club, faced with the loss of a large part of their ground through extensions to Punt Road, are likely to put in a strong bid for a transfer to Olympic Park, and in that case the last stronghold of amateur sport would be lost. Rumor has it also that an entirely new Board of Trustees may be appointed to handle Olympic Park, in which case no one can say at this stage whether soccer would have any voice in the ground management whatever. If soccer loses Olympic Park, where are we to turn? Despite strenuous efforts to obtain enclosed grounds for their use, so far the V.A.S.F.A. has been balked at every turn.

Without an enclosed ground soccer could have no finance—at least, not on the scale to which we are becoming used. Gone would be our proud boast that we are the strongest State financially in Australia. Gone would be the finance to assist schools and bring out overseas teams. Our efforts to propagate the game throughout the State generally would be sadly curtailed, while the finances of most of our leading clubs also would be seriously threatened.

So it is that no light problem confronts the controlling body, and if members are observed with worried frowns on their faces, the reason is not far to seek.

To ensure that some such disaster as we have painted does not occur, strenuous efforts are already being made.

But it is in political circles that the solution lies, and it is to be hoped that the Government of Victoria will realise its responsibility to amateur sport generally and ensure that adequate ground facilities are made available.

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TARTAN TOPICS

By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

The Coronation colors may be red, white and blue but in Scotland the predominant colors are green and white. Yes, the Darlin' Bhoys of Edinburgh and Glasgow laid low the English invader to reach the final of the Coronation Cup. It was a modern Bannockburn—or should it be Donnybrook? The results from the Hampden and Ibrox slaughter-houses:— Celtic 1, Arsenal 0; Hibernians 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Manchester United 2, Rangers 1; Newcastle 4, Aberdeen 0. Semi-finals: Celtic 2, Manchester United 1; Hibernians 4, Newcastle 0. Don't know the final result, but who cares?

Coming hard on the heels of the recent 3-1 defeat by the Argentine, England is at last "seeing the light" and have invited the coach of the steak and rhumba team to pay a visit and explain the Peron men's methods. Coach is former Scots internationalist, Neil McBain. Must be a lot of foreign countries playing Scottish football these days.

Since the "rummel 'em up" advice dished out by the S.F.A. in 1949, last season saw a record number of cases handled by the Referees' Committee: 150 cautions, 55 appearances before Committee, 33 suspensions of players, and 5 officials suspended.

Just like the old time with a Neil Dewar in the news again. The son of the former Hi-Hi's leader played for Scots schoolboys a few years ago. Everything fine. Selected for Amateur Scotland recently, it was discovered he was born in Sheffield. Consternation. In any other sport, as long as you can produce a granny frae Greenock, you're in. But in soccer, "ae drap o' Sassenach blood" and you're "oot"!!

The Scots schoolboys drew a capacity crowd against their English counterparts. The £4000 cheque would keep the entire Scottish C Division for a whole season. The Scots players are picked from 900 schools, with none of the Victorian (an apt expression) trial system. Simply club performance and no stars-for-a-day selections.

Afterthought of the Coronation Cup. Hibs. must be weary of defeating Tottenham Hotspur—even at White Hart Lane!!

Dundee drew with Southern Transvaal at the Rand Stadium, 1-1. Dundee scored a perfectly good goal and the game had restarted when the referee decided to disallow the goal. Shades of Olympic Park.

Seamus O'Connel, of Queen's Park, looks like being Wilf Mannion's successor at Middlesborough. The former Stoneyburn junior was transferred last week.

A feature of long standing in Scottish football is the position of blind "spectators" and their commentator. Perhaps the council, with its overflowing coffers, could arrange to cater for some blind people—there must be some with interest in soccer or would like to take interest—and reserve the front seats of the Press box at Olympic Park for them with a commentator, and not forgetting the wheel-chairs of the Repatriation Hospitals, too. What about it, council?

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

Olympic Park.

The Fixtures Committee has arranged the following programme for the month of June:—

Saturday, 6—1 p.m., Curtain raiser Puckapunyal v. Sunshine City (Dockerty Cup); 2.45 p.m., Hellenic v. Prahran (Dockerty Cup).

Sunday, 7—1 p.m., Border District XI v. Hakoah (Friendly Match); 3 p.m., George Cross v. Box Hill (Dockerty Cup).

Saturday 13—1 p.m.—Curtain raiser, Junior match; 2.45 p.m., J.U.S.T. v. Box Hill.

