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# RAMPANTI for APIA PETERS for Frankston

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Rosario Rampanti (front row, extreme right), with the 1976-77 Bologna team, standing from left: Muselli, Clerici, Cereser, Cresci, Bellugi, Mancini. Front: Roversi, Vanello, Nanni, Bertuzzo.

Victorian State League club Frankston City has embarked on the recruiting prowess of Sydney's APIA-Leichhardt by signing former English international Martin Peters from Norwich City.

Peters, a member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning team, will play five guest games with Frankston in May-June. His visit will cost Frankston \$8000.

It is a paltry sum compared with the \$40,000 APIA will pay for midfielder **Rosario Rampanti** from Italian First Division club Bologna.

Rampanti, who will be 30 on March 30, has been signed for the 1979 season and APIA has an option for 1980 as well. Bologna paid \$600,000 for Rampanti who earlier played for Torino and Brescia.

He was signed in Bologna by APIA director **Frank Aveni** who had earlier negotiated with **Capello** and **Morini** of Milan and **Braglia** of Cosenza.

Rampanti, who missed Bologna's 1978 Australian tour, played in the same team as Marconi's **Roberto Vieri** while Vieri was at Bologna.

Vieri expressed surprise this week that APIA had succeeded in signing the Italian star, adding that Rampanti was an outstanding player, a true professional and a likeable personality.

Rampanti will try to arrive in Sydney in time for the Philips League kick-off on March 10.

Peters scored one of the goals in England's 4-2 victory over West Germany in the 1966 World Cup final.

**Geoff Hurst** scored the other three goals for England, whose line-up was: **Banks, Cohen, J. Charlton, Moore, Wilson, Stiles, R. Charlton, Peters, Bell - Hurst, Hunt.**

The Peters deal was arranged by Frankston official **Del Lines**, a personal friend of Peters. Lines returned recently from England after negotiating with the former West Ham and Spurs star.

"I used to own a pub outside West Ham's ground," said Lines, "and got to know most of the players, including Peters.

"I was in England for a holiday and popped into Norwich. I was telling Peters and club manager **John Bond**, another former West Ham man, about Frankston City.

"They suggested a big-name Norwich player could play as a guest with Frankston



• Martin Peters holds aloft the 1972-73 English Football League Cup which Spurs won by defeating Norwich City in the final. Peters, then captain of Spurs, is flanked by Pat Jennings (left), Steve Perryman (right) and club manager Bill Nicholson (far right).

to help the club along. I was thrilled. I had intended to ask the club if something like that could be arranged but didn't have the nerve."

Norwich hasn't asked for a fee for Peters' release, meaning the \$8000 dutifully covers air fares for Peters, his wife **Kathy** and their two children, accommodation and the appearance fees.

But the English star's arrival will be delayed by a backlog of fixtures facing Norwich City. Severe winter weather in Britain has caused postponement of many Football League games and Norwich has the biggest fixture pile-up of any First Division club.

Peters hopes to leave for Australia on May 9, the day after Norwich's last game.

He is anxious to complete his five-week stay with Frankston as soon as possible, to get a long rest before the start of the next English season.

"Martin is very enthusiastic about the trip," said Lines. "He is willing to help the club in any way he can, so it is up to Frankston to make the most of his visit."

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## Martin Peters to play here

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Frankston has plans for junior coaching clinics and several schemes to attract more locals into the club.

"There are a lot of British migrants in the Frankston area," said Lines. "Most would remember Peters as one of the biggest names in English soccer."

"If we can get a big crowd to watch our home games featuring Peters, the club has a great chance of keeping those people interested, and so increase membership."

Lines summed up the general feeling at Frankston when he said: "If we can't draw a decent crowd with Martin Peters playing, we never will."

Obviously, the club is hoping Peters' visit will be the 'big break' which will breathe life into the Frankston Peninsula as a soccer centre.

Frankston City deserves to succeed with its enterprising move.

Peters, a midfielder/forward, has been at the top of British soccer for the past 14 years and is well-known by Australian fans.

He began his career in professional soccer at West Ham, and it wasn't long before he was a favorite with the club's fans.

West Ham achieved one of its rare honors in British football in 1964 when it defeated Preston 3-2 in the F. A. Cup Final.

The F. A. Cup victory led to West Ham's entry into European soccer.

West Ham conquered Europe's best to win the 1964-65 European Cup Winners' Cup.

Peters was rapidly developing into a world class player, and in 1966 gained his first full England cap against Yugoslavia.

West Ham was runner-up in the 1966 Football League Cup but Peters was far more concerned with his international career.

Despite having played only three full internationals for England (v Yugoslavia, Finland and Poland), Peters was included in **Alf Ramsey's** World Cup squad.

Peters didn't play in England's opening World Cup game, a 0-0 draw with Uruguay at Wembley Stadium, but was included in the remaining games.

Peters also played in the 1970 World Cup finals.

Peters stayed with West Ham another four seasons before transferring to rival London club Spurs.

The date of the transfer - March 21, 1970 - will go down in history. Peters became the first



Martin Peters

British player to transfer for 200,000 pounds sterling.

Peters' first honor with Spurs came in 1972 when the club took off the U.E.F.A. Cup, defeating Wolves, also of England, 3-2 in the two-legged final.

Spurs reached the final of the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1973, but was defeated 2-4 by Feyenoord of Holland.

On the domestic scene, Spurs was always a top club, and won two Football League Cups between 1970 and 1973.

In the 1970-71 final, **Martin Chivers**, who would have joined Frankston City if Peters couldn't have made the trip, scored Spurs' goal in a 1-0 victory over Aston Villa.

**Ralph Coates**, who played for St George in the Philips League last season, scored Spurs' goal in a 1-0 win over Norwich City in the 1972-73 League Cup final.

After 189 games and 46 goals with Spurs, Peters joined Norwich City for around 60,000 pounds sterling a couple of seasons ago.

Peters, who played 302 games with West Ham, scoring 79 goals, played as well as ever for Norwich, and retirement must be well in the back of his mind.

He has played around 90 games with the 'Canaries', scoring 24 goals.

His full career details are 581 games and 149 goals at club level, and 67 games and 21 goals at full international level.

Peters has been nick-named the 'Ghost' by soccer followers because of the way he seems to ghost into the right spot at the right time to score goals.

## More superstars on way?

Frankston's coup in signing Martin Peters should finally make it clear to all Victorian clubs that there is nothing to stop them from bringing players from overseas on short-term contracts.

There is no VSF restriction

on how long the period of a player's contract should be.

He can sign for a day, a week or a year.

However, the player must get a clearance from his previous club for the period of the contract.

This is something we've worked out between the clubs concerned, but it should not pose a major problem, as it is done all the time in the case of American clubs signing 'guest' players from Europe, particularly England. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



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## Belgrade may tour

OFK Belgrade, the club that produced Doug Utjesenovic and Branko Bujevic, may tour Australia this month.

Belgrade reportedly already has the necessary visas and wants to be in Australia from February 16 to 21. The tour, if it comes off, will be ar-

ranged by the Adriatic Tourist Bureau which also organised the tour by Vardar Skopje last December.

Belgrade's most well-known player is winger Ilija Petkovic. Other stars are Unkovic and Sec, the son of former Red Star coach Gojko Zec, now coaching Budonost. Belgrade's coach is former Yugoslav national selector Valok.

## Our draw 'fixed'

# MAN. UTD. STAR SIGNS FOR CITY

**Frankston City of the Victorian State League, has signed another top player.**

**Tony Young**, who won a Second Division championship medal with Manchester United in 1974-75, will join the Bayside club in late February.

Frankston has already signed former Spurs and West Ham midfielder **Martin Peters** of Norwich for a five-week guest stay beginning in May.

Young, who made 15 appearances in United's championship-winning side, last played in the

English Football League with York City.

His contract with Frankston runs until October.

Young, a midfielder or defender, played 83 games for Manchester Utd., plus 13 appearances as a substitute.

**Kevin Swinscoe**, a 19 year old striker, has signed for Frankston, and is expected to arrive from England by the end of February.

Two other English players **Paul**

**Martin** and **Alan O'Meara** — may be brought to Australia by Frankston.

Prahran Slavia's latest imports from Britain hit town this week.

**Tony Heery**, a left winger, and **Billy Brindle**, a midfielder, both come from the Liverpool area, the main hunting ground of Slavia's English connections.

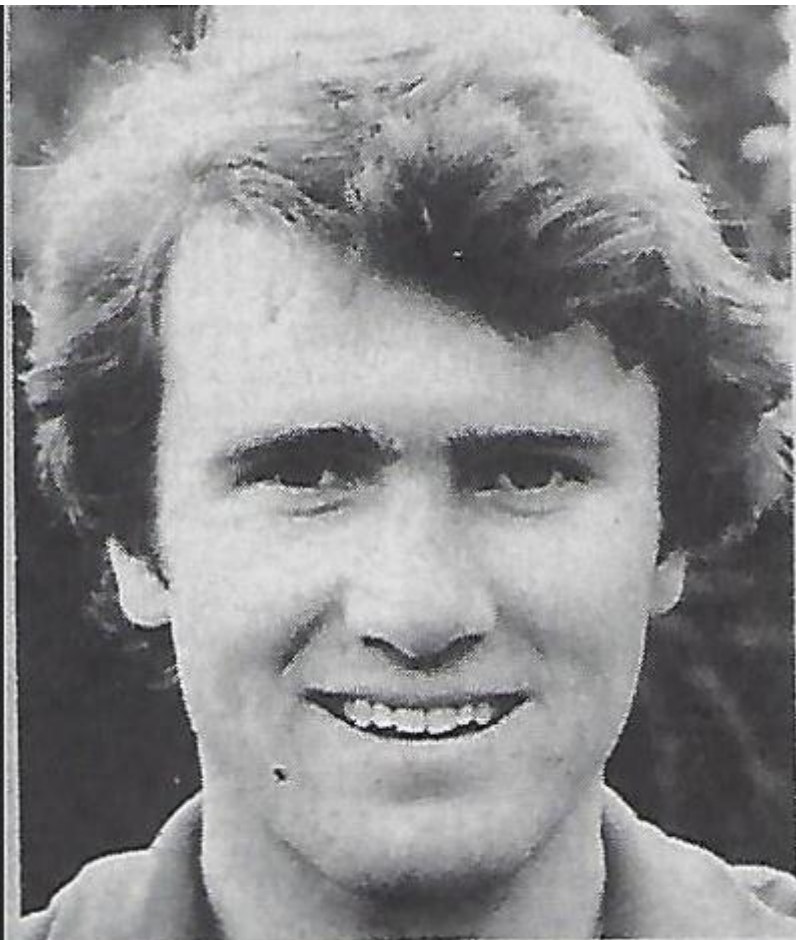
**Paul Cooke** and **Alex McPherson** joined Slavia prior to the commencement of this season's Ampol Cup, and hail from the Liverpool area.

Activity by Australian clubs in Britain is hectic at the moment.

Six Victorian State League clubs and three from the Victorian Metropolitan League are in the process of bringing British players to Australia. KYLE PATTERSON.

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## *White recruited for Old league*



**Frankston's \$350,000 guest player Eamon Bannon from Chelsea.**

## **MAKEDONIA 0 FRANKSTON 1**

Scorer: Adams 5th

Ground: B. T. Connor Reserve

**MAKEDONIA:** Kartner — Rainery, Garthwaite, Higham Beech — Lesbirel, Flavell, Petrovski — Cullen, Tuffield (Cunningham), Ward.

**FRANKSTON:** Petersen — V. Bannon, Adams, McClusky, T. Young — Peters, E. Bannon, G. Bannon — T. Young, Mitten, Swincoe.

*State League attendances will slump to an all-time low unless referees crack down on violent play.*

That's the drastic prediction by Preston Makedonia manager/coach Tony Vrzina.

Vrzina was angry after his team had lost 0-1 to Frankston City and lost new midfielder Stewart Cunningham in the process (see separate story).

**"Our soccer must be unhealthy if the champion team (Frankston) wins games by defending for 85 minutes and using rough play,"** said Vrzina. **"Soccer fans will very quickly lose interest if this physical style of soccer is allowed to prosper."**

"I blame the referees because they are the men who have the power to stop violent play. Too many referees ignore violent play, which reduces a game to an unattractive spectacle.

The only time referees get tough is when a player retaliates, but by then it is too late. The players who commit the bad fouls should be sent off, not the

ones who retaliate after being floored with crippling tackles."

The Preston coach was upset by his team's defeat. Makedonia had possession of the ball for long periods, but without George McMillan in attack, couldn't penetrate the tight Frankston defence, and turn the superiority into goals.

After Frankston hit the lead in the fifth minute the team fell back into defence and soaked up pressure.

Long-serving defender Bob Adams scored the goal after Noel Mitten flicked on an Eamon Bannon corner.

Adams teamed well with centre back Danny McClusky in defence for Frankston.

Vince Bannon completely overshadowed Gary Ward, and Tony Young's persistence wore down Robert Cullen.

But Cullen gave Young a torrid time in the first half with some explosive soccer.

**Eamon Bannon had an excellent game considering he arrived in Australia from Chelsea only six hours before the kick off!**

In midfield, Bannon and Martin Peters showed their class with good distribution. Frankston coach Freddy Bunce said too many of the other players rushed their passes.

Best players for Frankston were Tony Young, Eamon Bannon and Danny McClusky. Preston's best were Robert Cullen, Ujbe Petrovski and Eric Lesbirel.

# SLAVIA 1 FRANKSTON 0

Ground: Croydon Park  
Weather: Cool and overcast  
Crowd: about 150  
Score: Aldridge 15th min.  
Referee: Chris Mullin  
Goalkeepers: Turk (S), O'Shea (F), Bellamy

SLAVIA: McPherson 6, Thompson 7, Patten 7, Waddy 8, Skelton 7, Traill 8, Turk 8, Cooke 8, Patten 8, Anderson 9, 90th mins 5 (Pen 5) (Total: 74)  
FRANKSTON: Patterson 6, K. Brown 6, Gilmore 5, Parry 5 (Injured 45th min.), Webster 7, Brown 8, Gordon 10, Miller 8, Campbell 6 (Total: 65)

Slavia has previously the best forward duo in the State League in Steve Aldridge and Jamie Patten.

The forward work was a feature of Slavia's game against Frankston City, and exposed the Bayside club's distinct weakness in defence.

Slavia's tactics involved leaving the team's forward line well open, cutting for the midfielders and defenders to play passes into space. Patten and Aldridge were excellent at coming off their markers to collect the ball and work in the room given to them.

The pair played many precise lay-offs to supporting teammates, but often lost defenders with lightning turns.

The pace of Patten and Aldridge created countless headaches for central defenders Eric Gilmore and Alan Perrett.

Aldridge's goal, however, was a piece of opportunity. Alan Traill hooked a high ball into the Frankston penalty area, where the defence stood and watched it bounce before Aldridge put it in the net with a half bicycle kick.

Frankston's defence was totally lost against Patten and Aldridge. Even from Slavia's throw-ins, the Frankston defenders were drawn into a bunch, leaving space on the flanks. A quick break, and Patten or Aldridge had space and time to work with.

Slavia impressed with the speed with which it moved the ball around, and its avoidance of the long, headed high ball.

Traill worked tirelessly on the right side of the midfield and vice-versa utility. Brian Turk had a useful game.

John Vandoren, after a shaky start, and Mick Skelton, who recently transferred from Braywater, were the best of Slavia's defenders.

Frankston has problems. Its defence was too slow and failed to deliver good passes forward.

In the midfield, Tommy Fox needs to lose weight before he can be considered, and Abe Brown must take more responsibility.

He was under instruction from coach Freddy Bunce to play deep and help Vince Bassore mark Jim Williams, but he lacked the desire to get the ball and ended up virtually as a fifth defender.

Keith Webster was Frankston's only creative midfielder.

Up front, Frankston had no width. Willie Coulson, assigned to the left flank, was in, no matter how hard he tried, to be a winger, and not deep enough to get involved in the midfield.

The right flank was left open for full back Bassore's overlapping, but this did not overstate.

As a result, Frankston was confined to playing balls off Noel Mitten and Norris Campbell, but just the same failed to give any support to these two players.

Mitten is not a target man. He prefers to pick up the ball and run at defenders and he worried Slavia with his dribbling efforts.

Overall, Frankston lacked mobility, having not enough players prepared to push and run. It lacked fire, having only two shots at goal the whole game.

But it coach Bunce worried by his team's poor form?

"Today's form made me happy," he said with a grin. "It's the best we have played all year."

Frankston is heading English imports Kevin Swinacoe, Paul Martin and Alan O'Meara can left the team.

Swinacoe, a forward, will hopefully give Frankston a target man. Conspicuous by his absence was Slavia's midfielder Steve Short, who is believed to want a transfer to Essendon Croatia.

However, good news for Slavia is the showing of imports Alex McPherson, a goalkeeper, and Paul Cooke, a midfielder.

Slavia has appointed former Box Hill coach Colin Webster assistant to Harry Chalkits.

— KYLE PATTERSON

The Frankston v Albion clash doesn't carry much appeal. Both teams are still experimenting with their line-ups, and aren't producing much at the moment.

But Frankston will expect recent buys **Willie Coulson** and **Abe Brown** to show more than they did in their debut.

Frankston's defence is in disarray and coach **Freddy Bunce** may introduce former Albion defender **Danny McClusky**.

Albion coach **Mike Lynn** used several unknown players in Albion's 1-2 loss to Green Gully but will be looking for improvement rather than expecting a win.

However, with Frankston playing so poorly, Albion could snatch the points.

# FRANKSTON 4 ALBION 1

Scorers: G. Bannon (F) 28th, 65th Mitten (F) 54th, 69th Greechan (A) 9th  
Crowd: about 200.  
Ground: Kim Reserve, Altona

Weather: fine and sunny  
Cautions: Greechan (A), Adams (F)

Referee: Evan Venios 6  
Ratings:

FRANKSTON CITY: Peterson 7, V. Bannon 8, McClusky 7, Adams 7, Tulloch 7, G. Bannon 7, Webster 7, Brown 7 (Savage 61st min), Swinacoe 7, Mitten 7, Coulson 8. Total: 77.

ALBION ROVERS: Johnson 8, Niabet 5, Blair 6, Wark 8, Gatt 7, McNeil 5, Stevens 7, McIntyre 6, D'Sylva 7, Greechan 7, McLeod 5, (Ali-akid 55th min) Total: 71.

The build of Willie Coulson could not be described as athletic, but the blonde midfield ace could well prove to be Frankston city's prime mover this season.

Coulson's cultured left foot set up two of Frankston's four goals against Albion and created numerous openings in between.

Frankston coach **Freddy Bunce** has such high regard for Coulson, who followed him from Ringwood City this season, that he is prepared to give Coulson a free run of the park.

In Frankston's two Ampol Cup games, Coulson has operated mainly in the left wing area. However, against Albion, Coulson did most of his good work behind the forward line.

In the 26th minute he dissected the Albion rearguard with a diagonal ball from near the edge of the penalty area, which allowed midfielder **Ged Bannon** to make a run around the back of the defence and score from an acute angle.

Five minutes from the end, Coulson knocked a ball into space in the penalty area after seeing Ged Bannon making a run from midfield. Bannon was unable to control the ball but stuck out a foot, which sent the ball flying over the head of unlucky Albion goalkeeper **Bill Johnson** for Frankston's third goal.

Coulson's success this season will depend on how well he can shake off markers and find space.

Frankston played its new English striker **Kevin Swinacoe** and he made an impressive debut. He has the strength to shield the ball and is quick to lay off a pass.

**Noel Mitten** moved well up front and two goals would keep any striker happy.

But Frankston will be hoping to get **Vince Bannon** forward more.

The right flank in attack is left open for his overlaps from full back but against Albion the State representative made only one effective dash forward.

Overall, Frankston gave a satisfactory performance. The team's midfielders were far more mobile than in the previous Ampol Cup game against Slavia and worked more closely to allow short-passing build-ups.

**Bannon** and **Webster** were getting into forward positions while **Abe Brown** did a lot of fetching and supporting without looking spectacular.

Frankston's defence, which included two new faces — **Danny McClusky** and **Bob Adams** — from the one which faced Slavia, was appreciably tighter.

But pace is still not a strong point of the backmen, and the speed of **Mike D'Sylva** and substitute **Djeli Ali-Akid** showed up this weakness.

Albion can take heart from the performances of **Bill Johnson**, **Alex Wark** and **Gordon Stevens**.

Albion can take heart from the performances of **Bill Johnson**, **Alex Wark** and **Gordon Stevens**.

Johnson is steady as a rock in goal and was excellent against Frankston, despite conceding four goals.

Wark was always cool at sweeper and Stevens, a young midfielder, shone in the second half when he showed courage and grit, as well as fair skill on the ball.

Albion coach **Mike Lynn** will be hoping to get more discipline into his team. His tactics of playing defensively paid off handsomely in the opening quarter of an hour when Albion took the lead, and contained Frankston, but from then on Frankston's midfielders weren't marked so tightly and took over the game.

Lynn must build up his team's capacity to defend for long periods, as well as to get more spark from forward **Mike D'Sylva**.

If Albion is to rely on counter-attacks, **D'Sylva** must be working to take any opportunity that comes. Against Frankston, he made Albion's ninth minute goal with an explosive run through the defence and a blistering shot. The rebound fell to **Billy McIntyre**, whose shot was blocked, before **Kit Greechan** found the net.

Greechan did a lot of work for Albion, and left-back Tony Gatt didn't stop hammering away.

Albion isn't a pack of no-hopers. The team had seven good scoring chances, and if Albion can improve defensively, one goal may be enough to win a game. — KYLE PATTERSON.

# Baysiders get used to the Bunce style

Frankston's Freddy Bunce, a definite players' coach, rejects the idea that shouting and abusing players will improve a lax training session, so he often starts a simple exercise from scratch to get his players working.

And that often involves Bunce doing the exercise to show how easy it is to do.

"If the players aren't motivated to work in training," said Bunce, "you'll often get poor quality. If my players get lax, I'll stop the session and do the particular exercise myself.

"The players then think, 'Hell, if he can do it, why are we making a mess of it?' Most times the players will respond and make a rapid improvement."

This technique is only one of many new styles Frankston players are slowly getting used to. Bunce's style, heavily influenced by his involvement in the Australian coaching scheme in which he is a staff coach, is foreign to most of the Bayside club's players.

