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Frankston's new player Vince Bannon (left) with his brothers Jed (centre) and Pat

Vince joins Frankston

Victorian 1973 Rothmans Medal Winner Vince Bannon has transferred to Frankston City.

The bayside club has picked up the former Fitzroy Alexander star for \$2000, the fee stipulated in Bannon's contract with Alexander.

For a player of Bannon's calibre it's a bargain price.

His reason for leaving Alexander and the glamour of the Phillips League is the long training hours.

Vince feels they're too demanding on a part-time player who has a full-time job as well.

So now there is only one Bannon at Alexander.

Remaining is brother Pat, who won the



Mooroolbark's Gordon McGregor — to join Frankston

Rothmans Medal in 1974 and last season captained Alexander to second spot in the Phillips League.

At Frankston, Vince links up with new coach Brian Edgley, the former Hellas, Mooroolbark and Doveton boss.

At one stage there was a possibility Bannon

would be signing with Lions but Frankston made a better offer.

Frankston has been showing interest in two other players — **Billy Whiteside**, the Alexander reserve goalkeeper and **Gordon McGregor**, the Mooroolbark striker.

Frankston v GG Ajax

(Olympic Park, Saturday, 7.30 pm)

Much will depend on whether Frankston manages to sign Mooroolbark striker Gordon McGregor in time for this match.

If he plays, he could well prove Frankston's match-winner as Ajax does not appear to have anyone capable of stopping him.

And in defence, Frankston's new signing **Vince Bannon** and **Alex Irvine** will be too strong for Ajax's only impressive striker, **Andy Segi**.

This could be a vastly different Frankston team, as goalkeeper **Frank Petersen**, midfielder **Dave Gorrie**, forward **Gus Eadie** and midfielder **Bill Buchanan** have all been placed on the transfer list.

Frankston has shown interest in Mooroolbark's brilliant forward **Paul Ontong** but his \$4000 price tag may prove prohibitive.

As for Green Gully, which will suffer from the absence of injured forward **John Grady**, much will depend on new signings **Dave Perkin** and **Nick Cook** from England.

Our tip: **FRANKSTON**

Ajax signs Stan Klain

FRANKSTON 1 (Eadie) GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Perkin 2).

AJAX: Denys 7, Thompson 6, Donaldson 7, Patten 8, Cole 6, Tribbuzio 6 (Hamil, half-time S. Klain, 56th min.), Cook 7, Thomson 6, Gambin 7, Perkin 9, Segi 6.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6, Bannon 6, Irvine 4, Adams 4, Williamson 4, Gillespie 4 (Campbell, 56th min.), Webster 4, Tulloch 4, MacGregor 4, Eadie 4, Spears 4 (Bray, 66th. min.).

Stan Klain, former Keilor City star, has joined Green Gully Ajax from Polonia.

Klain's two-year contract with Polonia expired at the end of last season and he joined Ajax for a fee stipulated in the contract.

Stan comes from a soccer-playing family.

Brothers **Kaz** and **Wally** played for Keilor City before Kaz switched to Sunshine,

Nubrick

and Wally to Polonia. Kaz is now coach of Gully's U/14 team.

Stan made his first appearance for Ajax in the Ampol Cup game against Frankston when he came on as a substitute.

Peter Donaldson, centre-half for Ajax in that game, arrived back in Australia on the morning of the match. He had been holidaying in Scotland and stayed longer than expected.

Green Gully's new English import, **IAN PERKIN**, destroyed Frankston with his

strong and skilful running with the ball, scoring two goals in the process.

Frankston's midfield was non-existent in a display which left coach **Brian Edgley** fuming.

However, full credit must go to Ajax as it ran all night and played with enthusiasm. Perkin in particular had a tremendously high work rate and chased every ball.

Frankston took the lead in the 20th minute when **Gus Eadie** scored with a scissors-kick — **Keith Webster** took a corner and **Eric Gillespie** flicked it on with his head for Eadie to do his acrobatics.

Green Gully equalised six minutes later through Perkin. He ran onto a through ball and shrugged off tackles from three Frankston

defenders before putting it past keeper **Frank Petersen**.

Ajax captain **John Patten** played an excellent game in defence and **Nick Cook** showed some good touches in midfield.

Perkin shot Ajax into the lead in the 60th minute when he picked up a through ball from Andy Segi.

He missed his hat-trick by inches when he shot fractionally wide after breaking away from the Frankston defence yet again.

Frankston's **Gordon MacGregor** never got proper service from the midfield and as a result, had a quiet game. At one stage full-back **Vince Bannon** moved into midfield to try to spark some improvement, but it made no difference.



Kennedy to Frankston?

Essendon Croatia goalkeeper John Kennedy (pictured) who is interested in joining Frankston City?

The transfer fee stipulated in his contract was no more than \$2000.

Kennedy, 33, joined Essendon last year from South Melbourne Hellas, on a one-year contract, with a one-year option.

He previously played for APIA, Fitzroy Alexander, Ringwood, and Wilhelmina and in Scotland for junior league clubs Arncliffe Rangers and Armadale Thistle.

A report last week said

Duncan McKay was sacked as coach of Essendon was that he used Kennedy in a practice match ahead of **Dime Petrovski** and **Danny Lacok**.

Kennedy denied this. He said he had just returned from his honeymoon in Scotland, and rang McKay before the game to say he did not feel fit enough to play.

He said he had trained with the team earlier in the



IRVINE OUTSHINES THE STAR RECRUITS

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Cumming penalty 53rd). FRANKSTON CITY 0.

Croatia: Petrovski 6, Smart 6, Kokosta 6, Gardner 7, Blaver 7, Culina 7 (Kuzmanov 54th), Andrews 6, Murphy 8, Davidson 6, Drosovic 6, Cumming 7.
Frankston: Peterson 6, V. Bannon 6, Irvine 9, Gillespie 7, Williamson 8, Tulloch 8 (Adams 67th), J. Bannon 6, Webster 7, Campbell 6, Eddie 5 (Farkas 81st), McGregor 5.

Jed Bannon, Frankston's recruit from Juventus, and little forward **Tommy Cumming**, who switched to Croatia from Sunshine City for \$6000, were the star attraction of this game.

However, both were eclipsed by Frankston's strong man, **Sandy Irvine**, who had a magnificent match at centre back.

Had it not been for the former Soccerero, Frankston could well have lost more decisively.

It failed to match Croatia in general play, especially during the first half hour of the second half, during which a Croatia victory always looked on the cards.

It wasn't until the last five minutes that the pressure was taken off Irvine, and Frankston finally did a little attacking.

During that brief period, a spot by substitute **Can Farkas** split the defence, and **Eric Gillespie** followed up by hitting the crossbar.

Tommy Cumming had an impressive debut in Croatia's attack, but **Jed Bannon** was inexpressive in Frankston's midfield.

Croatia played without mid-fielder **Alan Kerr**. The club claims his contract should be no higher than \$1000, but the Perth club was now seeking a higher fee.

The case is likely to go to the ASF for a ruling.

Another player yet to come into Croatia's team is former Soccerero **Billy Walker** who resumed training two weeks ago after a long lay-off during which he had an aortic valve tendon operation.

Frankston played a 4-4-2 formation which always left strikers **Gus Eddie** and **Gordon McGregor** out on their own.

Keith Webster was the only midfielder who came forward occasionally to support them.

To play 4-4-2 effectively, you need good men able to storm forward down the line. Neither **Alan Tulloch** nor **Norris Campbell** did this.

However, Frankston was at least more impressive than it had been the previous week when it lost 1-2 to Green Gully-Alex.

Cumming first made his mark on the match when he took off on a mazy run past four defenders into the penalty area where he lost the ball. This is the kind of thing that made him such a crowd-pleaser at Sunshine.

Webster was playing very well in midfield during the first half, and Frankston looked quite solid.

However, former Mooroodook left back **Ian Williamson** almost conceded a penalty when he chopped down **Ken Murphy** who was going through. Whether or not the offence was inside the area remains a talking point, but the referee decided it wasn't.

Williamson chopped down **Murphy** who was going through.

Cumming next, and this time he was shown the yellow card.

Branko Culina, Croatia's young midfielder, was back to his best in the second half, combining well with Cumming on the flank.

Brian Davidson, who generally had a quiet evening, shot across goal after **Eddy Knezevic** had knocked the ball down to him.

Then Davidson crossed to the middle where **Kirovic's** header was held well by goalkeeper **Frank Peterson**.

Frankston struck in a counter-attack, with **McGregor** getting through the defence, but Croatia keeper **Dime Petrovski** did well to dive at the striker's feet.

One of the **Culina-Cumming** combinations was quite impressive. Culina saved the ball with a brilliant tackle, and gave it back to Cumming who pushed it square across goal, but no-one was running onto it the way he had hoped.

Ale Blaver, the Croatia left back, had more of the ball than any other player on the field. He defended stoutly and went on many good runs upfield.

Ken Murphy was the most hard-working of the midfielders.

In the 30th minute the ball accidentally struck **Keith Webster** on the arm and the referee made the harsh decision to give Croatia a penalty.

It looked like **John Gardner** was going to take the kick, then he seemed to offer it to **Culina**, who usually takes the penalties. However, it was Cumming who was given the honor, and he made no mistake.

A few moments later, Culina was replaced by **Rich Kuzmanov**. Gardner explained later that he wanted an extra forward on the field, to break the determined Frankston defence.

Frankston also made changes, bringing in **Bob Adams** for **Tulloch** and **Farkas** for **Eddie**.

Laurie Schwab



Star recruits **Jed Bannon** (left) of Frankston and **Tommy Cumming** of Croatia.

Two goals, then tragedy!

PRESTON MAKEDONIA (Adams 2, McWilliam 10th), ALTONA 0, Geelong 0.

had gone into the lead then it might have rebounded the and

Altona went out of the game and he had time the

Webster sparkles

FRANKSTON CITY 6 (Eadie 32nd, G. Bannon 41st, Tulloch 44th, Rainey own goal 50th, McGregor 66th, Fakos 67th). HAKOAH 0.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6; V. Bannon 6, Irvine 6, Gillespie 6, Williamson 6; Campbell 5 (Taylor 45th), G. Bannon 7, Webster 8, Tulloch 7; McGregor 6, Eadie 5 (Fakos 59th).

HAKOAH: Harburn 4 (Amaci 44th); Rainey 5, Gadsby 6, Edmondson 6, Nagy 5; McNeil 5, Jordanou 4, Adamgikis 4, Blair 5, Mandalis 4, Bodzinovski 4.

Steve Adamgikis should have picked a different week to make his debut for Hakoah.

The former J.U.S.T. player will want to forget this one in a hurry! Adamgikis switched to Hakoah in part-exchange for **Mike O'Hara** (see page one).

However, not even his PSL experience, nor the brains of player-coach **Mike Mandalis** could save Hakoah from the thrashing handed out by Frankston.

Centre backs **Steve Gadsby** and **Gary Edmondson** tried hard to stem the tide, but they had to crack eventually due to the lack of mid-field support.

Keith Webster and **Alex Tulloch** were the key men in Frankston's team, playing with imagination and

creativity. Hakoah had no-one to match them.

Neither was Hakoah able to make an impression on the Frankston defence. **Vince Bannon, Sandy Irvine** and **Eric Gillespie** won't have an easier afternoon this year.

Hakoah guarded its respectability until about half way through the first half, yet even then it was lucky not to concede at least one goal.

With Webster doing as he liked in midfield, Frankston had chances galore. **Norrie Campbell** missed with a close-range header, **Jed Bannon** shot over the bar with the aid of a deflection, a shot by Webster was stopped by Campbell who got in the way, and **Gus Eadie** missed from just 15 metres.

The only time Hakoah posed a threat to Frankston goalkeeper **Frank Petersen** was when someone pushed a long through ball — not a shot — into the penalty area. Petersen had to come to the edge of the area to pounce on it.

Edmondson, who had just been shown the yellow card, came forward in a Hakoah attack and slammed a fantastic shot through the middle. It may have scored, had Sandy Irvine's back not been in the way.

The first goal came in the 32nd minute. Goalkeeper **Steve Harburn** spilled a shot by **Tulloch** and **Eadie** put the ball into the empty net.

Just after half time, Tulloch beat Harburn with a 25-metre shot, and coach Mandalis immediately replaced Harburn with **Amaci**.

Frankston coach **Brian Edgley** also made a substitution, sending **John Taylor** in for Campbell.

Frankston went further ahead with an own goal by Mike Rainey.

Gordon McGregor had Rainey under pressure on a long kick-in by Petersen, and in trying to pass back to Amaci, Rainey lobbed it into the net.

Former Doveton player **Con Fakos** came on for Eadie in the 59th minute and was quickly prominent.

