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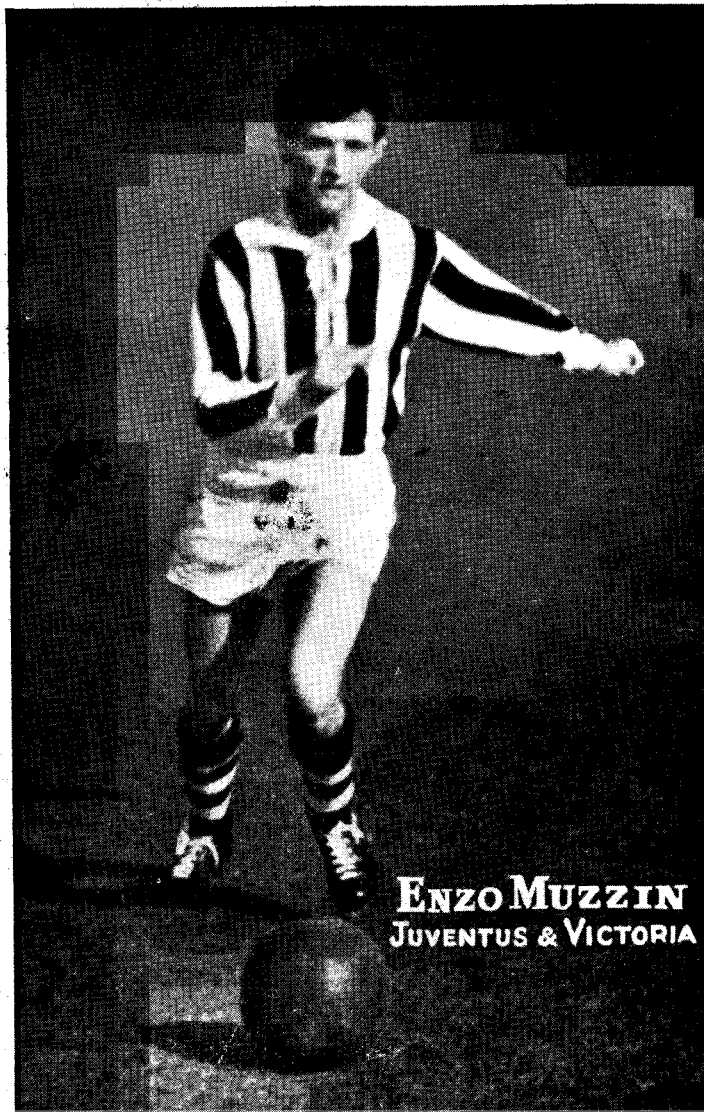
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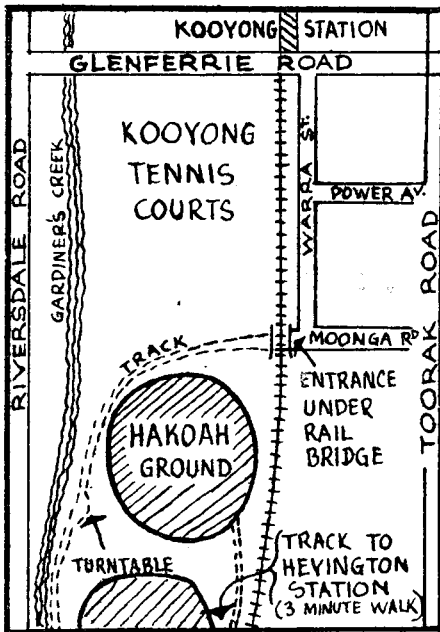
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VICTORIA VISITS QUEENSLAND

By V. J. M. DIXON

Last season in the Interstate Carnival programme I stated that to the best of my knowledge Queensland had never previously played in Melbourne. To the best of my knowledge also a Victorian team has never played in Queensland either. The pending visit of a Victorian side to Queensland will be the third time on which Victoria and Queensland have met at soccer.

In 1932 an Interstate Carnival was held in Sydney, with New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, and Tasmania taking part. So weak were both Victoria and Queensland that South Australia beat both States, while N.S.W. hammered Victoria by 7 goals to nil and crushed Queensland 9 goals to 1. The similarity of these two defeats was borne out when Victoria and Queensland contest ended in a draw at four goals each.

Last year Victoria downed Queensland, 6-2, but we must admit that ground conditions at Toorak Park were very much in Victoria's favour. The Bananalanders are not used to the heavy going which last winter's rains produced in Victoria.