"A lot of the players have never been coached in that style before," said Bunce. "As a result we haven't been able to progress as quickly as I would have liked.

"At Frankston we have been concentrating on the principles of play. The players are now understanding the style, so we will have something to build on."

The former Ringwood City coach, who earned praise for the way he kept the eastern suburbs team's head above water in the relegation zone during his stay, is out to do something positive with his new club.

"I was always up against it at Ringwood," said Bunce. "I



Freddy Bunce

had interference and always had to look over my shoulder to check the going-on behind my back.

"At Frankston I've got better players to work with and the committee is going to let me coach. The club got me to do a job, and now it's up to me to produce the goods."

Bunce said Frankston's failure last season had put more pressure on him and his squad to do well this year.

"Every club would like to be in the Philips League," said Bunce, "and the first step is to win the State League. That's our target, and obviously the target of a lot of other clubs.

"But I believe we have a good chance of making it."

Bunce said he likes to get a good relationship with his playing squad.

"Many coaches think they must be 10ft higher than the players," said Bunce. "There are times when I have to be like that, because things can get out of hand when there's no pressure on a player.

"But the benefits of having a good relationship with a squad are greater."

What are some of the problems?

"I sometimes get players saying: 'You like so and so more than me,' which is human nature really. It's rare for 11 individuals to get along without any problems."

Frankston City's players in previous years have earned a reputation for a slight over-indulgence in the 'good life', particularly the night before a game.

"Obviously, I can't be a babysitter for the players while they are away from training or games," said Bunce.

"All I can do is advise them, for the good of the club, that they shouldn't do things like go out boozing the night before a game."

Bunce added he would discourage his players from excessive drinking in Frankston's clubrooms.

"It doesn't look good if supporters see players sitting around a table with jugs and jugs of beer," he said.

Bunce added if ever he had problems with a player, he would always talk to him in private.

"It's all right getting on well with the players," he said, "but at times you have got to have a man to man talk to sort things out.

"But I never would do that sort of thing in front of other players.

However, Bunce said problems involving a team's performance will not be solved with talk.

"Team talks often don't work out because players end up criticising each other," said Bunce. "The best way is to get out on the park and work on group organisation. Hard work on the park will solve the problem."

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## FRANKSTON 2 (won on penalties 4-3) GEO. CROSS 2

Scorers: Thom (GC) 30th, Mitten (Fr) 40th & 65th, Mizzi (GC) 55th.

Penalty scorers: Barron, Cutajar, Mizzi (GC); Mitten, Coulson, G. Bannon, McCluskey (Frank).

Ground: Middle Park.

Weather: Humid.

Referee: Jim Fokianos 7.

FRANKSTON: Peterson 5 - V. Bannon 7, McCluskey 7, Adams 8, Tulloch 6 - G. Bannon 8, Brown 6 (Savage extra time), Webster 7 - Coulson 9, Mitten 8, Swinscoe 6. Total: 77.

GEORGE CROSS: Matsson 6 - Cutajar 5, Maitland 7, Wilkinson 7, Barron 6 - Castiello 5 (Bilusic 60th), Paparao 5.5, Mifsud 7 - Mirak 6, Mizzi 7, Thom. 7. Total: 68.5.

The Frankston City players knew they had done something right in their game against George Cross when club officials flooded into the dressing room after the match to congratulate the team.

Several supporters of the Bayside club described the win as Frankston's best performance in the State League.

It's a credit to George Cross that it could hold on until the penalty showdown when it was playing below its best.

George Cross took the lead in the 30th minute when striker Brian Thom, a recent transfer from Ringwood City, scored his first goal for his new club.

Left back Alex Tulloch brought the ball forward for Frankston, then tried to play a one-two on the edge of the penalty area. George Cross cut out the move, and a long ball was booted out of defence towards Ray Mizzi on the right flank.

He eluded Vince Bannon then sent a curling cross to the far post where Thom ghosted in to score.

Ten minutes later Frankston was back on level terms. Willie Coulson, who once again was Frankston's best player, picked up a ball in midfield and sent a crisp pass inside Derek Barron.

Striker Noel Mitten ran from the flank to meet the ball and glided past two defenders before sending a left foot shot past Svea Matsson.

But George Cross refused to crumble and surged to the lead again in the 65th minute.

Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen collected a cross and threw the ball to Tulloch. Instead of sending the ball up the flank, Tulloch pushed it square to Danny McCluskey.

McCluskey was put under pressure by Mizzi, who robbed him of the ball. Frankston was square across the defence, and Mizzi ran unchallenged towards goal before slotting the ball past Peterson.

But Mitten pulled Frankston from behind once again with a brilliant headed goal.

Coulson chipped over a good cross from the left after lead up work by Tulloch and Ged Bannon. Matsson was groping to cover the cross, but Mitten gave him no chance with a powerful header into the top corner.

Extra time produced no change to the scoreline, so penalties were needed.

Laurie Bilusic missed his first shot for George Cross, but the score stayed at 0-0 when Keith Webster failed to convert for Frankston. The remainder of the kicks went like this: 1-0 Barron (GC), 1-1 Mitten (F), 1-1 Mirak (GC), 2-1 Coulson (F), 2-2 Cutajar (GC), 3-2 G. Bannon (F), 3-3 Mizzi (GC), 4-3 McCluskey (F).

Coulson, playing as a loose man in the midfield/forward zone, created havoc for George Cross. Ged Bannon supported him well in midfield, and striker Mitten ran well all day. — JOE MAJOR.

## FRANKSTON 3 AJAX 2

Scorers: Swinscoe 4, Webster 48, Mitten 67 (Frankston), Carr 6 & 70 (Gully).

Crowd: 400.

Ground: McClelland Drive, Frankston.

Referee: Nick Karlich 5.

Cautions: None.

Weather: Overcast, windy.

Ratings:

FRANKSTON: Peterson 5, V. Bannon 7, Adams 7, McCluskey 8, Campbell 6, Webster 7, G. Bannon 7, Brown 6.5, Mitten 8, Swinscoe 7, Coulson 6. Total: 74.5.

AJAX: Denys 5, J. Thompson 5 (Bennie 61st), Cain 7.5, Klarin 5, Patten 6, Vassallo 6, Vojtek 7, McCarthy 6, Segi 5, Carr 7, Perkin 6. Total: 65.5

Keith Webster kept up his reputation as Green Gully Ajax's hoodoo man by notching Frankston's second killer goal straight from a corner kick.

Webster has now scored six goals in his six games against Gully since joining Frankston in April 1977, and the latest ranks as the softest of the lot.

His intended kick to Bob Adams at the near post was too high and Lou Denys seemed in no danger as he went up on his own, but he was left holding thin air as the ball sailed into the net.

The goal made the score 2-1 and dampened Ajax's spirits completely. **Norrie Campbell**, standing in for **Alec Tulloch** - injured in midweek in a friendly game against Doveton - hardly let **Andy Segi** have a kick. **Ian McCarthy** and **Willie Vassallo** gave away possession too easily in midfield, and the defence looked ragged with **Mike Klarin** unable to come to grips with **Mitten**, and **Vince Bannon** exposing the left side with very intelligent overlapping.

So it came as no surprise when **Mitten** increased the score through slack marking at the back. He ran onto **Willie Coulson's** free kick and was allowed a free header past **Denys** who helped by not coming off his line.

The first two goals were scored within minutes of the opening exchanges. **Kevin Swinscoe** opened his scoring account in Victorian soccer, netting from five yards after **Jed Bannon's** cross from the right fell nicely for him.

For Fully **Billy Vojtek** weaved past three defenders on the right flank before swinging the ball into the area for **Carr** to nod in the equaliser.

**Carr** also netted Gully's second on the death knock, punishing keeper **Peterson**, who dropped **Perkin's** corner and kept following the ball instead of returning to his line.

But it was only a token goal and Gully looked set for a repetition of the inconsistent form which haunted them last season. Maybe **Vojtek** can wave his magic wand for this week's match against Slavia. — **PETER DESIRA.**



**KEVIN SWINSCOE**  
(Frankston)

Last week I criticised Cumming for failing to attack the full backs and send over crosses. Against Frankston, Cumming made both his team's goals with crosses from the right after skinning his luckless opponent **Norrie Campbell**.

In the 13th minute Cumming dashed down the flank and sent over a low cross. Gilder laid it off for **John Gardiner**, and after a scramble inside the penalty area, Adams saw the opportunity and chipped over Peterson.

Two minutes before half time, Cumming was the designer of a copy book goal.

**Adams** pushed a line ball for **Cumming**. The wee winger's grit was too much for **Campbell**, who was bowled over, giving **Cumming** time to measure his cross.

With Frankston players rushing back to cover **Cumming**, he delayed his cross from the goal line until **Murphy** and **Gilder** had made runs to the near post.

**Cumming's** timing was perfect. **Murphy** steamed in and loed **Cumming's** low cross into the net.

**The mystery is: why couldn't Croatia go on and score five?**

**Cumming** was dynamite and **Gilder** was getting good service but despite the smooth running of Croatia's front line, the goals wouldn't come.

Frankston's defence must improve drastically or the Bayside club will have another frustrating year.

**Danny McCluskey** was suspect when pressured and is not fast enough to efficiently cover his other defenders.

Frankston's defence, apart from **Vince Bannon**, was not decisive. On top of that, very few passes came out of defence, making the job of the Frankston midfielders very hard.

**Ged Bannon**, **Kevin Swinscoe** and **Willie Coulson** were also very poor.

Speed is still the biggest deficiency of the Frankston defence.

In the eyes of the soccer Press, Frankston had one winner. The club's idea of having photo-copied team line ups in formation for the Press is a good one, and much appreciated. — **KYLE PATTERSON.**

#### FRANKSTON 4 SUNSHINE 3

A.E.T.

Scorers: Sunshine — Howe 8th, D. Nelson 70th, R. Nelson 94th. Frankston — Swinscoe 87th, Mitten 74th, 109th, Adams 108th.  
Ground: Middle Park  
Crowd: 200 (double header)  
Cautions: Mitten (F)  
Referee: Joe Slaats 8

FRANKSTON CITY: Peterson 7, V. Bannon 6, McCluskey 5 (Cooper 95th min), Adams 8, Taylor 5, Parrot 6, Coulson 6, G. Bannon 7, Webster 7, Swinscoe 5, Mitten 7. Total: 70.

SUNSHINE CITY: Scholten 7, Diney 6, Lavee 6, Morovic 8, Howe 7, Mussell 6, Espelto 7 (McNally 76th min), Nelson 7, Paisley 6 (Ellis 97th min), Christodouos 7, D. Nelson 8. Total: 75.

Frankston City pulled off an Haaslin-like escape to defeat Sunshine City and progress to the Dockerty Cup quarter finals.

With three minutes remaining, Sunshine led 3-2 and looked set to hold on for a deserved victory. A great goal by **Rob Nelson** in the fourth minute of extra time put Sunshine into the lead for the third time, and Frankston's game comeback looked over.

But with the second half of extra time drawing to a close, Frankston rallied to equalise, then stun Sunshine with a winning goal from **Noel Mitten**.

**Bob Adams** gave Frankston a chance when he climbed well to flick a high ball past Sunshine goalkeeper **John Scholten**.

With referee **Joe Slaats** looking at his watch and the match set to be decided on penalty kicks, **Keith Webster** broke from defence and hit a perfect diagonal ball for **Mitten**, to score.

But in fairness to Sunshine, Frankston could consider itself lucky to win. Frankston struggled, particularly in the first half when the enthusiastic Sunshine team moved the ball well.

New coach **Terry Walker** was heartened by the performance.

Because of injuries, Walker fielded youngsters **Dennis Morovic**, **Andy Espelto**, **Michael Paisley** and **Mimmo Christodouos**. Later in the game, young **John Nally** came on as a substitute.

Sunshine went into the lead with a fine solo performance by **Hugh Howe**. He moved up from left back and once in possession of the ball, showed the skill of a forward.

He started on the edge of the penalty area, beat one defender with a dummy, then glided past two more. From close range he casually stroked the ball past Frankston goalkeeper **Frank Peterson**.

**Swinscoe** headed Frankston's equaliser after a cross from **Willie Coulson** in the 57th minute, but Sunshine's lead was restored 13 minutes later.

After a low cross by **Howe**, **Dave Nelson** stabbed the ball home from five yards.

Frankston, which was playing better in the second half, hit back almost immediately.

**Vince Bannon** started down the flank, then squared for **Webster**. A deft flick by **Webster** gave **Mitten** the chance to shoot, and he made no mistake.

The 2-2 scoreline remained after 90 minutes. **Rob Nelson** put Sunshine into the lead for the third time, but Frankston sneaked home. — **JOE MAJOR**

## Frankston 3 Croydon 2

Scorers: Croydon - Lowrey 53rd, 74th. Frankston - Swinscoe 73rd, Mitten 80th, Campbell 89th.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve

Crowd: 1100 (double header)

Weather: warm with breezes

Cautions: Taylor (F), McClusky (F), Tront (C)

Referee: Evan Venios 7

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7, V. Bannon 6, McClusky 5, Adams 7, Taylor 4 (Campbell 82nd min), Young 6.5, Webster 6 (Parrott 82nd min), G. Bannon 7, Coulson 6.5, Mitten 9, Swinscoe 6. Total: 70.

CROYDON: Morton 5, Spink 7, McCombe 6, Pongho 6, Hobson 8, Lowrey 8, Sinclair 6, Smith 7, Tront 7, Hamilton 6, Broghan 7. Total: 71.

In two successive games, Frankston has been the inferior team, yet has won both games. This is not being unfair to Frankston, as supporters and probably players would agree with the judgement.

Last week, in the Dockerty Cup second main round, Frankston defeated Sunshine City 4-3 after trailing 2-3 with four minutes remaining.

Frankston again waited until the dying stages of the game to hit the lead against Croydon. It was a goal in the 89th minute from **Norrie Campbell**, after some brilliant work by **Noel Mitten**, which gave Frankston the match.

To play badly and still win is a good sign. The success-starved Baysiders would not doubt be prepared to continue playing 'badly' if it meant winning a few trophies.

One thing is obvious about Frankston. The team's defence is suspect, and must improve drastically. **John Taylor**, at full back, and **Danny McClusky** playing as sweeper, gave away countless free kicks. Both were booked early in the game and McClusky now faces suspension after collecting three yellow cards this season.

Taylor hasn't the creativeness as an attacker or the solid defensive powers of **Vince Bannon**, Frankston's right back. Taylor is playing a negative game but struggling to contain opponents.

McClusky is going through a bad patch. He can play better than this. At the moment, his distribution is woeful and he's failing to give the Frankston defence depth, which a sweeper should.

In the second half, Frankston resorted to playing the offside trap, which didn't come off at all. Croydon's second goal came because the Frankston back four were standing square appealing for an offside decision instead of playing naturally.

In midfield Frankston included former Manchester Utd player **Tony Young**. He did well considering he arrived in the contry only three days before the game. He impressed with his ability to spot runs early and make good use of the ball. He displayed class by rarely being caught in possession, and playing the easy ball, then supporting a team mate.

An important substitution by Frankston coach **Freddy Bunce** paved the way for Mitten's match-winning effort. Bunce put on **Campbell**, a striker, in place of midfielder **Keith Webster**. Up until then, Frankston had played with two strikers but with Campbell taking some pressure off Mitten, Frankston had a striking weapon.

**Mitten** made the winning goal with a fine burst through the heart of the Croydon defence. Mitten glided into the penalty area past several hesitant defenders. He shaped as though he was going to shoot, but slipped the ball square to **Campbell**, who finished the move.

Croydon had the game until the defence lapsed. It had players such as **Joe Tront**, **Pat Lowrey** and **Dave Broghan** who were able to beat opponents. Frankston lacked this individuality.

Croydon was more impressive going forward, playing with purpose. Frankston's two strikers - **Kevin Swinscoe** and **Mitten** - battled gamely for most of the encounter.

The windy conditions marred the first half, and there were only two clear cut scoring chances as the teams went in at half time at 0-0.

The wind abated in the second 45 minutes, allowing more constructive play.

**Lowrey** put Croydon into the lead with a 20 metre shot in the 53rd minute.

A bad back pass by **Alan Pongho** sold a goal to Frankston. After **Mitten** pressured goalkeeper **Roy Morton**, and won the ball **Swinscoe** had the simple task of tapping home into an open goal. Full marks to Mitten for unselfish play.

**Lowrey** headed Croydon back into the lead after a mistake by **Frank Petersen**. Frankston played for offside, but was beaten by **Gary Hobson's** diagonal ball. **Mike Sinclair** run on the blind side, and hit a hard cross which **Petersen** fumbled only to see **Lowrey** head home two metres out.

It was an unfortunate mistake by **Petersen**, who saved Frankston on several occasions during the game.

Mitten made it 2-2 when he headed home a **Willie Coulson** corner. - KYLE PATTERSON

## FRANKSTON

### Retained

Frank PETERSEN  
Vince BANNON  
Alex TULLOCH  
Alan PARROTT  
John TAYLOR  
Bob ADAMS  
Keith WEBSTER  
Ged BANNON  
Norrie CAMPBELL

### New

Neol MITTEN (Albion Rovers)  
Willie COULSON (Ringwood City)  
Kevin SWINSCOE (England)  
Tony YOUNG (ENGLAND)  
Bruce YOUNG (England)  
Paul MARTIN (England)  
Dave COOPER (Waverley City)  
Danny McCLUSKY (Albion Rovers)  
Dave GILBERT (juniors).

### Off

Abe BROWN (returned to UK)  
Sandy IRVINE (Morwell Falcons)  
Gordon MacGREGOR (Scotland)  
Gus EADIE (America)  
Tommy FOX (Dandenong City)  
Con FAKOS (Doveton)  
Nick BURGESS (retired)

### Transfer-listed

Andy SAVAGE  
Eric GILLESPIE  
Ian WILLIAMSON  
Mark DALL  
Ernie MERRICKS  
Midfielder **Abe Brown** shocked the club by announcing his departure after playing only four games with Frankston City.

The former Altona City player will return to Britain in the near future. He transferred to Frankston after the end of last season.

Hakoah full back **Chris Valli** has shown interest in joining Frankston, but his employment situation presents problems. Valli works shifts, including Sundays and on training nights. He lives at Carrum, which makes it convenient to join the Bayside club.

**Alex Tulloch** will be out six weeks with a broken ankle.

Three more players will be added to the transfer list, as Frankston's squad is already bulging. Two guest players - **Martin Peters** of Norwich City and **Eamon Bannon** of Chelsea - are expected to play with Frankston this season.

# \$350,000 star for Frankston?

**Eamon Bannon, who was bought by English First Division club Chelsea for \$350,000 recently, will be in Australia in May.**

**He will be visiting his brothers Pat who plays for Heidelberg United, and Vince and Ged who play for Frankston City.**

**Eamon has permission from Chelsea to play guest games while in Australia.**

**It is expected that Frankston will make a bid to use him. Frankston will have Martin Peters of Norwich City here as a guest player about the same time.**

## JUVENTUS 1 FRANKSTON 2

Scorers: Frankston - Webster 15th, McClusky 85th. Juventus - McGuinness 70th.

Ground: Olympic Park, Richmond

Crowd: 200

Weather: Overcast

Referee: C. Bambridge

JUVENTUS: Graham, Sabidini, Vaughan, Symington, Tarquinio, Smith, Bonaloni, C. Lucchesi, Gillan, McGuinness, J. Lucchesi (Curcio 73rd min).

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen, V. Bannon, Adams, McClusky, Parrott, Webster, G. Bannon, Young, Mitten, Swinscoe, Coulson (Campbell 80th min).

*Frankston City has done it again! It might start to sound boring, but the Bayside club played badly, yet still managed to win.*

For the past three weeks it's been the same story with Frankston. Sunshine City outplayed Frankston and led 3-2 with three minutes to play, but Frankston won 4-3.

Croydon City looked home and hosed against Frankston, but was pipped by an equaliser, then a last minute goal.

**And poor Juventus, which is on the road to recovery, did far better than Frankston but lost 1-2 with the winning goal coming five minutes from time.**

Frankston's ploy of getting late goals is one habit coach **Freddy Bunce** is hoping the side can develop.

In all three instances, it's been the appearance of **Norrie Campbell** which has proceeded the late surge. Campbell has come on as a substitute in Frankston's last three games when the situation looked grim, but somehow brought a change over the Frankston team.

Juventus must be extremely bitter about the team's loss, especially when several Frankston officials decided it was probably the side's worst performance this season.

Juventus had the chances, but was thwarted by excellent goalkeeping from **Frank Petersen** and the forwards' inability to finish off moves.

**Keith Webster** put Frankston into the lead when he latched onto a defensive clearance by Juventus from a corner, and whacked the ball into the net.

Juventus pushed forward constantly but had to wait until the 70th minute when **Bobby McGuinness** made it 1-1.

Then came the late winner from defender **Danny McClusky**. McClusky, who performed much better than in previous weeks, was on hand to hit the ball home on the far post after a corner kick had been flicked on from the near post.





# **PETERS BUSY WITH FRANKSTON DURING TOUR BY NORWICH**

**Martin Peters (pictured) will not play for Norwich City on its tour of Australia next month. Instead, he will play for Frankston City in the Victorian State League.**

Frankston vice-president **Del Lines** said Peters had been given leave by Norwich to play for Frankston providing he is back in England before the English season starts in August.

"We made arrangements with Norwich and Peters about his guest stint

with us before Norwich included games in Australia in its tour programme," Mr Lines said.

"Peters will definitely play with Frankston as scheduled."

The former England international, who scored in the 1966 World Cup final, will arrive in Melbourne on May 10 and is due to return home on June 27.

**His first game for Frankston will be against Croydon at Frankston.**

In the second week, Frankston is scheduled to play against Slavia away. "We are asking Slavia to reverse the fix-

ture, as we did when Slavia had a difficulty with its ground last year," Mr Lines said.

Peters' remaining matches will be against Hakoah at home, against Macedonia away and against Albion Rovers at home.

Mr Lines concedes that the fans may be disappointed at not seeing Peters in the touring Norwich team.

**"However, there's nothing to stop Victoria from using Peters in its State team against Norwich," Mr Lines said.**

# BANNON AND PETERS ASC COACHES

Martin Peters of Norwich and Eamon Bannon of Chelsea will be guest coaches at Australian Soccer Camps clinics in Melbourne during the May school holidays.

Peters and Bannon will be in Australia to play for Victorian State League club Frankston City.