Sunday, 14—Laidlaw Cup matches.

Saturday, 20—1 p.m., Curtain raiser, Yallourn Res. v. Juventus Res. 2.45 p.m., Juventus v. Yallourn.

Sunday, 21—1 p.m., Curtain raiser, Junior match; 3 p.m., Brighton v. J.U.S.T.

Saturday, 27—1 p.m., Curtain raiser, Junior match; 2.45 p.m., Hellenic or Prahran v. Juventus (Dockerty Cup).

Sunday, 28—Laidlaw Cup matches.

General Amnesty.

The Council of the V.A.S.F.A., after careful consideration, has resolved that a general amnesty shall be granted to all players in Victoria as from Tuesday, June 2, 1953, to commemorate the coronation of the Queen.

All suspended players are therefore eligible to play and all cautioned players have had their records cancelled.

Soccer Broadcast.

I would like to thank those good persons who sent me letters on our Soccer Broadcast. More ideas have been suggested and I am confident that the standard of these broadcasts will be maintained.

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STORY OF THE F.A. CUP—PART 3

By TED PRIDGEON

The season 1882-83 was to mark the transfer of the game of soccer from the old order to the new; what had been a game reserved for the exclusive now became the sport of the ordinary people. The Final of that year between Old Etonians and Blackburn Olympic was, one might say, a battle between two worlds; between men in different stations of life. The Blackburn Olympic team took the honors by 2 goals to 1, after extra time had been played. At the end of the match there were remarkable scenes of enthusiasm when the Cup was presented to Warburton, Olympic captain. The Blackburn supporters went mad with excitement. Till that moment the Cup for them had existed more in dreams than reality, but here at last it was about to travel North. Not for nearly 20 years did it return to the place of its birth.

Cheering, waving crowds and brass bands marked the triumphal route at the Olympic homecoming, with Warburton holding the Cup aloft, the team were driven through the streets in a wagonette drawn by six white horses. Somebody in the crowd was heard to shout: "Is't that t'Coop? Why it's like a tea kettle." Warburton's reply was swift and pointed: "Ey, lad, but it's very welcome to Lancashire. It'll have a good home and it'll 'ne'er go back to Lunnon!" And it never did. But that is another story.

The very next season marked the oblivion of the high-sounding Olympic team, however, when the other Blackburn team, the Rovers, came into being. For three years in succession the Rovers brought back the cup to Lancashire to equal the earlier achievements of the Wanderers. You will remember that, on concluding their feat of winning the Cup three seasons in succession, the Wanderers waived their right to owning the Cup on the condition that no other club could win it outright. This condition now applied to Blackburn Rovers, but the Football Association presented them with a silver shield to commemorate their achievement.

We come then to another important season—that of 1886-87. This was the last occasion on which any Scottish clubs entered the Competition. For some time past the F.A. of Scotland had felt aggrieved about the clubs under its jurisdiction entering for the F.A. Cup. It was a delicate situation and the matter was brought to a head when Queen's Park and Partick Thistle were drawn to play one another in an F.A. Cup-Tie in Scotland. In the event of a dispute, who was to be the judge—the F.A. of Scotland or the Football Association?

The Scottish Association felt, quite rightly and justly, that here was an issue on which they would take a firm stand. At a subsequent meeting of the International Board, the representatives of the F.A. agreed that every National Association had a right to complete control of its own clubs. Forthwith, then, the Scottish F.A. prohibited clubs under its jurisdiction from competing for any national trophy other than its own, and ordered all Scottish Clubs to withdraw from membership of the older body.

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Many prominent players including R. Lord, D. Wendt, R. McLelland, C. Stewart, R. Bignell, T. Willoughby, W. Pearce, T. Costello, Max Walker, A. Smith, F. Parsons, E. Fitton, expressed their amazement when shown many of the fundamental principles of coaching.

Mr. Chalwin showed that he is the complete master of coaching instruction, and at all times proved he was capable of doing any exercise or performing any feat with the ball which he called upon the pupils to perform.

The classes will continue for a number of weeks, following which the coaches will be examined as to their fitness to conduct coaching classes in their own areas. By this it is hoped that the scheme will have a snowballing effect, and that in due course every schoolmaster in charge of a boys team, and every manager of each junior team, will be in a position to communicate to young players throughout the state all of the fundamental principles inculcated in the making of star footballers.

