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Frankston City lost Jimmy Miller, who as captain-coach was the tactician and driving force which this fine club needed to achieve top honours. He broke his leg in that first game at Sunshine, and the leg is still in plaster. Frankston have hung on to third spot and have a fine set-up and tremendous facilities at Seaford Reserve.

Altona, one of the finest nurseries in Australia for junior talent, has suffered by selling youthful stars like Nat Little and Mike Micevski, but more

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Dominic Parisi (Essendon City) bites the dust as Frank Schultze (Moorabbin) races round him with the ball in the Division Four match at Patterson Road.

Randall was kept busy with pencil and notebook, and eight minutes from time he gave Terry Lane marching orders.

Mooroolbark went ahead in seven minutes when a long cross ball from John Howarth was headed in from the edge of the penalty area by Barry O'Toole with a spectacular, dipping header.

Two minutes before the interval, Eric Lindberg converted a cross by Jimmy Tsiokos to level matters.

Mike Plunkett, Tony Allsopp and John Howarth were best for the visitors.

Spiro Fragopoulos, Jimmy Tsiokos and Lou Denys in goal, were outstanding in a St. Albans side which, if concentrating too much on defence, is settling down to a well-balanced combination.

A clever goal in the 25th minute was sufficient to give Frankston the points at

Seaford Reserve and put them on top of the ladder, but it was a mighty near thing.

Western Suburbs played brilliant attacking soccer but found Alan Parrot, Billy Papoutsakis and the rest of the defence in top form.

Bob Adams and Sam Murray were industrious throughout, as sweepers.

The goal was a beauty. Following a Keith Lawson corner, Adams sold a perfect dummy, leaving Peter Avent an easy opportunity of which he took full advantage.

It was an encouraging result for reserves coach Mick Bevis, who has taken over for Jimmy Miller, whilst his broken leg mends.

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Briggs watches anxiously as Ted Eldred (Brighton) jumps high over the bar. An incident from the Division Three match at Dendy Park.

BROUGHT VICTORY

It was Father and Son Day at Cole Reserve on Saturday. Coburg United were trailing Croydon City 1-2 when veteran Frank Loughran equalised. Five minutes later, son Sammy cracked in the winner.

Next Saturday's clash between Albion and Coburg at Selwyn Park should be a beauty, with Albion trying desperately to beat the hoodoo which Coburg has had on them over the years.

Keilor City, Princes Park and University all fell for the first time this season, leaving Sunshine, Frankston, Dandenong and Essendon as the only undefeated clubs in the League.

St Albans and Moorabbin finally cracked it for a win. Now only Sandringham and Rosebud still await their first taste of victory.

Heidelberg have an almost unbelievable record this year. They have drawn more games than any other club in the League (four), scored less goals than any other Metro side (three) and, although in eighth position on the ladder, have conceded three fewer goals than the next best defence in Division Two.

Each division has played 36 games. The number of draws is as follows:

Division One, nine; Division Two, eleven; Division Three, four; Division Four, seven.

Sunshine's clear-cut win over Lions, whilst Frankston and Keilor faltered, places them two points clear at the head of Division One. They have set a formidable pace in the fight for State League.

Eric Lindberg's late winner for St Albans lifted his club two places on the ladder, gave them their first win, and thrust Western Suburbs to the bottom of the ladder.

Ringwood scored twice as many goals against Frankston as their previous five opponents, further emphasising the value of all-out attacking soccer.

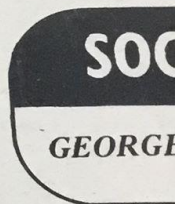
Preston came back to form, defeating previously unbeaten Princes Park more easily than the score suggests.

Competition is cut-throat in this division, with only five points separating eleven clubs.

Dandenong, with an unconvincing win over Prahran, are only a fraction of goal average away from top spot.



Essendon City from the pen



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DIVISION ONE

Frankston were rather quiet
in their home encounter with
St Albans. Over-confidence
may have been the reason but
the visitors had most of the
first half play. They lacked
final penetration, however, and
Billy Papoutsakis only had one
shot to handle.

McMinimee was Frankston's
outstanding player, with
sweeper Sam Murray, the ever
reliable Billy Lewis and Alan
Parrot giving good support.

George Maykousis returned
to his brilliant best at Ross
Reserve and Western Suburbs
fired on all cylinders, to easily
defeat Springvale City.

Maykousis had a hand in all
four goals. He broke through
to head the ball on for Jim
Kypyrtidis to give them a
15-minute lead. Springvale



Mario Borg (Green Gully - stripes) in a h
with Yallourn's Gordon McKellar. Ian Wils
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during Saturday's division one match at

fought back after the interval
and George Orlinki kicked off
the line, with his keeper
beaten.

Back came Suburbs for
Maykousis to put a glorious
ball through to George
Adamidis and he made it 2-0.