They head a star-studded list of coaches for the ASC programme which has proved popular in past years.

Other coaches at the Melbourne clinics are: **Bobby McLachlan, Jimmy Armstrong, Stuart Baxter, John Kennedy, Mendo Ristovski and George Campbell.**

ASC will operate clinics at Olympic Park and at McClelland Drive, Frankston.

The Olympic Park clinics will run from May 14 to 18 and from May 21 to 25.

The Frankston clinic will run from May 21 to 25 and Martin Peters will be there the whole week.

**The ASC clinic in Hobart will run from June 4 to 8 at Toorona High School. Coaches are Bobby McLachlan, Jim Armstrong, Roy Chadwick and Duncan Sumner.**

Clinics in Adelaide will be headed by **Rale Rasic** and the usual live-in course will be conducted at Dural in Sydney.

Applications are now open. The application form appears on page 10 of this issue.

**Bobby McLachlan**, who coached the Australian schoolboys who toured North America last year, recently conducted a clinic at Mallacoota (Vic.) at which 52 boys turned up.

ASC is interested in running similar weekend courses in other country centres.

## FRANKSTON 4 ALBION 0

Scorers: Swinscoe (3) 2nd, 10th & 40th, Webster 50th  
Ground: McClelland Drive, Frankston

Crowd: 200

Weather: Warm and sunny

**FRANKSTON CITY:** Petersen, V. Bannon, Adams, McClusky, Parrott, Webster, Young, (Campbell), G. Bannon, Swinscoe, Mitten, Coulson (Taylor)

**ALBION ROVERS:** Johnson, McLeod (Stavens), Wark, Nisbet, Blair, Gatt (Millar), Greshan, McCormack, McIntyre, Denham, McNeil.

A goal after two minutes from Kevin Swinscoe severely upset Albion Rovers' defensive plan, and allowed Frankston to cruise home.

Last week Albion held out Croatia for long enough to frustrate the Essendon players, and cause them to over-commit to attack. With Croatia exposed in defence, Albion then 'snaked' a goal and won the game.

However, Frankston's early goal meant Albion wouldn't be able to use its negative tactics with the same effect. When Swinscoe made it 2-0 in the tenth minute, Albion's ship was fast sinking.

Frankston had an easy victory, helped by Albion's shoddy defensive play.

Swinscoe completed his hat-trick, his first in Australian soccer, in the 40th minute.

The only bright light for Albion was **Kit Greshan**. He worked hard in the midfield with little support and was constantly in the play.

Frankston's recruit from England, former Manchester Utd. utility player **Tony Young**, showed he will be a valuable asset. Playing only his third game, Young gave the Frankston midfield stability and impressed with his precise distribution.

**Keith Webster** was also in top form for Frankston. He has been one of Frankston's most consistent players this season.

Webster scored Frankston's fourth and final goal when he burst through in a space created by **Noel Mitten's** run, which took **Bobby Nisbet** out of the game.

Mitten had several chances to score against his former team, but fluffed many fine opportunities.

Winger **Bruce Young** arrived from England minus a clearance, which pleased Frankston secretary **Lee Smith** no end. Smith has more hassles because **Paul Martin**, who was supposed to be on the same plane as Young, failed to board the plane in England.

## SUNSHINE 1 FRANKSTON 2

Scorers: Frankston: Swinscoe 13th, Mitten 73rd,  
Sunshine: D. Nelson 70th.  
Ground: Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine.

Weather: Warm, slight wind.

Crowd: About 200.

Referee: Jim Brennan 7.

**SUNSHINE:** Clarke 7 - Dixey 8, Lowe 6, Ellis 6, Szelest 5 (McNally 75th) - R. Nelson 5, Howe 5, Mussel 5 - Paisley 5 (Gilmour 6, half time), Laing 6, D. Nelson 7.

**FRANKSTON:** Petersen 8 - V. Bannon 7, Adams 7, McClusky 7.5, Parrott 6.5 - Webster 6.5, A. Young 7, G. Bannon 7 - Mitten 8, Swinscoe 8, Coulson 4, (B. Young 55th).

Despite Sunshine's midmatch flurry, Frankston always looked like winning due to the effective attacking partnership between Noel Mitten and Kevin Swinscoe.

Mitten showed some brilliant touches on the right, the best of them a headed flick-on into the open for Swinscoe from a kick-in of at least 60 metres by **Frank Petersen**. Swinscoe never stopped running in and around the box, making space, drawing defenders away getting into shooting positions.

Steve Ellis was not able to mark him effectively and Sunshine's sweeper Nick Lowe didn't have one of his best games either.

It was a shame that young Ricky Szelest made his senior debut in this of all games.

Confronted by the skill and guile of Mitten, Szelest did not really stand a chance and was eventually replaced in the second half, when John McNally came into midfield and Hugh Howe shifted from midfield to left back.

Howe had lined up in midfield to add some bite to that department but even he made little difference to the sputtering Sunshine engine room.

Sunshine's spirited comeback just after half time was the result of its greater speed and what appeared to be greater fitness. These qualities made up for the lack of thoughtful buildup.

I hate to say it, but I'm afraid Sunshine could find itself struggling near the foot of the ladder if it doesn't recruit at least an experienced, creative midfield player.

Frankston has talent to burn and will play a lot better than it did against Sunshine. Former Manchester United squad member Tony Young showed some fine touches and sound positional play at defensive midfield and will be a sensation if he can develop a work-rate approaching that of whirlwind Ged Bannon.

Ged's brother Vince is, as everyone knows, one of the best right backs in all of Australia.

Centre back Danny McClusky who played many disappointing games after transferring from Albion Rovers showed spectacular improvement and won everything in the air.

Alan Parrott's return to left back has made a difference to the defence. Frank Petersen showed he is set for a great

season in goal. Bobby Adams did little wrong as McClusky's defensive partner and Keith Webster never plays a bad game.

The only flop of the Frankston team was left striker Willie Coulson who got only a handful of kicks and was generally ground into the dust by Mike Dixey. Newcomer Bruce Young from Norwich City replaced Coulson after half time and he looks quite an accomplished player.

Sunshine was unlucky not to go into the lead early in the match, when Mike Paisley hooked the ball across goal to unmarked Rob Nelson whose header unfortunately went wide.

Ged Bannon replied at the other end with a vicious drive that whistled over Peter Clarke's goal.

Frankston shot into the lead after 13 minutes when Swinscoe headed a Coulson header into the net with the aid of a deflection.

Sunshine forward Willie Laing had the Sunshine supporters cheering when he lobbed Petersen, got back onto the ball and lobbed towards goal. But the supporters moaned as the ball went behind the net.

Then a lob into the area by Dave Nelson found Frank Mussel and another chance was wasted as Mussel shot wide.

An own goal seemed certain as Nick Lowe got too far under a cross ball, sending it skimming off his head towards the net, but Dixey was on the line to clear.

Just before half time Mitten darted into the box and hit the bottom of the post with Clarke beaten.

Stewart Gilmour's appearance made a difference to Sunshine after half time.

He was direct, aggressive and, with luck, could have scored a goal.

Gilmour got away in a break only a minute after half time but he hit the ball on the bounce and sent it towards the sun instead of the goal.

At the other end Swinscoe made a square run into the penalty area before shooting but Clarke held the ball at his second attempt.

Bruce Young came on for Coulson in the 55th minute and with his first touch of the ball, two minutes later, he sent the ball threateningly towards goal only to see Lowe clear off the line.

Petersen made a good save in tapping a Rob Nelson free kick over the bar.

A few minutes later Petersen dived full stretch to his left to repel a 25-metre free kick by Mussel. This time however, Dave Nelson followed the shot in and when it came off Petersen Nelson was there to ram it in for the equaliser.

But it took Frankston only three minutes to equalise. Mitten got away on a long ball with no defenders in sight. Clarke, on the ground, managed to get a hand at the ball but couldn't hold it as Mitten stormed past, regained the ball and placed it into the empty net.

Then Clarke made one of the best saves of the day by holding a 10-metre shot from Swinscoe. — LAURIE SCHWAB

## **Bannon delayed**

**Chelsea star Eamon Bannon has delayed his visit to Melbourne until June, so he will not be available as guest coach on the Australian Soccer Camps coaching clinics during the school holidays.**

## FRANKSTON 2 GEO. CROSS 0

Scorers: Mitten (2) 64th, 80th

Ground: Centenary Park, Frankston.

**FRANKSTON CITY:** Petersen, V. Bannon, McClusky, Adams, Parrott, T. Young, Webster, G. Bannon, B. YAoung, Mitten, Swinscoe.

**GEORGE CROSS:** Matson Cutajar, Maitland, Hooper, Barron, Mifsud, Mirak, Pappas, Mizzi, Thom (Sedonace), Scicluna.

*Frankston city players and officials are gearing themselves for the club's game against Preston Makedonia in five weeks.*

In that game, to be played at Preston's B.T. Connor Reserve, Frankston will have two world-class players in its line up.

Martin Peters of Norwich City and Eamon Bannon of Chelsea will team up with other Frankston stars in what should be one of the games of the year.

The following week against Altona City at Centenary Park, Peters and Bannon will again join forces. But sadly the two guest players will be playing only two games together for Frankston.

Peters is one of the greats of English soccer, having played in England's 1966 World-Cup winning team. He played club football

for Spurs, West Ham and Norwich.

Bannon is a rising star in British football. He started his career with Hearts of Scotland and before transferring to Chelsea.

Peters is due to arrive on May 8 for guest player visit. Bannon will arrive in early June.

The pending arrival of the two stars has given Frankston's players new motivation. Everyone is going flat out to win a spot in the team during the time Bannon and Peters play.

Two players will have to make way for Peters and Bannon, so the competition for a place should keep Frankston on its toes.

The Bayside club made hard work of overcoming George Cross which played with determination, but lacked striking power.

Bruce Young, a winger from Norwich, made his debut for Frankston. He started off like a rocket, but faded. However, his speed and dribbling ability will cause headaches for State League defenders.

After Frankston started well-George Cross came back into the game and edged Frankston out.

Georgie continued to press Frankston, but goals from Noel Mitten sealed the two points for Frankston.

STATE LEAGUE COLTS							
UNDER 14							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sun: City	3	3	0	0	8	3	6
Essendon	2	2	0	0	13	0	4
Juventus	3	2	0	1	13	4	4
Altona	3	2	0	1	10	6	4
Preston	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Green Gully	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Croydon	2	0	0	2	2	10	0
George X	3	0	0	3	3	13	0
Frankston City	2	0	0	2	0	12	0
UNDER 16							
Frankston City	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Preston	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Croydon	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Prahran	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Albion	2	1	0	1	8	4	2
Altona	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hskoah	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Juventus	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
George X	2	0	0	2	3	11	0

# Peters' debut on Sunday

Victorian club Frankston City hopes to bring some of the color of American soccer and the tradition of British football to its Centenary Park ground this Sunday.

The reason? Martin Peters will be making his first appearance for Frankston.

Most followers of British soccer know Peters as one of the all-time greats. He has been at the top of English soccer since he burst into the West Ham team in the mid-1960s.

Peters was a key figure in England's 1966 World Cup victory and also played in the unsuccessful bid to retain the trophy four years later in Mexico.

At club level, Peters was the young star at West Ham before transferring for 200,000 pounds to Spurs. He captained Spurs for many years before leaving for Norwich City.

At Norwich, Peters has shown he is still a class footballer, even though in the twilight of his career.

The Peters legend supplies the tradition of British soccer. In promotion of Peters' visit, Frankston has used many ideas and gimmicks associated with American soccer.

Firstly, 10,000 pamphlets have been distributed in the Frankston peninsula area to give publicity to Peters' visit.

All children under 16 years of age will be admitted free to Frankston's home games involving Peters.

Clubs in the Frankston peninsula area were given four free tickets to the games involving Peters. The clubs include Dandenong, Doveton, Chelsea, Frankston Pines, Baxter Juniors and Peninsula Juniors.

On match day, soccer balls autographed by Peters will be given away to youngsters at the ground. Two local junior teams will play at half time of the Frankston v Croydon senior match.

A pipe band will play before the senior match.

Frankston's efforts have been well-planned and made possible only by the sponsors approached by the club. They include Frankston Chrysler, Singapore Airlines, Dandenong Tourist Bureau, Home Away Pty. Ltd. and the Easter Suburbs Permanent

Building Society, which is Frankston city's major sponsor.

Frankston secretary Les Smith said the success of the promotion will tell if soccer has a future on the peninsula.

"If we can't draw some interest from the locals with Peters' visit," he said, "then I doubt we ever will."

"This is probably the biggest promotion taken on by a State League club, and if it doesn't pay off, then we may as well go amateur."

Certainly, if Peters' visit is a flop, and that will be judged entirely on the number of people attracted to Frankston's games, it would be pointless to persevere with such ambitious plans in the future.

But at this stage, everything points to a bumper crowd at Centenary Park this Sunday.

Frankston is unbeaten and at the top of the league at present. As well as Peters, Frankston has two other 'new' players who will create a lot of interest.

Winger Bruce Young, from Peters' club Norwich, and Tony Young, a former Manchester Utd. midfielder/defender, are starting to show good form in the Frankston team.



**Martin Peters — he'll play his first game for Frankston on Sunday.**

Frankston coach Freddy Bunce has the unfortunate problem of

having to drop a player from his winning team.

"I'm going to talk to Martin this week and see if he's been playing in midfield or up front," said Bunce. "That will decide what changes will have to be made."

Whatever changes are made, Frankston's team should keep the ball rolling with a win over Croydon.

Croydon is going through a rough patch, and the confident Frankston, boosted by the presence of Peters, should win.

In another important clash, Ampol Cup finalists Green Gully Ajax and Prahran Slavia meet at the Showgrounds on Sunday.

Slavia suffered a shock defeat at the hands of the fast-improving Sunshine City, but should bounce back against Green Gully.

Slavia wants revenge for its Ampol Cup final defeat, and needs two points to stay on course for a championship challenge.

Billy Brindle will be out suspended, but Slavia has the guns in Jamie Paton, Steve Aldridge, Jim Williams and Brian Monaghan to down Green Gully.

Bill Vojtek's boys have a shocking home record, conceding eight goals in three games at Green Gully Reserve. In addition, Ajax hasn't scored at home.

Playing at the Showgrounds may help Ajax, which is undefeated away from home.

However, Vojtek, Dave Perkins and Andy Segi will be called on to do more in attack because Steve Carr may be missing through suspension.

Slavia should take out both points.

Struggling Juventus will get no mercy from Essendon Croatia, which has forwards Carl Gilder, Tommy Cumming and Ken Murphy in top form.

Juventus has hit a slump, and has problems in defence, which will spell disaster against the sharp Croatia forwards.

The match at Olympic Park on Sunday should see a comfortable win for Croatia.

Preston Makedonia is at home

to Sunshine City on Sunday, and can approach the game with confidence.

Makedonia has a 100% record at B. T. Conner Reserve, going three games for three victories.

George McMillan may return after injury, and will be a threat to Sunshine along with Gary Ward and Robert Cullen.

But Sunshine can't be underestimated. The fighting qualities in the team get it through tight matches, and in Dave Nelson, Sunshine has one of the best forwards in the league.

However, Makedonia will scrape home in what will be a tough match.

On Saturday, lowly Albion Rovers is at home to Altona City. Albion defeated Croatia at Selwyn Park in the opening round, but has struggled home and away since then.

Altona has lost its last two against Makedonia and Croatia, but has a strong combination.

Hamy Hird has settled well into the back four, and Billy Whyte is doing great things in midfield. Up front Bob Taylor and Robin Crow are dangerous.

Albion has goalkeeper Bill Johnson in fine form, but this may not be enough to stop Altona, which should get back on the winning track.

George Cross plays Hakoah at Olympic Park on Saturday in what will be a tight match. Hakoah is in a bad patch, while George Cross is on the way up.

However, a draw is the likely result.

**STATE LEAGUE ROUND 6:**  
Saturday, May 12: Albion v Altona at Selwyn Park, Sunshine, George Cross v Hakoah at Olympic Park.

Sunday, May 13: Slavia v Green Gully at the Showgrounds, Preston Makedonia v Sunshine City at B. T. Conner Reserve, Frankston City v Croydon City at Centenary Park, Frankston, Essendon Croatia v Juventus at Olympic Park. — KYLE PATTERSON.

## GREEN GULLY 0 FRANKSTON CITY 2

Scorers: Mitten 34th, Swinscoe 85th.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve.

Weather: Overcast and windy.

Crowd: Approx. 200.

Referee: Marek Momont.

Cautions: McCluskey, Parrott, Swinscoe.

**GREEN GULLY — Denys, Donaldson, Cain, Klarin, Patten: Vassallo, Bennie, McCarthy; Segi (Pavlekov-ic 33rd), Vojtek, Perkin.**

**FRANKSTON: Peterson, V. Bannon, T. Young, McCluskey, Parrott, Webster, G. Bannon, Coulson, Swinscoe, Mitten, B. Young, (Campbell 82nd).**

Frankston City turned a goalkeeping slip into a match-winning goal to take its record to five straight wins.

Gully had had the better of the early exchanges and looked in no danger when Lou Denys went up unchallenged to cut out an Alan Parrott centre from the left. However the keeper fumbled the ball and collided with Peter Donaldson as he tried to retrieve it and Noel Mitten had the easy task of tapping home into an empty net.

Frankston had recalled Willie Coulson into midfield while Tony Young moved to the sweeper position in place of Bob Adams, who sustained a knee injury against George Cross the week before.

Gully too made a number of positional changes. Coach Billy Vojtek moved to a forward position, while Andy Segi regained his place in the absence of Steve Carr, serving a one week suspension.

Steve Bennie slotted into midfield for his first league game of the season and started most of Gully's good moves in the initial half hour.

At the 14 minute mark, Bennie controlled a John Patten pass and split the Frankston defence with a measured pass to Vojtek on the right wing. The latter made ground cutting inside, but

with defenders and the keeper narrowing the angle, he hammered his shot into the side netting. Two minutes later, Bennie repeated the move and this time Vojtek kept to the touchline before crossing to the far post over Petersen's groping hands, but Segi was not in the centre.

By the time Perkins arrived, the defenders had covered the danger.

Frankston's early raids were restricted to a Ged Bannon shot into a crowded penalty area, which Willie Vassallo blocked in the 11th minute, and another screamer two minutes later after Mitten has chested the ball down which shaved the crossbar.

Webster and Coulson at one end and Segi at the other all had shots off target before Mitten opened the scoring.

Segi hobbled off a minute before the goal and was replaced by Joe Pavlekov-ic, the former Essendon Croatia junior.

The youngster found the going tough against Vince Bannon, still the best full-back in Victoria and was never allowed to use his speed to advantage.

Referee Momont booked three Frankston players — McCluskey, Parrott, and Swinscoe — all for late tackles, in a space of 12 minutes as Gully stepped up their pace after conceding the goal.

Kevin Swinscoe put the result beyond doubt five minutes from the end running past a static defence onto a chip ball and lobbing over Denys for his fifth goal of the season.

Denys saved well off a Parrott blockbuster from a direct free kick but the match was well and truly over by then.

It certainly wasn't a championship performance by the surprise leaders of the State League. But who cares if a side wins five matches on the trot without setting the world on fire.

Certainly nobody down Frankston way is complaining. — PETER DESIRA.



**Steve Benie (left), back in the Ajax team after a long absence, shields the ball from Frankston's Ged Bannon. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.**



**NORWICH CITY FC**



**Martin Peters**

# Star coach for City

**FRANKSTON 4  
CROYDON 0**

**Scoresh: Mitten (3) 25th, 74th, 81st, G. Bannon 54th. Ground: Centenary Park, Frankston.**

**Crowd: est. 3,000**

**FRANKSTON CITY:** Petersan, V. Bannon, McClusky, T. Young, Parrott, G. Bannon, Peters, Webster, Swinscoe, Mitten, Coulson (B. Young half time).

**CROYDON CITY:** Edwards, Spink, Pongho, McCombe, Hobson, Lowrey, Smith, Brogan, Loughnane, Hamilton, Wyllie (McKinlay).

Frankston City's players will get some expert advice at training this week when English First Division star Martin Peters will assume the role of coach.

Peters was invited to take the Frankston squad for a training session by coach Freddy Bunce, who was only too happy to stand aside and let the experienced Peters take over.

Bunce and Peters, a veteran of two World Cup series, talked about some of the areas needing improvement in the Frankston team after the 4-0 victory over Croydon.

Both men agreed Frankston gave the ball away too much, and Bunce suggested Peters could work with the players on this problem.

"At first, Martin was a bit apprehensive about taking the training session," said Bunce. "He said he didn't want to tread on my territory."

"But Frankston may never again have a player of his ability at the club. It's a once-in-lifetime experience for us, and so we will try and make the most of Peters' experience and ability."

Bunce's suggestion is a good one, and benefits all parties. Frankston will gain from Peters' coaching. After more than fifteen years in the English First Division and eight in the national team, Peters has deep knowledge of the game.

From Peters' point of view, being coach will keep in touch with his team mates of the next few weeks without tiring him. He is extremely fit after playing his last game for season 1978-79 only two weeks ago. With a hectic schedule in front of him, training would be too exhausting on his resources, but the coaching work may refresh him.

Peters' debut for Frankston was fairly successful economically. An estimated 2,500 people attended the game.

The day was planned to perfection, and Frankston's officials must be pleased with their performance.

However, two players — Noel Mitten and Duncan Smith — made sure Peters wasn't the star of the show.

Duncan Smith, Croydon city's rugged midfield destroyer, was given the task of shadowing Peters, and did a good job.

Mitten's part was scoring a hat trick, and becoming the hero of Frankston for a day.

But Peters did play a part in two goals. He can't be expected to perform wonders, and his effort in this match creditable.

Frankston must not place too much importance on Peters role during a game, otherwise the team's style will change and Peters will be put under too much pressure.

Frankston's four-goal victory looks good on paper, but flatters the Bayside club.

There's no dispute that Frankston was the stronger team, more organised and more decisive, but defensive errors by Croydon made it look worse.

Noel Mitten made it 1-0 in the 25th minute with a goal made by Peters. Vince Bannon played a ball down the line to Peters, who shielded it from Smith before turning over a cross. Kevin Swinscoe chested the ball down, and Mitten was in like a flash to shoot home.