After McGregor had made it 5-0 with a diving header, Fakos added a sixth with a quick shot through the middler.

Laurie Schwab.



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FRANKSTON v. GEORGE CROSS

(Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm).

Frankston got the confidence it needed last week, and looks a good bet to beat George Cross on Sunday.

Kelth Webster is in fine form and together with **Jed Bannon** and **Alex Tulloch** he will assure Frankston of control on midfield.

Sandy Irvine, **Eric Gillespie**, **Vince Bannon** and **Ian Williamson** look too strong for George Cross' attack, but Frankston's forwards will also get strong opposition from **John Webb** and **Norm Maitland**.

Our tip: **FRANKSTON**.

JUVENTUS v FRANKSTON

(Sunday, 3 pm, Frankston's Ground)

This match could end in a scoreless draw and be decided on penalties.

Neither team has attackers who can match the opposing defences, for those defences are two of the best in the league.

Look at those names — Walker, Pfisterer, Tarquinio of Juventus; Irvine, Vince Bannon, Gillespie of Frankston.

Juventus can't afford to lose. It holds second place in Section A and coach Bobby Thomson isn't about to let a finals berth slip through his fingers.

Our tip: JUVENTUS.

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Juventus there on goal average

FRANKSTON 2 (Webster pen, 33rd min., J. Bannon, 46th min.)
JUVENTUS 1 (Armstrong, 62nd min.) Frankston City's ground, Sunday.

Frankston: Petersen 6, V. Bannon 7, Gillespie 5, Irvine 6, Campbell 5, G. Bannon 8, Webster 7, Tulloch 6, MacGregor 5 (Brk, 75th min.), Falco 5 (Taylor, 70th min.), Adams 6.
Juventus: Barry 7, Della Rocca 5, Walker 8, Pfisterer 5, Sabidini 5, Sabidini 6, Smith 5, Santangelo 5 (Armstrong, 71st min.), Watkins 6, Curcio 7, J. Lucchesi 4 (sent off, 40th min.)

Frankston City came out of the doldrums to convincingly beat a weakened Juventus, which had to rely on goal average to get it through to the semi-finals.

Juve was without FAUSTO TARQUINIO and LOU SAN-NIPOLI, who are injured, and of course CLAUDE LUCCHESI, who is in dispute with the club and on the transfer list at his own request.

Coach BOBBY THOMSON brought PAT DELLA ROCCA and ROCCO SANTANGELO into the team, and had JIM ARMSTRONG on the bench. The former South Melb. Heilas star was not expected to play until the start of the league season, so his shock appearance was heartening to Juve fans.

Armstrong lived up to his title of the greatest goalscorer in State League history by grabbing a goal after coming on as a substitute late in the second half. Recovering from a serious achilles tendon injury and scoring in your comeback game is no mean feat, and there should be no doubt in anyone's mind about the brilliance of Jim Armstrong. However, not even he could save Juventus in this game.

From the word go, Frankston outplayed the Dockety Cup holder with aggressive defending and swift attacking moves. The Stars for Frankston were JED BANNON and KEITH WEBSTER, both former Juve players, who controlled the midfield and gave excellent displays of passing.

VIVA ROCKY!

Rocky Mattioli rocks Ellsha Obed with a hard right. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Melbourne's Italian community — including many regular soccer followers — was out to force to see its hero son, Rocky Mattioli, achieve one of the highlights of his boxing career, at Melbourne's Koyang Tennis Centre.

Rocky knocked out challenger Ellsha Obed of the Bahamas in the seventh round to retain the world light middleweight championship.

He came into the ring with seconds carrying both the Australian and Italian flags. With Obed lying on his face after the knock-out, Mattioli thanked the Australian public for accepting him, but he also spoke briefly in Italian.

"Viva Italia" he cried, and the many Italian spectators loved it. Mattioli has watched top soccer matches in Italy since moving there from Morwell to join the stable of fight manager Umberto Branchini.

Next time he comes to Melbourne, soccer officials should try to lure him to a local match. The promotion would be invaluable.

Aided by the experienced VINCE BANNON, those two were the architects of Frankston's win.

Juve never got into the game, and it was apparent that the team lacks muscle up front.

Young TONY CURCIO was battered continually by the Frankston back-four, three of whom are six footers.

The referee, TOM STORLING, gave Curcio little protection, and unfortunately Juve doesn't have enough big men to fight back.

BRUNO SABIJOSKI was one Juve player prepared to show some aggression, but from midfield he doesn't get into many deep attacking positions.

Hopefully for Juve, the return of Armstrong will solve the problem.

MIKE HARDY made a miraculous save in the 20th minute after Webster had fired a shot on the turn from point blank range.

However, Webster got his revenge with a penalty 10 minutes later.

BOBBY ADAMS had been brought down in the box, and from the resultant spot kick Webster blasted the ball into the net.

Juve was unlucky not to get a penalty in the first half. Curcio made a run into the box, but was rolled by SANDY IRVINE.

Amazingly the referee waved play on with Curcio picking himself up off the ground yet again.

Jed Bannon made it 2-0 early in the second half with a fine 20-metre shot.

He had won the ball with a strong challenge on Della Rocca, but something upset JOHN LUCCHESI.

He said something to the referee, which must have been uncomplimentary because it earned him the red card.

Down to 10 men, Juve was given a lift by Armstrong's goal, but still Frankston was dominant.

Not long before the end, Frankston's JOHN BRAY missed what will be one of the easiest goals of the season.

JOHN TAYLOR had drawn Harry out from goal and headed the ball against the post when it would have been easier to score.

Juventus now goes into the semi-finals, but it scored the least number of goals of all the teams in the competition.

That fact must be a worry. To Bobby Thomson, but Juventus will still have a big leg in the finals. — KYLE PATTERSON.



Billy Spears



Bill Buchanan



Ross Murray

Dandenong, Doveton make gains

Three Frankston City players have been transferred.

Billy Spears, formerly of Makedonia and Melbourne, has joined Doveton, and Bill Buchanan and Ross Murray have gone to Dandenong City.

Ross Murray is a Victorian under 18 representative.

First main round of Dockerty Cup

The first main round of the Dockerty Cup is played this weekend and for the first time this year the 'Big boys' make an appearance.

The 12 State League clubs, plus the four top Metropolitan League teams Box Hill, Croydon, Polonia and Ardeer, enter the competition to do battle with 16 other teams, some of which have had to play three games to reach this stage.

Barring a major upset, the 16 'big boys' should win passage into the next round. However, Frankston City and Prahran Slavia face danger games.

Slavia plays Western Suburbs. (if Wests beat Little

Corio) and it will be a close game. If **Steve Moore** fires for Wests his team could cause an upset.

Collingwood City will play Frankston in what will be a physical game. Collingwood has been strengthened by the signing of **George Bozakis** and if it can match Frankston's aggression and contain the midfield trio of **Jed Bannon, Keith Webster** and **Alex Tulloch**, it might take extra time to split the teams.

Dockerty Cup 1st main round games are:

Saturday

At Altona City's ground; Altona City v Hotham United or Springvale City. Prahran Slavia v Western Suburbs or Corio.

At Croydon City's ground. Croydon City v Central Altona or Crescent United, Frankston City v Collingwood City.

At Box Hill's ground; Box Hill v Port Melbourne; Hakoah St. Kilda v Fawkner or Resanna.

At Sunshine City's ground; Ardeer v Park Rangers; Sunshine City v Dandenong City or Gladstone Park.

At Green Gully's ground; Maribyrnong v Geelong or Monbulk; Green Gully v Hawksburn or Sandringham City.

SUNDAY

At Ringwood City's ground; Ringwood City v Wiltona or Monash University; Albion Leyland v South Oakleigh or Moorabbin;

At Olympic Park — (Kick-off 1st game 1.30 pm.); Juventus v Pegasus (ISLV) or Geelong West; Essendon v Royal Park or Waverley.

At Sunshine City's ground; George Cross Courage v Morwell Falcons or Doveton; Preston v Footscray or Kellor.

Cumberland Cup

The semi-finals of the Cumberland Cup will be played at Waverley's Sixth Avenue ground this Sunday.

Croydon City meets Springvale at 1 o'clock and Western Suburbs play Collingwood City in an all-Greek encounter at 2.45.

Results of Cumberland Cup area finals were: WEST — Western Suburbs 3 (Patsakos 2, Theocharidis) South Melbourne 0. EAST — Croydon 2 Doncaster 2, A.E.T. Croydon won on penalties. SOUTH — Springvale 3 South Dandenong 2. NORTH — Collingwood City 2 Fitzroy 1.

keep an eye on **Eddie Krncevic**, who is the target man Croatia looks for.

Ken Reed has been below his best recently, but give him half a chance and he will score.

Paul Murphy has a hard task in the midfield against **Alan Kerr** and **Branko Culina**, who do a lot of running, so Croatia has the edge in the middle of the park. The recent unrest of George Cross will not help the players.

Lou Kastner, who has quit, will be sorely missed in goal as Georgie has no adequate cover for him.

Overall, Croatia has a well-balanced team and is in form at the moment.

OUR TIP — Croatia.

ALTONA v. GREEN GULLY

Kim Reserve, Sunday.

Green Gully has lost **Nick Cook**, but has picked up **Ian McCarthy** from Sunshine in an exchange deal.

With McCarthy, Gully has an impressive midfield line-up.

Willie Vassallo and **Les Thomson** are playing well as linkmen and they will give good service to **Andy Segi** and **David Perkin** up front.

Altona, on the other hand, has problems. Coach **Joe Wilson** used the Ampol Cup to slowly build up his team but Altona had injury problems and showed little improvement.

Altona is hoping that **Alby Brown** will return to bolster the team in that department, but until he does **Alan Davidson** and **Keith Ackers** will have to improve if Altona is to avoid humiliation.

Peter Donaldson and **John Patten** will keep things tight at the back for Gully and **Lou Denys** is probably the best goalkeeper in the league.

OUR TIP — Green Gully.

SLAVIA v. JUVENTUS

Showgrounds, Sunday.

Both these teams have had coaching troubles, but Slavia looks more settled than Juve.

Slavia must start favorite, even though it will be without star centre back **Jim Symington**, who wants a transfer.

Steve Bonnie has been going like a bomb in midfield lately, as has the tireless **Jim Train**.

Juventus will be in trouble if **Jim Paton** and **Jim Williams** get going on the wings.

These two set up countless opportunities if given the room, and powerful **Carl Gilder** will be on hand to finish off any good moves.

Steve Walker and **Uli Pfisterer** are reliable as ever at the back for Juve and **Jim Armstrong** is getting back into goalscoring mood.

However, apart from these two, **Mick Watkins** is the only other Juve player who poses a threat to Slavia. **Tony Curcio** could also be dangerous if switched to the wing, where he played at Altona.

OUR TIP — Slavia.

SUNSHINE v. FRANKSTON

Anderson Road, Sunday

Frankston is finally putting it together and will have too many big guns for Sunshine.

Jed and **Vince Bannon** are shining for the Bayside club and **Sandy Irvine** is solid as a rock in defence.

Sunshine has lost **Ian McCarthy**, and **Jim McRobert** and **Peter Lewis** aren't happy, which dampens City's hopes.

Frankston's trouble is that it lacks a top forward. **Gordon MacGregor** hasn't been setting the world on fire since his transfer to Frankston from Mooroolbark, leaving the goalscoring to midfielder **Jed Bannon** and **Keith Webster**.

dRay Pocock is a threat to the Frankston defence, and **George Niecroblaz** has the skill to walk around defenders but Frankston's back four play it hard and move in fast on attackers who dwell on the ball.

Sunshine's defence is reasonably tight, so Frankston may have to settle for a one-goal win.

OUR TIP — Frankston.

RINGWOOD v. ALBION LEYLAND

Jubilee Park, Sunday

Ringwood coach **Fred Bunce** would be well advised to play for a draw in this game.

Albion's striking duo **Noel Mitten** and **Bill McCormack** will be in a lethal mood, wanting to notch the club's first victory in the State League after being promoted last season.

Kit Greechan is playing really well in midfield and is doing a lot of attacking, as is the talented **Mick D'Sylva**.

John Luyten is dependable at centre back, but Ringwood's other defenders are inconsistent.

However, **Reno Lia**, on loan from South Melbourne Hellas, will boost the Ringwood midfield.

John O'Callaghan and **Brian Thom** are Ringwood's main goalscoring hopes, but **George Malkoulis** should be able to contain them.

OUR TIP — Albion.

SUNSHINE CITY 2 (Gilmour, D. Nelson) FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Webster, Eadie).

SUNSHINE: Shilton, Parkins, Howe, Dixey, R. Nelson, Laing, D. Nelson Cook (Niecroblaz, 76th min.), Pocock, Gilmour, MacRobert injured (Banagan 20th min.)

