1971 Newspaper Articles

Frankston

Seven clubs, nearly 600 junior players, more than 100 seniors, 16 grounds and 44 teams.

These are the bare facts of soccer's explosive development in the city of Frankston during the last few

years. With a population of approximately 60,000, Frankston is 25 miles from Melbourne G.P.O.

It claims, with justification, to be the fastest developing soccer area in Victoria. In 1951 a group of

soccer lovers started the Frankston City club, which is now playing in the Metropolitan first division.

Prominent among this group was Frankston's popular president, Mr. "Nippy" Prior.

BUSY MAN

Mr. Prior has served in every administrative capacity with the club, becoming president four years ago.

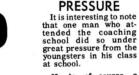
He retired from his position as ad-ministrative officer Naval the with Department at HMAS Cerberus.

This has given him time to devote more of his energy to the development of the Frankston set-up.

The parent club has been responsible for starting six others.

First came Frankston Pines, followed by Langwarrin.

In addition to junior both clubs figure Victorian Referees to start a referees' course. These moves can only lift the standard of soccer in the area and create interest in the game at all levels.



He is, of course, a teacher and should be commended for learning how to teach the sport his pupils want.

Soccer is really gaining momentum down the Peninsula. Great credit is due to the devoted followers of

the game who freely give time, money and effort in building for the future.

ton City Council are kindly disposed to the international game.

They have given considerable assistance and more is promised.

Frankston City is tied in with the Baxter Greyhound Project. A combined stadium with initial seating capacity for 8000 is envisaged

COACHING Alive to the needs of all aspects of the game the Frankston City Club formed a branch of the torian Coaches



In the Fremier Division of the District League.

TWO MORE

This pair were followed at intervals by formation of Karingal, Frankston Seaford, Peninsula S.C. and Overport.

Clubs currently "on

Bill Curran and Jim Adam have just completed the first coaching school.

Association.

Twenty-five people have now gained their junior coaching certificate.

Negotiations are in progress with the

the stocks" are Mount Eliza and Frankston Hibernians.

These should be in action at the start of 1972 season.

At present there are 16 soccer grounds in the city, but such is the growth of the game that more are urgently required.

Fortunately, Franks-

JIM ADAM NOW **AT FRANKSTON**

New coach of Metro division one club Frankston, is Jim Adam, who gained wide experience of the game as a professional player in England for many years.

Adam played with Hellas when he first came to Australia and later had spells as coach with several State League clubs.

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JACK REILLY

DUNCAN IS BACK

Division one a big part in stiffening their power to contend with. defensive set-up.

Mackay, who last played as battler in defence. a defender with Croatia in the State League.

clubigames for Scotland. Frankston City, still team- reckons it won't take him building, recently signed a long to get to peak fitness. veteran who is sure to play When he does he will be a

He should link well with He is former Scottish former Slavia and Hellas international Duncan man David High, another

Another Frankston signing is Jim Mc-Mackay, who in his Minamee, a forward from younger days played many Juventus.

FIGHTING

Yallourn, Prahran, Frankston and Springvale are fighting out the relegation battle. The Latrobe Valley club has collected only one point in the last three games.

They are sadly missing the skill of George Szabo, who's work has taken him to Tasmania.

Frankston, current wooden spooner, is dogged with bad luck.

Playing only his second game since transferring from Polonia, Cierpicz broke his leg, soon after half-time, in the relegation battle with Springvale. Promoted clubs Yallourn and Frankston City found the going tough but just managed to preserve their top division status for another year.

This year's experience should help them to improve in 1972.

Both clubs set heavy store on juniors. Frankston's initiative and colossal work with youngsters is well known on the peninsula.

They also found time to help fourth division Rosebud, to a better season.

Frankston is a shining example of the truly dedicated Soccer club which has helped to raise the status and importance of Metropolitan Soccer.

It is tragic, to see that lively young club, Springvale, and one of Victoria's oldest clubs, Prahran, relegated this year.

Both have the resilience to make swift comebacks.