At Olympic Park on a harder, drier ground the Queensland side played a fine game against N.S.W. Coming back from three goals down to three all, Queensland eventually lost by the odd goal in seven.

On the hard grounds of Brisbane and Ipswich the boys of the northern State will be fully at home, and the Victorians will be much harder tested than they were when Queensland came south. Queensland at home have always been hard to beat; as N.S.W. has found to its cost. In the last four N.S.W. v. Queensland contests in Queensland N.S.W. has won two, Queensland one, and one was drawn. The success to Queensland was on the last time that N.S.W. was in the northern State.

When Victoria travels to Queensland at the end of this month it will play in three games. The first against Queensland will be in Brisbane on Saturday, May 30. Then on Sunday, 31st, the second contest will be with a Queensland Country Districts XI at Ipswich. The third and final game will be against Queensland again in Brisbane on Tuesday (Coronation Day), June 2.

Victoria is fortunate in having a solid nucleus left from the carnival side of last year, though it is unfortunate that one or two stars of a year ago have been unable to strike form so far. At the time of writing the team had not yet been picked, but by the time this appears in print the selectors may have decided who will be the 16 players to travel to Brisbane. The team will be under the management of popular Jimmy Paul who was in charge of the carnival team last year.

When the team is known we regret that we shall not be able to publish too many photos of individual players. The blocks of these have been sent by Soccer News to Brisbane so that our boys may receive the publicity they deserve in Queensland Soccer News. Incidentally, our contemporary in the northern State went to considerable trouble to assist us to make our Carnival programme a success.

Soccer News joins with our readers in congratulating the lucky 16 Victorian players who will represent us in the north.

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.



The job of the State selectors was not made easier by the poor showing of a Victorian Eleven versus the Rest last Sunday. Despite the fact that probably four State certainties were playing with the Rest, better things were expected from the Victorian side. It must be borne in mind that sixteen players will make the trip. Thus substitutes for key positions must be carefully chosen and must also practise together before leaving for Queensland. In the trial game tomorrow with Juventus the State team will be taking very definite shape. Although additions may be made to the party after today, not many alterations can be expected.

Few changes appear in Division I this week, although Moreland's heavy defeat of Brighton was unexpected, as also was the close game between Hakoah and Prahran.

In Division II Polonia's downing of South Melbourne puts the Polish side in the promotion area, while South Melbourne slides down.

The position regarding the proposed tour of Australia by a Swedish team is still most indefinite and unsatisfactory. Little help can be given readers before this issue goes to press, although during the last few days something more definite may have appeared in the daily papers.

What is of interest, however, is the proposal put forward by the South Australian Association. It is that an Interstate Carnival should be held under floodlights in Adelaide in October. It is suggested that all six States take part. That would bring in a Western Australia team, which was omitted from the Melbourne carnival, owing to the distance, and also Tasmania which we hear is prepared to swim Bass Strait if it would ensure that it could take part in games against the mainland States. It is worth remembering that the Tasmanian Government put up £500 to ensure that the English team played in the Apple Isle two years ago. So there is no doubt of the keenness of the Tasmanians.

A floodlit carnival would be giving a decided advantage to the host State, for to date South Australia is the only one to indulge in floodlit games. If the carnival comes off it is to be hoped that the lighting has improved since a Victorian XI visited Adelaide last March, for most reports of conditions then were to the effect that the lighting was poor. However, Victoria will no doubt be in it as usual.

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UNITY IS STRENGTH

FROM BILL FLEMING

Cec. Drummond's delay in obtaining a transfer from Leichhardt-Annandale to Hakoah is a glaring example of Australia's lack of uniformity. Here we have a player of unquestioned ability who has captained Australia 11 times beached because of this.

It is a strange country this Australia of ours. It lacks uniformity in everything from railway gauges to its soccer administration. However, we soccer fans are not interested in the lack of a uniform traffic code, uniform divorce laws or uniform railway gauges, but we are deeply interested in the lack of uniform soccer control.

Admittedly, each State plays a variation on the one theme, but the variations, however small, are irritating, useless and absolutely unnecessary.

The master mind and controlling authority, the A.S.F.A., rules supreme at the top, but each State has its own individual rules, regulations, method of conducting its fixtures, and team sheets.

Drummond's hold-up is farcical when one remembers that any oversea player can join a club and play the day he arrives in Melbourne if he so desires. The technical part of his hold-up is not due to sour grapes as some people think, but to the fact that New South Wales Board of Directors meets monthly, in contrast to the Victorian Council's method of meeting weekly.

