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## Second Division South Notes

By DON SUTHERLAND

Results of matches in the first two rounds of play already give some indication of the respective team strengths. Oakleigh, with two victories to their credit, are justifiably optimistic. Five minutes after play commenced in their match with Austria last week they opened their account with a spectacular long range goal from F. Mafre, followed by a second goal from this outside-right 15 minutes later. Despite playing with ten men for a large part of the second half, after one of their players was sent off, Oakleigh kept their goal intact for the remainder of a rather rough game. All the team, which is mainly composed of Italian-born players, deserve credit for their win, but particular mention is due to their captain, Landro, and goalkeeper, Pino. Frankston have turned in two good performances with wins over F.N.D. and Croydon, but will need to be right on their toes in to-day's encounter with Oakleigh.

Moorabbin, after their luckless display against Rosebud, found everything going their way when they defeated F.N.D., 4-2, last Saturday. Terry Wrigglesworth was outstanding at left-half for

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## CLUB

Coburg again kept up their winning form with a 3-1 victory over Corio in a hard, vigorous game. Gulea, A. Clements and T. Reserves recovered well after being down 2-0 at half-time to win a 4-3 over Frankston Reserves.

Peter Suttie, Victorian goalkeeper last year, turned an offer from South Melbourne to continue to play for Essendon this year, and is already proving worth. He pulled off some beautiful saves against Heidelberg last week. Peter was one of the original players.

Coburg club officials are delighted with the number of new players and also with the fine turn-out during training periods under coach Walker.

Best performance by Sun for many a long day; best football played this season. Will Preston if form can be maintained. The transferring of key Sun players: Kyle to Footscray, to Moreland, Brady to South Melbourne, Jackson to Brighton, been offset by the inclusion of the junior players in Culbard, and D. Reid, whilst McNeil is a decided asset.

only been beaten on two occasions prior to today. Sandringham, with Joe Lachman settling into form, ably supported by Jack Hyndman and Jim Ward on the half-back line, are confident that they can defeat Oakleigh in today's game at Hampton, which is vital to the premiership hopes of both clubs.

As yet undefeated, Frankston should maintain this record against Moorabbin. Moorabbin opened the season badly but have restored their confidence with wins over F.N.D. and Croydon. However, they will find Frankston much more difficult, and today's game will be a real test of their improvement. Austria's lack of success so far is difficult to understand. They have a strong, fast-moving side with good understanding between the players, yet they have failed to win games. In their last match, against Sandringham, they were down 5-1 at half-time, yet dominated the second half to go down 5-4. If they can solve their goal-keeping problem I expect a comfortable win over Rosebud, even though the Peninsula team has not yet dropped a point.

Ferntree Gully's inexplicable lapse in their last two games is not a true measure of their ability, and the Dutchmen should return

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leigh, who have been defeated on only one occasion.

Another "needle" game is that between Frankston and Austria. Austria are the most improved team in the league and have been greatly strengthened by the inclusion of goalie, Peschke, and centre-forward, Vogl, who performed the remarkable feat of scoring 12 goals in his first two games. If Austria win today, and I believe that they will, they could move into second place on the ladder, which position Frankston will not relinquish lightly, and a thrilling game is indicated.

An item of interest to all metropolitan clubs is the plan of Flinders Naval Depot to run, with Council approval, a lightning six-a-side contest late in September in aid of the Alfred Hospital appeal. The Navy depot, with ample shower and changing facilities, is an ideal venue for such a contest and the Navy's hospitality is a by-word amongst Victorian Soccer clubs. Although space may mean "invitations only," it is anticipated that up to 60 clubs could be catered for. Firm Council approval has yet to be obtained, but, in view of the interest this tourney will provide for many players whose league and cup activities will then have ceased, it is sure to receive sympathetic consideration,

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Gully and Austria at Brenock Park. On recent performances Austria cannot be faulted and have a very strong line-up, and although Fern-tree Gully play best when facing good opposition, I anticipate a narrow decision in favour of Austria.

Moorabbin are not having a very good season and should find Sandringham City too strong today particularly as the visitors are keen to avenge their 6-2 defeat in the equivalent fixture last year, and will be maintaining full pressure throughout the game.

Frankston should restore their confidence and collect two badly-needed points at the expense of Rosebud, who have now lost four consecutive games, dropping from 1st to 7th place on the League ladder. F.N.D. are now showing much improved form and should be untroubled to defeat Croydon. Depending on the result of other games a victory for F.N.D. could lift them three points on the ladder.