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Campbell, Irvine, Gillespie, G. Bannon, Webster, Tulloch, MacGregor, Eadie, Fox.

Frankston and Sunshine shared the points in this entertaining clash.

The game was played at a brisk pace, and both teams played very hard but fair, with a draw being a fair result.

Frankston included **Tommy Fox**, the former Makedonia player, and although he showed some good touches the club still needs a goalscorer.

The Bayside team needs a player who can hit the back of the net regularly, as it is creating the chances but has no one to finish them off.

Brian Edgely, the former Mooroolbark, Doveton and Hellas coach, now team boss at Frankston, was cautioned by the referee for remarks he made from the sidelines during the game. He spoke up after Frankston's **Norrie Campbell** had been booked, but sensibly he kept quiet after the warning from the official.

Mike Dixey was outstanding for Sunshine, and he marked **Gus Eadie** right out of the game.

Eadie lost Dixey late in the game and grabbed Frankston's equaliser, but you couldn't blame the tall Sunshine defender.

Dixey held the Sunshine defence together in the first 20 minutes when Frankston threatened to over-run Sunshine.

Frankston managed to score one goal during that opening onslaught, and it came from **Keith Webster**. It was a solo effort by the former Juventus and Alexander star as he just kept on running with the ball and finally got into the area before slotting it home.

Stewart Gilmour equalised for Sunshine in the 25th minute, before **Dave Nelson** put Sunshine into the lead just after half time.

INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

Bruno Sammartino
(Italy) International Champion



PLUS



FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Webster 2, pen. 40th min., 60th min.) RINGWOOD CITY 0.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Irvine, Campbell, Gillespie, G. Bannon, Webster, Tulloch, MacGregor, Eadie (Dall, half time), Fox.

RINGWOOD: Wilding, Kupinic, Luyten, Garthwaite, Verniers, Carnaby, de Bruyckere injured (Schott 30th min.), Adams (sent off, 75th min.), Plumb injured (Lia, 35th min.), O'Callaghan, Thom.

After a promising start, Ringwood City was crippled by injuries to Richard Plumb and Benny de Bruyckere, which ended its hopes of victory.

Both were carried off the field. Plumb had a badly gashed shin, and de Bruyckere a thigh injury. Ringwood coach **Freddy Bruce** blamed 'pathetic refereeing' for the injuries to his players.

"It was a very physical game," he said, "and the referee, **Jim Dixon**, let players get away with dangerous tackles. The player who ripped up Plumb's shin wasn't even booked!" Plumb's gashed shin needed nine stitches.

Ringwood lost its rhythm when **Reno Lia** and **Greg Schott** came on. Schott is having a bad run and Lia is still settling in at Ringwood

after transferring from Hellas earlier in the season.

Brian Carnaby, who arrived from England last week, played well in midfield. He was with Charlton Athletic for two seasons, and with Reading for six.

Ringwood is bringing out another English player soon. He is a striker, and has played for Southend.

Frankston would also like a striker. It created many chances in this game, but didn't have anyone up front to finish them off. It was left to **Keith Webster** to score the goals, but he can't be expected to score every week.

Gordon MacGregor did a lot of running up front but he lacks the goal sense of Webster or **Ged Bannon**.

Webster's first goal came from the penalty spot after **Tommy Fox** had been tripped in the area. His second goal came after a defensive error by Schott. He had the ball at his feet in his own penalty area, but unfortunately pushed it straight to Webster, who slammed it into the back of the net.

John O'Callaghan was starved of good service for most of the game, and had a hard time in the second half trying to make something of the many long balls that were pumped in his direction.

Keith Adams was sent off 15 minutes from the end, making it a totally forgettable day for Ringwood. Adams was given his marching orders after making a comment to referee Dixon after he had awarded Frankston a free kick just outside the area.

The defeat sends Ringwood to the bottom of the State League, but the Eastern Suburbs club will be hard at work to try to get up the table.

Frankston has three points from two games and its physical style of play will get it through a lot of tight games this year.

FRANKSTON 2 (Eadie 2, 4th min., 55th min.) ALBION LEYLAND 1 (Mitten, 30th min.)

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Campbell, (Williamson), Irvine, Gillespie, G. Bannon, Webster, Tulloch, MacGregor, Eadie (Dall), Fox.

ALBION: Olver, Daperis, McCormack, McClusky, Johnstone, D'Sylva, Davidson, Greenan, McIntyre, Mitten, Quinn.

Frankston's Seaford Reserve will probably be a bogey ground for a few teams by the end of the season.

Brian Eadley has moulded Frankston into a tough-tackling, non-nonsense team and no side will relish playing the Bayside boys on their home soil.

So far this season, Ringwood City and now Albion have made the trek back to Melbourne as losers with more than a few bruises.

Albion had to reshuffle its team after **George Malkousis** refused to play, and big **Bill McCormack** dropped back to centre half to cover for him.

Billy McIntyre, after playing right back last week, went to centre forward. **Jim Daperis** returned at right back after missing a week through injury, but he received another knock and is doubtful for Albion's game against Croatia this week.

Danny McClusky probably will also miss the clash against Croatia, as he was sent off for dissent. Frankston has still to show its true form, and **Ged Bannon** and **Tommy Fox** were very quiet for the second successive game.

Albion was on top in the first half but the game was still close.

Frankston went ahead in the fourth minute with a **Gus Eadie** goal, and Mitten equalised in the 30th minute.

Alan Quinn and **Noel Mitten** were Albion's best players, but **Sandy Irvine** and **Ian Gillespie** stopped a lot of dangerous raids by the Albion pair.

If **McCormack** had playing up front, his bulk may have opened up more room for Mitten and Quinn against the giant frames of **Irvine**, **Gillespie** and **Norrie Campbell**.

Albion's hopes of going home with a point took a dive when **McClusky** was sent off 10 minutes into the second half.

McClusky protested too strongly, in the referee's view, after Eadie had scored after receiving the ball in what looked to be an offside position. The linesman and referee didn't even consider ruling Eadie offside, and McClusky was so incensed he said a few things that he will no doubt regret.

Down to 10 men, Albion was on the defensive for the last 35 minutes and could make no headway against Frankston's rough style.

JUVENTUS 1 (Smith 70th min.) FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Fox 20th min., Walker 60th min.)

JUVENTUS: Graham 6, Della Rocca 6, Walker 7, Piatere 6, Sabino 5, Johnson 7, Luchessa 6, Curcio 6 (Demp 5, half time), Hoban 5, Armstrong 5.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6, V. Bannon 6, Irvine 7, Gillespie 7, Williamson 5, Adams 6, Webster 5, Injured (Campbell 80th min.), O. Bannon 5, Fox 5, McGregor 4, Eadie 5 (Tulloch 60th min.).

Frankston City turned this top-of-the-table clash into a boring non-event by playing totally unadventurous, ultra-defensive soccer.

Frankston played with a five-man defence and its midfield committed itself to attack only when the team had a corner kick, or a free kick near goal.

Juventus coach **Seby McLachlan** was disappointed that his team had lost but more so with Frankston's performance.

"Fifteen years ago, there were crowds of 17,000 at State League games at Olympic Park," said McLachlan, "but as long as teams play negative soccer at Frankston it's never going to get the fans back. It's easy to stand on the edge of the penalty area and shoot the ball away, but it's not soccer."

Frankston did attempt to make a game of it and it was an indication that it took the two points. Had it not been for an uncharacteristic blunder by **Walker** that resulted in him putting the ball in to his own net, Juve would have got a draw.

From the outset, Frankston shut up shop at the back and sat back and absorbed pressure from Juventus.

City coach **Brian Eadley** dropped **Alex Tulloch** and **Norrie Campbell**, and put in **Ian Williamson**, who followed **Eadley** from **Macgregorians** and **Bob Adams**.

Frankston's backbone was **Vince Bannon**, **Sandy Irvine**, **Bob Adams**, **Ian Gillespie** and **Ian Williamson**.

Adams was given the job of shadowing Juve winger **Mick Walker**, and Bannon closed up **John Hansen** whenever he came into the Frankston half on the right side.

Hoban started badly and never recovered, making plenty of simple mistakes. However, he eluded Bannon and got round the back of the Frankston defence in two of Juve's most promising raids.

Jim Synnott was missing from the Juve team because he returned to Scotland last Thursday after the death of his father.

The ball in midfield was won by Juventus, but that made little difference to Frankston's tactics. Juve was allowed to start its attacks from the defence, mainly because it out-numbered Frankston four to two there.

Gordon MacGregor and **Gus Eadie** never upset the Juve back four, in which **Walker** played a solid, dependable game.

Juve looked good until it came to the delivery of the final pass in an attacking move. It couldn't penetrate the Frankston defence and didn't have the strength to bustle the solid-built Irvine and Gillespie.

There were times when Frankston was attacked at the back, but rarely was goalkeeper **Frank Petersen** tested.

Juve's best chance in the first half came from the penalty spot. **Tommy Fox** handled the ball after **Brian Sabino** had blasted a shot through a rack of players, but **Jim Armstrong's** good kick was saved by **Petersen**.

The penalty pass was a real test for Juve's spirit. Frankston had gone into the lead earlier in the game against the run of play but Juve had dominated the first half. The frustration of running into a massive defensive wall time and time again, plus the penalty miss could have caused a few heads to drop. However, Juve kept plugging away which is a good sign for the future.

While **Sabino** and **Claude Luchessa** were serious workers in the midfield in the first half, Frankston's midfielders were running around like headless chickens. Not once did Frankston build up in midfield. **Ged Bannon** was hardly seen, and **Tommy Fox** and **Keith Webster** did little constructive work. Most times they used the long ball.

However, Frankston's defenders were given credit for the job they did. They tackled fast and hard, and backed each other up. There was no mucking around with the ball and concentration and discipline were maintained throughout the game.

The combination of Irvine and

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BILL COULSON: Was a pro with Newcastle United in 1972. Transferred to Southend in 1973 for \$25,000, and then played in loan with Aldershot. He finished last in the league before moving to Kangaroo in 1976.

Armstrong being snuffed right out of the game.

Charlie Smith came on at half time. **Tommy Currie**, who hadn't played badly.

Smith wasn't prominent, but it was his first run for several weeks after a back injury.

However, Smith lived up to his reputation of being a penalty king by slating home a spot kick 20 minutes from the end.

Luchessa had made a good run into the 18-yard box before being kicked down by Juve that more often than not broke down when faced by the wall of Frankston defenders.

However, in the second half, Frankston counter-attacked better, and nearly caught Juve a few times.

The game looked headed for a draw when a long ball was pumped towards the Juve goal five minutes from the end.

As was the case all day, there were two Juve defenders — **Walker** and **Uli Piatere** — against one Frankston striker, **MacGregor**.

Piatere headed the ball over **MacGregor's** head to **Walker**, who was facing his own goal. As the ball dropped to him, Walker hit it on the half volley back to the keeper, but the ball floated over **Graham's** head for Frankston's winner.

Minutes before that, **Graham** made a great save at the feet of **Tulloch**.

Other goalmouth incidents were: **Fox's** goal which was made by the hard-running Irvine. He received the ball from a through ball near the half line, and beat off challenges from **Sabino**, **Sabino** and **Piatere** before crossing the ball into the middle. **Fox** ghosted in and powered a volley into the net.

Walker's header on the far post from a **Hoban** cross went straight into the arms of **Piatere**. **Ged Bannon** found a yard in the penalty area after the ball had been chipped in from a free kick. He muffed his shot and finally, the ball was hacked away.

A **Walker's** shot was held by **Petersen** after a mix up over a quick goal kick had seen the ball run loose to the Juve winger.

Although Frankston is playing negatively, it's getting the results. However, had Juventus had one of its top strikers — **Armstrong**, **Hoban** or **Walker** — during this game may have had a different result.

State League team of week

WHITESIDE (2)

MCCONVILLE (George Cross)	WALKER (Juve)	KOKOSKA (Croatia)	JORDANOU (Hak)
DAVIDSON (Altona)	WEBSTER (Franks)	SABIDUSSI (2) (Juve)	
CUMMING (Croatia)	REED (George Cross)	PATON (Slavia)	

Player of the week

TOMMY CUMMING of Croatia is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at Nickleby's of Carlton.

Number of appearances in team of the week.

Frankston gets Parrott

FRANKSTON 1 (Webster pen.) 57th), GREEN GULLY 1 (Cain 47th).

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Williamson, Irvine, Gillespie, G. Bannon, Tulloch, Adams, McGregor, Eadie (Webster 46th), Fox (Parrott 65th).

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Kfain, Patten, Donaldson, Cain, J. Thompson (L. Thomson 70th), McCarthy, Bennie, Segi (Torrer 70th), Tribuzzio, Perkin (sent off 57th).