Even when his transfer is approved by the Board, it must still go before the A.S.F.A. for approval.

In New South Wales and Queensland a player signs on for life; in Victoria, for a season.

But it must be remembered that the A.S.F.A. is not at fault over this tedious delay. It is the States themselves which are to blame. Last June they agreed that any player seeking interstate transfer must first obtain the approval of his State, and finally, that of the A.S.F.A.—a most unwieldy and unnecessary piece of top-heavy legislation.

At this same meeting South Australia sought a residential qualification of 28 days which was defeated. It might as well have been approved if Drummond's case is typical. Remember when we decided to import an A grade overseas coach? Where is he? He has been strangled in the red tape which has kept Drummond on the side lines. Before Victoria could make one move to hire that coach it had to take a Cook's tour through the A.S.F.A., the F.A., the S.F.A., to the player and back. No wonder the Victorian Council has reached for the scissors and is now making a direct appeal for a coach. If the Council could always do this time would be saved, but it is not feasible when interstate relationships are concerned.

We must campaign for uniformity. Soccer is growing rapidly and each State's methods of control must be uniform. Internal administration must be simplified. We are one nation playing one international game and we must work in complete harmony.

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Europe Calling

By CHARLES WALKER



Soccer has always been the main sport of Italy. It is still the people's game and rapidly expanding. To give you an idea about the popularity of the game there, I must quote a few figures.

There are 110,413 registered players, including 40,000 juniors, but excluding players who play for Firm and Students' Clubs. There are 4978 clubs and 5021 teams participating in championship games. In the season 1951-52, those clubs played 57,848 games, 33,547 being for the championship. There were 75 coaches active, amongst them being 22 foreigners.

This expansion of the game brought a few very unhealthy features with it, one of which being the increased fight for a place in a team of the first League, which means a lot of money for a player and a bonus paid to the whole team for a win. The game has so deteriorated and changed that a team which is leading is concentrating to maintain the score to the end without worrying about anything else. It eventually resulted in the invention of a new "system" in which not only the two inside-forwards help with the defence as it is played everywhere but both wings participate in it too, leaving only the centre-forward to attack the opponents' goal. It is very easy to understand that with ten players defending the goal, the opposing forward had little chance of scoring.

This system has so spoiled the game that the paying public went on strike and in a local Derby in Turin between Juventus and Torino, there were only 16,000 patrons. The game is also getting very rough and the leading soccer officials are now working for a "moral rearmament" in Italian soccer.

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



Polonia S.C.—

Please note change of secretary's address: Now B. Bytomski, 113A Chomley Street, Prahran, S.1.

Prahran S.C.—

New secretary is Mr. G. Gaidzkar, 22 Kooyong Road, Armadale, S.E.3.

Official Year Book.—

League premiers 1947 are printed as Moreland S.C. An apology is extended to Sunshine United, who became premiers when as "North of the Yarra" premiers they defeated Moreland S.C. "South of the Yarra" premiers at Olympic Park by 6-2.

Fourth Division Reserves.—

Moorabbin City will now replace Slavia Reserves in this division and will commence their fixtures on Saturday, May 16, 1953.

S. BEATON, Secretary.

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TARTAN TOPICS

By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

The soccer scribes were far from satisfied with Scotland's display at Wembley and are screaming for youth and the unexpected, especially in the forward line. With the latest defeat of Scotland at Hampden by the Swedes local prestige takes another nose dive and the next form of attack by the Press should make interesting reading. Thank heavens the gentlemen of the Press are never off form!

The benefit match played recently for Jimmy (Shimmy) Mason, of Third Lanark, drew a well-deserved record crowd, and with English, Irish, and Welsh internationalists in Sunderland's team, five Anglo-Scots in the home XI, the players on parade were worth £250,000. That's the estimate, of course, before the game!

Arsenal's Jimmie Logie was in the Scots XI, and he appeared to be a certainty for a Wembley "Cap." He didn't even make travelling reserve. Jimmy is an Edinburgh boy and recently at Meadowbank, in Edinburgh's first game under the "arcs," he and "Legs" Fleming, of East Fife, playing for East of Scotland, pulverised the West XI to the tune of six goals. Auld Reekie folk from Blackwall way should remember Jimmy when he played for the local Rovers on Ravelston Park.