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# HAMMERS AGAIN IN ODD-GOAL WIN

## Frankston Now Runner-Up

Sandringham again got home by grace of a one-goal 3-2 win over Bayswater, and even this narrow win was assisted by luck factors.

Bayswater was extremely unlucky in losing centre-forward Kurt Imberger with a badly cut head after only 20 minutes of play, and their tally of 2 goals without their regular spearhead looks like a remarkable effort.

And the Hammers were lucky that left-winger Ricky Jennings was in "hot" form, and scored all of his side's three goals.

When Austria and Oakleigh split the points in a 2-all draw, it enabled Frankston to slip into second place after its 3-2 win over Croydon.

With only 3 points between the four clubs contesting the position of runner-up to Sandringham, the promotional issue is still wide open, and

supporters are assured of plenty of thrills before one club manages to get safely out in front.

Seven Second South clubs are involved in today's round of the Dockerty Cup, and at least six of them have an even chance of survival.

The exception is caused by an intra-league tie between Bayswater and Ferntree Gully, a local derby of hill-side neighbours, and, of course, one must fall by the wayside.

Austria, who meets Dandenong, Moorabbin, matched with Coburg, Sandringham, drawn with University, Oakleigh, tied with Hellenic, and F.N.D., who meet Prahran, should do well against their opponents, but not a soul would bet a counterfeit penny on any of the results.

## HOTSPUR WANTS ARMPFIELD

Although TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR have paid out over £100,000 in transfer fees during the past two seasons, they still have a weakness in the back line and would be willing to pay out a lot more to get JIMMY ARMPFIELD of Blackpool.

Jimmy visited Australia with Blackpool last year, and won a lot of praise for his play at right full-back.

Jimmy originally signed for Blackpool as an amateur wing forward-back in 1952, and became a full-time professional in September, 1956.

The odds are that Blackpool will not part with him—not even for a big fee.

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Heidelberg as the only challenger who is in a tight spot.

They are drawn to meet Lions-Hayduk, a very tough side to beat.

draw, but the question of who will accompany them is still wide open following the decisive victories of Frankston and Austria.

The Oakleigh-Sandringham clash provided the anticipated measure of thrills and spills. The Hammers ran to an early two-goal lead but Oakleigh's tenacity was not to be denied, and the Italian team's fighting recovery fully deserved a share of the points.

The vigorous, hard-bumping game was most capably handled by referee Harrison, and if all games were as well controlled, "incidents" would become few and far between.

For Oakleigh, goalie Pino, and team captain Landro, were outstanding, while the Hammer's full-backs, Ruth and Stansfield, gave a brilliant display.

Frankston crushed Moorabbin to the tune of 5 goals to 2 to join Oakleigh in second place. Frankston's chance of promotion is likely to hinge on the result of their home and away fixtures against Sandringham, to be played later in the season, while Austria is a real danger to both Oakleigh and Frankston, now being only two points in arrears.

Today's big interest lies in the Dockerty Cup exploits of the four remaining contenders. League Leaders, Sandringham, journey to Gee-

long where the powerful Croatia are confident of a beaten record; a good account

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# THE HAMMERS HAVE GOT IT MADE

*Frankston, Austria in the Picture*

Sandringham City took another step toward a place in First Division next year—by a runaway 7-2 victory over F.N.D. last week, and now look certain to take the league pennant.

A neck-and-neck struggle for the runner-up spot is taking place between Frankston and Austria with only two points the difference.

Frankston's visit to Hampton today for their first encounter with undefeated Sandringham City could well result in the best match of the season. That the Frankston team is in top form is evidenced by their tally of nine goals without reply against Bayswater, but they will find the Hammers' tight defence a very different proposition. On past performances, Sandringham should win this game, but Frankston's recent efforts are ample grounds for optimism by the Baysiders.

Austria made no mistake last week in comfortably defeating Croydon 4-1 and will anxiously await the result of Frankston's game today as a guide to their prospects. With no league game for them today it will be no surprise to see many Austria followers giving Sandringham plenty of vocal support!

At the other end of the ladder Croydon appears doomed to finish at the bottom in spite of a revival of fortunes in recent matches. Ferntree Gully are also firmly placed in the relegation zone, being four points behind Rosebud. They have played two games less than the Peninsula team

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but will have to stage a striking return to form if they are to bridge the gap.

The last remaining Dockerty Cup contender, Moorabbin City, appears to face a hopeless task today when meeting Melbourne, the apparently invincible Hungarian combination, but they are to be congratulated on reaching the fourth round and their spirited brand of Cup tie football will ensure an exciting game.