Green Gully earned a hard-fought draw against Frankston in a match which contained many missed chances, a penalty that was taken three times, one sending off and some splendid goalkeeping.

The penalty drama happened 12 minutes into the second half when referee Chris Bambridge ruled

that Peter Donaldson's aerial challenge with Gordon McGregor was unfair.

Keith Webster strode up to take the penalty and netted, but the referee ordered that the kick be retaken because a Frankston player had stepped into the area.

Webster took the second shot and blasted the ball over the bar but Bambridge pointed to the spot again, this time because a Gully player had encroached into the area.

Webster made no mistake with his third kick to give his side an equaliser, but prior to that David Perkin earned his marching orders when he argued vehemently with the referee over his decision.

Gully had hit the front early in the second half when Steve Bennie fed a pass to John Cain, whose tremendous shot from 35 metres rocketed past Frank Petersen.

Cain played a sterling game in defence, and won most of the aerial duels with McGregor.

"I am disappointed with the

result but a team does not deserve to win if it wastes as many chances as we did," commented Frankston coach Brian Edgely, after the game.

The Bayside club paraded another new signing in Alan Parrott from Footscray JUST.

He is the sixth player to join the side since Edgely took over pre-season.

The others are Vince and Ged Bannon, Ian Williamson, McGregor and Tom Fox.

Parrott was prominent in the last 20 minutes after he replaced Fox and will add further depth to the already strong defence.

Despite this, the side still lacks a finisher and Edgely said so after the match.

Ajax coach Duncan McKay, on the other hand, was pleased with the point. He fielded John Patten in the sweeper position and the side soaked up the pressure for most of the first half, playing against the slight breeze.

Goalkeeper Loe Denys played another fine game collecting safely the long high balls pumped into the penalty box by overlapping full-back Vince Bannon, and his midfielder brother Ged.

Ged Bannon had probably the two best scoring chances of the game, but missed both of them. Denys palmed away a right wing cross and it landed in front of Bannon at the far post, but his first-time shot went wide.

Then in the second half he beat Denys with a shot from the left but hit the post.

Gully too had chances. Peterson saved well off Ian McCarthy midway through the first half, Perkin shot wide after Gerry Tribuzzio had headed down a free kick, and Andy Segi had a shot turned away for a corner.

— PETER DESIRA

Wilkinson hurt in comeback

FRANKSTON CITY 2 (MacGregor 2, 35th min., 43rd min) GEORGE CROSS 1 (Cullen 75th min).

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Irvine, Gillespie, Williamson, Tulloch, Parrot, G. Bannon, MacGregor, Eadie, Webster.

CROSS: Rice, McConville, Mifsud (Papas 75th min), Maitland, Barron, Cullen, Wilkinson (Benni 20th min), Murphy, Reed, Webb, Mirak.

Two missed penalties by George Cross helped Frankston City stay in touch with Croatia.

Paul Murphy slammed his spot kick against the bar and Derek Barron fluffed a great chance to equalise two minutes from the end when his spot kick was saved by Frank Petersen, who covered himself in glory.

Frankston meets Croatia in two weeks, and the match will be part of the official opening of the club's new ground.

Centenary Park, McClelland Drive, is the venue for the big clash on June 18, and Cr. Max Batchelor, the Mayor of Frankston, local MP's and Victorian Soccer Federation officials will be there.

Frankston will get its big chance to stake a claim for the State League championship if the team can out-gun Croatia, but the baysiders must keep winning.

Gordon MacGregor finally came good for Frankston, and his two goals in this game are his first for the club.

His second, a diving header, brought the crowd to its feet, but still Frankston could do with more punch up front.

Alan Parrot played a serviceable game in the midfield for Frankston, but he missed a few opportunities to score after coming forward.

Billy Wilkinson had a miserable return to soccer, getting carried off after 20 minutes. It was a tackle by Ged Bannon that floored Wilkinson, and he was carried off

the field and taken to hospital. He has badly bruised ribs, and will miss Georgie's Phillips Cup game against Juventus, as well as the next league game, which is also against Juve.

Liono Benni came on in place of Wilkinson, and he showed plenty of promise. He transferred to Georgie from Essendon City last week.

Robert Cullen also returned to the Cross, arriving from Scotland on the Saturday morning before the game.

Frankston defended well and attacked in numbers. The City players got stuck in when tackling, and Vince Bannon was dangerous when he came forward after breaking up attacks or overlapping.

Frankston did a lot of the team's attacking down the right flank, where Barron was a weakness. However, on the other side, Alex McConville was solid as ever.

This week's

SATURDAY
SLAVIA v ALTONA CITY
(Vale)
JUVENTUS v GEORGE CROSS

SUNDAY
SUNSHINE CITY v CROSS
(Anderson Rd).
RINGWOOD CITY v HAKOJA
FRANKSTON CITY v MAKE
(Reserve)
GREEN GULLY v ALBION
(Reserve).

Albion's first win

ALBION LEYLAND 1 (McCormack 83rd min.) JUVENTUS 0

ALBION: Oliver, Daperis, Blair, Davidson injured (Doonan 80th min.) Johnstone, D'Sylva, McIntyre, Greechan, Mitten, McCormack, Quinn.

JUVENTUS: Graham, Della Rocca, Pfisterer, Walker, Sabadini, Smith, Sabidussi, C. Lucchesi, Watkins, Armstrong, Hotson (Curcio 65th min.)

Albion got the club's first two-point haul in the State League with a win over the faltering Juventus.

Bill McCormack poked the ball home off the post seven minutes

after Mick Watkins had chipped the ball onto his head. Lucchesi was only seven yards out, but nodded the ball wide.

Likewise, Noel Mitten made an uncharacteristic miss after getting through the Juve back four.

Mitten had only the keeper to beat but shot wide.

Juve faces a danger game this week away to Green Gully which is starting to play the way it should now that it has all that talent in its ranks.

Eric Gillespie to transfer?

FRANKSTON 1 (MacGregor) MAKEDONIA 1 (Blasevski).

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Irvine, Adams, Williamson, G. Bannon, Parrot, Fox, Eadie, MacGregor, Tulloch.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets, Petrovski, Glasson, Blasevski, Hooper, Glennon, Sa veski, McClymont, Bernard, McMillan, Hallam (Beech, 80th min.)

For the first time in 2½ years, Eric Gillespie was missing from the Frankston team.

The tall defender is in dispute with the club over his contract, but rumour has it that Gillespie wants a transfer to a Philips League club. Naturally, Frankston wouldn't want to lose the services of the consistent centre back.

Bob Adams came in to replace Gillespie and gave an example of the depth at Frankston by playing a commanding game.

Overall, the match had the atmosphere of a cup tie. The game was watched by one of the biggest crowds seen at a Frankston home game in years and the teams supplied the goods, playing fast

and hard with plenty of excitement.

A draw was a fair result, as both teams had chances to score and general play was even.

Dragon Blasevski did the trick again by scoring a vital goal after venturing upfield from centre half. The previous week he scored the winner against Ringwood.

Gordon MacGregor also gave a repeat performance, taking his goalscoring tally to three from the past two games.

MacGregor's goal in this game was a beautiful header from an Alan Parrot cross. In the same situation earlier in the season, MacGregor probably would've headed over the bar, but now he's regained confidence and is justifying the faith coach Brian Edgley had in him.

Makedonia is still to find a new coach. Caretaker coach Eric Lesbirel has indicated that he doesn't want the position permanently. Makedonia has taken five out of a possible six points under Lesbirel.

Hakoah's first win thanks to Micic

HAKOAH 2 (Craig pon 12th min., Clarey 67th min.) FRANKSTON 1 (Eadie 45th min.)

HAKOAH: Whiteside 8, Owens 7, Dosen 7, Baker 7, Valli 7, Gibson 7, Blair 7, Jordanou 7, Craig 7, French 6, Clarey 8.

FRANKSTON: Peterson 6, V. Bannon 7, Irvine 6, Adams 8, Campbell 6, Tulloch 7, G. Bannon 7, Parrot 6 (Taylor 20th min.), Webster 6, MacGregor 5, Eadie 6 (Doyle 77th min.)

Inspired by new coach Frank Micic, Hakoah recorded the club's first win in the State League this season and denied Frankston the two points the team needed to draw level with league leader Croatia.

Afterwards, Frankston coach Brian Edgley, incensed by his team's defeat, threatened his players with \$100 fines if they didn't attend training the following night (Monday).

Micic, on the other hand, was showered with praise from Hakoah officials and players but was reluctant to take credit for the win.

"I just picked the players in their correct positions," said the former Footscray J.U.S.T. star, "and for the first time this season they played as a team."

Two of Micic's positional changes were Bill Jordanou from defence to midfield, and George Craig from centre forward to the wing. Les Owens played right back, leaving Mike Rainey on the bench, while Anton Dosen, who looks a lot heavier than he did last season, returned after injury.

The Hakoah performance was 100% better than the team's previous effort, against Ringwood. The side had balance and consistency, but more noticeable was the spirit and teamwork of the players. The defence was solid and had a safety first attitude. The midfield worked as a unit, whereas in previous weeks it had been up to individuals to make the play.

Frankston, after overcoming its early indifference, fought back and had the chance to get a draw. However, once again it was lack of a goalscoring forward that hindered Frankston.

City midfielders Alex Tulloch and Ged Bannon started many Frankston forward moves. Tulloch with his ball skills and accurate distribution, and Bannon with his aggression.

Centre half Bobby Adame hardly let a ball get past him all day, and right back Vince Bannon added width to the attack, as well as defending strongly.

It was one of the most entertaining games in the State League this season, although at times Frankston's passing was not up to scratch. However, the game was played at a brisk pace and especially in the first half the play was end to end with both keepers called on to deal with difficult shots.

The Hakoah players had more confidence than in past weeks and this led to a lot of attractive one-touch soccer.

Frankston looked its best when the team broke quickly and used the long ball, but the Baysiders also played passages of skilful soccer.

Stewart Blair tested Frankston keeper Frank Peterson with a difficult shot early and Keith Webster brought a save at full length from Billy Whiteside at the other end.

Mike Clarey set up full back Chris Valli for a shot but the ball went across the face of goal.

Hakoah went into the lead from the penalty spot when Craig converted after Vince Bannon had handballed on the line. Bannon had no alternative, as Clarey's header from six yards after a corner was bound for the back of the net.

Hakoah was on top in the first 20 minutes, but Frankston came back strongly and was rewarded when Gus Eadie equalised on the stroke of half time. Tulloch split the Hakoah defence with a long, low ball and the combination of Eadie's shot and a challenge from Owens was enough to get the ball into the back of the net.

Hakoah continued its good work after half time, and many of its attacks were imaginative, featuring quick 1-2 movements between Graham French and Clarey, as well as forward thrusts by linkmen Jordanou and Blair.

However, there was precious little between the two sides and the tension was growing with the score 1-1. Hakoah broke the deadlock when Clarey wriggled free inside the 18-yard area and planted the ball into the net.

Hakoah seemed to be prepared to sit on its lead, and as a result the team's attacks ceased to flow as defence was the priority.

Frankston took the initiative and searched for an equaliser. Owens saved his team when he cleared a Tulloch shot off the line, and Ged Bannon was unlucky that his drive from 20 yards hit Eadie instead of the target.

However, Hakoah rode the storm and held on to gain its first

ESSENDON CROATIA 5 (Vojtek, Cumming, Kokoska, Kerr, Gilder) FRANKSTON 0.

CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Gardiner, Kokoska, Bilaver, Andrews, Kerr, Murphy, Cumming, Gilder, Vojtek.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Irvine, Gillespie, Adams, G. Bannon (Taylor), Webster, Parrott, Tulloch (Campbell), Eadie, MacGregor.

A warning to State League clubs — if any of you have plans to build new grounds, don't invite Essendon Croatia to the opening.

Twice this season Croatia has played in games which mark the opening of a club's new ground, and twice the opposition have been given embarrassing defeats.

Preston Makedonia was the first to suffer when it went down 0-3 at B.T. Connor Reserve, and last Sunday Frankston was trounced in the presence of the Mayor of Frankston, Cr. Batchelor, at the opening of Centenary Park.

Not only is the 0-5 thrashing humiliating to the Baysiders but also it signals the end of the club's bid for the State League title.

However, Croatia coach **Billy McArthur** refuses to believe that his team has the championship wrapped up.

"Croatia's not the team," said McArthur, "but a team". If we want to win the league we must get our attitude right and beat the bottom teams as well as those at the top."

However, he said the players' attitude towards this game was 'tremendous'. The former Croatia captain stirred his players up for the big clash by reminding them of the Croatia of yesteryear.

"I told them," said McArthur, "that it was the tradition that Croatia always won the next game after a defeat. We lost to Ringwood in our last game, but we came back and played extremely well against Frankston."