Rangers landed the double again, but were lucky to draw the first encounter with the "Dons." George Niven (ex Coupar Angus) had eight stitches inserted in his ear after diving at the feet of Buckley. Skipper Young deputised during the goalie's absence. A maximum 134,000 tickets were sold and 130,000 attended the match. Perhaps 4000 Aberdonians gave their tickets away (?).

Maybe you noticed in photos of the Scots team at Wembley that the badge on the jerseys had been changed. Apparently our lion rampant is the private emblem of a well-known duke. After the Swedish trouncing somebody will probably claim the jerseys, too.

Motherwell and Third Lanark go down to the Second Division. They'll find it an expensive business to regain the top League. It cost Clyde a mere £16,000 for the privilege.

East Fyfe is keen on Rangers players' as managers, and with Scott Symon away Willie Thornton was approached. Have an idea that Willie will always be drawing his wage at Ibrox?

The Heart(breakers) of Midlothian intend making the players' reunion an annual affair. If all the players they've had turn up the venue will need to be the Usher Hall. However, if only the really good players arrive a back room in the Three Tuns would accommodate them.

Falkirk intend making a quick tour of Israel—just Tel Aviv and district (happy memories). Wonder if local Hakoah will flash a cheque-book and induce a few Brockville bairns to lose their return ticket?

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Answer: No. The ball from a goal kick is not in play until it has passed outside the penalty area.

"Surprised Supporter" asks: What right has a referee to order a player off for misconduct before the game started. Surely this is not in order? Not satisfied in ordering this player off, he allowed another player to be brought on in his place.

Answer: Every right. Law 5 states so, but the kick-off must not be delayed.

I have also been asked by a Brother Referee, who is not too good at writing English, the following: He refereed a friendly match a while ago, and this incident cropped up.—"Full time was drawing near, so with an eye on his watch, and one on the play (which was only a few yards away) so that his timing would be correct. Just as a forward kicked the ball goalwards, he blew for time, but ere the whistle stopped, the ball was in the net. Result, great appeals for a goal. He stood his ground and said no. But unfortunately several considered good referees afterwards told him he was wrong, because the ball was in the air. Only one referee backed him, so he came to me, AND if as described happened, then he is perfectly correct.



Letter to the Editor

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

Sir,—Our club has been let down on three Saturdays owing to visiting teams not turning up at Dandenong. Spectators here stopped turning up and we have lost financially from gate money and other sources. We think some drastic action should be taken to make all visiting clubs keep their engagements. In my opinion, the V.A.S.F.A. should enforce this if soccer is going to prosper in Victoria. Home teams should be permitted to claim their expenses from absentee visiting teams. If this were enforced it would make a big difference to soccer in general.—Yours, etc.,

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By **BOB EASTERBROOK**

Last week's game between the Goliaths was one of the most electrifying and pulsating games ever seen in Tasmania. Yes, this is the universal verdict. If anything, Metro were a wee bit ahead on play and forcing tactics. McFie (centre-half), Caledonians, had the misfortune to head through his own goal, with McCreadie making a heroic attempt to save. Metro, one up, went into the attack again, but Shields transferred play and George Arnott collected, beat Wise and put the scores level. Jack Acquaroff was on the scene again, walking the ball into the net while the Scots defence stood still, appealing for off-side. No sooner had the ball been centred than Arnott bluffed the Metro defence with the cutest of dummies and Slater, rushing in, equalised. Half-time, 2-2. The second half was something one had to see to believe. The whole Caledonian team settled down to supreme team-work. The third goal came from a cross from Alexander. Arnott rose to head home. Then Anderson obliged with the most spectacular goal of the game. He left all opposition standing and crashed in a thunderbolt into the net. Result, 5-2.

Owing to the First Division games being scattered near and far results are not available for this issue.

A.N.M. v. South Hobart resulted in a complete victory for South Hobart by 5-1. Sandy Bay v. Bronte, 2-0.

A FEW WORDS FROM TASSIE

By **NADINE GAYTOR**

Tasmanian women soccer supporters are most enthusiastic, but like most fans allow their feelings for individual teams to blind them to the real rights and wrongs of the case. It might be a good idea for the feminine crowd to study rules and regulations a little more before rushing in with rather hurtful remarks. Enthusiasm and vocal support are all for the good of the game, when allied to knowledge. So, come back, ladies, and let us make the game we all love a fair one. Mind you, we are not the only "pebbles on the beach" when it comes to "jumping to conclusions." The male element is also at fault.

What we would like to see here in Tassie is a referees' club where interesting points could be discussed, and difficult decisions synchronised, so that the interpretation of rules could be followed more easily by the public. We think that it would be for the betterment of soccer in Tasmania.