Naturally, the scheme will show no early benefits so far as is apparent to the public, but as time moves on, the benefits arising from the teachings by Mr. Chalwin will be reflected in the more skilful approach to soccer by every schoolboy, junior and senior player.



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By REX BENSON

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GOOD ACCOMMODATION WASTED

When I noticed that on that "soaker" a few weeks ago, the combined crowds at the entire round of Association matches was double the number of the faithful at Olympic Park, I wondered what it is that keeps us away from enclosed grounds like Northcote, where a few hundred totter along on alternate Saturdays. Not being a paid news-hound I rarely use superlatives, but under the conditions, I thought that Juventus and J.U.S.T. turned on a "Blinder."

LOCKED OUT AT HOME

Two thousand Swindon fans did not enjoy their Good Friday. As 12,000 Bristol supporters had made the trip to cheer on the Rovers, and arrived at the ground early, the gates had to be closed, and they had to hear the game over a relay system.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES IN COPPERS

Tommy Law, Chelsea full-back before the war, was a member of the famous "Wembley Wizards" that thrashed England, 5-1, in 1928. He claimed £1 expenses for taxi-fares and lunch, and received 8d. to cover a 4d. bus fare there and back. I understand that things have changed to the other extreme these days.

SHOCKS FOR WELSH CLUB

After a recent inquiry into the affairs of Caernarvon F.C. by the Welsh F.A., the club was fined, 16 officials suspended "sine die" and 17 players suspended and declared professionals. The club was also ordered to donate to charity the proceeds of a trial game played without permission.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

Without notifying the referee, a captain changed his goalie at half-time. The newcomer saved a shot, and the referee then noticed the change. He awarded a penalty.

ANOTHER DOUBLE INTERNATIONAL

I am informed by a friend of the Border that Mortensen is not the only player to play for two different countries. Pat Gallacher played for Scotland, and when it was found that he was born in Ireland, he then played for them.

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF MODERN FOOTBALL "VETERANS"

By WALTER PILKINGTON,
Sports Editor of the "Lancashire Evening Post"

Stanley Matthews, evergreen marvel of English football, who is usually content to make goals for others, surprised everyone in his 16th season in the League, excluding wartime, by scoring three times in his first eight games. It is all the more remarkable because Matthews, not so long ago, scored his first goal for two and a half years. Stan just smiles about it. "It does not matter who gets the goals" he said, "as long as someone does."

His modesty is typical of one of Britain's greatest footballers and sportsmen who has proved himself a wonderful ambassador for the game and, amazingly enough, is playing as well as ever, although well into what is known as the veteran stage. He made his first League appearances as long ago as season 1931-32. The son of a former boxer he was a centre half as a schoolboy and once scored 11 goals from that position. Still a schoolboy, he was capped by England in 1929. Aston Villa offered him a trial, but he preferred to play for his native town, and started with Stoke City when 15 as an office boy.

In League football since the war Matthews had scored only nine goals up to the start of this season, so that many will hardly credit the fact that in three successive seasons, from 1933 to 1936, he scored as many as 31. One of his fondest memories is getting three in one match for England.

A FITTING TRIBUTE

However, the remarkable thing is not that Matthews has started scoring goals in the supposed twilight of his astonishing career, but that he has

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made shrewd sober critics quite seriously advocate his recall by the England selectors. He has played 59 times for his country, but those include war-time games which are not counted as full internationals. To make it 60 would be a fitting tribute to a great player who says he is perfectly fit again and never felt better. He is training as fully as when he was ten years younger, yet he is in his 38th year.

Four years ago a critic with a national reputation wrote sincerely enough that Matthews appeared to be reaching the end of his long career, and that it would be folly to consider him any longer as a candidate for International honours. The time had come, he thought, for him to make way for a younger man. He was not alone in expressing that conviction, and it certainly was not the first time a noted player has been so written off, only for him to come back and confound all his critics.

There is the case of Bobbie Beattie, Preston North End's Scottish inside forward. He had been relegated to the reserves three years ago, and this was not surprising, for it was as long ago as October 1937 that this ever cheerful footballer philosopher followed so many Scots to the Deepdale ground. He was 21 and had a reputation in Kilmarnock as a weaver of football magic. Preston decided to recall him, and his craft contributed as much as anything to putting the club back in the First Division. He is still in the team. Every week-end, Preston admirers of this little artist sigh and wish he were ten years younger. The war, alas, cut out the best years of his football life, but Beattie only laughs, says he can go on a bit yet. Of course he can, as Clem Stephenson, Billy Walker, Jackie Carr and other great ball providers did before him.