Croydon had a say in the match, even though it was struggling to penetrate the Frankston rearguard. However, a blunder by goalkeeper Mick Edwards gave Frankston a 2-0 lead and drained Croydon of confidence.

Ged Bannon hit a weak shot towards goal, and Edwards had it covered. But the ball skipped, and Edwards was left clutching thin air as the ball rolled in the net.

From then on, Frankston was playing controlled football with little fear of losing its grip.

Mitten grabbed his second when Steve McCombe made a bad back pass and the Frankston striker raced in to slot it past Edwards.

Peters was involved for the last goal. He received a pass from Tony Young, and spotting that Croydon was square in defence, chipped over the defenders for Mitten to run on.

Mitten completed his hat trick with a well-taken goal.

Best players were — Frankston: Tony Young, Keith Webster and Mitten. Croydon: Alan Pongho, Smith and Peter Loughnane.



**Martin Peters (left) crosses the ball past Croydon full back Gary Hobson. Peters appearance with Frankston attracted 2,500 people to Centenary Park.**



## FRANKSTON 1 SLAVIA 0

Scorer: B. Young 79th  
Ground: Centenary Park.  
FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen -  
V. Bannon, T. Young, McClusky,  
Parrott Injured (Campbell) - G.  
Bannon, Peters, Webster - B.  
Young, Mitten, Swinscoe.  
PRAHRAN SLAVIA: McPherson  
- Thompson Injured (Cook), West-  
ley, Lawson, Wade - Train, Monag-  
han, Kinnear - Aldridge, Griffiths,  
Williams.

*Prahran Slavia has stepped up its British recruiting campaign in an effort to bolster the team after the sale of John Yzendoorn and Jamie Paton.*

Two players arrived last week and reports suggested several more players will join Slavia from the U.K. now that the club has the financial resources to back the recruiting drive.

The new players are striker Dave Griffiths and left full back John Cullen, both from the Liverpool area in England. Griffiths made his debut against Frankston after arriving on the Thursday before the match. Cullen played in the reserve team.

Two weeks earlier, defender Steve Lawson was recruited and slotted into Yzendoorn's position.

However, Frankston maintained its 100% record in the championship with a 1-0 victory over Slavia.

Winger Bruce Young scored the winning goal in the 78th minute when he latched onto a clearance from a corner and hit the ball through a ruck of players from 20 yards.

Slavia goalkeeper Alex McPherson was unsighted, and unable to prevent the shot entering the net.

The goal came from Frankston's fourth corner on the trot, and was the reward of sustained pressure from Frankston.

However, the first half was an even battle, with both teams restricting opponent's space, and defences coming out on top.

However, Slavia points to the moment Martin Peters saved Frankston with some timely defensive work which prevented a goal.

At the other end, McPherson was earning his keep with a solid display.

Martin Peters, who is sleeping and eating soccer at present, had an un-spectacular game, but contributed in midfield.

Young was switched when stopper Bob Adams was injured. Adams made a comeback in the reserves last week but Young's fine form will keep him out of the team for the time being.

Two full backs - Frankston's Alan Parrott and Frank Thompson of SLAVIA - had to leave the ground with injuries.

Replacement Paul Cook, who joined Slavia from the U.K. in February, went into midfield and Jim Train went to full back.

The best players for Slavia were winger Jim Williams, sweeper Steve Lawson and goalkeeper Alex McPherson.

Frankston's best were Danny McClusky, Ged Bannon and Bruce Young.

## FRANKSTON 3 HAKOAH 3

Scorers: Franks - Swinscoe  
15th, Peters 63rd, Campbell 75th  
Hak - French 3rd, Jordanou 35th,  
Rigby 70th.

Ground: McClelland Drive.

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen -  
V. Bannon, McClusky, Adams,  
Campbell - T. Young, Peters, G.  
Bannon - B. Young, Swinscoe,  
Mitten (Tulloch).

HAKOAH ST. KILDA: Whiteside  
- Edmondson, Gadsby, Dosen,  
Rakovalis - Rigby, Jordanou, Blair  
- Loh, French injured (Allison 4th  
min), Nagy.

*Hakoah may rush goalkeeper Mike O'Hara into its team after the poor showing of Bill Whiteside against Frankston City.*

O'Hara re-joined Hakoah St Kilda last week after spending 1½ seasons with Footscray JUST. O'Hara cost Footscray \$3000 at the start of 1978.

English midfielder Steve Carpenter has also transferred to Hakoah from Footscray but there are complications with his clearance.

Carpenter is a former English youth international who was imported by Footscray early this year.

Carpenter and O'Hara instigated legal action against Footscray, which agreed in an out of court settlement to release the players to the club of their choice pending legal action by Footscray against the players.

O'Hara played with Hakoah for several seasons before his transfer to Footscray.

He may make a comeback to the Hakoah team this week against Altona at Kim Reserve.

Carpenter, who is still waiting for a final clearance, may have to wait longer to make his debut because Hakoah has a strong midfield.

Whiteside was blamed for two of

Frankston's three goals. At the other end Frank Petersen came in for criticism for two of Hakoah's goals.

It was a bad day for the goalkeepers, but still the game was fast and entertaining as Frankston dropped its first championship point of the season.

There were other incidents as well as the handful of goalkeeping errors. Winger Bruce Young went to hospital with concussion after tangling with full back Gerry Edmondson. Both were shown yellow cards, and were reported to have started an unofficial boxing match as the teams left the field at half time.

Striker Graham French had a short, but rewarding stay on the field. He scored a goal in the third minute his second only in eight championship games, but had to leave the field with an injury sustained while scoring the goal.

A tackle from Bob Adams injured French's knee and he was replaced by Colin Allison.

Due to a shortage of reserves, Hakoah coach Frank Micic was listed on the team sheet, but didn't make an appearance. However, Frank did play for Hakoah in a mid-week practice match against South Melbourne. Souths won the game 2 - 1.

Alex Tulloch made his comeback after breaking a leg earlier this season in a practice match against Doveton.

The best players for Hakoah were Gerry Edmondson, Bill Jordanou and Michael Loh.

Loh was such a threat to Frankston that coach Freddy Bunce reshuffled his team after 20 minutes to cover Loh. Norrie Campbell, who couldn't hold Loh, went up front, Tony Young went from midfield to full back and Noel Mitten went from attack to midfield.

Frankston's best were Bob Adams, Kevin Swinscoe and Ged Bannon, who is firing on all cylinders at present.



**Tommy Cumming (Above, left) races past Sandy Irvine of Frankston.**

# Cumming the man to watch: Bunce

Frankston City coach Freddy Bunce has predicted Essendon Croatia will defeat Preston Makedonia by two goals.

And he's just as confident Frankston can turn around and defeat Croatia when the two teams meet in the next round of the State League on July 1.

Bunce, the knowledgeable coach of the league leader, has a special interest in the Croatia/Makedonia game because these two clubs are hot on Frankston's tail.

Frankston played Makedonia last weekend, but Bunce's confidence in his team's ability has been boosted with the arrival of \$350,000 star Eamon Bannon.

Bannon, a brother of Frankston duo Ged and Vince Bannon, is with the Bayside club on a guest visit from English First Division club Chelsea.

He recently transferred to Chelsea from Scottish club Hearts.

But back to the important Makedonia/Croatia clash. Bunce thinks Croatia will win and emerge as the main threat to Frankston's hopes of winning its first State League championship.

"Croatia has always been a team which plays good soccer," said Bunce. "The team is hard to beat, and has some top players.

**"Tommy Cumming is a hard player to curb because he's always willing to run and chase. Of course, his speed is his great asset. However, I intend to play Tony Young at left back against Cumming. Tony is a similar type player in that he's prepared to fight all the way."**

Bunce spoke highly of Keith Adams, the Croatia midfielder, who played under Bunce at Ringwood last season.

"Keith is a good all-round player," said Fred, "and has no great weakness. But I think he's a better full back than midfielder and if he plays in the centre of the park it would suit us."

Bunce can take great satisfaction in knowing that he was one of only four coaches to plot the downfall of Essendon Croatia's 1978 team. Last season, Croatia lost only the two league games, one Dockerty Cup match and a Phillips Cup match. Two of these defeats were against Ringwood City at Croatia's home ground — Olympic Park.

**"Ringwood defeated Croatia in a league game on a very heavy pitch," said Bunce. "The secret was our plan to**

**have John Luyten pushing up on John Gardiner, the Croatia sweeper.**

"By doing that, Gardiner wasn't able to pick up balls from the goalkeeper and start moves, which is what he liked doing. That broke Croatia's rhythm and forced them into playing high balls out of defence.

"I don't know if Croatia still plays like this. Gardiner has gone and I haven't seen Croatia play since the Ampol Cup. But still, the way to beat Croatia and Makedonia for that matter, is to attack and restrict them from coming forward the way they like."

Croatia defeated Frankston 2-0 in the Ampol Cup earlier in the year.

"Over-confidence killed us that night," said Bunce.

Frankston played Makedonia last week and Bunce made several observations.

"Makedonia's attack is obviously dangerous," he said, "but in defence I think the team is shaky."

**"Dave Garthwaite tends to lose concentration and generally, the back four lacks pace.**

"The full backs, Mike Rainey and Steve Beech, like to come



● Fred Bunce

forward but we tried to pressure them and restrict their forward movements."

And what of Bunce's team, which has surprised many opponents this season.

"Our defence is our main problem area," he admitted. "Our defensive principles are bad and need a lot of working on. Lapses in concentration are the biggest problem, as the defenders are too slow in getting organised."

"But attacking is what really matters and in this area we have important players Noel Mitten and Kevin Swinscoe."

"Both strikers can score goals, and are always dangerous up front. Along with Ged Bannon, who comes from behind, these two provide the goalscoring power."

The measure of Frankston's ability will be known in two weeks after the top three teams have played each other.

## FRANKSTON 4 ALTONA 3

Scorers: Frankston - Peters (2) 35th, 74th, E. Bannon (2 pens) 66th, 71st. Altona - Craw 2nd, Taylor 12th, N. Little 88th. Ground: Centenary Park.

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen - V. Bannon, McClusky, Adams, T. Young, G. Bannon, E. Bannon, Peters - B. Young, Swinscoe, Mitten.

ALTONA CITY: van der Pool - Lewis, Murray (sent off 76th), Gramsbergen, Hird - Banagan (N. Little), Canell, Whyte - Craw, Taylor, G. Train.

Frankston is undefeated in 10 games, a remarkable achievement considering Essendon Croatia's longest unbeaten run last season on the way to the championship was eight games.

Altona jumped Frankston with goals from Robin Craw and Bob Taylor, which came about due to the squareness of the Frankston defence. Altona played some good attacking soccer, and had several more good chances to score.

Tragedy struck when goalkeeper Hans van der Pool fumbled a corner and Martin Peters scored in the 35th minute.

However, after the enterprising first half, things turned sour for Altona. In the space of five minutes referee Jim Dixon awarded two penalties to Frankston, both of which were converted by Eamon Bannon.

The first spot kick came when Peters was brought down, and the second when Peter Lewis sent Eamon Bannon flying.

Worse was to follow for Altona as defender Keith Murray was sent off for showing dissent. Down 2-3, Altona couldn't fight back.

Peters added a fourth goal, and Frankston was in command. Peters' vision and the dynamic play of Eamon Bannon gave Frankston the midfield.

Altona salvaged a late goal when substitute Nat Lile rammed home a cut back by Taylor.

# FRANKSTON HITS BACK

**Frankston City coach Freddy Bunce has accused Preston's Tony Vrzina of "sour grapes" after Vrzina blasted Frankston in last week's issue of "Soccer Action".**

Vrzina said Frankston had resorted to rough and defensive tactics to beat Preston Makedonia, and that this style of play would drive crowds away from State League games.

Vrzina also said referees were at fault for allowing such rough play to go unnoticed.

Angered by Vrzina's comments, Bunce charged that Vrzina was making excuses for the defeat.

"There was absolutely no violent play," said Bunce, "and the referee (Mr.

Fern) did a good job handling the game. I resent Mr. Vrzina for implying that Frankston is a team of cloggers. Maybe in previous years the team had a reputation of being another Mooroolbark, but certainly not the present team.

"Preston claims Frankston defended for most of the game. If that's what they think then I must question the judgement of the coach. If a team has a lot of the ball, but can't score goals, the coach must make some changes."

Bunce added the only time violence came to the fore was after the game when several Makedonia fans were arrested by Police for fighting.

"On top of that," said Bunce, "two Frankston players - Alan Parrett and

Alex Tulloch - were attacked as they went down the players' race."

Frankston won the game 1-0 with a goal from Bob Adams.

## Goalkeeper for Cross?

Goalkeepers Billy Whiteside and Dennis Boland have been linked with George Cross.

Whiteside of Hakoah St. Kilda and Boland of Footscray JUST have both lost their first team places with their

# FRANKSTON HAS FORM, BUT CROATIA TO WIN

By KYLE PATTERSON

**The best defence in the Victorian State League will be faced by the best attack in this week's important clash between Essendon Croatia and Frankston City at Olympic Park.**

*Frankston City, the shock leader of the State League, has scored 46 goals at an average of 2.50 a game to have the most lethal attack in the competition.*

But Essendon Croatia has conceded only 12 goals this season at an average of 0.66 per game to have the meanest defence.

The battle between these two departments will be of great importance as Frankston faces its last test in the form of the reigning champion - Croatia. If Frankston can put down the challenge of Croatia, it will have one foot in the door on the way to taking the title.

Many people have doubted Frankston's ability, saying it will be only a matter of time before its bubble bursts. But a "Soccer Action" review of the State League shows Frankston to be the most consistent and entertaining team around this season.

This conclusion comes from a glance at the composite ladder on this page. Notice Frankston has played 18 games for only two defeats and two draws.

In the goalscoring stakes - which is directly proportional to entertainment value - Frankston is a clear leader with an average of 2.50 per game.

The composite ladder was compiled after taking into consideration all Ampol Cup, Dockerty Cup and championship games played this season. Because cup

competitions are knock out, some teams have played more games than others.

An important fact to remember when studying the ladder is that games decided on penalties have been counted as draws. Most will agree penalty showdowns are "hit and miss" so it would be unfair to count them as bone fide results.

But back to the important State League clash at Olympic Park this Sunday. Frankston has already claimed the scalp of Preston Makedonia, and has a great chance of adding Croatia's.

The factor that will decide Frankston's chances is the performance of its defence. There's no hiding that the centre of the City defence is suspect. Altona, which had scored only 10 goals in nine games, managed to knock three past goalkeeper Frank Petersen in the last round.

Two rounds before that, Hakoah managed to score three with a forward line that had only Michael Loh as a dangerman.

Clearly this area is Frankston's weakness, and Croatia has the players to exploit this - if they are used in the right positions!

Ken Murphy MUST play up alongside Carl Gilder, and Tommy Cumming MUST return to the

right flank. Coach Brian Edgeley experimented against Makedonia, but the moves didn't come off.

Cumming's workrate will cover the loss of Murphy from the midfield, and beside Murphy moves around well on the forward line.

Gilder needs Murphy to take some pressure off him, as well as having someone to make use of his flick ons and dummy runs.

There's a good chance midfielder Keith Adams will be assigned the job of marking Eamon Bannon, the star Frankston guest player. This would be a good play, as Adams' admirable defensive qualities and fighting spirit would be utilised.

John Gardiner would add tremendous creativeness to the midfield, but it looks as though he will play sweeper. Still, here he will be a creative player, but it's sure that shrewd Frankston coach Freddy Bunce will give strikers Noel Mitten or Kevin Swinscoe the task of pressuring Gardiner to prevent him starting moves.

Howard Andrews had a good game against Makedonia and doesn't deserve to be left out. He may play at full back if Brian Edgley decides to leave out Grant Smart or Ante Bilaver, both who had poor games last round.

For many seasons, Croatia hasn't lost two in a row. What's more, the team is most ferocious after a defeat. Frankston found this out last year in what is an omen for this week's game.

Frankston was sitting near the top. Croatia lost the previous week to Ringwood City, but bounced back to hammer Frankston 5-0!

Hakoah has injury problems, and it's not known if Dave Rigby,

Bill Jordanou and Graham French will be fit for this game. If they aren't, Sunshine will start favorite because it will be keyed up to get the bad performance against Croydon out of its system.

Green Gully's home record could take a further battering when confident Croydon City visits St. Albans. Joe Tront is back in top form, and the Croydon back four is back to its best. Peter Loughnane could be fit to add more firepower to Croydon.

Green Gully has its share of trouble with Ian McCarthy leaving the club, and Steve Carr being transferred. This gives Croydon a great chance to snatch two valuable away points.

Altona City came close to knocking off Frankston City, but will find Juventus no pushover at Olympic Park. Juve's front line of Bobby McGuinness, George Gillan and Tony Heery is a dangerous one, backed up by Claude Lucchesi, the club's top goalscorer.

Altona has Robin Craw and Bob Taylor running into form, and Stuart Cannell has started impressively in midfield. Billy Whyte is a talented linkman, and overall the teams should be evenly-matched. I predict a draw.

Another game of "strugglers" is the George Cross/Slavia game at the Showgrounds. Two seasons ago these two clubs dominated the State League. Now Slavia is on the bottom and George Cross in 11th place.

Slavia's defence has been good all season, but let down periodically by goalkeeper Alex McPherson. The midfield is solid, but definitely lacks penetration.

The main problem is up front. Jim Williams is a top winger, and

Steve Aldridge a hard-working striker but neither is a goalscorer.

Jamie Paton, who played only a handful of games for Slavia in the league, is still top scorer.

George Cross has been flat even after the acquisition of Tony Cowan, John Bernard, Michael Wilson and Brian Thom. The defence has been inconsistent, and the forward line lacking punch.

But both teams will be desperate to win.

Preston Makedonia faces a danger game against Albion Rovers. Makedonia must win convincingly to gain momentum for a championship push. Be warned Preston: Albion will steal this game if given half a chance!

Makedonia should win, but Albion is a giantkiller. Remember the opening round of the State League when Essendon Croatia fell victim of Bill McArthur's plans.

Preston can expect taught marking, and ruthless defence by Albion. In Blair, Wark, Nisbet and Johnson, Albion has the defence to hold Makedonia out.

Mick D'Sylva will make the most of any half chances in attack. George McMillan could be unavailable, but Gary Ward, Robert Cullen and Co. should pull through for Makedonia.

**STATE LEAGUE Saturday June 30**  
*Sunshine City v St. Kilda Hakoah (Chaplin Res.), Green Gully v Croydon City (Green Gully Res.), Juventus v Altona City (at Olympic Park, No. 2 ground)*

**Sunday July 1**  
*Prahran Slavia v George Cross (Showgrounds, Ascot Vale), Preston Makedonia v Albion Leyland (B. J. Connor Res. Reservoir), Essendon Croatia v Frankston City (at Olympic Park No. 2 ground)*

# 1979 review

Club analysis: Victorian State League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%success
FRANKSTON	18	14	2	2	46	22	30	83.33
CRATIA	18	11	4	3	34	12	26	72.22
MAKEDONIA	18	11	3	4	41	21	25	69.44
CROYDON	19	9	4	6	38	32	22	57.89
AJAX	20	8	6	6	31	26	22	55.00
HAKOAH	19	9	2	8	33	27	20	52.63
SLAVIA	20	9	3	8	33	20	21	52.50
JUVENTUS	17	7	2	8	34	28	16	47.05
ALTONA	17	5	3	9	27	30	13	38.23
SUNSHINE	17	4	5	8	21	24	13	38.23
GEO. CROSS	17	4	5	8	20	28	13	38.23
ALBION	16	3	4	9	15	24	10	31.25

## Defence

Defensive rate: goals conceded per game

Ess. Croatia	0.66
Prah. Slavia	1.00
Pres. Makedonia	1.16
Frankston City	1.22
G.G. Ajax	1.30
Sunshine City	1.41
Hakoah St. K.	1.42
Albion Rovers	1.50
Juventus	1.54
Geo. Cross	1.64
Croydon City	1.68
Altona City	1.76

## Attack

Scoring rate: goals per game

Frankston City	2.50
Pres. Makedonia	2.27
Croydon City	2.00
Juventus	2.00
Ess. Croatia	1.88
Hakoah St. K.	1.70
Prah. Slavia	1.65
Altona City	1.58
G.G. Ajax	1.55
Sunshine City	1.23
Geo. Cross	1.17
Albion Rovers	0.93

## U-14 STATE LEAGUE COLTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	6	5	1	0	14	6	11
Essendon	5	5	0	0	33	0	10
Preston	7	4	0	3	14	9	8
Juventus	6	4	0	2	14	14	8
George Cross	7	2	2	3	3	12	6
Altona	6	2	0	4	5	14	4
Frankston City	5	1	1	3	5	12	3
Croydon	6	1	0	5	9	15	2
Green Gully	5	1	0	4	7	20	2

## U-16 STATE LEAGUE COLTS

Croydon	8	6	1	1	13	6	13
Altona	6	5	1	0	16	1	11
Frankston City	7	5	0	2	15	9	10
Preston	7	4	1	2	8	7	9
Prahran	6	2	2	2	2	6	6
Albion	6	2	1	3	10	13	5
Juventus	6	1	2	3	11	10	4
George Cross	7	1	0	6	4	27	2
Hakoah	7	0	0	7	0	0	0

## CROATIA 2 FRANKSTON 2

Scorers: Cumming 8th 30th  
(Esa), Swinscoe 26th, Adams 62nd  
(Fr)

Ground: Olympic Park No. 2

Crowd: approx 3000

Conditions: windy.

**CROATIA** — Blasby 6, Smart 7,  
Kokoska 7, Short 8, Bilaver 7,  
Adams 7, (Andrews 72nd), Gardiner  
8, Murphy 8, Cumming 9, Gilder 7,  
Culina 7 (Paleka 72nd).

**FRANKSTON** — Petersen 8, V.  
Bannon 7, Adams 8, McCluskey 7,  
T. Young 9, E. Bannon 8, G. Bannon  
7, Coulson 7, Mitten 7, Swinscoe 8,  
B. Young 7 (Tulloch 85th)

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

*Frankston dispelled all doubts about their ability to stay at the top with a fighting performance against present title holders Essendon Croatia.*

The stars of the match were Tommy Cumming and Tony Young although both sides had plenty of good players in a match that never diminished in interest until the final whistle.

Cumming, who can't keep out of the news these days, was at his sharpest in the first half and netted both Essendon's goals.