Croatia was in a killer mood. From the opening minute, when **Ante Bilaver** moved up and fired a shot at goal, Essendon was continually pressuring Frankston.

At half time the score was 3-0, and all the goals came from corners. The first saw **Billy Vojtek** stab the ball home after **Alan Kerr** had headed onto the bar and then **Tommy Cumming** slammed one after the ball had gone to the far post.

Steve Kokoska made it 3-0 and McArthur's plan to capitalise on Frankston's weakness at corners was paying off.

"I watched Frankston play," said McArthur, "and noticed that the team was very weak at defending corners. We worked out a few moves in training, and it paid off."

After half time, Croatia ground Frankston into the turf. **Kerr** got the fourth before **Carl Gilder** scored the last, and best, goal of the game.

The move started with right back **Grant Smart** when he passed square to **John Gardiner**. Gardiner put a pass to **Vojtek** on the wing, and he turned and slotted the ball down the flank to **Kerr**, who had made position. **Kerr** knocked a good ball into space for **Gilder** to run onto it and tuck it home.

Although Frankston played badly, the club was still a winner. Local councillors spoke enthusiastically about the growth of junior soccer on the peninsula, and pledged to support this growth. Also, the opening of the new ground, which has magnificent change rooms and pavilion, will no doubt boost the membership of the Frankston club and soccer in general.

Kelly to Altona

FRANKSTON 2 (Eadie, Dall) ALTONA 0.

FRANKSTON: Burgess, Parrot, Irvine, Adams, Gillespie, Fox, G. Bannon (Campbell), V. Bannon, Dall, Eadie, MacGregor.

ALTONA: van der Poel, Lewis, Gramsbergen, Kelly, Plessa, Davidson, Watters, Brown, Gambin (Train 70th min.), Taylor (Banagan 75th min.), Ackers.

Altona, which slumped to bottom position after its 0-2 loss to a re-shuffled Frankston, has signed Kevin Kelly from George Cross on a free transfer.

Kelly made his debut for Altona against Frankston, but couldn't halt the run of bad luck which has left Altona in a desperate position.

Frankston coach **Brian Edgely** reacted strongly after his team's 0-5 defeat to Croatia last week and dropped three players — **Keith Webster**, **Alec Tulloch** and **Frank Petersen**. They were replaced by youngsters **Mark Dall** and goalkeeper **Nick Burgess**, and the experienced **Tommy Fox**, who returned after injury.

Another move of Edgely's was to switch **Alan Parrot** to full back and push **Vince Bannon** into midfield.

However, despite the scoreline, Frankston is in a bit of a hole, and with a few breaks, Altona could have snatched a draw.

Bob Taylor had a nightmare day for Altona, missing three clear-cut chances.

Only one striker

SLAVIA 1 (Whiteside 85th min.) FRANKSTON 0.

SLAVIA: Clarke, Thompson, Yzendoorn, Westley, Miller, Short, Plummer, Whiteside, Train, Paton, Turner (Aldridge 75th min.)

FRANKSTON: Burgess, V Bannan, Irvine, Gillespie, Campbell, G. Bannan, Tulloch, Fox, Dall (Taylor 82nd min.), MacGregor (Parrot 82nd min.), Eadle.

Slavia moved into contention for a place in the top four when it defeated Frankston, which will drop out of the running if it loses to third-placed Sunshine this week.

Although playing at home, it will be a hard task for the

Rothmans goalie of the week

PAUL WILDING of Ringwood is the Rothmans goalkeeper of the week. The leading goalkeeper will receive \$250 at the end of the season. Progressive voting — 4 Whiteside (Hak), 2 Laumets (Mak), 1 Denys (Gully), Van Der Poel (Alt), Petersen (Franks), Scholten (Suns), Wilding (Ring).

Baysiders. The team's plight of lacking top forwards was highlighted when coach Brian Edgely replaced front runners Mark Dall and Gordon MacGregor with Alan Parrot and Gordon Taylor late in the second half. The substitutions left Frankston with six defenders and one recognised striker — Gus Eadle.

Slavia didn't play into Frankston's hands by trying to play long, high balls. The tall Frankston defence is rarely beaten in the air. Instead, Slavia built up from the backline, and drew the Frankston defenders out, with John Yzendoorn starting many moves from the sweeper position.

Playing in a 4-4-2 formation, Frankston had the numbers in defence, but didn't look impressive when attacking. Dall had a good first half on the right side of the midfield, and Ged Bannan put on a much improved display.

Chris Whiteside scored the winner five minutes from time when he headed home a cross from **Steve Aldridge**.

The midfield trio of Whiteside, Steve Short and Joe Plummer, were Slavia's aces.

The reserve game saw the clash between the top two teams. Slavia takes over the leadership after its 2-1 win. **Daryl Gooch** scored two for Slavia, while **Con Fakos** did the trick for Frankston.

Bad news for Slavia was the injury to ace winger, **Jim Williams**. He'll miss four games with a pulled hamstring.

Hat-trick by Mac Gregor

FRANKSTON 5 (MacGregor 3, Irvine, Dall) —
SUNSHINE 3 (D. Nelson, Laing, Pocock).

FRANKSTON: Burgess (Petersen, half-time), V. Bannan, Irvine, Gillespie, Campbell, Parrott, Tulloch, G. Bannan, Dall, MacGregor, Eadle.

SUNSHINE: Scholten, Dixey, Lowe, Ellie, Howe, R. Nelson, Banagan, Musset, Laing, Pocock, D. Nelson.

Sunshine and Frankston cast off their tags of 'workman-like' teams by putting on a thoroughly enter-

taining display of attacking soccer.

Play was fast and open and here's how the scoring went:

1-0: A mistake by full back **Hugh Howe** let Frankston winger, **Mark Dall** take the ball away. Dall's speed didn't allow Howe to recover, and the Frankston man gave **John Scholten** no chance.

2-0: **Sandy Irvine** picked up a loose ball in defence and ran forward. No one challenged, so he kept going, and was eventually inside the penalty area. He picked his spot, and scored after running half the field.

2-1: In the 35th minute, **Ray Pocock** fired a shot at goal, which goalkeeper, **Nick Burgess**, could only half cover. It ran loose to **Dave Nelson**, who slammed the ball home.

2-2: Five minutes before half time, sunshine equalised when **Wilf Laing** fired the ball home.

3-2: Minutes later **Gordon MacGregor** got his first of three goals when he headed home from close range after good lead up work by **Gus Eadle**.

4-2: Within 60 seconds Frankston went further ahead. It was the **Eadle/MacGregor** combination again.

Five minutes before the interval Sunshine had been in with a chance of winning this game, but two goals in a minute by MacGregor virtually sealed the game for Frankston.

Frank Peterson came on in place of Burgess, who'd taken the field with a coked thigh, and was immediately in the action, saving well from a Pocock shot.

5-2: **MacGregor** completed his hat-trick with a powerful header. For the third time, **Eadle** had made the pass which created the goal.

5-3: **Pocock** grabbed a consolation goal near the end, and it was a just reward, for the big centre forward had worked very hard.

Best players were **Eadle**, who was playing as a winger instead of a central striker, **MacGregor**, **Pocock** and **Steve Ellie**, even though it was the slackness of the Sunshine defence that let the team down.

Now fourth

— SLAVIA 2 (Short, Paton).

after the interval, and was all over Slavia in the final 20 minutes.

Juve coach, **Bobby McLachlan** said his team didn't deserve to lose.

"Not much is going right for us at the moment," said McLachlan. "We pinned Slavia in the second half, but didn't have the finishing power up front. **Mick Watkins** should've got an equaliser three minutes from time. He read the play well, intercepted a pass back, rounded the keeper, then missed an open goal. It's incredible."

Steve Short headed Slavia into the lead in the first half from a corner by **Martin Turner**, and **Jamie Paton** made it 2-0 after a quick counter attack in the second half.

Substitute **Carlos Berbia** got Juve's goal with a header.

Juve lost **Jim Symington** at half-time, he had injured his shoulder in the State League v Phillips League game.

Uli Pfisterer moved to sweeper, and **Bruno Sebidusel** filled in at full back. Substitute **Jim Armstrong** played as a linkman.

John Yzendoorn was once again outstanding for Slavia, as were **Short** and **Clarke**. **Tony Curcio** was Juve's best.

The form of **Yzendoorn** and **Short**, has been consistently good of late.

WHO SAID ALTONA CAN'T GET GOALS?

FRANKSTON 0 ALTONA 4 (Gambin 10th & 25th mins., Brown 15th min., Little 70th min.)

FRANKSTON Burgess, V Bannon, Irvine, Gillespie, Campbell, G Bannon, Tulloch, Parrott (Williamson), Eddie, MacGregor, Dall injured (Webster).
ALTONA: van der Poel, Lewis, Kelly, Gramsbergen, Train, Watters, Brown, Davidson (Plessa), Gambin, Taylor, Little.

Spurred on by jibes about the team's scoring ability in a Sunday paper, Altona exploded and recorded its biggest win this season, easing the club's relegation worries at the same time.

It was only the second time Altona had scored more than two goals in a game this season. The first came in round three when it beat Makedonia 3-2.

Coach **Joe Wilson** was over the moon with his team's performance, describing it as a 'great win'.

ponder Albion

**60th min., McCurry own
1 88th min.)**

Cormack had challenged Schotten for a 50-50 high ball, and was furious when the goal wasn't counted.

A feature of the Sunshine attack was its cohesion and flexibility. There was no target man who was fed consistently, although centre forward **Ray Pocock** is often aimed for. As well as having Pocock to flick on the ball, or hold it until the team gets the numbers forward, Sunshine has two good wingers — **Dave Nelson** and **Will Laing** — and

'We'd been knocking on the door for a while,' said Wilson, 'and this is the breakthrough we've been waiting for. However, the fight isn't over. We have to come back down to earth and concentrate on beating George Cross at home this week.'

Frankston coach **Brian Edgely** has threatened wholesale changes in a bid to revitalise his team and make the final four. One thing he must improve is his defence, which has conceded 14 goals in the club's last four home games.

Altona's stars were goalkeeper **Anna van der Poel**, **Manny Gambin**, **Alby Brown** and **George Watters**. In the second half, van der Poel made two saves that were incredible. It was because of his fine keeping that the scoreline was so convincing.

Altona started with the wind and scored two goals within 15 minutes. **Gambin** scored the first when he headed in after a goalmouth scramble, then **Brown** made it 2-0 with a long shot that caught Frankston goalkeeper **Nick Burgess** by surprise.

Brown and **Watters** dominated the midfield in the first half, and Altona's attacks were fast and combined five or six players in most movements. This is one of the strengths of Altona — the way the team gets men forward who are prepared to run off the ball and support.

Gambin got his second and the team's third goal in the 30th minute when he followed up a shot by **Brown** which had rebounded off the crossbar.

Frankston had the wind in the second half but didn't use the advantage as Altona had. The baysiders were repeatedly caught by Altona's offside trap, which was well worked.

However, **Alan Parrott** and **Sandy Irvine**, who was pushed into the forward line to add bite, should've scored. It was only the brilliance of **van der Poel** that kept Frankston scoreless.

Altona absorbed pressure, then killed Frankston with a fourth goal scored by **Nat Little**.

Victorian State League with **KYLE PATTERSON**

This week's games

RINGWOOD v FRANKSTON (Jubilee Park, Ringwood)

SUNSHINE v JUVENTUS (Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine)

SLAVIA v GREEN GULLY (Showgrounds, Ascot Vale)

ALTONA v GEORGE CROSS (Kim Reserve, Altona)

CROATIA v MAKEDONIA (Olympic Park)

HAKOAH v ALBION (Middle Park).

Makedonia wins without stars

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Maitland 60th min.) MAKEDONIA 2 (Lesbirel 40th min., McMillan 63rd min.)

GEORGE CROSS: Rice, Cutajar, Maitland, Webb, Barron, Wilkinson, Mirak, Castele, Cullen, Reed, Scicluna.
MAKEDONIA: Laumets, Blasevski, Hooper, Brewerton, Beech, Lesbirel, McClymont, Fawcner, McMillan, Hallam, Glennon.

Makedonia passed a big test when it overcame George Cross without injured stars Lube Petrovski and John Bernard.

Petrovski has a broken nose and Bernard a hamstring strain, but both will be fit for the game against Croatia, on Sunday.

Paul Hallam and **Geoff Fawcner** will probably miss out on selection,

but the form of **Fawcner** may eventually see him push **Chris Glennon** out of the team. Both are playing well.

George Cross, resigned to finishing among the also-rans, took a positive step by playing youngsters **Phil Cutajar** and **Robert Mirak** in place of experienced pair **Alec McConville** and **Paul Murphy**. George's coach **John Sanchez** is a firm believer in giving juniors a chance and this could be the dawning of a new era for the club.