CAPPED AT 38

Through the years there have always been the great ones for whom time seemed to stand still. Consider Leslie Compton, who, capped at the age of 38 against Wales in 1950, became the oldest player to make his debut in England's team; and Joe Mercer, who was thinking of devoting his future to his greengrocer's shop when Arsenal's Tom Whittaker told him he was foolish to think of finishing with football signed him from Everton, and to-day counts it as one of the wisest things he did. Mercer enjoyed a second youth and shared in League and Cup triumphs for his new club.

How old should a player be before he retires? It depends on his fitness and skill. Billy Meredith, the Welsh star, played until he was 50; the great John Goodall, one of the Preston "Invincibles" in 1889, played his last match in January 1913. Suter, born in 1878, kept goal for Halifax Town in a League match in April, 1929. McCall, Bob Crompton, Burbanks, Bob Kelly, Elisha Scott, Tweedy, and last, but not least, Ronnie Burgess also long defied the march of time.

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

As Coronation Day fell on Tuesday last this means a day lost to our Editor and Soccer News. The earliest my report can reach Melbourne is Monday afternoon (on this occasion) to ensure publication. It is regretted that this is impossible, so I proffer my apologies to all club managers and fans. Merely the inevitable.

A brief summary of the past and likely prospects for the remainder of the season, I think, makes interesting reading. Division I has reached a most exciting stage, compared with previous years. Where we had Metro usually sitting high and dry on the League ladder, we now have Caledonians leading by one point, with Metro and South Hobart level pegging, and the same number of games played. At the lower end we have Sandy Bay, Bronte and A.N.M. The Bay has not shown up as well as expected. The Park? Ah! Methinks they will be the "giant killers" and upset the apple cart before the season is much further advanced. A.N.M. have still to break their duck, nevertheless, they are a much-improved team by comparison with last season.

It is my prediction that Bronte Park will be the deciding factor as to who will win the championship. South Hobart and Metro have still to visit and play the "Liquorice All Sorts Brigade," and I reiterate a previous remark—the Park's ground is worth a two-goals' start; so beware. The Caledonians have still to play Metro and South Hobart, so anything can happen—a most intriguing position, with the League championship still wide open.

The Falkinder Cup follows and the cup-holders (Caledonians) will have to be on their mettle to retain the trophy.

South Hobart are a vastly improved team compared with last season; the Caledonians likewise, but Metro seem to have slipped a shade. Bronte? A team well worthy of their place in the League. They will do some damage to the "big noises" before the season ends.

GOOD WORKMEN HAVE GOOD TOOLS

Wet grounds are with us again. The good player will try to modify his boots to suit the change in conditions, such as better stops, application of black-lead, and other devices. Some lazy types do not touch their togs throughout the season, or deign to wash their "white" knicks regularly.

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Around the Clubs

COBURG UNITED

Coburg had a field day last Saturday, winning all four matches. The senior team were victorious at home, defeating Williamstown after 90 minutes of very interesting football. The blustery conditions tended to spoil good football, but both teams adjusted their tactics accordingly.

Coburg's forward line showed a vast improvement on previous displays and looks like giving opposing defences a severe headache from now on. Keep it up, lads.

Coburg Reserve team visited Williamstown and won, 2-1. The win was an unconvincing one for Coburg as little good soccer was displayed by either side. Williamstown scored first—one minute before half-time. Coburg, having the wind advantage in the second half, scored two goals from J. Cane and Tallus. Best players, Gallea, Ferugia, Tallus.

GEORGE CROSS

George Cross registered their sixth successive win last week, this time against Fairfield (top of the Third Division until last week) by the big score of 6-1. Playing delightful copy-book football, especially the forwards, they completely disorganised and overran the opposition. Except in the first game, when we did not score, in every match our sharp-shooting forwards have found the net more than four times; in the eight matches played we have scored 30 goals. Scorers in last Saturday's game were Gauci (3), Swan (2), Buttigieg. Keep it up, George Cross; your supporters want you in the Second Division next season, and in the first the season after.

Malta showed a remarkable fighting spirit last Sunday, when they went down to Juventus, under the name of Italy, the score being 1-2. Gauci (Malta) missed a penalty and the two Italian goals were not very convincing; the first one appeared to be off-side from the Press box, while the second was an auto-goal. But let us be fair; it was a delight to see the Italians play, and only the brilliant goal-keeping of Camilleri, aided by a strong-hearted Maltese defence, kept the scores down.