Young, who hardly gave Culina an inch in the first half was switched onto the pint-sized dynamo after the break and the duel between the two made an absorbing spectacle for the rest of the match.

Croatia's first goal came in the opening minutes before either side had sized up the other and came as a result of slack concentration by keeper Frank Petersen.

The referee awarded a foul for a push on Gilder by McCluskey outside the area. John Gardiner rolled a short free kick for Kenny Murphy to blast goalwards. Petersen knew very little about the shot but got a hand to the ball helping it against the crossbar.

Tommy Cumming sized up the situation in a split second and was in like a flash to hammer the loose ball home before the stranded keeper even made a move.

Petersen came to the rescue in the 25th minute when McCluskey's attempted clearance rebounded off Gardiner and sped towards goal until Petersen dived to intercept.

In the 26th minute Peter Blasby was slow off his line and was well beaten by Kevin Swinscoe's header from a Coulson pinpoint free kick on the left flank.

Frankston's joy was short lived however for on the half hour Cumming restored Croatia's lead when he again bobbed up on the left wing, crossed to Murphy, then kept going to meet the return pass and shoot into the net.

After the break Eamon Bannon came out of his shell somewhat and with his increased involvement, Frankston gained control of mid-field.

After 52 minutes, he worked himself loose down the left and centred to the head of Adams. The latter was shoved unceremoniously as he went up for the header but the referee dismissed claims for a penalty and waved play on.

Three minutes later Blasby made the save of the match off Swinscoe's shot

## GG-AJAX 3

Scorers: Ajas: Klarin 79th & 85th,  
Vojtek 88th; Croydon: Brogan 71st.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve.

Weather: Cold and windy.

Crowd: About 600.

Referee: Colin Tuffield 7.

Ratings:

**AJAX:** Denys 6, Donaldson 6.5,  
Cain 6, Patten 6.5, Crilly 8, Thom-  
son 7, Vassallo 7, Vojtek 7.5, Perkin  
5.5 (inj. sub. Klarin 64th), Mutic 4  
(Beller 80th), Pavlekovic 5.5.

**CROYDON:** Edwards 5, Spink 6,  
Pongho 6.5, McCombe 7.5, Hobson  
6, McKinley 5 (Murphy 70th), Tront  
6.5, Smith 6, Brogan 5.5, Hamilton  
4, Wylie 4.

*Former centre back Mick Klarin turned striker in this match and young Fred Beller, in his first appearance for*

## FRANKSTON 4 JUVENTUS 1

Scorers: Frankston - Mitten (2) 21st, 82nd, Adams 63rd, Swinscoe 69th Juventus - Smith pen. 42nd.

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen - V. Bannon, McClusky, Adams, T. Young - G. Bannon, Coulson (Parrott), E. Bannon - Mitten, Swinscoe, B. Young.

JUVENTUS: Reilly - Sabidini, Vaughan, Della Rocca, Tarquinio - G. Lucchesi (Crino), Smith, Sabidussi (J. Lucchesi) - McGuinness, Gillan, Heery.

The striking partnership of Noel Mitten and Kevin Swinscoe has produced over half of Frankston's 31 goals in the State League championship, but centre half Bobby Adams has been the team's goallscoring ace.

He has scored only three goals, but all have been vital. The first was a winner against second-placed Preston Makedonia, and then he scored the equaliser against third-placed Essendon Croatia in a 2-2 draw.

Against Juventus, Adams bobbed up to put Frankston into the lead in the 63rd minute, which turned the game in Frankston's favor. After

half time, Juventus applied considerable pressure to Frankston, but Adams' goal killed off the Juve thrust and set Frankston on course for a comfortable win.

Adams' goals have come from set pieces or corners, when his great height and aggression in the goal area pose a threat to opposition defences.

Frankston ran out easy winners when Swinscoe and Mitten added late goals to increase the tally to four.

Mitten put Frankston into the lead, but a Charlie Smith penalty kick equalised that goal. The penalty was awarded after Smith had broken away on the left and hit a cross for George Gillan, who was shoved by the retreating Bruce Young as he was about to head for goal.

Bobby McGuinness was the man-of-the-match with an excellent display of forward work. Adams was a commanding figure at centre half, and his partner Danny McClusky also had a sound game.

Fausto Tarquinio and Smith were good players for Juventus. Frankston's Keith Webster is sidelined with a hamstring injury.





**Frankston's Ged Bannon slide-tackles Willie Vassallo of Ajax.**

# — VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

with Kyle Patterson

## Bilaver sent off

### FRANKSTON 1

### CROATIA 0

Scorer — Ged Bannon 21st  
Ground — Centenary Park Nth Frankston  
Crowd — 1500 (estimate)

FRANKSTON Peterson, V. Bannon, Adams, McCluskey, Parrott, T. Young, G. Bannon, Coulson, Swinscoe, Mitten, B. Young (Tulloch 83rd).

CROATIA Blasby, Smart, Kokoska, Short (capt), Bilaver (sent off 87th), Adams (Culina 83rd), Andrews, Gardiner, Cumming, Gilder, Murphy.

Referee — Bernie Upjohn.

Cautions — T. Young, Parrott (Frankston), Kokoska (Essendon).

Frankston strides forward to what has to be its first State League championship win. For no amount of emotional juggling can produce any other result.

On Sunday they laid down the ghost that Frankston could not win without the help of guest stars.

They matched Essendon Croatia in every department and created as many clear-cut chances as the feared trio of Cumming, Gilder, and Murphy.

The match could in fact have been a high scoring one but Blasby and Petersen in either goal denied the forwards with some great saves.

Referee Upjohn took a very stern line, sending off Ante Bilaver for dissent late in the match and booking three players — Kokoska for a foul on Mitten, Tony Young for dissent and Parrott for a foul on Cumming.

Cumming, playing despite a bout of flu, was subdued for the greater part of the match by Parrott but still managed to be Essendon's most effective forward.

In the second half he laid on a flash of his magic, flicking the ball delicately over a defender in the six

yard box, then smashing a shot before it hit the ground but Petersen denied him the goal, saving at point blank range.

Essendon had started the match like a house on fire and for 20 solid minutes restricted the leaders to their own half.

Gilder headed over the bar from Murphy's corner, Gardiner had a free kick saved, Petersen turned a Murphy shot round the post and in the 18th minute Bob Adams funnelled back in time to kick off the line after Gilder broke through on his own and beat the keeper with his angled drive.

Frankston's best efforts had been in Swinscoe shot which was deflected and a Coulson free kick which gave Blasby no trouble.

But in the 21st minute the aspiring champions scored a brilliant goal which will live long in Ged Bannon's memory.

Willie Coulson started the move with a crossfield ball to Vince Bannon on the half way line. The full back overlapped down the right, then slipped the ball inside to Mitten who turned and laid across for the onrushing Bannon to smash into the roof of the net.

Five minutes later Blasby pulled off a good save following a similar move, this time involving Coulson, Ged Bannon and Mitten, with Swinscoe making the final shot.

After 28 minutes Parrott brought down Gilder outside the area and from the well-worked free kick, Grant Smart found himself with a good angle to shoot but he misused and wasted the opportunity.

Frankston replied with a Bruce Young dash down the right wing then across to the head of Mitten with Blasby saving again.

The second half was an anti climax after the action packed first 45 minutes.

Couch Freddie Bunce made himself hoarse tongue-lashing his forwards who could have sealed the match within six minutes of the restart.

Mitten and Swinscoe both had shots saved, then Mitten broke through on the left and beat the keeper with his shot but the ball trickled around the wrong side of the post.

Both defences were well on top for the rest of the game although Cumming did his little bit of magic, put a header across goal which caused havoc before being cleared, and also had a shot deflected after a Gardiner breakaway.

The remainder of the action centred around the Bilaver send off. The player swore at the referee over a decision after a clash with Ged Bannon.

Mr Upjohn put up the red card with no hesitation much to Bilaver's amazement and he had to practically be dragged off the field by his team mates. — PETER DESIRA

### ALBION ROVERS 1 FRANKSTON CITY 1

Scorers: Swinscoe (F) 10th,

McIntyre (AR) 89th.

Ground: Selwyn Park, Albion.

Crowd: About 400.

Referee: Jack Readshaw 6.

Cautions: Wark (AR).

Sent off: McCormack (AR),

T. Young (F), 76th minute.

Teams, with ratings:

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, Miller 5, Nisbet 8, Blair, Stevens 4 — Greechan 7, Wark 9, McIntyre 6, Reilly 5 (injured, sub. McCormack 73rd, sent off 76th) — McNeill 6, D'Sylva 5.

FRANKSTON: Peterson 6 — V. Bannon 8, Adams 7, McCluskey 6, Parrott 6 — G. Bannon 6, Coulson 6, Tulloch 71st, T. Young 8 (sent off 76th) — B. Young 9, Swinscoe 6, Mitten 6.

Alex Wark and Bruce Young played some excellent football as Albion Rovers snatched what could be a life-saving point from a match marred by listlessness 14 minutes from the end.

Ironically, Billy McIntyre and Bruce Young, the two men who sparked the flare-up, got off scot free as referee Jack Readshaw sent off Bill McCormack and Tony Young. McCormack, incidentally, had come on as a substitute only three minutes earlier.

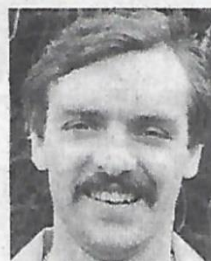
A foul tackle by McIntyre on Bruce Young started the trouble. As they disentangled themselves, they made threats to each other, causing Readshaw to move in. As that was happening, Bruce Young shaped up to big McCormack who retaliated in no uncertain manner. Bruce Young ran away and it was Tony Young who traded punches with McCormack.

Frankston was clearly the better team but it failed to press home its obvious advantage. Albion Rovers are far from classy.

Wark was their key man against the league leader. He was tireless in his role as defensive midfielder, starting moves from defence and advancing to help the forwards, then retreating to become a fifth defender.

Bruce Young was the most dangerous forward of the game. He beat the unfortunate young left back, Gordon Stevens, at will but fellow strikers Kevin Swinscoe and Noel Mitten weren't up to their usual good form.

Swinscoe did, however, score the goal that kept Frankston in the lead until injury time at the end of the match, when Bill McIntyre equalised. Frankston's goal came in



Alex Wark

the 10th minute, when Bruce Young easily skipped past Stevens and crossed to Swinscoe who headed home unopposed.

Moments later, Young went past Stevens on an incredible 60-metre run before aiming a cross at Mitten and Swinscoe in the middle, but this time goalkeeper Billy Johnson reacted quickly to pluck the ball out of the air.

Kit Greechan was the only player who managed to get a few shots in for Albion but two attempts early were from angles acute enough not to bother Frank Petersen. Then Greechan sent a free kick to Mike D'Sylva who tried a bicycle kick that went over the bar.

Bruce Young went on yet another run before crossing to Mitten who headed it down to Swinscoe. However, Swinscoe failed to connect properly, allowing Johnson to save easily.

Just after half time, Mitten headed the ball on to Frankston's excellent midfielder, Tony Young, who put a square ball across the face of goal to Swinscoe but Swinscoe's shot hit the post.

Dave McNeill was playing an intelligent game in attack for Albion, holding the ball, and laying it back to supporting players. In the 65th minute he played it wide to Gerry Reilly whose shot was saved by Petersen.

Reilly was injured later and replaced by McCormack while Frankston coach Fred Bunce brought Alex Tulloch on for Willie Coulson.

McNeill started the move that led to Albion's equaliser during injury time. He played the ball back cleverly to Greechan whose shot caught Petersen back-peddalling after Alan Parrott had earlier failed to heed the goalkeeper's request to be given the ball, which dropped behind him. Bill McIntyre finished off by putting the ball into the net. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



# Georgie jubilant once relieved

## GEORGE CROSS 4 FRANKSTON 3

For: George Cross - Paparas  
14th, 40th, Cowan 23rd,  
186th; Frankston - Adams  
Campbell 70th, Cooper

Ground: Olympic Park.

FRANKSTON CITY: Matsson -  
Maitland, Hooper, Barron  
tiello, Thom, Morgan -  
B, Cowan, Mizzi.

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen -  
mon, Adams, McCluskey,  
- G. Bannon, Webster  
sell half time), Tulloch - B.  
Swinscoe, Coulson (Coo-

Frankston City's 14-game un-  
run has come to an end -  
each Freddy Bunch is relie-  
t disappointed.

At the same time, Bunch added  
George Cross was the worst  
Frankston had played this  
and Frankston didn't start  
until it was 1-4 down.

Paparas hit Cross into the  
after a Tony Castiello pass,  
Adams equalised with a  
from a corner.

George Cross slammed in  
goals before half time from  
Cowan and Paparas.

At the break, the Cross con-  
on its merry way and  
in Morgan made the score

At half time substitute Norrie  
bell headed in a Willie  
in free kick to make the  
2-4, and seven minutes from  
substitute Dave Cooper

headed home a Bruce Young cross  
to make the score respectable.

However, once Frankston came  
into the game in the last 30 min-  
utes, it could have got back on  
level terms.

## SUNSHINE

Scorers: Sunshine - Gilmour  
68th, McRobert 74th Ajax -  
Daniels 42nd.

Ground: Chaplin Reserve.

SUNSHINE: Clarke (Contini) -  
Dixey, Lowe, Edlis, Howe - Mus-  
sel, McRobert, R. Nelson - Coy-  
le(Laing), Gilmour, D. Nelson.

AJAX: Denys - Donaldson, Pat-  
ten, Cain, Crilly - Boller (Hogben),  
Vojtek, Thomson - Segi, Klarin,  
Daniels.

An excellent midfield display by  
Jim McRobert inspired Sunshine  
City to a crucial victory over  
Green Gully.

McRobert, who has had a topsy-  
turvy season, capped off a fine  
performance by scoring the win-  
ning goal in the 74th minute.

The hard-working Stewart Gil-  
mour forced the ball to McRobert  
from the left side, and McRobert's  
shot from 15 metres gave Lou  
Denys no chance.

The two points temporarily  
eases Sunshine's relegation wor-  
ries, but for Green Gully the hard  
work is about to start. The for-  
ward line lacks sharpness, and the  
return of David Perkin will be wel-  
comed.

In defence, John Cain was the

## STATE LEAGUE COLTS

### U/14

Essendon	8	8	0	0	48	0	16
Juventus	10	7	1	2	33	18	15
Sunshine City	8	5	1	2	15	11	11
Altona	10	5	1	4	20	19	11
Preston	10	5	0	5	15	16	10
Croydon	8	3	0	5	15	17	8
George Cross	10	2	2	6	4	22	6
Green Gully	9	2	0	7	18	31	4
Frankston City	9	1	1	7	6	38	3

### U/16

Altona	8	7	1	0	24	2	15
Preston	10	7	1	2	17	9	15
Croydon	10	7	1	2	10	9	15
Frankston City	10	7	0	3	24	17	14
Prahran	10	4	3	3	10	10	11
Juventus	9	2	2	5	14	18	6
Albion	9	2	2	5	13	20	6
George Cross	9	1	0	8	5	38	2
Hakoah	9	0	0	9	0	0	0

# A welcome break

## FRANKSTON 2 SUNSHINE 2

Scorers: Frankston - Coulson pen. 12th, Swinscoe 50th sunshine - Gilmour 10th, Coyle 35th.

Ground: Centenary Park, Frankston.

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen - V. Bannon, McCluskey, Adams, Parrott - T. Young (sent off 65th min), G. Bannon, Coulson (Cooper) - Campbell, Swinscoe, B. Young.

SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke, Dixey, Ellis, Lowe, Howe - Mussel, McRobert, R. Nelson, D. Nelson, Gilmour, Coyle injured (Laing).

Frankston City, which has gone through a mini slump

over the past three weeks when it collected only two points, is probably looking forward to the break caused by the AEK Athens v Victoria game.

The one-week lay off gives top goalscorer Noel Mitten a chance to recover from a knee injury, and will return for the vital game against Croydon.

Frankston has the chance to recharge its batteries, and go on to seal the league. Had not Makedonia slipped up so disastrously in the past three matches, Frankston may have lost its top spot.

Sunshine City, playing with renewed enthusiasm and style, pushed Frankston City. Stewart Gilmour shot Sunshine into the lead when he was favoured

by a good bounce of the ball, and went through to beat Frank Petersen.

His 10th minute goal came after he forced his way past central defenders Danny McCluskey and Bob Adams.

Frankston immediately hit back when Bruce Young raced away on a through ball, which forced full back Mike Dixy to drag him down to prevent a goal. Willie Coulson converted the penalty.

Sunshine City, which started out with an offensive 4-2-4 formation, pulled Rob Nelson back into midfield after the opening period. However, the Shiners managed to take the lead for a second time when Vince Bannon made a bad mistake.

## STATE LEAGUE COLTS

### U/14

Essendon	8	8	0	0	48	0	18
Juventus	10	7	1	2	33	18	15
Sunshine City	9	6	1	2	17	12	13
Altona	11	6	1	4	25	21	13
Preston	11	5	0	6	17	21	10
George X	11	2	3	6	4	22	7
Croydon	8	3	0	5	15	17	6
Green Gully	10	2	0	8	17	33	4
Frankston City	10	1	2	7	6	38	4

### U/16

Altona	9	8	1	0	26	3	17
Croydon	11	8	1	2	18	10	17
Frankston City	11	8	0	3	28	17	18
Preston	11	7	1	3	18	11	15
Prahran	11	5	3	3	13	11	13
Juventus	10	2	2	6	15	21	6
Albion	10	2	2	6	14	22	6
George Cross	10	1	0	9	5	42	2
Hakoah	9	0	0	9	0	0	0

## CROYDON 2 FRANKSTON 1

Scorers: Croydon - Brogan (2)  
80th, 81st Frankston - Webster  
pen. 81st. Ground: Croydon Park.  
Crowd: est. 900. Weather: steady  
rain. Referee: Tom Sterling 8.  
Cautions: McCluskey (F).

CROYDON: Edwards 9 - Spink  
8, McCombe 8, Pongho 8, Hobson  
7 - Smith 7, Murphy 8.8, Tront 9 -  
Lzoughrane 7, Brogan 8, Wyllie 8.5.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 8.5 - V.  
Bannon 9, McCluskey 7, Adams 7,  
Parrott 8 (Tulloch 70th min1) - G.  
Bannon 9, Cooper 7, Coulson 6,  
(Webster 70th min) - Campbell 8,  
Swinscoe 8, B. Young 8.

Goalkeeper Mick Edwards was  
the hero of Croydon City after  
making a crucial penalty save  
which sent Frankston City to its  
second defeat in the State League  
championship.

Edwards saved Willie Coulson's  
46th minute penalty, and this in-  
spired Croydon to run up a 2-0 lead  
by the 61st minute.

However, Croydon had to sur-  
vive frankston's late comeback in  
which substitute Keith Webster  
scored a penalty and striker Norrie  
Campbell blazed over the bar from  
five metres with the goal open.

But Frankston didn't deserve to  
win. Freddy Bunce's team didn't  
really start playing until the last 20  
minutes and Croydon should have  
had the game sewn up by then.

Ged and Vince Bannon virtually  
carried Frankston. The pair worked  
like trojans to drive Frankston for-  
ward, and fight gamely to keep  
their side in with a chance.

That chance came when Kevin  
Swinscoe came to life late in the  
match, and almost snatched a point  
for Frankston.

Croydon had many good players,  
with Joe Tront leading the way. He  
made both goals, and displayed ex-  
cellent skill in the heavy conditions.

Dave Brogan popped up with two  
goals, and Charlie Murphy worked  
non-stop in midfield.

Edwards didn't make a mistake  
in goal, and the defence was solid,  
but showed signs of stress fractures  
when Frankston pushed up in a final  
flurry.

City's four game slump could  
come to end with the likely return of  
injured striker Noel Mitten this

week. Tony Young, a vital player to  
Frankston, missed this game  
through suspension.

Centre half Danny McCluskey  
will be out suspended this week  
after being booked. He has earned  
the maximum 12 penalty points.

Croydon's Jim Wyllie had a quiet  
game, and fluffed a great chance  
with only Frank Petersen to beat.  
Credit to Petersen, who played very  
well, for narrowing the angle so  
quickly.

The first half was Croydon's ter-  
ritorially, but Frankston did a good  
job defending. Tront made a chance  
for Murphy, who hit the side net-  
ting, and later Tront and Duncan  
Smith hit shots wide.

Frankston, which started slowly,  
mounted a few good attacks late in  
the first half.

Young earned Frankston a penalty  
with a brilliant run into the area,  
which ended with Smith tripping the  
Frankston winger.

Coulson's kick was not strong  
enough, and Edwards saved low to  
his right.

Jimmy Spink played a great long  
pass to Tront, who was left unmar-  
ked and the Victorian team player  
cut into the area and squared the  
ball back for Brogan to slam home  
in the 50th minute.

Eleven minutes later, Murphy  
worked the ball to Tront in space  
and his shot was parried by Frank  
Petersen. Brogan prodded home the  
loose ball with no difficulty.

Swinscoe amazingly beat four de-  
fenders in the mud and slush before  
being brought down. Referee Tom  
Sterling, who did a good job, award-  
ed Frankston its second penalty.

Keith Webster smashed the ball  
high into the net.

The fireworks began with the  
game up for grabs. Wyllie went  
through on his own but Petersen  
saved. The ball was rushed down  
the other end where Swinscoe  
ploughed his way through before  
Campbell made an incredible miss  
from point blank range.

Tront again threaded his way  
through the Frankston defence, and  
his shot was parried backwards by  
Petersen, but got bogged in the mud  
as it rolled towards the open goal!  
KYLE PATTERSON

# Will Frankston rally for Freddy Bunce?

Frankston City's dramatic slump could mean the end for coach Freddy Bunce, who has worked near miracles to get the bayside club to the top of the State League.

*Bunce said unless the team started winning games again, he probably would be sacked or would have to resign.*

"The club has said nothing about this, but it's my personal opinion that I will be pushed out if we don't start winning," said Bunce.

Bunce, who is dumbfounded by Frankston's inexplicable decline, isn't too optimistic about Frankston's chances this week against Preston.

"The way the team is playing at the moment, it wouldn't beat any team in the State League," said Freddy. "All confidence has drained out of the team, and more importantly, only two players are giving 100%."

Frankston's virtual surrender over the past six weeks has thrown the championship wide open. Frankston, Croatia and Makedonia can all win the title.