New team to enter the "A" grade competition, Bronte Park, certainly impressed when it took the field in the natty uniforms of green and gold, white shorts of uniform length, and well pulled up socks.

As yet, the season is only young, but we hope all clubs are forming ladies' social committees. These bind a club together, make for harmonious working, and help the financial side along.

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THE ENGLISH SCENE

By TED PRIDGEON

So, Blackpool for the first time in its history, has won the F.A. Cup! My memory goes back to 1948. I was one of a crowd of 99,000 who packed Wembley Stadium to see Blackpool meet Manchester United in the final of that year. All the portents indicated a classic game, but with the odds slightly in favor of Blackpool, who reached Wembley with a Cup-tie goal record of 18 goals for and only 1 against. Their opponents had also scored 18, but had conceded 6.

Blackpool team read: Robinson; Shimwell, Crosland; Johnston, Hayward, Kelly; Matthews, Munro, Mortenson (the famous three M's!), Dick and Rickett.

Manchester United fielded Crompton; Carey, Aston; Anderson, Chilton, Cockburn; Delaney, Morris, Rowley, Pearson and Mitten.

As Manchester United, in royal blue, and Blackpool, in white, took the field we felt that they were coming out to set a new standard in the quality of Cup-Finals. We were not disappointed. The excitement kept one's scalp tingling. Mortenson, the remarkable new star with his electric speed and uncanny power of finishing, upset the Manchester apple cart. Early he broke loose only to be brought down on the penalty line. In the silence that followed Shimwell made the penalty fit the crime. Events then quickened. Rowley took advantage of a misunderstanding in the Blackpool defence and equalised. Back came Mortenson (he had scored in every round) and with a lightning turn and shot placed the ball well and truly wide of Crompton in the Manchester net.

So, with only 20 minutes of play left, Blackpool had the Cup virtually won. But then came a Manchester United whirlwind. Goals by Rowley, Pearson and Anderson snatched the trophy back, and Blackpool at the end was left to stand and gape. It was the last sharp note of a clean and exciting game in which, sadly, there had to be a loser—by 4 goals to 2. And as they watched Matthews leave the field one could almost read the minds of every one of the 99,000 spectators—they were sorry Stan hadn't won his Cup-winner's medal. Today that has been achieved, but with it, as I remarked last week, comes the thought: Will Matthews now retire? I say this: What a pity such a great player has ever to grow old!

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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SUSPENSIONS THAT STICK

You cannot always dodge a suspension by playing elsewhere. One well-known English League player incurred a life ban, and played here under an assumed name. Unfortunately, Wee Georgie Wood, the English comedian, some years ago came to watch a game at the M.C.G., in which this player was appearing for Victoria against a visiting international team. He recognised him, as his case in England had attracted some publicity, and the player soon learnt that the ban still applied.



ENGLISHMAN PLAYED AGAINST ENGLAND

No need for me to tell you who is Stan Mortensen. Most of you heard him score most of Blackpool's goals in the Final. Although an English international, he once played for Wales against England, coming on the field as a substitute in a war-time international for an injured Welshman. At the time Mortensen was reserve for England and was sitting on the touchline.

AMATEUR REVIVAL

A heartening sign in Scottish football is the revival of Queen's Park, the Glasgow amateur side, which were beaten out of promotion back to the First Division by only one place. In England we have the famous Pegasus team setting the pace in the Amateur Cup.

LONG TIME NO SEE

An old Bristol fan last saw the Rovers play Stoke in a cup-tie more than 50 years ago. Mr. Willshaw will remember the game. Now they will meet next year for the next time in the League, although it is now Stoke City. By the way, Stoke is famed for two products—pottery and Stanley Matthews.

RULING WANTED

In our South Australian counterpart, Soccer Mirror, is a suggestion from one official that we make a hard and fast rule whether or not the goalkeeper should be charged while in possession. He thinks that they should be unmolested provided that they do not prance about with the ball as though waiting for the movie-cameras.

BILLY HUGHES HELPED VICTORIAN TEAM

When Bill Grieve (now St. Kilda town clerk) kept goal for Welsh United they won the Second Division championship and cup. On promotion the team kept only those born in Wales, and in that same year the Prime Minister, the late Billy Hughes, had a full set of Welsh international jerseys sent out to them.

NEW STATE CENTRE-FORWARD?

If Sutherland proves to be the centre-forward that the State is seeking I shall be pleased. It is the one berth in the team in which the selectors have not shown much initiative for a long while.

