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NOW, NOW, MR. BEATON

Peninsular Soccer is NOT Collapsing

Mr. Beaton's article in last week's "Soccer News" made interesting reading, and — up to a point — I agree with what he has to say about Soccer on the Mornington Peninsula.

Up to a point! Beyond that point I would say that Soccer is definitely NOT collapsing on the Peninsula — nor will it, so long as there are eleven men and a ball left down here.

Admittedly, it has been bad luck losing Sorrento, but here, Mr. Beaton must realise that most of their team last year was made up of men from the Army who happened to be stationed at Sorrento at the time.

This season, unfortunately, most of these men have been posted away from the district, and the few remaining members of the Sorrento club, whilst being most enthusiastic, are insufficient in numbers to make up a team.

No Entries

As regards to the 1954 Dockerty Cup competition, for which Mr. Beaton says not one club from the Peninsula entered, I would state that, to my knowledge, no Peninsula club, or at least no club in the Peninsula Soccer League, which at the time was the controlling body down here, was even notified about the closing date for entries to the cup competition.

Whether that was the fault of the Peninsula S.A. or of the parent body in Melbourne, I would not care to guess, but it explains why no Peninsula club sent in an entry.

Mr. Beaton, Please Check

Another point on which I wish to disagree with Mr. Beaton is his statement that last year, after the folding up of the P.S.L., only one club, "namely, Sorrento," made application to be admitted to the Metropolitan League.

I say that Rosebud also made written application, not once, but on several occasions, to be considered for entry into the Metropolitan League. As a result of these applications, a Provisional

League knock-out cup competition was staged, to which Rosebud — and Sorrento — were admitted.

Strength Before Numbers

Personally, and this is my own view, and not that of the Rosebud Club, I feel that it is much better to have one strong and efficient club functioning down here than three or four weak clubs made up of servicemen who happen to be passing through at the time.

I can assure Mr. Beaton that Soccer on the Peninsula is quite a healthy baby, and he can rest assured that Rosebud will do its part in keeping it alive.

It won't be easy — there are acute teething troubles in the form of finance, travelling, an uphill fight to hold on to the ground — but, with the full co-operation of the V.A.S.A., and it must be FULL co-operation, the Soccer flag is going to keep flying down here for many a year to come.

C. A. HORNE,
Secretary, Rosebud S.C.

Yearbook Mistake

The secretary of the Rosebud Soccer Club has advised "Soccer News" that the details given in the handbook concerning the club's secretary are wrong.

It should not read: Secretary, A. Brant, Arcade Buildings, Rosebud (telephone 593).

Mr. Brant is the club's president.

The secretary is: Mr. C. A. Horne, "Harpendene," McComb Street, Rosebud. Telephone 235 (day) and 583 (night).

Will club secretaries please make this correction.

Social Group at Hakoah

There will be a bright future for Hakoah Club supporters. The first social outing of the season, to Healesville last Sunday, was a great success, but it will not be the last.

Fifty club members went along, in 20 cars. The party was so enthusiastic that more outings were decided on. These will be largely arranged by the ladies' social committee, which was elected on the spot.

Mrs. Tom Jack will be the chairwoman, and Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Weill the vice-presidents.

B.W.R. Withdraws

Mr. Hrusa, secretary of B.W.R. Club, has notified the V.A.S.F.A. secretary, Mr. Beaton, that his club has withdrawn from the Metropolitan South League, as of last Saturday.

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