If Preston Makedonia defeated Frankston this week,

which it is favorite to do, Makedonia's match with Croatia at B. T. Connor Reserve would decide the championship, if both sides won all their games.

Juventus has to play Makedonia at B. T. Connor reserve in a vital game.

Remaining fixtures of championship challengers —

MAKEDONIA — v Frankston (a), Croatia (h) v Juventus (h)

CROATIA — v Slavia (h), Altona (h), Makedonia (a)

FRANKSTON — v Makedonia (h), Green Gully (h), Altona (a).

Frankston's title hopes, as Bunce said, will disappear with a defeat this week. Makedonia will be desperate to do well, and I think Preston will get the desired result.

If Juventus can defeat Croydon it would be certain of holding fourth spot. Juve would be three points clear with two games remaining, and wouldn't let that slip.

But, Croydon is having a fine run. Unbeaten in its past seven games, Croydon is a difficult opponent for any team at home.

Bobby McGuinness is running hot for Juve, but Croydon has State player Joe Tront leading a balanced midfield. I predict a draw.

Albion's fate surely will be decided once and for all this week when it clashes with 11th placed Green Gully. Albion has been waiting for this game, and playing at home could get a result.

Mick Klarin is in top form in the Green Gully defence, and

with Willie Vassallo and Billy Vojtek in midfield, Ajax has enough for at least a draw.

Mick D'Sylva is one potential match winner for Albion, but I think Ajax will avoid defeat and doom Albion to relegation.

Croatia must defeat Slavia to stay in the running for the league championship. Victory will put Croatia level on points with Frankston should the bayside club lose, and this incentive will spur Croatia on.

Hakoah, with Dave Rigby showing good form in the midfield, will carry on from last week's impressive win over Frankston.

Sunshine, which has had some impressive results in the second half of the season, should beat George Cross, which has slipped over the past two weeks.

# TEAMS TO MEET AGAIN IN DOCKERTY CUP

Essendon Croatia and Preston Makedonia will clash again the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup at Olympic Park on Wednesday night, September 26.

Their match is the second of a double-header.

The first semi-final, at 6.45 pm, is between Slavia and Frankston.

The Dockerty Cup final will be played at Olympic Park on Sunday, September 30.

Makedonia meets Green Gully Ajax in the Armstrong Cup semi-finals at Kim Reserve, Altona, on Saturday, September 22. Their match follows the semi-final between Sunshine and Slavia, starting at 1.45 pm.



## STATE LEAGUE COLTS

## U/14

Essendon	10	10	0	0	59	2	20
Juventus	13	9	1	3	41	26	19
Sunshine City	11	7	1	3	24	16	15
Altona	12	7	1	4	26	21	15
Preston	14	7	0	7	27	28	14
Croydon	11	5	0	6	26	24	10
George Cross	13	2	3	8	5	30	7
Green Gully	13	3	0	10	22	42	6
Frankston City	13	1	2	10	7	48	4

## U/16

Altona	12	11	1	0	42	6	23
Croydon	14	10	1	3	24	13	21
Frankston City	13	9	0	4	31	21	18
Preston	13	7	3	3	17	12	17
Prahran	13	6	3	4	16	13	15
Albion	14	5	2	7	20	31	12
Juventus	12	2	4	6	16	21	8
George Cross	14	2	0	12	7	58	4
Hakoah	13	0	0	13	0	0	0

# - VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

## with Kyle Patterson

### FRANKSTON 0 MAKEDONIA 3

Scorers: Ward 7th, Cullen (2) 19th, 38th  
Ground: Centenary Park  
Crowd: est. 2500  
Referee: Nick Karlich 8  
Cautions: Parrott, McCluskey, Taylor (F)

FRANKSTON: Petersen 5 (8th, 6, half time) - v Bannan 5, McCluskey 7, Adams 8, Parrott 4 (Taylor 5, 40th min) - Tulloch 6, G. Bannan 6, T. Young 5 (injured, left field 80th min) - B. Young 8, Mitten 7, Swinscoe 5.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 - deRainey 5, Higham 6, Gartowite 7, Beach 6 - Leabirel 7, Flavell 6, Petrovski 6 - Cullen 3, Ward 3, McMillan 7 (Faulkner 78th min).

The brilliant duo Robert Cullen and Garry Ward combined to send Frankston City tumbling from top position in the State League for the first time this season.

Ward and Cullen destroyed Frankston in the first half, in which Makedonia scored three goals. Frankston fought back in the second half, but the damage done was too great.

Cullen, with his speed and tigerish enthusiasm, was too much for the Frankston defence, while Ward disproved the theory that he's only a goalscorer.

He displayed great skill on the ball, and was lightning fast in spotting openings in the often bewildered Frankston defence.

Cullen had too much pace for Alan Parrott, who limped off in the 40th minute after fighting a hopeless battle with the Preston striker.

His replacement, John Taylor, also failed to tightly mark Cullen.

Vince Bannan never came to grips with Ward, who found it easy to lose his marker and pop up in the open.

Ward and Cullen were the difference between the teams. I say that because neither side had a decisive

advantage in midfield and the Makedonia defence was shown to be slightly suspect.

Whereas Makedonia has the forwards to cut to ribbons a defence, Frankston failed to utilise fully Bruce Young, who had the better of Mike Rainey.

Bruce Young was outstanding and Noel Mitten, in the second half, joined forces with Young in search of a goal. However, the effort of the Frankston players was better than in previous games.

Playing with the wind, Makedonia got off to a great start when Cullen back-heeled to Gordon Flavell, creating space for Flavell to cross into the goalmouth.

Unchallenged, Ward jumped to powerfully head Makedonia into a seventh minute lead.

At the 19 minute mark, Makedonia caught the Frankston defence exposed, and made the score 2-0. Cullen nipped in before Parrott, and knocked the ball forward for Ward to run towards goal. There was a suspicion of offside but Ward was allowed to approach goal before slotting a square ball past Frank Petersen for Cullen to score into the open goal.

The result was cut and dried when Cullen made it 3-0. Again the goal came after a breakaway, Makedonia's most lethal forward play.

George McMillan beat Danny McCluskey who had a good game and sent away Cullen. He was faced by Frank Petersen, who did well to deflect his shot.

Frankston looked out of danger, but Parrott erred, and this allowed Ward to cut the ball back, with Petersen stranded, for Cullen to score into an open goal.

Makedonia deserved to score three goals but was fortunate to keep Frankston scoreless.

A John Higham backpass stopped short and Kevin Swinscoe collected, but his low shot was saved by Lou Kastner. Mitten raced away down

the right and his far post cross was aimed for Bruce Young, who couldn't get a shot in because Rainey made a timely tackle.

Swinscoe wasted another opportunity after intercepting a shocking cross-goal pass by Rainey, and then Kastner made a great save after Bruce Young worked his way behind the Makedonia defence.

Kastner saved a good swerving shot from Alex Tulloch and Bruce Young shot just wide on the turn.

The second half was an anticlimax. Frankston, with the wind at its back, had much of the play. But Makedonia still carved out the best scoring chances.

Frankston's best chance came early in the second half when Swinscoe nodded down Bruce Young's cross, and Mitten smashed a rocket shot against the post.

McMillan had the same misfortune at the other end when his shot hit the underside of the bar and bounced out.

Frankston was severely hindered by Tony Young failing to assert any authority in midfield, and Ged Bannan being less of a driving force.

Swinscoe had a poor game and failed to feed Mitten, who nevertheless was a dangerous player in the second half.

Of course the Frankston defence was over-powered, although McCluskey worked like a trojan.

Eric Leabirel had a fair game in midfield but this is a problem spot for Makedonia. The inclusion of the mobile Jeff Faulkner in this department may solve a few problems.

In defence, Makedonia made too many errors. Rainey and Higham were caught for speed, a commodity needed to combat Croatia's Tommy Cumming.

Makedonia showed it is a powerful attacking unit, but defensively is not as sound as it should be.

KYLE PATTERSON.

on 13 votes.

Croydon did win the First Division championship, the Winfield Cup and the Cumberland Cup.

Joe Tront is likely to be the biggest vote winner from Croydon in the 1979 Rothmans count. Also in the running from Croydon are Alan Pongho, Steve McCombe and goalkeeper Mick Edwards.

In the 'Soccer Action' 1979 award, Pongho is the leader at Croydon with 13 votes, followed by Edwards, McCombe (both 8) and Tront (5).

Tront has had a good season in midfield and became more of a drawcard after good performances for Victoria against Partizan Belgrade and Norwich City.

He scored Victoria's first goal against Norwich and is



Rob Gramsbergen (Altona)



Bob Adams (Frankston)

### Frankston City

Tony Young, the talented former Manchester Utd utility, has been haunted by bad luck during his stay with Frankston City.

Young has been sent off twice and subsequently been suspended, and now has a serious shoulder injury. Young dislocated his shoulder after sliding into a fence during the Frankston City/Preston Makedonia game two weeks ago.

Despite this misfortune, Young is the leading Frankston player in the 'Soccer Action' 1979 player of the year award. Young has 14 votes and is equal fifth overall.

His namesake - Bruce Young and defender Bob Adams trail on 11 votes, with Noel Mitten and Ged Bannan on seven votes.

Young is ineligible to win the Rothmans Medal, so the Frankston camp will pin its hopes on Bruce Young, Adams, Mitten and Vince Bannan, who finished equal fifth with 17 votes in the 1978 Rothmans medal count.

Vince won the award in 1973 when he was with Fitzroy (now Heidelberg Utd).

Sandy Irvine (18 votes) finished equal fourth in the Rothmans Medal last year when he played with Frankston. The other leading Frankston players were Keith Webster, Frank Petersen (8 votes) and Gordon McGregor (5 votes).

In the 1978 'Soccer Action' award, McGregor led the Frankston club with 10 votes. Irvine also polled 10 votes.

Behind the leaders came Petersen, Adams (6 votes), Eric Gillespie and Vince Bannan (4 votes).

### George Cross

George Cross has a memorable association with the Rothmans Gold medal.

John Gardiner won two successive Rothmans Medals while playing for George Cross, a feat which is so far unequalled.

Gardiner won the Rothmans award for the first two years of its existence. After his win in 1971, he went one better in

# Petersen dropped

## ALTONA 2 FRANKSTON 2

Scorers: Altona - Taylor 12th, Lewis 65th. Frankston - Adams 45th, Swinscoe 60th.

Ground: Kim Reserve.

ALTONA: van der Poel - Lewis, Gramsbergen, Cannell, Hird - J. Little, Innes (Kelly), Banagan - Craw (sent off 65th), Taylor (Cozella), N. Little.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert - V. Bannon, McCluskey, Adams, Taylor - G. Bannon, Cooper, Tulloch - Mitten, Swinscoe, B. Young injured (Runcie).

Reserve goalkeeper Dave Gilbert was forced to play two games last Sunday following disciplinary action by Frankston City coach Freddy Bunce against regular goalkeeper Frank Petersen.

Petersen, who was taken off at half time against Preston Macedonia in the previous round, was selected in the senior team against Altona City. However, Bunce took the action of dropping Petersen after an incident before the game.

Gilbert, the Victorian and Australian under 16 keeper, made his debut in the State League last week.

Despite the unsettling pre-game incident, Frankston City made a major breakthrough in this game. For the first time in many weeks, Frankston was in the lead, and played some positive soccer in the second half.

Altona took the lead early when Bob Taylor hit home Robin Craw's cross, but in injury time in the first half Bob Adams equalised with a far post header from a Ged Bannon corner.

Frankston's championship hopes looked very much alive when Kevin Swinscoe knocked in a goal after good work by Bruce Young and Alex Tulloch.

However, Peter Lewis equalised where a wind-assisted 45 metre shot screamed into the top of the net.

Altona was reduced to 10 men when Craw was sent off after a clash with defender John Taylor.

However, Altona was able to hold on and earn a draw.

Altona was without midfield pair Billy Whyte (suspended) and George Watters (injured). Frankston's Bruce Young suffered a badly bruised shin bone after a tackle by Lewis and had to be carried off the field.

Best players were Rob Gramsbergen, Craw, Harry Hird (Altona), Dave Cooper, Tulloch and Danny McCluskey (Frankston).

## TWO SE

### SUNSHINE 1 CROYDON 3

Scorers: Croydon - Brogan 15th, McCombe 58th, Wylie 75th. Sunshine - McRobert 80th.

Ground: Chaplin Reserve.

SUNSHINE: Clarke - Dixey, Lowe, Ellis, Howe - Mussel, R. Nelson, Laing (Singleton) - D. Nelson (sent off 60th), Gilmour, McRobert.

CROYDON: Edwards - Spink, McCombe, Pongho, Hobson - Smith (sent off 86th), Tront, Murphy - Loughnane, Brogan, House (Wylie).

However, the win wasn't without cost. Captain and midfield destroyer Duncan Smith was sent off late in the game for allegedly punching Sunshine's Nick Lowe behind the play.

Smith earned the second red card of the game, joining Sunshine's Dave Nelson for an early shower. Nelson was dismissed for allegedly swearing at the referee and disputing a decision.

Croydon's last defeat was way back in round 12 when it went down 0-1 to Prahran Slavia at the Showgrounds.

Dave Brogan set Croydon on the way with a 15th minute goal. Charlie Murphy hit a good long ball, and Brogan drifted up on the blind side of the Sunshine defence to head the ball past Peter Clarke from 18 metres.

## FRANKSTON 2 GG AJAX 0

Scorers: Mitten pen. 70th, Swinscoe 71st

FRANKSTON: Petersen - V. Bannon, McCluskey, T. Young, Taylor - G. Bannon, Cooper, Tulloch - Swinscoe, Mitten, B. Young.

AJAX: Denys - Patten, Donaldson, Klarin, Crilly - Vojtek, Vassallo - Segi, Beller, Bennis, Perkins.

Frankston City used the psychological ploy of telling its players at half time that championship rivals Essendon Croatia managed only a 0-0 draw in their first half against Altona City.

The ploy worked, as Frankston took command in the second half and rattled home two goals. However, Croatia in fact was winning 3-1 at half time against Altona, an advantage it maintained until the final whistle.

Croatia won the championship from Frankston on goal difference, leaving Frankston to reflect on a season when it headed the ladder for 19 of the 22 rounds, but still didn't win the championship.

Bruce Young was Frankston's best player, and earned the penalty that led to the first goal.

Billy Vojtek and Willie Vassallo were Ajax's best.

# New goalie

Frankston City has signed a goalkeeper from Scottish Second Division club Alloa.

Stan Drummond, 21, will be in Melbourne in time to play in the 1980 Ampol Cup series.

The signing is not affected by the new import restrictions because Drummond is coming to Australia as a bona fide migrant.

However, Frankston may lose utility Alex Tulloch, who is returning to Britain. Reports suggest veteran defender Alan Parrott may retire.

Former Manchester Utd and York City player Tony Young returns to England in November, but there's no certainty he will return to Frankston.

By  
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After two months of pressure-cooker football, the comparative festivity of cup soccer returns to the Victorian State League tonight (Wednesday).

All four teams involved in tonight's Dockerty Cup semi finals at Olympic Park had relegation or championship pressures up until the last round of the State League.

With these pressures now removed, the fans are hoping for some attacking and flowing soccer to wet their appetites.

The first match (6.45 pm kick off) brings together two teams whose fortunes fluctuated during 1979.

Prahran Slavia started out in a blaze of glory, playing some of the best attacking soccer around with the all-star forward line of Jamie Paton, Jim Williams and Steve Aldridge.

The sale of Paton and John Yzendoorn started a big decline.

Frankston City, Slavia's semi final opponent, followed a similar pattern as Slavia. A 14-game unbeaten run in the league came to an abrupt end, and City has had plenty of troubles since.

Injury to Noel Mitten and the loss of Tony Young worsened the slide.

Slavia and Frankston will put on a good semi

# Preston, Frankston for Cup final?

final, but Frankston should be good enough to get to the final.

The second semi final brings together rivals Preston Makedona and Essendon Croatia, the big guns of the State League.

These two teams owe the fans something after their woeful exhibitions at B.T. Connor Reserve on Sunday, September 16. The game ended in a boring 0-0 draw.

In 1978, the two sides fought out a thrilling Ampol Cup final, which produced four goals, extra time and sudden-death penalty kick decider.

This Dockerty Cup semi final should produce similar excitement.

Croatia is perhaps the more balanced team, but Makedonia has explosiveness in Robert Cullen, George McMillan and Gary Ward.

Essendon's Tommy Cumming rivals these three in terms of dynamic play, and so attacking football should be the order of the day.

Makedonia should come out on top as the extra pace of cup soccer will suit its style.

## SLC U/14

Essendon . . . . .	14	13	1	0	71	6	27
Juventus . . . . .	15	11	1	3	47	28	23
Sunshine City . . . . .	13	8	1	4	28	21	17
Altona . . . . .	15	8	1	0	33	28	17
Preston . . . . .	16	8	0	8	31	31	18
Croydon . . . . .	13	6	0	7	29	27	12
George Cross . . . . .	16	3	3	10	7	39	9
Green Gully . . . . .	15	3	1	11	24	45	7
Frankston City . . . . .	15	1	2	12	8	55	4

## SLC U/16

Altona . . . . .	15	14	1	0	48	8	29
Croydon . . . . .	16	11	1	4	26	16	23
Frankston City . . . . .	16	10	1	5	34	25	21
Preston . . . . .	15	8	4	3	19	13	20
Prahran . . . . .	15	7	3	5	20	15	17
Albion . . . . .	15	5	2	8	21	35	12
Juventus . . . . .	15	3	4	8	18	28	10
George X . . . . .	15	3	0	12	10	58	0
Hakoah . . . . .	16	0	0	16	0	0	0

# Frankston back in form

**A masterly display by libero Tony Young set Frankston City on the way to the Dockerty Cup final with a 3-0 win over Slavia.**

Young, the former Manchester Utd and York City professional, gave a polished display in the skills of distribution, reading the game and backing up fellow defenders.

It was Young who started many Frankston moves with precision passes from defence, and made the job of the midfield so much easier by giving that department good balls.

His game was stamped with class, and Frankston City will no doubt step up its efforts to lure Young back for the 1980 season.

Young provided depth in the Frankston defence, which was often missing when Danny McCluskey and Bob Adams filled the central defensive posts. McCluskey and Adams are better suited to play a stopper role.

Frankston's performance must have pleased coach Freddy Bunce. City played some fluid soccer during the game, and key players Noel Mitten and Kevin Swinscoe

showed their best form for some time.

Full back, and later midfielder, Alex Tulloch had an excellent game, and Vince Bannon was a forceful player at right back.

The scoreline was perhaps an injustice to Slavia, which had a lot of possession and forward play, but very little in the way of clear cut chances.

Forwards Dave Griffiths and Brian Monaghan worked well up front, but needed more support from the midfield.

Slavia's line up suffered an early change when strong centre half Glenn Westley had to leave the ground. Westley, who had missed two games with a knee injury, lasted only 15 minutes before being replaced by Liam Houston.

The Slavia midfield failed to produce enough drive. John Cullen is an aggressive player, and Steve Aldridge has great skills, but these two are better suited to other positions.

Young defender Paul Wade

**FRANKSTON CITY 3 (Mitten 13th, Swinscoe 44th, B. Young 90th) PRAHRAN SLAVIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 4000 (double header).**

**FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen 6 - V. Bannon 7, T. Young 9, Adams 6, Tulloch 8, - McCluskey 5 (Taylor 75th min) G. Bannon 7, Coulson 6 (Webster 75th min) - Mitten 8, Swinscoe 7, B. Young 6.**

**PRAHRAN SLAVIA: Nerri 6 - Train 7, Lawson 6, Westley injured (Houston 6, 15th), Wade 8 - Cullen 6, Brindle 5, Aldridge 6 - Griffiths 8, Monaghan 7, Williams 7.**

**Referee: Stuart Mellings 8. Cautions: McCluskey, B. Young (F).**

made a comeback to the senior team, and was Slavia's best player. He showed aggression in the tackle, but enough composure to play his way out of a crisis.

Frankston, after a bright opening, took the lead in the 13th minute. The move started when Ged Bannon delayed a pass from midfield while brother Vince overlapped down the right.

Vince Bannon collected the pass, and fired over a low, hard cross. Mitten made a run to the near post and hit a first-time shot under the body of

Frank Neri, the Slavia goalkeeper.

Neri half-smothered the shot, but can't be faulted for the goal as Mitten was in close range when he fired at the target.

Slavia was having trouble moving out of defence as Frankston was applying considerable pressure on the ball, Ged Bannon in particular was tackling with great gusto.

In the 20th minute Bob Adams hit the post with a header from a corner, and

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then Mitten ran well to get on the end of a Coulson cross, but headed over.

Mitten played very well in the first half, and was getting away from his opponents on many occasions.

Frankston went further ahead in the 45th minute when Neri committed himself, but missed a corner kick in the goalmouth, and the ball was knocked towards goal.

Jim Train was on the line, but instead of clearing the ball first-time, he tried to stop it first. The ball bounced awkwardly, and rebounded off Train's shins to Swinscoe, who gleefully belted the ball home from point blank range.

Monaghan headed over from a Williams corner, and Slavia started to apply more pressure to Frankston.

Still, it was Frankston which was able to carve out the better scoring chances. Ged Bannon made several runs in behind the Slavia defence, and on one occasion it was only the good covering of Train that

prevented Bruce Young sneaking a goal at the far post.

At the other end, Griffiths made a run through the centre of the Frankston defence, but ignored the call of Aldridge, who was free on the right. Griffiths lost the ball, with Aldridge in a good position to score.

Swinscoe made a bullocking run past three defenders before squaring for Bruce Young, who hit a swerving shot just over the bar.

Mitten missed a great chance after Ged Bannon set him up, but almost made amends soon after when his shot to the far post brought a great save from Neri.

Slavia, for all its pains, received no reward for its second half efforts. Instead, Frankston increased its lead to three goals.

Bruce Young, who had an interesting battle with Train, managed to shrug off the Slavia defender in the 90th minute and run onto Swinscoe's pass. Young's shot went in off the post. — KYLE PATTERSON.



**Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen punches the ball at the back of Croatia's Boris Paleka as he soars above his team mate, Vince Bannon. In the background is Carl Gilder. Picture by LES SHORROCK.**





# Batinovic the match winner

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Tulloch switched to full back about 10 minutes after half time in a shrewd move by coach Freddy Bunce. Bunce put Tulloch on Cumming and took off John Taylor, whose lack of pace would have put him at a disadvantage against Cumming.