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Turn each page as you will, follow with Arlott the history of the game, his views of the existing transfer systems, his pen sketches of some of the great names, his comment on styles of play, the maximum wage problem, soccer finance, club histories, technical and controversial points—all are dealt with masterfully, pleasantly and with a writing skill granted only to a few.

I suspect also that Arlott, with his master-touch, has had quite a lot to do with the selection of illustrations appearing in the book. The action shots are outstanding pieces of photography, lending realism to Arlott's comments.

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Around the Clubs

ASTOR

Astor played Maccabi this week and had its first win, 4-0. It was a good clean game, although reserve goalie was called in due to the regular one still suffering from injuries received last week.

Astor now seems to have settled down to a constructive attack, with some nice passing between the forwards, while the defence can be relied upon to give a good clearance when pressed.

It is disappointing to note that in the last two editions of Soccer News the league tables for the Reserve teams have been omitted. In order to compare results with others in the League, they should be resumed.—**LESLIE WOOD.**

[Reserve League tables were omitted for two weeks because insufficient results were sent to the assistant secretary to enable him to make the tables up.—**EDITOR.**]

BRIGHTON

Moreland was in top form against Brighton at Olympic Park last Saturday, and won the match in the first half hour with fast, combined movements and fierce shooting.

An injury to Arthur Scott, within the first ten minutes, left Brighton with virtually ten men, and an already weakened team was reduced to complete disorder by Moreland's speed and brilliant co-ordination which swept it to an easy 5-0 victory. Ralph Walker tried vainly to stem the tide.

Trainer Bill Currie is doing a magnificent job with the injured players who now include Sutherland, Scott, Schofield and Balabanski (fractured collarbone). It is hoped that the first three will be fit this week-end, when Juventus visit Hurlingham Park.

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COBURG UNITED

Seniors travelled to Moorabbin City and were beaten, 7-2. The Coburg players had, what is commonly called, “an off day.” The game was generally one-sided. Coburg was unable to find the net through a solid defence.

Reserves had their first victory for the season against Dandenong, 4-2. All that can be said of the victory is that the boys played well. Keep it up. Special thanks to the ladies' committee for their “cuppa” at half-time.

POLONIA

Games in Second Division were begun with mixed luck, but now settled down Polonia must be considered a menace to promotion hunters. Their victories over Geelong and South Melbourne are of the greatest in Polonia history. The opponents are really good and hard, but the Poles think their victory was deserved. We find it true, that the stronger the opponent the better Polonia plays.

I don't like to mention the names of the best players, but I am sure everybody from first, second, third and the juniors' teams is giving his best

MRS. ROTHFIELD TO ENTER HOSPITAL

We regret that our popular correspondent, Rosa Rothfield, will not be with us in these pages for a few weeks. She has entered hospital for an operation. Readers will join with Soccer News in wishing Mrs. Rothfield a speedy recovery and return to Soccer News.



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ROSEBUD

Rosebud was home to Army Apprentices. Rosebud was at full strength and proved too formidable for the Army, scoring 19 goals to 1.

On Sunday last Rosebud played Box Hill on the Rosebud ground. A perfect day and a good match delighted the crowd. Box Hill ran out winners by 4 goals to 1. The Rosebud team played excellent football, but they did everything but get the ball into the net. Both sides were presented with a bouquet of flowers by attractive feminine supporters from both clubs. Officials of the Rosebud club are very gratified to know that in two years they have a team that can extend a 1st Division XI.—A. BRANT, Pres.

LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Results for Saturday, May 9, are as follows: Morwell went down at home to Moe United, 1-3. R.A.A.F. defeated O.C.C., 3-2. Yallourn forfeited to A.P.M. (unable to field a team).

Permission has been given for the Scottish Laidlaw Cup team to play L.V.S.F.A. at Yallourn on Coronation Day. L.V.S.F.A. will play Hakoah on a date to be fixed.

On Sunday, May 17, A.P.M. will play Morwell in a postponed League fixture. The game will be played at Traralgon, A.P.M. home ground.
 F. McIVER, Hon. Secretary.

BALLARAT ASSOCIATION

Hostel Athletic heavily defeated Venta by 11 goals to 1 last Saturday (half-time, 5-1). McGill and Edmondson scored three each, McCulloch and Skilton 2 each and Hems one from a free-kick. Venta's only goal came from Menson after a free kick by Davidson. Result of the Ballarat City-Ballararat Paper Mills game was not to hand when we went to press.