After a fairly even opening, Makedonia took the lead when **Lesbirel** shot the ball past George's goalkeeper **Gerry Rice** after receiving a long ball from Glennon. Makedonia led 1-0 at the interval

Coach going?

**RINGWOOD CITY 3 (Luyten, Verniers, Coulson)
FRANKSTON 0.**

RINGWOOD: Wilding de Bruyckere, Garthwaite, Carnaby, Plumb, Verniers, Barber (Kupinic), Coulson, Adams, Luyten, Thom.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Banon, Adams, Irvine, Williamson, G. Bannon, Cooper, Taylor (Parrott), Webster, MacGregor, Eadie (Fox).

The future of Brian Edgely as coach of Frankston is in doubt. The baysiders have lost three of their last four games, and there are ominous rumblings withing the Frankston camp.

Ringwood coach **Freddy Bunce** described his team's 3-0 win over Frankston as 'our best performance for two seasons.'

'we pressured them from the start,' said Bunce, 'and it was a complete reversal from last week. Everyone in the team contributed.'

Ringwood's **Doug Barber** stood out, and his effort came after he'd played a full game the previous day in Ringwood reserve team's 6-0 win over Croydon in the Armstrong Cup.

Bunce made several positional changes, with **Richard Plumb** moving from attack to left back, and **Keith Adams** going from midfield to the forward line. Full back **Ron Verniers** moved into midfield.

Frankston had another big reshuffle, with five players being dropped. The players who came into the team were **Dave Cooper, John Taylor, Ian Williamson, Keith Webster** and **Bob Adams**.



**Brian Edgley —
out**



Sandy Irvine — in

Edgley sacked

Brian Edgley has been sacked as coach of Frankston City and replaced by Sandy Irvine.

Frankston's recent bad form and ill-feeling within the club towards Edgley's tough style of coaching are blamed for the former South Melbourne Hellas, Mooroolbark and Doveton coach's dismissal.

Frankston hasn't given up hope of making the top four and hopes that Irvine, who is highly respected by players and members at Frankston, can lift the morale of the team.

Irvine, a former Juventus star and Socceroo, will continue playing and will have Frankston reserve coach **Nigel Bevis** as his assistant.

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ALBION LEYLAND 1 (Greechan) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (V. Bannon)

ALBION: Green, Daperis, Blair, Campbell, Nisbet injured (D'Sylva), McClusky, Davidson (Greechan), Emin, Mitten, McCormack, McIntyre.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Irvine, Adams, Williamson, G. Bannon, Parrot, Webster, Tulloch, MacGregor, Eadie (Dall).

Albion Leyland's extraordinary general meeting was well attended, and the club will be putting a proposition to the playing staff later this week regarding payments for the rest of this season.

On the point of players' wages an Albion official estimated that the four western suburbs clubs in the State League — Albion, Sunshine City, Green Gully and Altona — will end up paying over \$100,000 between them in payments to players this season.

Frankston City, under new coach **Sandy Irvine**, played a close game with Albion. **Vince Bannon** scored a goal in the 15th minute with a tremendous shot from outside the penalty area and it wasn't until the last minute of the game that Albion equalised.

Kit Greechan hit a shot at goal and the deflection it took off **Bob Adams** was enough to send the ball into the net.

Noel Mitten was unlucky in the first 15 minutes, failing to score after putting three good headers on target.

However, in the second half **Gordon MacGregor** missed a couple of easy chances that were created by **Mark Dall**.

Albion did enough to win the game and the point gained will be a great boost for the players' confidence. The club is now only a point behind Altona.

Parrott fires

FRANKSTON 0
JUVENTUS 0.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon injured (Adams), Gillespie, Irvine, Williamson injured (Taylor), Fox, G. Bannon, Parrott, Dall, MacGregor, Tulloch.

JUVENTUS: Terzini, Della Rocca, Walker, Pfisterer, Sabidini, Sabidussi (Smith), Sannipoli, C. Lucchesi, Watkins, Curcio, Hotson.

Frankston's **McClelland Drive** ground looked like a disaster area before the club's clash with Juventus.

Torrential overnight rain caused the postponement of the reserve game but gave Frankston the chance to mop up the soggy pitch. A team of workers spent an hour before the game bucketing gallons of water off the ground.

The pitch was still very heavy by the time the game started but the teams put on an entertaining clash.

Juve had to wait until 10 minutes before the match to name its team. **Mick Watkins** was partly to blame as he didn't arrive until 2.40pm for a 3pm kick off.

Frankston, with **Alan Parrott** playing the best he has since transferring from Footscray JUST, had the better of the scoring chances. **Mark Dall** and **Gordon MacGregor** wasted several good opportunities. **Alex Tulloch** was the best of the Frankston forwards.

However, Juve had the ever dangerous **Mick Watkins** lurking on the forward line. **Steve Walker**, returning to the side after suspension, had a solid game.

Overall, a draw was a fair result. Frankston can take heart from the greater determination shown by the players, while a point away from home is the right tonic for easing Juve's bottom of the table tension.

They'll play for Victoria

Victorian State squads for the coming national championships:

UNDER 13

1. **Tony Hoar**, (Brighton); 2. **John Tirrabassi**, (Sunshine Hts); 3. **Rajko Trkulja**, (Footscray J.U.S.T.); 4. **Peter Schreiner**, (Karingal); 5. **Louka Kotzamilchalis**, (Port Melbourne); 6. **David Roddis**, (Knox City); 7. **Andrea Zinni**, (Hakoah); 8. **Reno Lia**, (Knox City); 9. **Colin Bird**, (Monash, Latrobe Valley); 10. **John Bruno**, (Sunshine Hts); 11. **Daryn White**, (Springvale); 12. **Kirk Senior**, (Doncaster); 13. **Nick Papanicolaou**, (Port Melbourne); 14. **Steve Gojevic**, (Essendon); 15. **Robert Brincatt**, (Moreland); 16. **Mark Perree**, (Waverley). Coach: **Leif Jensen**. Manager: **Richard Featherstone**.

UNDER 14

1. **Lou Petrov**, (Hakoah); 2. **John Milhailidis**, (Fitzroy United); 3. **Ollie Koltz**, (Watsonia); 4. **Thomas Talaj**, (Thomastown); 5. **Andrew Wright**, (Baxter); 6. **Richie Armstrong**, (Baxter); 7. **Robert Belteky**, (Altona); 8. **Oswald Latif** (Footscray

J.U.S.T.); 9. **Guy Bakker**, (Nunawading); 10. **Gordon Livingstone**, (Hakoah); 11. **Ian Roodhouse**, (Box Hill); 12. **Mark Crevasan**, (Box Hill); 13. **Robert McLachlan**, (Box Hill); 14. **Danny Beranic**, (Green Gully Ajax); 15. **Vladho Bozinovski**, (Altona); 16. **Rick Turcinovich**, (Nunawading). Coach: **Tim Wite**. Manager: **Tom Newbiggen**. Colours: Navy blue/white → white shorts — navy socks.

UNDER 15

1. **D. Gilbert**, (Seaford); 2. **F. Angelo**, (Juventus); 3. **B. Cairnduff**, (Clayton); 4. **R. Cortese**, (Moreland); 5. **B. Cozzella**, (Altona); 6. **J. Gauci**, (Moe Utd); 7. **F. Incantalupo**, (Juventus); 8. **F. Mancinelli**, (Green Gully); 9. **J. McDonald**, (Lyndale); 10. **G. McLeod**, (Box Hill); 11. **G. Serdaris**, (St Albans); 12. **D. Singleton**, (Box Hill); 13. **P. Skrbic**, (Green Gully); 14. **S. Zervides**, (Hellas); 15. **I. Waugh**, (Frankston); 16. **R. Memishi**, (Altona).

Irvine's third draw

GREEN GULLY 0 FRANKSTON CITY 0

Green Gully: Denys, Donaldson, Patten, Cain, Klain, McCarthy, Daniels, Thomson, Segi (Smith 69th), Tribuzio, Carr.

Frankston: Petersen, Taylor, Gillespie, Irvine, Williamson (Eadie 85th), Webster, Parrott, G. Bannon, Dall, McGregor, Tulloch (Adams 76th).

Frankston survived a 15-minute assault on their goal towards the end of the match to come away with a draw at Green Gully, their third successive draw since **Sandy Irvine** took over as coach.

The Seasideers were without **Vince Bannon** — injured in the previous week's clash against Juventus — and **Tom Fox** — out with an injured knee. Their places were taken by **John Taylor** and **Keith Webster**.

Taylor, in the starting line-up for only the second time this year, played a dependable game at fullback and was Frankston's best player.

Gully maintained the same line-up for the fourth successive week, but had a number of players down on performance and one might expect changes for this coming week's match against Juventus.

The match started with Ajax on the offensive. **Les Thomson** let go a screamer which rattled the crossbar before being kicked away to safety.

Gully stepped up the pace after the restart and with **Ian McCarthy** directing traffic in midfield and Carr plugging away up front, started to show a bit of enterprise.

Irvine, sensing the situation, switched to a 4-4-2 formation, bringing on **Bob Adams** in midfield in place of front runner **Alex Tulloch**. The side relied on the quick counter-attack for its scoring opportunities from them on.

Chances came thanks to hard

work by **Gordon McGregor**, but he lacked adequate support and his efforts were dealt with safely by **Denys**.

Frankston's best chance fell to **Geo Bannon** who, with the goal at his mercy, headed marginally over the bar with 15 minutes to go.

Gully substitute **Laurie Smith** showed some delightful touches on the tight wing and almost scored an incredible goal direct from a corner with an inswinging kick which **Petersen** managed to push against the bar.

As the minutes ticked away, Gully pushed more men forward in search of the elusive goal. Sweeper **Patten** moved upfield to add his height to the forward line and fullbacks **Stan Klain** and **Peter Donaldson** overlapped at every chance.

In the end it was to no avail and Ajax had to settle for a point.

"It was our poorest performance for a number of weeks" said **Duncan McKay** after the match. "We should have won easily, but were brought down to their level." **Sandy Irvine** was well pleased with the draw.

"We came here with a draw in mind and I thought we played reasonably well. They put us under some pressure towards the end, but we soaked it up well".

About his appointment he commented: "The morale was very low when I took over, but I'm pleased everybody has got behind me and I believe we still have a chance of getting into the State League Cup despite our tough run-in. — PETER DESIRA

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MAKEDONIA v SUNSHINE
3 McClymont (Mak)
2 Dixey (Suns)
1 Fawcner (Mak)
GREEN GULLY

14 Cumming
13 Bernard (Mak)
12 Coulson (Ring), Kerr (Cro)
Gardiner (Cro), Reed (Geo)
11 Carnaby (Ring), Cain (Gully), van der Poel (Alt) McCarthy (Gully) McClymont (Mak)

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9 Kokoska (Cro), Irvine (Franks), Dixey (Suns)
8 Williams (Slavia), Brown (Alt), Krncevic (Cro)
7 Denys (Ajax), Sabidussi (Juva), Walker (Juve), Lesbirel (Mak), Lowe (Suns), Banagan (Suns), Paton (Slavia) Clarey (Hak)

6 Taylor (Alt), Murphy (Cro), MacGregor (Franks), Adams (Franks), Milsud (Geo), Cullen (Geo), Wilding (Ring), D. Nelson (Suns), Watters (Alt), Banovic (Cro), Blair (Hak), R. Nelson (Suns), Watkins (Juve), Adams (Ring), Mitten (Alb)

5 Blair (Alb), McConville (Geo), Thompson (Ajax), Train (Slavia)

They all want their cash

FRANKSTON CITY 0 GEORGE CROSS 2 (Paparaz 2)

FRANKSTON: Petersen, Taylor, Gillespie, Irvine, Williamson, Adams, G. Bannon, Webster, Dail (Knott), MacGregor, Tulloch.

GEORGE CROSS: Matsson, McConville, Webb, Maitland, Barron, Wilkinson, Mirak, Castiello, Cullen, Reed, Paparaz

Frankston City, accused by Footscray JUST of non-payment of the transfer fee for Alan Parrott, has reacted by asking Doveton for the balance of the transfer fee for John Bray, who was sold to the First Division club at the start of this season.

Doveton has fired back by asking for the transfer fee of **Con Fakos**, the former Doveton junior now with Frankston.

If Footscray JUST carries out its threat of legal action to get its money from Frankston, the embarrassing financial positions of many clubs could be revealed.

Frankston has troubles on the field as well. After the defeat by George Cross, coach **Sandy Irvine** called a players' meeting in the boardroom of the club's pavilion. However, any action taken by the baysiders won't have any affect on the side's showing in the league. Frankston now has no chance of making the top four.

However, Frankston is in the Dockerty Cup quarterfinals.