Taking Tulloch's midfield place was Dave Cooper. This gave City a fresh man in the midfield to do a lot of the tiring defensive work.

Croatia coach Duje Zemunik made an important change when he threw in young Ned Batinovic in place of Boris Paleka. Batinovic was a match-winner.

The placement of McCluskey in midfield was a surprise move by Bunce, but it paid off. McCluskey had a great first half in which he did a lot of destroying and also created many openings with good passes.

Croatia had few good players. Adams did well as the sweeper, and Kokoska did his job on Swinscoe. Murphy was Essendon's best player, as it

was his attacking play which gave Croatia the initiative.

Gardiner and Andrews had serviceable games in midfield, where the play was often hard and bruising.

Overall, it was Frankston's well-organised defensive play that prevented Croatia playing the possession game as it likes to do.

On the attacking side, it was the spirited play of Ged and Vince Bannon, McCluskey and Tulloch, which drove Frankston forward, and the elusiveness of Noel Mitten which added bite to City's moves.

Frankston hit the lead in the 22nd minute. Bruce Young skipped past Bilaver, and crossed for Mitten, who made a run to the near post.

Mitten flicked his header high into the air for Kevin Swinscoe to challenge Kokoska on the far post. Swinscoe's challenge saw that the ball fell free for Mitten fire home from close range with Peter Blasby given no chance.

McCluskey had a great chance when Alex Tulloch forced a ball to him after a free kick. McCluskey was only

10 metres from goal, but couldn't get a shot in as Ante Bilaver made a timely tackle.

Other incidents from the first half included McCluskey kicking Gardiner in the back. McCluskey later tangled with Toward Andrews, who retaliated by kicking McCluskey in the stomach.

The second half was Croatia's, as Frankston defended with an often massed defence. However, a Cumming pass penetrated the City back four and found Gilder. He shot from 14 metres, and beat Petersen, but Ged Bannon brilliantly cleared off the line.

Much of Croatia's play in the second half was negated by Frankston's defence, which often comprised seven and eight men. Croatia made Frankston's job easier by playing down the middle and not using the flanks to open up the game.

However, Young's 90th minute error paved the way for Croatia to equalise.

Batinovic grabbed his second goal in the 103rd minute, but still Frankston

launched one final fling. A Tulloch free kick in the dying stages found Tony Young, whose header hit the bar. The

ball rebounded, but the Essendon defenders cleared the ball and with it went Frankston's hopes.



**Frankston City striker Noel Mitten is currently the 1979 top goalscorer in the Victorian State League.**

Mitten has scored 23 league and Cup goals, one more than Preston Makedonia's George McMillan.

Mitten edged in front of McMillan at the weekend when he scored Frankston's goal in the 1-2 Dockerty Cup final loss to Essendon Croatia.

Mitten joined Frankston at the start of this season after winning a free transfer from Albion Rovers in

# Mitten is top scorer

a breach of contract dispute.

He played one season with Albion Rovers after coming to Australia in 1977 to play with South Mel-

bourne in the Philips League.

The scorers' list below includes Ampol, Dockerty Cups and League championship matches played this season. Philips Cup games and friendly games are not included.

Legend: Alb — Albion Rovers, Alt — Altona City, Croy — Croydon City, Ess — Essendon, Croatia, Frank — Frankston City, Geo — George Cross, Ajax — Green Gully Ajax, Hak — Hakoah St. Kilda, Juve — Juventus, Slav — Pahravan Slavia, Mak — Preston Makedonia, Sun — Sunshine City.

Ampol Dockerty League				Laughtans (Croy)					
			Total						
Mitten (Frank)	5	7	11	23	Watters (Alt)	2	0	1	3
McMillan (Mak)	3	8	11	22	N. Little (Alt)	0	2	1	3
Gilder (Ess)	1	5	14	20	Whyta (Alt)	0	0	3	3
Paton (Slav)	8	6	4	18	McNeil (Alb)	0	0	3	3
Ward (Mak)	0	3	15	18	Musson (Sun)	0	0	2	2
Carming (Ess)	3	5	9	17	McRobey (Sun)	0	0	2	2
Swainson (Frank)	1	4	11	16	Laing (Sun)	0	1	0	1
McGuinness (Juve)	3	2	9	14	Rosney (Hak)	0	0	2	2
C. Lucchesi (Juve)	3	2	9	14	Gadaby (Hak)	1	0	1	2
Cullen (Mak)	1	3	8	12	Barron (Geo)	0	0	2	2
Taylor (Alt)	2	4	6	12	Milaud (Geo)	0	1	1	2
Carr (Ajax)	5	3	3	11	Thom (Geo)	1	0	1	2
Hamilton (Croy)	3	6	2	11	Sudman (Geo)	1	0	1	2
Murphy (Ess)	1	2	7	10	McLuskey (Frank)	0	1	1	2
Papavas (Geo)	0	1	9	10	B. Young (Frank)	0	1	1	2
Smith (Juve)	2	3	5	10	E. Bannon (Frank)	0	0	2	2
Brogan (Croy)	0	0	9	9	Gardiner (Ess)	0	0	2	2
Cowan (Geo)	0	0	9	9	Spink (Croy)	0	1	1	2
Perkins (Ajax)	2	1	6	9	Imes (Alt)	0	0	2	2
Lah (Hak)	0	0	9	9	McIntyre (Alb)	0	0	2	2
French (Hak)	2	5	2	9	Gracian (Alb)	1	0	1	2
Menaphos (Slav)	0	0	8	8	Hyne (Alb)	0	0	1	1
Mizzi (Geo)	3	3	2	8	Woods (Alb)	1	0	0	1
Culina (Ess)	1	0	7	8	Donham (Alb)	1	0	0	1
Lowrey (Croy)	2	5	1	8	Stewart (Alb)	0	0	1	1
Tront (Croy)	1	2	5	8	Work (Alb)	0	0	1	1
D'Sylva (Alb)	2	0	6	8	Rally (Alb)	0	0	1	1
D. Nelson (Sun)	1	1	5	7	Gramsbergen (Alt)	0	0	1	1
Alridge (Slav)	3	1	3	7	Buckley (Alt)	0	0	1	1
Saji (Ajax)	3	3	1	7	Kelly (Alt)	0	1	0	1
Adams (Frank)	0	2	5	7	Hesse (Croy)	0	0	1	1
McComack (Alb)	0	0	7	7	Smith (Croy)	0	0	1	1
Craw (Alt)	0	0	6	6	McKinley (Croy)	0	0	1	1
Criso (Juve)	0	0	6	6	Priestley (Croy)	0	1	0	1
R. Nelson (Sun)	0	2	4	6	Adams (Ess)	1	0	0	1
G. Train (Alt)	2	1	2	5	Palaka (Ess)	0	0	1	1
Wyllie (Croy)	2	0	3	5	Andrews (Ess)	0	0	1	1
McCabe (Croy)	0	1	4	5	Caulson (Frank)	0	0	1	1
Jardano (Hak)	0	3	2	5	Cooper (Frank)	0	0	1	1
Coye (Sun)	0	0	5	5	Graham (Geo)	0	0	1	1
Gilmour (Sun)	0	0	5	5	Morgan (Geo)	0	0	1	1
Gillan (Juve)	1	2	2	5	Bernard (Geo)	0	0	1	1
J. Lucchesi (Juve)	1	1	2	4	Castello (Geo)	0	0	1	1
Sabidussi (Juve)	1	0	3	4	Bennie (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
Flavel (Mak)	1	1	2	4	Vassallo (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
Klarn (Ajax)	0	0	4	4	Dennis (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
Webster (Frank)	1	0	3	4	Patton (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
G. Bannon (Frank)	2	0	2	4	Baker (Hak)	0	0	1	1
Lewis (Alt)	0	0	4	4	Gibson (Hak)	0	0	1	1
Faulner (Mak)	2	0	1	3	J. Train (Slav)	1	0	0	1
Griffiths (Slav)	0	0	3	3	Whitesie (Slav)	0	1	0	1
Williams (Slav)	2	1	0	3	Tuft (Slav)	0	1	0	1
Rigby (Hak)	1	0	2	3	Masokovski (Mak)	1	0	0	1
Dosen (Hak)	0	1	2	3	Petrov (Mak)	0	1	0	1
Buznovski (Hak)	2	1	0	3	Lindini (Hak)	0	0	1	1
L. Neay (Hak)	2	1	0	3	Tuffield (Mak)	0	0	1	1
Pavlovic (Ajax)	0	2	1	3	Puccok (Sun)	1	0	0	1
Vojtek (Ajax)	1	1	1	3	Howe (Sun)	0	1	0	1
Campbell (Frank)	0	1	2	3	McNally (Sun)	0	1	0	1
Petrovski (Mak)	0	2	1	3	Paisley (Sun)	0	0	1	1
Peters (Frank)	0	0	3	3	Heary (Juve)	0	0	1	1
					Della Rocca (Juve)	0	0	1	1



**Frankston City - all smiles before the Dockerty Cup final. Standing (left to right) - team manager, David Gilbert, Kevin Swinscoe, Norrie Campbell, Dave Cooper, Frank Petersen, Bob Adams, Noel Mitten, Danny McCluskey, Alex Tulloch, Arthur Coates (trainer), Alan Parrott. Front (left to right) - Billy Murray (assistant coach), Ged Bannon, Tony Young, John Taylor, Vince Bannon, Bruce Young, Keith Webster, Willie Coulson, Freddy Bunce (coach).**

# CUNNINGHAM IN, BEECH WILL MARK CUMMING

By  
**KYLE PATTERSON**

Preston Macedonia will draft midfielder Stuart Cunningham for only his first full senior game, in the first round of the Victorian State League Cup against Essendon Croatia at Olympic Park No 2 on Sunday.

Cunningham, who broke an ankle in his first game after coming on as a substitute, is the player Macedonia hopes can rejuvenate the team and help salvage an honor from the 1979 season.

Cunningham has missed half the year with his ankle injury but is now fit again and will play the major role in a reshuffle by coach Tony Vrzina. With striker George McMillan out suspended, Vrzina may decide to switch midfielder Eric Leabire to centre forward, Cunningham would take Leabire's midfield position.

Centre half Gordon Flavell is likely to return to midfield, with Jeff Faulkner losing his place after his indifferent display against Essendon Croatia in the Dockery Cup semi-final.

Centre back Dave Garthwaite, who missed two games with a knee injury, will return to the line-up in Flavell's place.

Vrzina's other alternative is to use young forward Ian Tuffield in McMillan's place, whatever the changes, Vrzina's biggest problem is motivation of his players.

"The boys' spirit has been crushed after having so much bad luck this season," said Vrzina. "They have lost a lot of heart but I think they will come out fighting to prove Preston is a better team than people think."

Croatia swapped Preston in the Dockery Cup final to win 4-2. Tommy Cumming did all the damage but was marked out of the game by Steve Beech in the first half in the second half, Cumming switched flanks and was able to break free of Mike Rainey.



Croatia centre back Steve Kokoska (right) shows the grim determination that makes him unshakable in the air as he clashes with Macedonia's Gary Ward in an aerial duel during the Dockery Cup semi-finals. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

"This time Beech will follow Cumming everywhere," said Vrzina. "Steve eliminated Cumming in the first half of the last game and I think he'll be able to do it for 90 minutes this Sunday."

Vrzina said he would also devise a plan to combat Croatia's dangerous midfielder/forward Ken Murphy.

Speaking of Cunningham, Vrzina said his composure would help the team. "One of our problems is that we tend to race into attack all the time," said Tony. "This is great entertainment for the fans but sometimes we should steady down and play the game shrewdly."

"Cunningham can help as because he's cool under pres-

sure, and has excellent ball control and passing ability."

The first round of the State League Cup is vital. The game, to be played at the Olympic Park, greyhound stadium, kicks off after the Crocydon City/Frankston City match.

The first game starts at 1.30 pm. The remaining State League Cup games will be played at Olympic Park No 1.

Frankston City has its last chance of gaining a well-deserved honor when it starts its State League Cup campaign. However, Crocydon will be no pushover.

Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe lead a strong defence with Joe Trent and Charlie Murphy creative players in the midfield.

Crocydon will be without

captain and midfielder destroyer Duncan Smith, who has a week to serve of a two-match suspension. His absence will severely affect Crocydon.

His replacement is Harry McKinlay, who has been in and out of the Crocydon line-up all season.

Dave Brogan is a dangerous forward and Jim Wylie is expected to overcome a rib injury to take his place on the left wing.

Frankston's spirits will be dwindling after the heartbreak of losing the Dockery Cup final in extra time. However, a stellar performance from Noel Mitten, Ged Bannon, Bob Adams and Tony Young should lift Frankston to victory.

Coach Freddy Bunce has one selection headache at left back. John Taylor may win the place, with Alex Tulloch going into midfield, or Tulloch may become the full back with Dave Cooper or Willie Coulson coming into midfield.

STATE LEAGUE CUP - Round 1  
1.30 pm Crocydon City v Frankston City  
2.15 pm Preston Macedonia v Essendon Croatia.

Likely teams:  
CROCYDON: Edwards - Spink, McCombe, Pongho, Hobson - McLindsay, Trent, Murphy - Leughnani, Brogan, Wylie.  
FRANKSTON: Petersen - V. Bannon, T. Young, Adams, Tulloch - G. Bannon, McCombe, Coulson - B. Young, Mitten, Swincoe.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner - Rainey, Garthwaite, Higham, Beech - Cunningham, Tuffield, Petravski - Callen, Leabire, Ware.  
CROATIA: Binchy - Short, Adams, Kokoska, Blaver - Gardiner, Andrews, Murphy - Batnicovic, Gilder, Cumming.

## Franks to City striker Noel Mitten is currently the 1979 top goalscorer in the Victorian State League.

Mitten has scored 23 league and Cup goals, one more than Preston Macedonia's George McMillan. Mitten edged in front of McMillan at the weekend when he scored Frankston's goal in the 1-2 Dockery Cup final loss to Essendon Croatia.

Mitten joined Frankston at the start of this season after winning a free transfer from Albion Rovers in

## Mitten is top scorer

a breach of contract dispute.

He played one season with Albion Rovers after coming to Australia in 1977 to play with South Mel-

bourne in the Philips League. The scorers' list below includes Ampol, Dockery Cups and league championship matches played this season. Philips Cup games and friendly games are not included.

Legend: Alb - Albion Rovers; Alt - Altona City; Cro - Crocydon City; Ess - Essendon Croatia; Frank - Frankston City; Gre - George Cross; Ajax - Green Gully Ajax; Hak - Hakoah St. Kilda; Juve - Juventus; Slav - Frankran Slavia; Mak - Preston Macedonia; Sun - Sunshine City.

Ampol Dockery League			
	Goals	Assists	Total
Mitten (Frank)	5	7	11
McMillan (Mak)	3	8	11
Gilder (Ess)	1	9	10
Peters (Ess)	6	4	10
Ward (Mak)	0	3	10
Cumming (Ess)	3	5	8
Swincoe (Frank)	4	11	15
McGuinness (Juve)	3	2	5
C. Luchessa (Juve)	3	2	5
Callen (Mak)	3	8	11
Taylor (Alb)	2	4	6
Dorr (Altona)	5	3	8
McMillan (Frank)	8	2	10
Murphy (Ess)	1	2	3
Papavas (Ess)	0	1	1
Brogan (Cro)	0	0	0
Conan (Ess)	0	0	0
Petravski (Ess)	2	1	3
Luh (Hak)	0	0	0
French (Hak)	2	5	7
Murphy (Ess)	0	0	0
Mizzi (Ess)	3	2	5
Callen (Ess)	1	0	1
Lynch (Ess)	2	1	3
Trent (Cro)	1	2	3
D'Sylva (Alb)	2	0	2
Johnson (Ess)	1	5	6
Alldridge (Slav)	3	1	4
Sep (Altona)	3	3	6
Adams (Ess)	0	6	6
McCombe (Alb)	0	7	7
Crow (Alb)	0	6	6
Case (Juve)	0	6	6
R. Nelson (Ess)	0	2	2
G. Train (Alb)	2	1	3
Wylie (Cro)	2	0	2
McCombe (Cro)	0	1	1
Jardano (Hak)	0	3	3
Coyle (Ess)	0	5	5
Gilroy (Ess)	0	5	5
Gilroy (Ess)	1	2	3
Schmidt (Juve)	1	2	3
Favell (Mak)	1	1	2
Klein (Altona)	0	4	4
Walker (Frank)	1	3	4
G. Bannon (Frank)	2	0	2
Lewis (Alb)	0	4	4
Faulkner (Mak)	2	0	2
Griffiths (Slav)	0	3	3
Williams (Slav)	2	1	3
Holy (Hak)	1	0	1
Dunn (Hak)	0	2	2
Bazemore (Hak)	2	1	3
L. Hogg (Ess)	2	1	3
Pavlovic (Altona)	0	2	2
Vojak (Altona)	1	1	2
Comptell (Frank)	0	1	1
Petravski (Mak)	0	2	2
Peters (Frank)	0	3	3

## Three wins for J.U.S.T.

Previous finals of the Victorian State League Cup:  
1969: Juventus 3 Footscray J.U.S.T. 2.  
1970: Juventus 3 Melbourne 1.  
1971: Croatia 3 South Melbourne Hellenas 2.  
1972: No competition.  
1973: George Cross 3 Hakoah 0.  
1974: Footscray J.U.S.T. 2 Fitzroy Alexander (Heidelberg) 1.  
1975: Footscray J.U.S.T. 1 Mooroolbark 1, Footscray won 5-4 on penalties.  
1976: Footscray J.U.S.T. 2 South Melbourne Hellenas 1.  
1977: George Cross 2 Slavia 1.  
1978: Essendon Croatia 3 George Cross 2.



Frankston City - all smiles before the Dockery Cup final. Standing (left to right) - team manager, David Gilbert, Kevin Swincoe, Norrie Campbell, Dave Cooper, Frank Petravski, Bob Adams, Noel Mitten, Dany McChusky, Alex Tulloch, Arthur Costes (trainer), Alan Parratt, Frank (left to right) - Billy Murray (assistant coach), Ged Bannon, Tony Young, John Taylor, Vince Bannon, Bruce Young, Keith Webster, Willie Coulson, Freddy Bunce (coach).

# Mitten leads fightback

**CROYDON CITY 3 (Wyllie 4th, Tront 6th, Loughnane 17th) FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Mitten pen. 55th, McCluskey 76th) at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: 5,300 (double header).**

**CROYDON CITY:** Edwards 7 — Brown 8, McCambe 8, Pongho 7, Hobson 6 — Spink 7, Murphy injured (McKinlay 5, 28th min), Tront 7 — Loughnane 8, Brogan 6, Wyllie 7.

**FRANKSTON CITY:** Petersen 6 — V. Bannon 8, T. Young 8, Adams 7, Taylor 6 (Webster 66th min) — Tulloch 6, G. Bannon 7, McCluskey 5 — B. Young 6, Mitten 8, Swinscoe 5.

Referee: Jim Fearn 7  
Cautions: nil

Brilliant Frankston City forward Noel Mitten almost brought about the downfall of Croydon City with some excellent play in the second half. Had it not been for Mitten, Croydon, which led comfortably by three goals at half time, would have cruised home.

But Mitten had some other ideas. He provided the creativeness which found openings in the Croydon defence, and was the key figure in Frankston's late comeback.

In the 55th minute Mitten earned a penalty when he shrugged off his marker Alan Pongho, turned and made his way into the penalty area after receiving a throw in.

Pongho was forced to make a challenge from behind, and Mitten stumbled to the turf. Referee Jim Fearn had no hesitation in awarding a penalty.

Appropriately, it was Mitten who slotted the spot kick past Mick Edwards, who nevertheless made a great attempt to save the kick.

In the 76th minute, Mitten made Frankston's second goal with a piece of brilliant forward play. Alex Tulloch hit a hard, low ball into the box, and the quick-thinking Mitten flicked it first time, deceiving the Croydon defenders.

Mitten's original intention was that he would turn and have a shot himself. As it was, Danny McCluskey pounced and slammed home the ball from 10 metres.

That goal signalled an all-out

effort from Frankston City. Again it was Mitten who turned the pressure into goalscoring chances.

A great cut back by Mitten found Bruce Young 10 metres from goal in space, but he was unable to get a shot in as Steve McCombe made a desperate tackle which saved Croydon.

Mitten set up a great chance for Kevin Swinscoe after forcing the ball into the goalmouth from the right, but Swinscoe's volley was straight at Edwards.

Mitten was greatly disadvantaged with Swinscoe and Bruce Young contributing little. After a reasonable start, Bruce Young was snuffed out by young full back Mark Brown, and Swinscoe was unable to get into the game.

Mitten's major helpers in attack were the Bannon brothers, Vince and Ged, who combine so well up the right flank. Croydon will be kicking itself for letting a 3-0 slip. The main problem was in midfield, where Frankston took over in the second half.

This department was depleted when acting captain Charlie Murphy was injured after a tackle from McCluskey, and had to leave the field after 28 minutes. Regular Duncan Smith was out suspended.

Still, Croydon should have sealed the match just after half time when it made some excellent scoring chances.

Had Croydon taken one of these chances to make the score 4-0, it's likely Frankston would have become demoralised and not staged a comeback.

Dave Brogan should have scored when Tony Young slipped in a greasy patch, and this exposed the whole defence. Brogan ran through with only Frank Petersen to beat, but his shot hit Petersen, who did well to smother the shot.

Soon after, a deep cross from Jim Wyllie found Peter Loughnane on the far post. He rounded John Taylor and slipped the ball to McKinlay, who scooped his shot over the bar from close range.

And then when the score was 2-3, Croydon had the chance to relieve the pressure. A bad crossfield pass by Tony Young was intercepted by Loughnane, who tore goalwards with the defence caught square.

Loughnane swerved past goalkee-

per Petersen, but his shot from 10 metres was cleared off the line by none other than Tony Young.

A pleasing feature of the game from Croydon's point of view was forward play of Peter Loughnane, Joe Tront and Jim Wyllie in the first half.

These three inspired Croydon to a 3-0 lead by the interval. All were able to lose their opponents and find space to work in, and hit some telling passes.

The onslaught started after only four minutes. Wyllie picked up a ball on the left flank and cut into the box. Instead of passing, he shot from a difficult angle with a low drive.

The crisp shot caught Petersen, who was late going down to the near post ball and let it slip under his body.