Tables as at May 9, 1953

LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION						P. W. D. L. F. A. P.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
A.P.M.	3	3	0	0	5	1	6	Ballarat P.M.	3	1	1	1	10	10	3
Moe United	4	3	0	1	12	6	6	Ballarat City	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
R.A.A.F.	4	2	0	2	6	11	4	Venta	2	0	0	2	1	18	0
Morwell	3	1	1	1	9	4	3	NORTHERN VICTORIA ASSN.							
O.C.C.	4	1	1	2	6	7	3	Shepparton Rovers	2	2	0	0	9	3	4
Yallourn	4	0	0	4	0	9	0	Dookie College	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
BALLARAT ASSOCIATION						Benalla H.C.	2	0	0	2	4	5	0		
Hostel Athletic	3	2	0	1	20	8	4	Shepparton United	2	0	0	2	2	11	0
R.A.A.F.	2	1	1	0	6	1	3								

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Junior Section

SECRETARY'S NOTES

It is with regret that we hear of the illness of Mr. J. O. Wilshaw, the first life member of the Junior Association. We all wish him a very speedy recovery and trust that he will be back with us again, doing the job that he has always done for soccer from a very early date. In the meantime, results of all Junior games are to be phoned direct to the "Herald." Phone number is MF 0211 (Extension 407).

Clubs are reminded that in the Under 17 (North) Division, the Nunawading club has taken over all fixtures as listed for Northcote City, so please amend your fixtures books accordingly.

The Polonia club secretary, Mr. B. Bytomski, has changed his address. His new address is 113A Chomley Street, Prahran, S.1.

The South Yarra club's secretary is Mr. J. Mulhearn, and not "Mulheaba," as printed in the fixture book.

Claims for Points.—

Under 20—Brighton against Moorabbin City (April 18). Not approved.

Under 17—Polonia against Moorabbin City (April 11). Granted.

Box Hill against Nunawading (April 11). Granted.

Brighton "B" against Hakoah (April 11). Deferred.

Under 15—Moorabbin City against Brighton (April 18). Granted.

Under 14—Brighton "A" against Brighton "B" (April 11). Granted.

Essendon against Northcote City (April 11). Granted.

Moorabbin City against Park Rangers (April 18). Deferred.

Essendon against Box Hill (April 18). Deferred.

Prahran against Park Rangers (April 11). Deferred.

Box Hill against South Yarra (April 11). Deferred.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Wilshaw, the official receiver of results for the Junior Association, Junior League Tables could not be compiled for publication in this week's issue of Soccer News.

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

CORONATION DAY

On Coronation Day, June 2, the game of the day at Olympic Park will be British Empire v. Rest of the World. The game will be organised by a committee of four, composed of Messrs. J. W. Gray, S. Horrobin, and R. Carlson, with Mr. F. Lang as chairman.



League Tables as at May 11, 1953

FIRST DIVISION								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	6	5	1	0	16	6	11							
J.U.S.T.	6	5	0	1	27	10	10							
Brighton	6	4	0	2	21	17	8							
Moreland	6	3	1	2	17	7	7							
Hakoah	6	3	1	2	14	12	7							
Footscray City	6	3	0	3	11	21	6							
Prahran	6	2	1	3	14	18	5							
Yallourn	6	1	1	4	9	16	3							
Box Hill	6	1	1	4	7	16	3							
Park Rangers	6	0	0	6	6	19	0							

Second Division								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	6	5	0	1	24	8	11							
Polonia	6	4	2	0	22	6	10							
South Melbourne	6	4	0	2	28	11	8							
Geelong	6	3	1	2	13	10	7							
White Eagles	6	3	1	2	10	16	7							
Sunshine United	6	2	1	3	11	20	5							
Preston	6	2	0	4	8	19	4							
Sandringham City	6	2	0	4	13	25	4							
F.N.D.	6	1	1	4	7	12	3							
Sunshine City	6	0	1	5	6	15	1							

Fourth Division								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Frankston	6	2	2	2	17	13	6							
Williamstown	6	2	2	2	15	12	6							
Dandenong Rovers	6	1	1	4	6	11	3							
Moorabbin City	6	1	0	5	15	21	2							
Coburg	6	0	1	5	8	25	1							
University	6	0	0	6	2	28	0							
Hellenic	6	5	1	0	42	3	11							
Slovakia	5	3	2	0	25	7	8							
Slavia	6	3	0	3	23	9	6							
Victoria Police	5	3	0	2	28	12	6							
Marbyrnong	5	3	0	2	27	12	6							
I.C.I.	5	3	0	2	4	7	6							
Nunawading	5	2	1	2	10	10	5							
Heidelberg	5	0	0	5	5	25	0							
Union Jack	6	0	0	6	1	18	0							