In the team's past six games, Frankston has scored one goal.

Enough said.

George Cross' winger **Jim Paparaz** repeated the feat he achieved a few weeks ago by scoring two goals. The win gives George Cross a slim chance of making the top four.

Billy Wilkinson, the engineer of the 'Cross victory, played a controlled game in midfield.

Needless to say, Frankston had chances to score but made no impression. Because of the forwards' inability to hold the ball and the midfield's non-existence, the Frankston back four was under almost constant pressure.

Ian Williamson and **Sandy Irvine** did well and **Frank Petersen** made several good saves in goal.

This week's games

SATURDAY

Essendon-Croatia v Sunshine City (Olympic Park).

SUNDAY

Altona City v Prahran Slavia (Kim Reserve).

Hakoah St. Kilda v Ringwood City (Middle Park).

Preston-Makedonia v Frankston City (B.T. Connor Res., Reservoir).

George Cross v Juventus (Partridge Res., Lalor).

Alblon Leyland v Green Gully (Selwyn Park, Sunshine).

Player of the week

Bernard returning

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 FRANKSTON CITY

0.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets, Petrovski, Brewerton injured (Hallam), Hooper, Beech, Lesbirel, McClymont, McGifford, Fawkner, McMillan, Glennon.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Irvine, Gillespie, Williamson, Parrott, G. Bannon, Taylor, Tulloch (Webster), MacGregor, Eadies.

Frankston's goal drought continued, and it's now been a month since the baysiders have put the ball in the back of the net.

Frankston's last goal was scored by defender **Vince Bannon** against Albion Leyland on July 30.

Desperate to hold on to second position, Makedonia failed to convert its dominance into goals for the second week running.

This problem may be solved by

the return of **John Bernard**, who is now available after serving a three-week suspension.

Bill McClymont again shone for Preston but was the culprit on one occasion when he blasted the ball against the post from a good position.

From the rebound, the ball went straight into the arms of Frankston goalkeeper **Frank Petersen**, who had a busy day and made several good saves.

Vince Bannon, returning after injury, cleared a shot off the line.

Player/coach **Sandy Irvine** led his troops well from centre half, and the draw was Frankston's fourth in five games under Irvine.

Colin McGifford made a rare appearance in the Makedonia team but could lose his place to **Dragan Blasevski**, who comes back after suspension.

Baker marshalls Hakoah victory

FRANKSTON CITY 0 HAKOAH ST. KILDA 3 (Clarey, Gibson, French).

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannan, Gillespie, Irvine, Williamson (Fox), Taylor, Parrot, G. Bannan, Tulloch, MacGregor, Eadie (Webster).

HAKOAH: Whiteside, Owens, Baker, Dosen, Valli, Gibson, Gadsby, Blair, Clarey, French, Nagy.

Hakoah has finally been given the seal of approval from hard-to-please coach Frank Micic.

The former Footscray JUST veteran ran into trouble with the Hakoah committee for his public criticisms of his team but has changed his tune over the past weeks, praising his players.

However, Hakoah is being frustrated despite the team's excellent displays. The Jewish-backed club has won five games in succession, yet is not certain of holding its place in the top four.

George Cross (23 points) could displace either Hakoah or Slavia (both 24 points).

What can you say about Frankston? The Baysiders promised so much this season but have produced so little. Without a doubt, Frankston is the flop of 1978.

Hakoah had many good players against Frankston but the team's success owes a lot to skipper **David Baker**. The evergreen centre back marshalled the side very well, and kept Hakoah on the right track.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Frankston pumped high balls forward but didn't support front runner **Gordon MacGregor**, who, to his credit, tried hard for 90 minutes.

Hakoah contained Frankston, waiting for its turn to use the wind.

In the second half, Hakoah was all over Frankston. The midfield trio of **Ian Gibson**, **Steve Gadsby** and **Stuart Blair** controlled the game.

Hakoah kept the ball on the ground and built up moves, not falling into the trap of playing long balls with the wind advantage.



Ian Gibson — played well in Hakoah's midfield.



Frankston goalkeeper Frank Poterson appears to connect with team mate Eric Gillespie as he punches clear under pressure from Eddie Krncevic. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

State League team of week

	DANOVIC (Cro)			
DIXEY (Suns)	BAKER (Hak)	PATTEN (Gully)	BEECH (Mak)	
SHORT (Slavia)	DAVIDSON (Altona)	GIBSON (Hak)		
CULLEN (Goo)	MacGREGOR (Franks)	FAWKNER (Mak)		

That GREGOR GIVES THE FIRST WIN

In the biggest form reversal seen this season, Frankston City topped league champion Essendon Croatia and is confident of scoring another upset win when the two sides meet tonight (Wednesday) in the Dockerty Cup.

"We played very poorly," he said, "but I think you'll see a different Croatia on Wednesday night. The players are angry that Frankston beat them and will be out to show them who's best. I reckon we can bounce back."

McArthur added that he was surprised his backline, normally one of the team's strengths, played so badly.

However, it would be unfair to say Croatia lost solely because of its own failings. Frankston must be given credit for the fight and endeavour it showed and for the way the team worked Croatia down with attacking soccer. Frankston was becoming infamous for its defensive approach, but anyone who saw the Slavians against Croatia would wonder why.

Frankton, under instructions from Irvine, pressured Croatia's defence, the place from where the Essendon team starts attacking, and this was the main reason City won.

As well as that, Frankton fought incessantly when it lost the ball in midfield and defended in numbers when under pressure.

Thus, Croatia was not allowed to settle into its natural game of building up from the back and looked suspect when Frankston stepped up the tempo, using the long ball with great effect.

However, Frankston's eleventh minute goal was vital. It stilled the player's confidence no end, and gave them the spirit to continue fighting.

Frankston's performance had spectators staring in disbelief. One City fan cracked that if the players were horses, they would have to be swabbed! Indeed, after Frankston's dismal efforts of the past two months, a win over Croatia ranks as an extraordinary feat.

It was Frankston's first win under playing coach **Sandy Irvine**, but the indifferent start he made in coaching will be forgotten if he can steer the Baystars to successive victories over the Essendon club.

Irvine is optimistic about his team's chances. "The two points didn't matter to us today," he said, "but we had to do well to help us prepare psychologically for the Dockerty Cup game. We had a bad run but I always knew we had the talent. After last week's game (a 0-3 loss to Hakoh) the boys were pretty disgusted with their performance, but today they showed some pride and it was a great win."

"Frankton can now go into the Dockerty Cup games with a lot of confidence, and I think we'll do well."

For Croatia it was the worst possible start to a two-week period in which the team plays two vital cup games the first against Frankston and the second against Adelaide City in a Philips Cup quarter final.

However, Croatia coach **Billy McArthur** wasn't too worried about the loss.

Croatia looked embarrassingly square in defence and suspect to long, through balls. With the back four players (with the exception of **John Gardiner**) prestured into giving their midfielders poor service, the side's rhythm was upset and Croatia was never allowed to dominate.

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By KYLE PATTERSON

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Kokoska 37th min)
FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Fox 11th min, MacGregor 20th min)

CROATIA: Banovic 7, Smart 6, Kokoska 5, Gardiner 7, Murphy 5, Andrews 5 (Lesan 60th min), Kerr 6, Cullina 5, Cumming 7, Krncovic 6, Gilder 5.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7, V. Bannon 6, Irvine 6, Gillespie 7, Williamson 5 (Taylor 80th min), Fox 7, Parrot 7 injured (Tulloch 70th min), G. Bannon 7, Dall 7, MacGregor 6, Campbell 4.



• Ray Pocock



• Jim Williams

This result set the scene for an exciting top-four struggle in the last round next weekend.

Despite its loss to Sunshine, Slavia finished fourth place on goal average ahead of George Cross which beat Albion Leyland 2-1 to draw level with Slavia on points.

Sunshine stayed in the running, one point behind, but to gain fourth place it will have to beat Ringwood City on Saturday, while both Slavia and George Cross lose.

Slavia v Sunshine was a match of two distinct halves. With **Ray Pocock** and **Will Ling** doing some dashing work in attack, Sunshine outplayed Slavia all over the field in the first half, and went to a 2-0 lead with first-time goals by **Dave Nelson** and **Frank Musiel**.

Slavia had Sunshine pinned in defence for most of the second half but did little with its territorial advantage and managed only one goal, by **Jim Paton** from the penalty spot.

Ironically, it was a foul by a winger — **Dave Nelson** — on a full back — **Jim Train** — that resulted in the penalty. The action was well on the side of the area, and to me an indirect free kick would have been more appropriate.

but whereas you could have given the referee the benefit of the doubt on that occasion, there were no excuses for some of his other mistakes. Both sides complained about his performance after the game.

I'm still asking myself how he could have ruled offside against Sunshine when **John Zensdoorn** was lying injured next to the goal post!

Slavia deserves praise for the way it has battled on late in the season despite the handicap of so many injuries. **Westley, Miller, Plummer, Turner** and **Williams** have all been struck down during the season.

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Frankston goalkeeper **Frank Petersen** appears to connect with team mate **Eric Gillespie** as he punches clear under pressure from **Eddie Krncovic**. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Spare a thought for the nail

By KYLE PA

It takes nerves of steel to be a soccer coach. Just ask the six Victorian State League coaches who are losing sleep this week over the final championship round.

Six teams face crucial games this week, with State

League status and a place in the State League Cup (top four series) at stake. **Croatia** and **Makedonia** are firmly entrenched in the top four, but four teams — **Sunshine City**, **Slavia**, **George Cross** and **Hakoh St. Kilda** — are in the running for the remaining two positions.

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Frankston player coach, former Socceroo **Sandy Irvine**, tackles Croatia winger **Tommy Cumming**. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

He even beat Kokoska

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The stars for Frankton were **George MacGregor** (man of the match), **Eric Gillespie**, **Tommy Fox**, **Ged Bannon** and **Alan Parrott**. Without a doubt, MacGregor has proven his critics (including this writer) wrong. The former Mooroolbark striker ran and fought for the ball all day.

He surprised by winning many balls in the air against **Steve Kokoska**, his flick-one opened spaces, and he was excellent at coming downfield to give his defenders and midfielders someone to look for. It was a great performance.

Youngster **Mark Dall** was another of Frankton's workhorses. Although he made several blunders when in good position, his enthusiasm and fighting spirit were not dampened. He continually put himself into the fray in the forward line.

Goalkeeper **Frank Petersen** deserves a pat on the back. He looked before the game that he hoped he didn't have to pick the ball out of the net too many times, but he dealt capably with high balls and shots at goal, despite getting kicked on the hand when saving at the feet of **Alan Kerr** early in the game.

Gillespie cut **Eddie Krncovic** and **Carl Gilder** out of the game in the second half, after the two had looked menacing in the first 45 minutes.

But Frankton's midfield trio of **Parrott**, **Fox** and **Ged Bannon** were inspiring. They played some frank passes from the middle of the park. The only criticisms of the three was that on occasions they fell out of the game.

Croatia's **Yakha Banovic** made several fine saves. He's a goalkeeper with class and the score for Frankton would have been higher if not for him.

Gardiner was impressive coming forward, although he must take some of the blame for the squareness of the defence.

His accurate chips and free kicks gave Croatia many scoring opportunities in the first half, although in the second 45 minutes he played fairly defensively, with

the exception of a late venture into the midfield in the hope of forcing an equaliser.

Tommy Cumming tried hard all day, and made some good moves. Croatia experimented by using two big men up front — **Krncovic** and **Gilder** — and the move looked like paying off in the first half, but the two target men faded out.

Frankton had **Norrie Campbell** on the forward line for his first game since the end of **Brian Edgely's** reign as coach of Frankton, but he looked like a fish out of water.

Ante Bilavac's toe injury hadn't improved enough for him to come back into the side so **Ken Murphy** stayed at full back.

Branko Cullina came in for his first full game for many weeks but never got into the game. He played as an attacking midfielder but didn't link up at all with the forwards.

Here are some of the highlights. Sixth minute — **Krncovic** volleys a corner kick into a ruck of players in the goalmouth, and soon after is narrowly over with a header from a **Grant Smart** cross.

11th minute — Croatia pushes up to try to catch Frankton offside, but **Ged Bannon's** perfectly-timed pass allows **Fox** to run through unchallenged and smash a volley past **Banovic** from 18 metres to give Frankton the lead 1-0.

20th minute — Croatia, attempting to play the ball out of defence, gets in a muddle. **Dall's** persistence forces an error from **Murphy**. The ball flies over **Kokoska's** head to **MacGregor**, who has the easy task of beating **Banovic** 2-0.

22nd minute — **Gilder** heads just over from **Gardiner's** free kick. 27th minute — **Parrott** plays a superb diagonal ball to **Dall**, cutting **Murphy** out of the game, but the youngster loses control of the ball and Croatia gets a throw in.