Maykousis scored the third
himself and in the last minute,
set the ball up for Kypyrtidis
to complete a clear cut win.

Jimmy Pyrgolios and Charlie
Adamidis gave Maykousis fine
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hands. His reliability and courage make him an automatic choice in the side's last line of defence.

Green Gully took a step towards safety with an only goal win over highly rated Keilor City.

Yallourn, too, picked up two very useful points at the expense of a lethargic Western Suburbs.

Frankston's victory over Essendon Lions put them back in third spot and there was quite a reshuffle of positions in the top division.

Preston and Albion Rovers are gradually pulling away in Division Two, but Ferntree Gully could be the dark horse. They have to meet both top teams yet, and might well hold the key to promotion.

Dandenong dropped another point but are still in a handy

Spot kick by Alan Villiers (Ferntree Gully) is parried

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SUNSHINE

Sunshine City needed just three passes and 21 seconds to take a goal lead at Gardens Reserve.

Albert Seenan kicked off. Gus Norris took the pass, transferred the ball to Bobby Pocock, who fed Jimmy McRobert, for the last named to slam it into the net.

Essendon Lions never recovered and Willie Laing put Sunshine two up at the interval.

A short-lived fight back brought Essendon a goal, following a corner kick. Back came Sunshine for McRobert to score again with a great solo effort.

Mick Dixey replaced Seenan for the second half and scored his side's fourth goal, two minutes from the end.

The first half was defence dominated, with scoring efforts down to a minimum.

It all happened in the second period.

Fouls at both ends brought a penalty kick to both sides. Jerry Keuken scored from the spot after 7 minutes to put Ringwood ahead.

Eight minutes later, Keith Lawson converted a penalty kick for Frankston. Mid-way through the half, Ringwood went ahead again, when John Gibson sent a high lob through to Mike Sinclair who squared it for Keuken to smash the ball home.

Five minutes from the end, Frankston drew level.

Star defender Brian Conway

just couldn't reach a cross from the right by Tony McKay, Lou Farkas applied the finishing touch.

Conway, Falconer Ireland, and Herman Vloedmans were Ringwood's best.

Frankston had to thank Papoutsakis for another outstanding performance. Billy Lewis was unbeatable in the air, and Bob Adam and young Sammy Murray were terrific as centre backs.

St. Albans gained two valuable points when they narrowly defeated fellow sufferers Western Suburbs.

Only goal of the first half came when a Many Bljajic cross found an unmarked Jimmy Tsiokos.

When Eric Lindberg erred in passing back, George Adamidis nipped in to equalise for the visitors.

A draw appeared inevitable when, with only a few minutes left, Tsiokos slipped the ball to Lindberg, who scored, to give St. Albans a welcome, if slightly fortunate, first victory.

Green Gully and Altona finished all square in a tough, hard-fought game made difficult by a strong cross wind. Altona took the lead 13 minutes from time with a tremendous 20 yards shot by Steve Vonja, which gave the goalie no chance.

Ten minutes later, Bruce Roberts hit the post, in sustained Altona attacks. One minute later, Charlie Vella nipped in to get the equaliser

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Bayswater	8	6	1	1	19	12	13
Moreland	8	6	-	2	29	11	12
RMIT	8	4	2	2	7	7	10
Heidelberg	7	4	1	2	21	10	9
Latrobe Univ.	8	4	1	3	26	22	9
Fernt. Gully	8	4	-	4	21	20	8
Ringw. Utd.	8	2	3	3	18	17	7
Univ. of Melb.	8	2	1	5	10	17	5
Croydon A	7	1	2	4	10	19	4
Croydon B	8	1	2	5	10	24	4
Eltham	8	-	-	8	8	37	0

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Dandenong C	8	4	3	1	16	11	11
Waverley B	7	5	-	2	22	5	10
Brighton	8	4	1	3	21	14	9
Clayton	8	3	3	2	18	29	9
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Frank. City	7	3	1	3	29	8	7
Waverley A	8	3	1	4	14	18	7
Moorabbin	8	3	1	4	11	18	7
Portsea O.	6	2	2	2	12	14	6
Monash Univ.	7	2	2	3	10	23	6
Chelsea	7	2	1	4	11	21	5
Army Appr.	6	1	1	4	10	17	3

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Nunawading	10	5	1	4	32	37	11
Hamlyn R.	10	4	1	5	10	28	9
Carlton	10	3	—	7	21	22	6
Port Melb.	10	3	—	7	12	32	6
Burnley	10	—	1	9	10	42	1
Gen. Altona	10	—	—	10	6	46	0

COMPETITION

at June 2

B DIVISION

Waverley B	7	5	—	2	22	5	10
Brighton	8	4	1	3	21	14	9
D'nong C.	7	3	3	1	14	11	9
Clayton	8	3	3	2	18	29	9
Caulfield C.	8	3	2	3	29	25	8
Frankston C.	7	3	1	3	29	8	7
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