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN ASSN.								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	6	5	0	1	24	8	11							
Polonia	6	4	2	0	22	6	10							
South Melbourne	6	4	0	2	28	11	8							
Geelong	6	3	1	2	13	10	7							
White Eagles	6	3	1	2	10	16	7							
Sunshine United	6	2	1	3	11	20	5							
Preston	6	2	0	4	8	19	4							
Sandringham City	6	2	0	4	13	25	4							
F.N.D.	6	1	1	4	7	12	3							
Sunshine City	6	0	1	5	6	15	1							

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN ASSN. (cont.)								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Frankston	6	2	2	2	17	13	6							
Williamstown	6	2	2	2	15	12	6							
Dandenong Rovers	6	1	1	4	6	11	3							
Moorabbin City	6	1	0	5	15	21	2							
Coburg	6	0	1	5	8	25	1							
University	6	0	0	6	2	28	0							

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN ASSN. (cont.)								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Hellenic	6	5	1	0	42	3	11							
Slovakia	5	3	2	0	25	7	8							
Slavia	6	3	0	3	23	9	6							
Victoria Police	5	3	0	2	28	12	6							
Marbyrnong	5	3	0	2	27	12	6							
I.C.I.	5	3	0	2	4	7	6							
Nunawading	5	2	1	2	10	10	5							
Heidelberg	5	0	0	5	5	25	0							
Union Jack	6	0	0	6	1	18	0							

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN ASSN. (cont.)								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Caledonians	3	2	1	0	16	5	5							
South Hobart	3	2	1	0	9	4	5							
Metro	3	2	0	1	19	7	4							
Sandy Bay	3	2	0	1	6	9	4							
Bronte Park	3	0	0	3	3	15	0							
A.N. Mills	3	0	0	3	5	18	0							

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN ASSN. (cont.)								P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Mt. Nelson	3	2	0	1	9	3	4							
South Hobart	3	2	0	1	11	6	4							
Caledonians	3	2	0	1	8	8	4							
Metro	3	1	1	1	7	6	3							
Zinc Works	3	1	1	1	4	6	3							
University	3	0	0	3	1	12	0							

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SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL SOCCER — LAIDLAW CUP

AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The Australian team has been drawn to play Israel in the main match of the day at Olympic Park on Sunday, May 24, in the first round of the Laidlaw Cup. A practice match to select the team for Australia will be held on the South Melbourne United Club's ground tomorrow, Sunday, May 17. The following two teams are asked to be at the ground at 2 p.m. to take part:—

PROBABLES

		Murray (S.M.U.)		
	Fox (S.M.U.)		Harraden (Sunshine U.)	
	Scott (Brighton)	Stott (Moreland)	Drennan (J.U.S.T)	
James (S.M.U.)	Nelson (Park Rangers)	Lott (Sth. Yarra)	Wilson (S.M.U.)	McKenzie (Brighton)
Lee (Moreland)	Thomas (Pahran)	Horadin (Preston)	Dixon (Moreland)	Cotterell (S.M.U.)
	Holder (S.M.U.)	Howieson (S.M.U.)	Petterson (S.M.U.)	
	Simpson (S.M.U.)		Dokerty (Sunshine U.)	
		Dickason (Brighton)		

POSSIBLES

Reserves: D. Borlaci, E. Denny, R. Galles (South Melb. United).

All other Australian players are invited to attend and they will be given a trial run.—D. J. HAMILTON.

UPPER YARRA DAM

On Sunday, May 3, we entertained the Navy, and had our first win, 3-1, of the season. A few switches in the forward line made all the difference. Instead of the usual floundering in midfield, as has been the case in previous games, players worked as a team, and got results. Captain Jack Holden rested with a slight injury, and Chris. Pringle switched from left-back to centre-half and played his usual solid game. Jim Conaghan and Tony Auberio made their debut at left-back and inside-right respectively, and a couple more games should see them settle down nicely. As usual the social committee and the ladies committee turned on a very nice spread for the visiting party, appreciation of which was very nicely voiced by Navy secretary, Mr. McKenzie. Many thanks ladies. (A note to Mrs. Rothfeld: they are the backbone of any club!) — TOM DAVIS.

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