30th minute — **Cumming** shows he's still a threat by accelerating past **Ged Bannon** and firing into the side netting. 37th minute — **Kokoska** powers

a strong header into the net from a **Cumming** corner. **Vesa Bannon** is helpless on the post as the ball enters the net above his shoulder. 2-1.

After Frankton had hit two early blows, Croatia came back into the picture and surged forward in the 15 minutes before half time. 38th minute — **Petersen** saves a **Krncovic** header after a cross from **Andrews**.

40th minute — **Murphy** feeds the ball to **Krncovic**, who flicks inside to **Cullina**, but he's swamped by Frankton defenders.

45th minute — Frankton answers, and **Ged Bannon** puts **Dall** away, but he's forced wide and finally shoots meekly at goal. Frankton came out after the interval and dominated the first 15 minutes.

53rd minute — In a simple, but deadly move, **Irvine** plays a pass out of defence from a corner to **MacGregor**. The blond forward brilliantly turns and strikes a pass for **Parrott** to run onto with no defenders between him and the goal. (This highlighted Croatia's vulnerability to quick, long balls). However, **Parrott** was caught by the faster **Murphy** inside the penalty area and dispossessed.

60th minute — **Parrott** plays a great pass for **MacGregor**. He takes the ball forward with only one Croatia defender in sight. He draws the defender — **Gardiner** — then slips the ball to **Dall**. He's 10 metres out, but **Banovic** saves the shot.

62nd minute — **Cumming** goes just wide with a drive, and shortly after **Gillespie** clears off the line from **Kerr**.

65th minute — **Banovic** makes a brilliant save after **Fox** puts a ball into space from the flank for **MacGregor** to run on to. The Croatia goalie reacts quickly to **MacGregor's** attempted job.

69th minute — **Kerr** floors **Parrott** with a left hook, and the former Footscray man is taken off. 73rd minute — **Dall** makes a lovely run on the flank, then cuts the ball back for **Ged Bannon**, who slices over from a good position. Croatia has the better of the final 15 minutes, pinning Frankton in the hope of snatching an equaliser.

Quarter-finals of Dockerty Cup tonight

After two months in the wilderness, Frankston City has come out of the cold to stake a claim for the Victorian Dockerty Cup.

The Baysiders ended an eight-game horror patch (in which they failed to win a game) with a totally unexpected win over league champion Essendon Croatia.

Croatia is again Frankston's opponent (for the second time in four days), and their Dockerty Cup quarter final will be played at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) after the George Cross v Sunshine City quarter final, which kicks off at 6.45pm.

Frankston will find Croatia a more difficult opponent than last Sunday. The Essendon team will be determined to revenge its defeat, and keep alive hopes of completing a league and cup double.

Frankston player/coach Sandy Irvine will probably employ similar tactics to the ones he used to bring down Croatia last week. They were aimed at pressuring Croatia's defenders to prevent them

building up moves from the back.

Key men for Frankston are forward **Gordon McGregor** and the midfield trio of **Tommy Fox**, **Geoff Bannon** and **Alan Parrott**.

Croatia will hope its back four tightens up, and the forward line makes more of an impression.

Likely line ups — **FRANKSTON:** Peterson, V. Bannon, Irvine, Gillespie, Taylor, Parrott, G. Bannon, Fox, Dall, MacGregor, Tulloch. **CROATIA:** Banovic, Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Bilaver, Andrews, Kerr, Murphy, Cumming, Krncevic, Vojtek.

Sunshine City and George Cross have more than Dockerty Cup thoughts on their mind. Both are in the hunt for a place in the top four (State League Cup), and will be looking to tonight's quarter finals to boost morale for their crucial last championship games.

Frankston fires but Croatia gets revenge

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Krncevic 67th and 73rd mins.)
FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Eadie 78th min.)

CROATIA: Banovic 8, Smart 7, Kokoska 7, Gardiner 7, Bilaver 6, Andrews 6, Kerr 8, Murphy 6, Cumming 8, Krncevic 7, Vojtek 8.
FRANKSTON: Peterson 7, V. Bannon 6, Gillespie 7, Irvine 8, Taylor 6, Parrott 7, G. Bannon 6, Fox 6, Dall 7, MacGregor 7, Campbell 4 (Eadie 75th min.)

Frankston City's Sandy Irvine has confirmed he wants to continue as playing coach of the club.

"I'd like to carry on with the job," he said after Frankston's fighting 1-2 defeat by Essendon Croatia.

The seaside club struggled for a long time under Irvine, but the team's performance in the Dockerty Cup quarter final and against Croatia in a league game four days earlier has restored Frankston's pride.

Croatia was a worthy winner in the quarter-final game, but Essendon coach **Bill McArthur's** comment summed up the feeling of everyone at Olympic Park.

"Frankton surprised us," he said. "We didn't think they could play well against us twice in a row. Even when we were all over them in the first 20 minutes, I was still worried about them getting a goal on the break."

Frankton showed its win over Croatia in the league game was no fluke. The seaside team didn't reproduce its 'magic' form of the league game but did very well in the Cup tie.

After the hectic opening when Croatia threw everything at Frankton, City emerged unscathed and defended soundly, as well as having scoring chances.

Croatia again dominated after scoring the team's first goal, but once again Frankton showed some character by pulling a goal back.

However, the game may have been a lot closer had not **Gordon McGregor**, the ace striker, been injured in the first minute.

MacGregor was still an effective player but he lost a lot of speed and zip because of the knock.

Croatia's first goal was a sickener for Frankton. It was the brilliance of **Eddie Krncevic**, who pounced on a loose ball, weaved his way through the area and slotted the ball home, that turned the game.

However, before Krncevic's two-goal effort, Banovic made a match-winning save. **Tommy Fox** sent over a good cross and **MacGregor** headed a bullet-like effort at goal from close range. Somehow Banovic saved!

Croatia was definitely on top but Frankton deserved more.

Best players for Croatia were **Bill Vojtek**, **Tommy Cumming** and **Alan Kerr**.
For Frankton, **Vince Bannon**, **Irvine** and **Mark Dall** were valiant fighters.

Alan Parrott and **Frank Peterson** deserve credit for their gutsy efforts of playing with injuries.
Parrott had a headful of stitches, a clash with Kerr last week, and **Peterson** in the league game, then needed

treatment for two more injuries.
This man Kerr is making a lot of enemies. **Parrott** didn't try to get revenge but out there somewhere, there's a band of bruised players planning to repay Kerr. — KYLE PATTERSON.

Cross strikers deadly

GEORGE CROSS 3 (Paparas 2 88th 70th mins, Reed 67th min) SUNSHINE CITY 0, Dockerty Cup quarter-final.

GEORGE CROSS: Rice 7, Cutajar 7, Maitland 6, Webb 7, Barron 7, Castiello 6, Wilkinson 6, Mirak 6, Paparas 8, Reed 6, Cullen 7.
SUNSHINE CITY: Scholten 6, Dixey 6, Lowe 6, Ellis 6, Howe 6, R. Nelson 7, McRobert 8, Banagan 6, Laing 6, Pecoock 7, D. Nelson 6.

George Cross' deadly forward combination of **Ken Reed**, **Robert 'Tiger' Cullen** and **Jim Paparas** was the difference between Sunshine City and the 'Cross.



George Cross centre back Norm Maitland (right)

The sides were evenly matched but George's forward work was more imaginative and constructive than Sunshine's.

City had **Ray Pecoock** moving well, but too often used the long ball as a means of attack. **Will Laing** and **Rob Nelson** flashed in and out of the play and had moments when they threatened the George Cross defence, but Sunshine lacked cohesion and variation up front.

However, Sunshine could justly feel unlucky to lose 0-3. George stunned Sunshine with two goals in six minutes midway through the second half, after the City boys had worked hard and stayed within reach of victory.

Neither midfield had a decisive edge, although George moved the ball around better than its opponents.

But the Cross' dangerous front three ran into resistance from centre backs **Nick Lowe** and **Steve Ellis**.

Lowe battled for 90 minutes and showed his class with his excellent reading of the game at sweeper, and with coolness in a tight situation.

Ellis had the difficult task of watching **Reed**, and struck to the job throughout.

George Cross, without goalkeeper **Svez Mattsson** (who was Cup-tied after playing with Essendon City in an earlier round), had chances in the first half when **Norm Maitland** hit the bar with a header, and **Cullen** worked his way into a good position, but shot wide.

Sunshine's outstanding player was **Jim McRobert**, who worked hard when dropping back to help his defence, and often dashed forward with the ball.

Reed headed in **Barron's** cross for George's first goal, but **Pecoock** had a great chance at the other end soon after.

Garry Rice made the save, and minutes later Sunshine's fate was sealed when **Cullen** after being blocked by **John Scholten** after chasing a through ball, recovered and centred the ball for **Paparas** to convert with ease.

George Cross' last goal was a classy effort, with **Reed** shielding the ball well before feeding it through the crowded box for **Paparas** to finish off the move.

Rice saved at the second attempt from **Dave Nelson** soon after.
Phil Cutajar and **Lowe** were booked for foul tackles. — KYLE PATTERSON.

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Slavia falls at last hurdle

FRANKSTON CITY 0 SLAVIA 0

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V Bannon, Gillespie, Irvine, Williamson, Fox, Parrott, G. Bannon, Campbell (Dall), MacGregor, Eadie.

SLAVIA: Clarke, Thompson, Yzendoorn, Tuft, Short, Train, Westley, Whiteside, Aldridge, Paton, Williams.

Whiteside victor

BILL WHITESIDE of Hakoah is the Rothmans goalkeeper of the year, and will receive \$250 prize-money. Jeff Olver is the goalkeeper of the week. Final standings - 6 Whiteside (Hak) 3 van der Poel (Alt), Wilding (Ring 2 Laumets (Mak), Banovic (Cro), Petersen (Franka) 1 Scholten (Suns), Clarke (Slavia), Denya (Gully), Olver (Alb).

Slavia hit crossbar, posts and out-stretched legs, but in the end the players were kicking themselves.

The reason: the 0-0 draw with Frankston saw Slavia lose its place in the top four, and ended the season for the Prahran outfit.

Slavia had 90% of the game, but couldn't get the ball into the back of the net, leaving coach Harry Chalkitis and his players utterly frustrated and dejected.

Frankston was disappointing, but considering the bayside club had nothing to go for, the performance wasn't too desultory.

Slavia's best were John Yzendoorn, Frank Thompson, Jim Train and Jim Paton, while only Sandy Irvine and Frank Petersen offered any real resistance.

FRANKSTON CITY

Appearances:

- 22 Irvine, G. Bannon, MacGregor
- 20 V. Bannon
- 18 Eadie (1), Petersen (1), Gillespie
- 17 Tulloch (2)
- 14 Parrott (3)
- 13 Williamson (3)
- 11 Webster (4), Fox (2)
- 9 Campbell (3), Adams (2)
- 8 Dall (5)
- 5 Taylor (5)
- 4 Burgess
- 1 Cooper
- (1) Knott

Votegetters:

- 10 Irvine, MacGregor
- 6 Petersen, Adams



**Gordon MacGregor
(Frankston)**

Frankston seeks 3 stars

Frankston City may sign Alan Quinn, Noel Mitten (from Albion Leyland) and Alby Brown (from Altona City) for the 1979 season.

The two Albion forwards made guest appearances in the \$500 Frankston Cup last weekend for Frankston City.

But Mitten may face problems getting a clearance as South Melbourne, the club from which the Irish striker joined Albion, has an agreement with Leyland that any transfer of the player must be done with South's involvement.

South Melbourne manager Dave MacLaren said he would look into the matter when he returned from a recruiting mission from England.

Brown broke his contract with Altona by playing with Queensland club Grange Thistle earlier this season after a clearance problem, but can stay in Australia only until October 29, when his temporary visa expires.

Frankston would have to deal through the Immigration Department to gain Brown's services.

Four teams - Frankston, Doveton, Dandenong and a Bayside League XI - competed for the Frankston Cup.

The competition was staged on a round robin basis.

First round - Doveton 2, Dandenong 1, Frankston 4, Bayside 0.

Second round - Doveton 5 Bayside 0, Frankston 2 Dandenong 0.

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Because Frankston and Doveton were assured of a place in the final, which was scheduled to be between the top two teams at end of the round robin, the third round clash between the two was the final.

Final - Frankston 3 (Mitten 2, V. Bannon) Doveton 1 (Roderick).

Third place play off - Dandenong 1, Bayside 0.

Trophies were presented to the winner and runner-up and medals awarded to the players of these two teams.

Prize money was divided up as follows: Frankston \$250, Doveton \$125, Dandenong \$75, Bayside League \$50.

Brian Roderick of Doveton was the top goalscorer with six goals.