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This club is in its first season, being formed early in the year. It is the first of its kind in Moe and the first time soccer has been played there. Yallourn is the senior club in this area.

The Moe club, composed of players of many nationalities, is sponsoring four teams—Under 12 years, Under 15, Under 18, and a Senior club who are members of the L.V.A.S.A. The Junior teams are members of Central Gippsland Schoolboys' Association. Club secretary is Mr. W. Smith, 8 Mitchell Crescent, Moe. President is Mr. D. Brown, 40 Queen Street, Moe. We have a very energetic ladies' auxiliary; they have helped tremendously in the raising of funds necessary for a new venture. All the teams are performing exceedingly well for a first season club. After last Saturday's fixtures the seniors are joint leaders of the L.V.A.S.A., tying with A.P.M. (10 points each). Saturday's results: Under 12 lost, 1-0; Under 15 won, 8-0; Under 18 lost, 3-1. Seniors v. Yallourn Thirds won, 6-0. This game was a bit one-sided, although the interval score was 0-0. Early in the second half Moe took the lead by medium of a penalty kick scored by Herpen, who also added a second goal later. Other scorers were Young, Church, Forsyth and Hammond. Best players for Yallourn: Blunt, Kennedy. Best for Moe: Dings, Herpen, Collins.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

South Melbourne United got back into winning form again last Saturday with a comfortable victory over Sunshine City, and feel that promotion is not an open and shut business for this season by any means yet. The senior team's coach (Jack Wilson) will be back for the next League game next week. South's main failing in recent losing games was somewhat solved on Saturday when Max James, having his first run at centre-forward, got 3 goals and played the wholehearted kind of game that is needed.

The club is holding one of its popular smoke socials at the Concordia Hall, corner Ferrars and Bank Streets, South Melbourne, tonight, and all old and new members of the club will be given a big welcome.

SOUTH YARRA

The game against Sunshine United at Fawkner Park started in the United's favor by winning the toss and kicking with the wind. South Yarra were really off their usual game. D. McClean scored the first goal for the home team and also had a hand in another, so it was a good showing for his first game in the first team. Don't forget next year is going to be harder, South, so keep at it.

The Reserves won as usual to the tune of 6-1, J. Slatter being the scorer of 4. Keep it up, Johnnie.

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Teams of 40 nations have been accepted for the tournament. In addition, Peru, Vietnam and India will be allowed to participate when they submit their applications in the correct form.

The final matches will be held from April 1 to July 5, 1954, and from July 5 to August 5 in Switzerland.

The groups in which the nations will compete in the preliminary rounds are:—

Group 1—(one team to qualify for the finals)—Germany, Norway, Sarre.

Group 2—(one team to qualify) — Belgium, Finland, and Switzerland.

Group 3 (two teams to qualify)— Great Britain, Scotland, North Ireland, Wales.

Group 4—(one to qualify)—Eire, France, Luxembourg.

Group 5—(one to qualify)—Austria and Portugal.

Group 6—(one to qualify)—Spain and Turkey.

Group 7—(one to qualify)—Hungary and Poland.

Group 8—(one to qualify)—Bulgaria, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

Group 9—(one to qualify)—Egypt and Italy.

Group 10—(one to qualify)—Greece, Israel and Yugoslavia.

Group 11—(one to qualify)—Haiti, Mexico and United States.

Group 12—(one to qualify)—Brazil and Chile.

Group 13—(one to qualify)—China, Korea, and Japan.

Uruguay, which won the last World Championship, will not play in the preliminary rounds, but will automatically enter the final rounds. Switzerland also will enter the finals without playing in the qualifying rounds because it is the venue of the championship.

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Junior Section

This is Urgent!!

Time and time again I have had published matter concerning the phoning of results after junior games are concluded. Last week's issue was an anti-climax. I had published the fact that for publication of League Ladders in Soccer News, results were to be phoned direct to me between 7 and 8 p.m. each Saturday night. This didn't even get results. Of twenty-one junior matches played, I personally received results of thirteen of them. Until such time as I get a proper response from the clubs, the League Tables will not be published in Soccer News.

The two sections of the Under 17 Division have been welded into one competition as from June 6. This has been brought about by several withdrawals from the "North" Section. How this will effect results of games that have already been played will be decided by the executive committee at its next meeting.

The Inter-Association Cup games between Metropolis and Central Gippsland will be played this year on Saturday, July 25, at South Melbourne's ground at Middle Park.