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# SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

## FRANKSTON'S LATE RUN

After Frankston's good display in inflicting Sandringham's first defeat of the season, we felt that the Baysiders could give the flag a shake with a Phar Lap finish. But after looking up their last three opponents—Austria, Rosebud, and Sandringham again—we think they've left their run too late.

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their own previous form and figures. Williamstown, for instance, has taken a battering this year, but

# FRANKSTON BLASTS 'HAM'S RECORD

## Inflicts Leader's First League Defeat

Frankston put up an excellent performance last week to inflict Sandringham's first league defeat of the season in one of the best games seen at Hampton this year.

This well-earned victory has considerably enhanced Frankston's promotional prospects, but today's encounter with Austria is still vital.

If Frankston can avenge two earlier defeats by Austria in league and Cup games, promotion will be virtually settled, with Sandringham and Frankston the prize-winners.

If Austria wins today, however, the issue will be wide open with the Austrians, who have easier matches in the final rounds, favoured to displace Frankston.

For the second time in three weeks, Sandringham were let down by selected players, and had to call upon two spectators to fill the gaps. The Hammers' failure to have adequate reserves standing by has seriously endangered their premiership hopes, and a decisive win over the improved Croydon team is needed today to make their position secure at the head of the ladder.

Moorabbin's return to their league fixture against Bayswater will provide them with an easier match than they had last week when they were beaten by First South champions Melbourne in a Cup match.

Incidentally, Moorabbin can draw considerable satisfaction from having

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penetrated the Hungarian's defence three times — a feat which has been beyond most First Division clubs this year.

Rosebud will be right on their toes against F.N.D. today in a bid to get well clear of the relegation zone, but F.N.D. have similar problems, and the young Tars will give the Bustling Buds plenty of opposition.

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## SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

# AUSTRIA BACK IN THE RUNNING

## Sandringham Takes League Honours

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Austria's splendid win over Frankston last week has brought them right back into promotional calculations.

This win also confirmed Austria's superiority over Frankston, since they have now beaten the Baysiders on each of the three occasions they have met this year.

Austria has three games to play—Moorabbin twice and Ferntree Gully—while Frankston has only two games to play—Sandringham and Rosebud. Holding a narrow 2-point lead, Frankston's chance of promotion will depend to a great extent on the outcome of today's clash with Sandringham.

When Sandringham beat Croydon 6-2 last week, the Hammers established an unbeatable lead for the championship of Second South. Their triumph has been an all-club effort, but special credit for the consistency of their performances must be shared by three players—goalie Len Hayball, captain Jim Ward, and the old maestro Joe Lachmann.

The Hammers will be keen to avenge their only league defeat of the season when they travel to Frankston, and the Baysiders face a difficult task trying to win back the ground they lost to Austria.

### MOORABBIN PUZZLE

Still another disappointing performance was turned on by Moorabbin last week when they were beaten 2-4 by Bayswater. Moorabbin's Cup efforts indicated real ability, but very little has been seen of it in their

league matches.

Although Croydon has shown improvement recently, they cannot now avoid accepting the wooden spoon after last week's defeat by Sandringham. Rosebud slipped out of the relegation zone by recording their best win of the season over F.N.D., and the Tars are now only two points ahead of Ferntree Gully, whose lowly position on the ladder is the year's biggest surprise.

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SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

# AUSTRIA MAINTAINS BID FOR PROMOTION

## *Frankston Concedes Crucial Point*

Austria moved closer to its objective of a First Division berth in 1960 by recording a valuable 4-0 win over Moorabbin City.

Having won this game so convincingly, they must be favoured to collect a further two points against this team in their final fixture next week, and if Austria can beat Fern-tree Gully today—and current form says that it can—then the Austrians must be considered “home and hosed” for the runner-up spot on the ladder.

Last week's encounter between Frankston and Sandringham was a thriller. In a game which could easily have gone either way, a draw was certainly the most satisfactory result, but this one point is likely to have cost Frankston its chance of promotion.

On the other hand, if Austria should lose or draw one of its remaining games, then the point earned by Frankston last week could prove to be the most valuable one gained this season.

Since goal averages could yet be the deciding factor, it is sure that the Baysiders will give Rosebud's defence a torrid time when they journey down the Peninsula today.

Little hangs on the result of today's local derby between Sandringham and Moorabbin, but the Hammers

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have not forgotten that Moorabbin was the first team to take a point from them this season, and they will be keen to demonstrate their outright superiority.

Although at the bottom of the league, Croydon proved that it is far from downhearted by its narrow win over Rosebud last week, and if it can beat F.N.D. today, will finish with the respectable total of 10 points.

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