J. A. OLSEN, Hon. Secretary V.J.A.S.F.A.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

South Melbourne United's Junior teams had the biggest defeat they have experienced for some time last Saturday, when the Under 20 were defeated, 8-1, by Sunshine United, and the Under 17 by Brighton, 5-1. The Under 15 team continued their winning way, 9-0, against Preston, while the Under 14 with only nine men got home in a good game, from Moorabbin by 1-0.

South Melbourne Under 20 and Under 17 would be well advised now that they have passed the teething stage that all they need to do is to turn out on Saturday. Training and practice is a constant necessity; last Satur-



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day's defeats should show them that they are wasting their Sunday mornings, particularly when all facilities are available for them.

The club would be interested to hear from any men who can help them with the management of their afternoon junior teams.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL SOCCER Swinburne Technical College

Now in its third year, the Boys' Junior School soccer team is looking forward to a successful season. The preparatory period was used to fill vacancies caused by boys leaving the school. At the time of writing, two games have been played—each a victory.

In the first game, at Oakleigh, the score was 2 goals to 1, our goals being scored by captain and centre forward, Tom Coull, who will one day shine in open company. The second game, at home against Preston, resulted in a 1-0 win, the scorer being W. Burns.

The strength of the team lies in defence, especially the half-back line, Roser, Maier and Toivenon, with Griffin the better of the two full-backs. The forwards are comparatively inexperienced, but show promise of better things as the weeks go by.

An ex-Swinburnian, Hadyn Deane, who learned his soccer at the school, is now on the South Yarra books and is vice-captain of one of the Junior teams. He is a speedy full-back, and we send him our good wishes and congratulations.

In conclusion, a word of thanks and appreciation is due to the three members of the staff who coach the boys. Most of the soccer players are Australian born, with a sprinkling of overseas boys, but what they lack in skill they make up in enthusiasm and a desire to learn.—A.J.

Referee's Query Corner

Goalkeeper (Albury): A penalty was awarded. The referee also stated definitely that time was up, but he, according to the laws was allowing time for it to be taken. The attacking side deputed their penalty kick taker to go ahead. He kicked the ball, which had been placed on the 12 yd. spot by the referee. I saved the shot and the ball rebounded back into play. The referee blew for time amid loud appeals from the attackers, who considered they had been robbed of a certain goal. Was this correct?

Answer: The referee was perfectly correct. From such a penalty kick there is no second chance to score. It does not matter whether the goalkeeper pushes or punches the ball back or if it strikes the posts or crossbar and rebounds back into play. Time is only allowed for the kicker to take the kick and score, if he can.

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FIRST DIVISION

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Juventus | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 17 |
| J.U.S.T. | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 34 | 16 | 14 |
| Moreland | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 12 | 11 |
| Hakoah | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 29 | 14 | 11 |
| Brighton | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 23 | 10 |
| Prahran | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 24 | 9 |
| Yallourn | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 18 | 7 |
| Footscray City | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 30 | 6 |
| Box Hill | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 32 | 3 |
| Park Rangers | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 36 | 0 |

Second Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| South Yarra | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 10 | 17 |
| Polonia | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 8 | 14 |
| Geelong | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 13 | 13 |
| White Eagles | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 23 | 11 |
| South Melbourne | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 37 | 21 | 10 |
| Sunshine United | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 26 | 7 |
| Sandringham City | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 15 | 31 | 6 |
| Preston | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 30 | 5 |
| F.N.D. | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 29 | 4 |
| Sunshine City | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 30 | 1 |

Third Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Maccabi | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 13 | 15 |
| Fairfield | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 18 | 14 |
| George Cross | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 12 | 13 |
| Northcote | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 12 |

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

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Dandenong Rovers | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 14 | 8 |
| Frankston | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 18 | 8 |
| Williamstown | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 21 | 7 |
| Coburg | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 31 | 5 |
| Moorabbin City | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 20 | 29 | 4 |
| University | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 39 | 0 |

Fourth Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Hellenic | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 44 | 5 | 12 |
| Marlbyrnong | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 14 | 12 |
| Slovakia | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 12 | 10 |
| Nunawading | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 13 | 9 |
| I.C.I. | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 9 |
| Slavia | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 26 | 9 | 8 |
| Victoria Police | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 36 | 17 | 8 |
| Heidelberg | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 36 | 2 |
| Union Jack | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 31 | 0 |

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