Two minutes later, Murphy hit a good pass for Loughnane on the inside of Taylor. Loughnane fired a hard cross into the area, and popped up to volley the ball home.

Croydon, which was playing with a strong breeze in the first half, increased its lead when Alan Pongho hit a good ball to Murphy, who had worked his way in behind the Frankston defence. Murphy steadied, then crossed for Loughnane, who scored with a spectacular diving back-header.

The first half was definitely Croydon's, but the team was perhaps a little fortunate to survive the late burst by Frankston. — KYLE PATTERSON

## Feigenbaum a big hit

Israeli World Cup star Shaya Feigenbaum, who had a guest stint with Hakoah in Melbourne recently, has started well with his new club, Shimshon Tel Aviv.

Feigenbaum scored twice with thundering shots in Shimshon's 5-1 victory over Hapoel Haifa.

The headline in one of the soccer papers read: "FEIGEN BOOM BOOM".





**Croydon full back Mark Brown (left) tussles with Frankston winger Bruce Young. Pictured by STEVE CHATZIS**

# Reserves share title

**Frankston City and Essendon Croatia have shared the Victorian State League reserves championship after finishing level on points and goals.**

Croatia was set to take the title outright when it led Slavia 3-1 10 minutes from the end of their postponed game last Saturday.

Confident that victory had been achieved, Croatia replaced key players Ned Batinovic who had scored twice, and Branko Culina and promptly conceded two goals.

After the 3-2 victory, Croatia had 39 goals for, 15 against and 32 points. So did Frankston, which had led the league before this match.



## SLC U/14

Essendon	18	14	2	0	83	6	30
Juventus	18	12	1	3	51	29	26
Sunshine City	18	10	2	4	32	21	22
Altona	18	8	1	7	38	32	17
Preston	18	8	0	8	31	31	18
Croydon	18	7	0	9	30	31	14
George Cross	18	3	3	10	7	38	8
Green Gully	18	3	1	12	24	48	7
Frankston City	18	1	2	13	8	67	4

## SLC U/16

Altona	18	14	2	0	48	8	30
Croydon	18	11	1	4	28	18	23
Preston	18	10	3	3	24	14	23
Frankston City	18	10	1	6	34	25	21
Prebran	18	8	3	6	22	16	18
Albion	18	6	2	0	22	30	12
Juventus	18	3	4	8	18	28	10
George Cross	18	3	3	12	7	38	8

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE CUP

# ADAMS PROVES POINT

By KYLE PATTERSON

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Batilovic 20th, Glibor 32nd) FRANKSTON CITY 0 at Olympic Park No. 1. Crowd: 3000 (double header).

**ESSENDON CROATIA:** Petruski 7 - Short 8, Kokacka 7, Gwathmey 6, Blower 7 - Adams 3, Murphy 3, Andrew 7 - Cumming 8, Glibor 8, Batilovic 7, Young 7, Tulloch 6 - G. Bennett 7 (Captain 74th min), Cooper 6, McCusker 2 - 2 Young 7, Ranjic 6 (Campbell 74th min), Swainson 6.

Referee: Jack Roadshaw 7. Goalkeepers: McCusker 7, Swainson 7.

The excellent midfield play of Keith Adams and Ken Glibor, and his been amongst the best players both times.

Yet against Frankston, Adams was taken away from defence and placed in midfield. His place was taken by John Gardner, the Victorian State team midfielder who spends most of his time with Croatia as a sweeper.

The switch was somewhat puzzling. Adams is a Son, versatile player, but his defensive qualities are his strength.

Gardner, on the other hand, is

after he was axed from the sweeper position.

Adams had played in the 'libero' role for the last two games for Croatia, and has been amongst the best players both times.

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Gardner, on the other hand, is

late action because of illness in regular Peter Musky.

Croatia had several good chances to add to its score in the first half. Cumming had only Petruski to beat, but the Frankston goalkeeper saved his side with an excellent reflex save.

Later, Batilovic shot wide after an Adams pass, and Murphy's left foot drive whizzed just over the bar.

Frankston's best efforts came in quick succession. Rungle hit a left foot drive which Petruski saved, and soon after the Croatia goalkeeper had to tip a header by Steve Swainson over the bar.

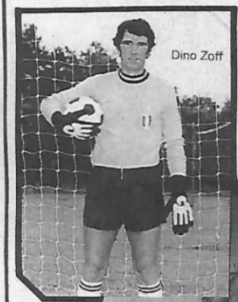
The second half saw Frankston edge back, but still be threatened in defence. Inaction and Cumming both had chances with only Peter Musky to beat, but failed to convert.

The highlight of the half was perhaps Frank Peterson's brilliant dash up the wing. In City goalkeeper, he had a chance to strike a neat pass to Alex Tulloch.

Maybe he was trying to give his team more than some bluffs.



Frankston goalkeeper Frank Peterson (right) pounce on shot by Croydon's Dave Brogan. Pictures by



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## Croydon wastes chances - again!

By KYLE PATTERSON

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 CROYDON CITY 0 at Olympic Park No. 1. Crowd: 3000 (double header).

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA:** Kistner 6 - Petrovic 6, Higham 8, Gwathmey 8, Black 9 - Cunningham 6, Major 6, McMillan 6, Anderson 6, Fawcett 7, Fayers 6 - Cullen 6, Leath 7, Ward 6.

**CROYDON CITY:** Edwards 7 - Brown 6, McDonnell 3, Pangho 3, Hahon 6, Spinks 7, Trant 6, Brogan 6, Wylie 6.

Referee: Dixon 6. Goalkeepers: Wylie 6.

Croydon City was once again wasteful in attack and lost its chance to score vital goals in this close encounter with Preston Makedonia.



Socceroo Tommy Cummi with Lipje Petrovski of Makedonia.

## Recess for Cosmos

The State League Cup goes into recess this weekend because of 8th Victorian v New York Cosmos game.

After the first two cup rounds, Frankston City has been eliminated and Preston Makedonia already has one foot in the door to the final.

Makedonia leads the group table with three points and superior goal difference from Croydon City which also has three points.

Essendon Croatia, the Cup holder, has two points. Croatia plays Croatia in the final round and this game will decide which team makes the final.

Makedonia can afford to draw against the Cosmos in the final round game with Frankston and still qualify for the final.

The only way Makedonia can be knocked out of the final is if Croatia beats Croydon, and Makedonia loses by a margin of at least three goals.

If this unlikely chain of events occurs, Croatia will be in the top place with four points, and Croydon in second place with three points and superior goal average.

However, if Croatia loses 0-2, Makedonia will have to lose 0-2 to miss out on the final.

another any danger. By the time Croydon had moved the ball into the scoring net, Preston was organised and ready for anything.

Jim Wylie had an impressive game, wandering between the wing and midfield. He started many moves and showed skill in being his opponent's danger.

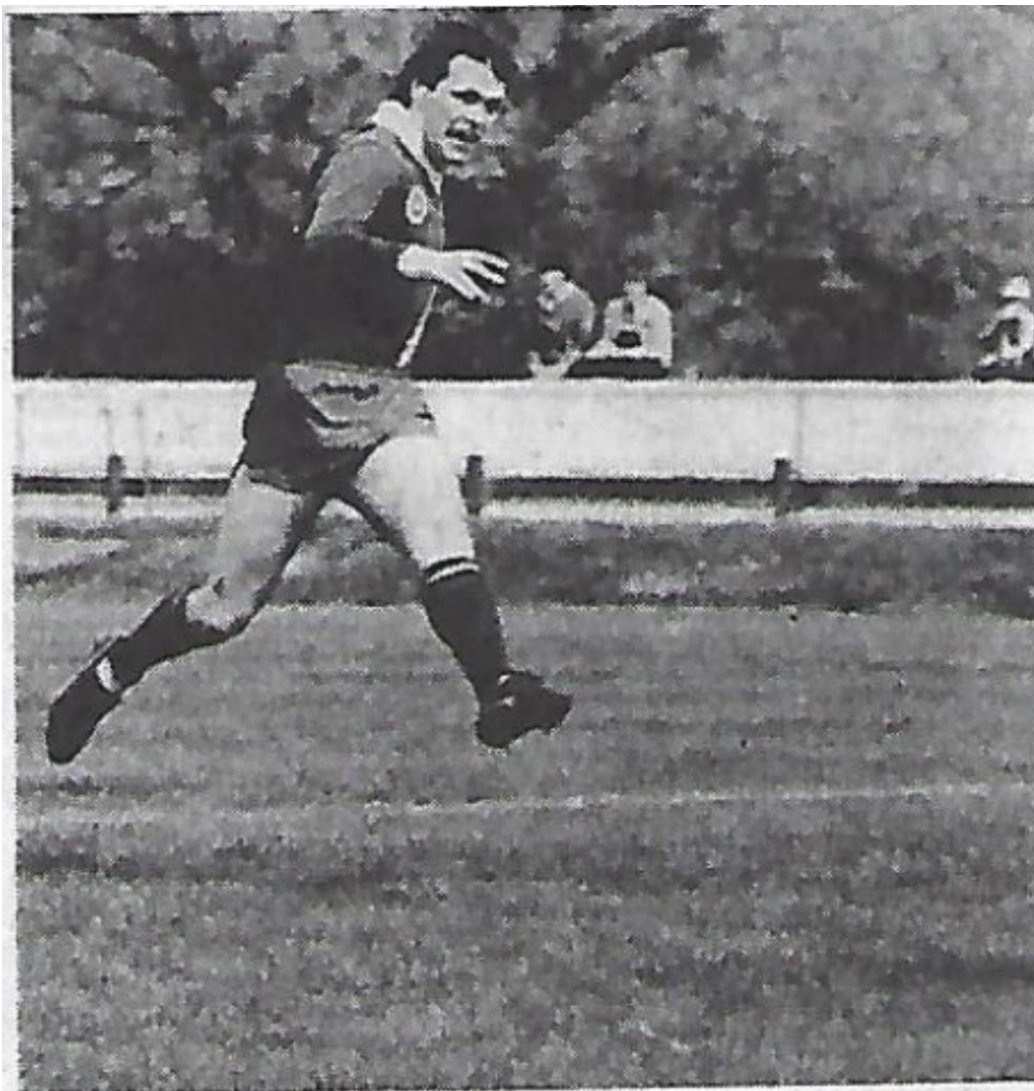
Tom was a frustrated player on several occasions as the break of the ball or refereeing decisions went against him at a crucial moment. However, he contributed a lot to the Croydon attack by being able to consistently be in space to receive a pass or collect a loose ball.

Lovison had a good match but could have done more. Brogan wasn't effective because of the marking by Gwathmey.

Preston's problem was simply inaccurate passing. Forwards Cullen, Gary Ward and later George McMillan were starved of decent service.

Coach Tony Vitros was critical of his midfield and blamed this department for not feeding the forwards properly.

It is true that Jeff Faulkner, Stuart Cunningham, Gordon Flavell and Larry Eric Lovison failed to take any 'telling' passes but the Preston mid-



**Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen (right) pounces on a hard, close-range shot by Croydon's Dave Brogan. Pictures by SHORROCK.**



**Frankston's Bob Adams (left) and Croatia's Tommy Cumming shape up to each other while Croatia's Carl Gilder gives Adams a menacing stare. Also pictured are Howard Andrews of Croatia (foreground), Tony Young of Frankston (second right) and John Gardiner of Croatia (right).**



Frankston's God Bannon is carried off after injuring his shoulder against Preston. Treating him is physio, Arthur Coates.



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## Beech, Flavelle Cullen star as Preston cruises

MAKEDONIA 5  
FRANKSTON 2

State League Cup top four series, third round.

Venue: Olympic Park, Essendon. Makedonia: Garthwaite 5th, Ward 17th, & penalty 20th, Petrovski 5th, Cullen 8th, Frankston: Adams 7th and 6th, Cullen 4th, Donald 42nd (scorable head).

Referee: Veneno 6

Goalkeepers: McCloskey (F)

MAKEDONIA: Kestner 6

Petrovski 7, Garthwaite 7,

Hughes 7, Bevan 8, Flavelle

8 (Header 7, half time), Faulkner

9, Cunningham 9, Cullen

9, Lockwood 7 (Stephen 8th),

Young 7

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6, V

Bannon 6, Adams 6, T. Young

9, Rupp 5, G. Bannon 7 (Injury

6), Connor 6, Melis,

McCloskey 5 (Swainson 6,

half time), Tuley 3, E.

Young 6, Mitten 6, Coulson 6.

Frankston may have staged

a strong comeback, but it was

the more to the first half. The

balance of Tony Young and Noel

Mitten than in any collective

effort by the team. What's

more, Makedonia could afford

the luxury of replacing Gordon

Flavelle and Eric Leibold for

the second half.

Frankston lost key mid-

fielder God Bannon just before

half time when he was carried

off on a stretcher with a

shoulder injury.

Young goalkeeper Dave Gil-

bert, in the team ahead of

Frank Perovski, played on

after a heavy knock, early in

the game and went to hospital

afterwards with suspected

concussion.

The only way Makedonia

would have missed out on a

place in the final was by losing

the game by two goals.

That seemed to be a possi-

bility as early as the fifth

minute when centre back Dave

Garthwaite drove a mighty 30-

metre kick high into the net on

the volley.

Minutes earlier, Rob Cullen

had come close to scoring

after he had dashed away on a

missed by Frankston's Danny

McCloskey. Cullen ran into the

penalty area but his shot was

smothered by Gilbert.

After the first goal, Ljube

Petrovski shot over the goal

after everyone else in the area

had been beaten by a cross

from Steve Beech.

Makedonia went to a 2-0 lead

in the 17th minute when Gary

Ward scored with a 30-metre,

bouncing low shot which Gil-

bert misjudged. Vene Bannon

went over and gave Gilbert a

crossing cut on the head.

But Frankston replied

within seconds when Bobby

Adams, unmarked, headed a

corner from Willie Coulson

into the net past bewildered

Leo Kestner, making the score

2-1.

A low, diagonal ball from

Leibold into the area found

Ward off Faulkner storming in for

what could have been Makedonia's

third goal but Gilbert dove at

Faulkner's feet.

The third goal finally came

in the 20th minute, from a penalty

covered by Ward. Referee

Veneno had awarded the penalty

against Adams who had fouled

Ward just inside the area.

Frankston left back Goran

Rupp almost conceded another

penalty when he grabbed

Cullen by the shirt as the striker

was about to shoot.

Veneno awarded the free kick

outside the area — but it was a

very close thing.

Five minutes from half

time, Cullen ran down a long

ball and cut it back to Ward

whose thundering shot hit the

bar.

Then, in a two-minute blitz,

Cullen and Leibold did enough

good work to deserve perhaps

three goals but luck was not

with them.

In a brilliant flash of play,

Faulkner held off an inspired

goal to the feet of Stewart

Cunningham who tried to lob

over Gilbert's head but the

young goalkeeper flew and

caught it well.

Frankston started the

second half with God Bannon's

replacement, David Cooper, at

centre back, which allowed

Tony Young to move up into

midfield.

Danny McCloskey made

way for Kevin Swainson who

joined Noel Mitten and Bruce

Young in attack.

Makedonia replaced Flavelle

with right back Mike

Bainy at half time and shortly

afterwards brought on

youngster Oen Steuk for Eric

Leibold.

The replacement of Flavelle

in particular, was puzzling. He

had done some classy things in

the first half.

Makedonia increased its

lead after only five minutes

when Cullen played the ball

square from left to right where

Perovski slammed it into the

net.

Frankston replied with

Adams' second goal — another

header that went in off the post

after a Bruce Young corner.

Noel Mitten, who was in full

flight now, could perhaps have

been awarded a penalty after a

feed by Beech, but the referee

thought otherwise. Then

Mitten ran into the area but his

shot hit the side netting.

Beech was limping as Tony

Young chipped over the

defence to Adams whose shot

was marginally off-line.

Mitten finished his play

again with a brilliant ball for-

ward to Bruce Young who

crossed it back for a shot by

Mitten that hit the crossbar

and bounced down, back into

play.

Bruce Young made another

run and cut the ball back into

the direction of Mitten and

Swainson in the penalty area,

but Makedonia cleared desper-

ately.

Makedonia sealed the match

two minutes from the end

when Cullen struck past three

men until he was the opening

and slotted the ball low past

Gilbert into the far corner —

LAURIE SCHWAB.

By KYLIE PATTERSON

## Dynamic Preston Makedonia striker George McMillan has been suspended by his club and will not play in the State League Cup final against Essendon Croatia this Sunday.

McMillan, who missed Preston's game last Sunday against Frankston City, confirmed he had been given a two-week suspension by the club's committee.

Preston manager Tony Vrzina said after the Frankston game that McMillan was out of the team because "he wasn't feeling well". He refused to make any comment or suggestions that McMillan was suspended.

Other Preston officials were equally evasive on the question of McMillan being suspended.

But McMillan told me this week he was suspended because of an argument he had with manager Vrzina.

"I had an argument with the coach, and later the committee called me up and suspended me. The reason was that the harmony of the team," said McMillan. He was reluctant to make any further comment.

The suspension of McMillan threatens to undermine Preston Makedonia's bid to win its first trophy in the State League, since being promoted to the State League for the 1978 season, Preston has come close many times, but failed to win on home.

The 1979 State League Cup final is perhaps the best chance Preston has ever had to win a top league trophy. Essendon Croatia has lost a lot of form recently, but still, the team has some magical qualities and no doubt, the players will come together for this big game.

Croatia is a bogey team for Makedonia. The Essendon side has always managed to pull something out of the bag when the heat was on.

Preston, on the other hand, has defeated Croatia in league games, but always failed dramatically when it really counted. For instance, Croatia has defeated Makedonia in an Ampol Cup final, a Dockery Cup semi-final and twice popped Preston for the league championship.

The absence of McMillan will have a large bearing on the performance and balance of the Preston Makedonia team. Midfielder Eric Leibold will have to stay in the centre forward position,

meaning the midfield will be Jeff Faulkner, Gordon Flavell and Stuart Cunningham.

Although Cunningham has the ability to be the playmaker in the team, Leibold's leadership will be missed in the midfield.

Psychologically, Preston is the lesser without McMillan. His bustling and energetic style made him a feared player in the eyes of opposition defenders, but now, the Croatia defence can rest at ease.

McMillan is the only player in the Preston forward line who can match Steve Kooloski, the Croatia defensive giant, in a physical duel.

The pressure is now on Gary Ward and Robert Cullen to perform.

The main Preston must fear is Tommy Cumming. The Croatia powerhouse has been down on form in recent games, and that can only mean one thing — watch out, Cumming is due to cut loose!

The combination of Ljube Petrovski and Steve Beech subbed Cumming the last time the two sides met, and these two players will have to work overtime to keep Cumming quiet.

Carl Gilder is also in top form, and he will worry his Dave Garthwaite and John Higham in the centre of the Preston defence.

Croatia may recall forward Branko Culina for his first full senior game since he broke a bone in his foot over a month ago.

As much as I would like to see Preston win the trophy (it's getting monstrous seeing Croatia steal all the honours), I can't look past Croatia. The team, although not as powerful as it was in the middle of the 1978 season, is still a formidable unit. And only is the key word, Croatia is a well-organised and disciplined team, and even if the star individuals like Gilder, Cumming, Murphy and Gardner aren't shining, the basic organisation will carry the team through.

Preston Makedonia, on the other hand, relies heavily on Cullen and Ward to fire. If they don't, the team often struggles to get results.

Richmond the champ

Richmond won the Waverley six-a-side tournament by beating Park Rangers 5-1 in the final at the weekend.

Mullacoota, which came from faraway eastern Victoria, did extremely well in securing its latter stages of the competition.

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**Gary Ward (right) converts a penalty kick past Frankston goalkeeper Dave Gilbert.**

#### **FRANKSTON CITY**

Position finished: 2nd  
 1979 coaches: Freddy Bunce, Tony Young  
 Home ground: McColland Drive

Years in State League: 3  
 1979 honors: nil  
 Last honor: Second Division championship 1965

Greed is perhaps a necessary quality of a successful soccer team. The players that are desperate to win every game and as much glory as possible for themselves and their club are vital to win them than throw them away.

Frankston lost the championship on goal difference, and were less than a minute away from winning the Dockerty Cup before Essendon Croatia stormed home to 'steal' the Cup.

Many people at Frankston are bitter because the team failed to win a trophy, putting blame on the players and sacked coach Fred Bunce. However, I don't believe this is fair.

The players did have the desire to succeed, and to feel bitter towards the players or former coach Bunce is out of line. Frankston City was a 'success' in 1979, no matter what anyone thinks.

Before this season, Frankston was just another State League club. Now, because of the efforts of the players and coach Freddy Bunce, Frankston is on the map.

I'm sure many people at Frankston will be saying: "But we had Martin Peters and Eamon Bannon, and bought seven other players. We should have done better." Wrong. Money is vital to a soccer team, but you can't buy success.

#### **AMPOL CUP**

0-1 v. Prahran Slavia  
 4-1 v. Albion Rovers (Ged Bannon 2, Noel Mitten 2)  
 2-2 v. George Cross (Mitten 2) won 4-3 on pens.  
 3-2 v. Green Gully (Kevin Swinscoe, Keith Webster, Mitten)

#### **DOCKERTY CUP**

0-2 v. Essendon Croatia  
 5-1 v. Park Rangers (Mitten 2, Swinscoe, Bob Adams, Danny McCluskey)  
 4-3 v. Sunshine City (Mitten 2, Swinscoe, Adams)  
 3-2 v. Croydon City (Swinscoe, Mitten, Norrie Campbell)  
 2-0 v. Prahran Slavia (Mitten, Swinscoe)

#### **FINAL**

1-2 v. Essendon Croatia (Mitten)

#### **STATE LEAGUE**

2-1 v. Juventus (Webster, McCluskey)

4-0 v. Albion Rovers (Swinscoe 3, Webster)

2-1 v. Sunshine City (Swinscoe, Mitten)

2-0 v. George Cross (Mitten 2)

2-0 v. Green Gully Mitten Swinscoe)

4-0 v. Croydon City (Mitten 3, G. Bannon)

1-0 v. Prahran Slavia (Bruce Young)

3-3 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Swinscoe, Martin, Peters, Campbell)

1-0 v. Preston Makedonia (Adams)

4-3 v. Altona City (Peters 2, Eamon Bannon 2)

2-2 v. Essendon Croatia (Swinscoe, Adams)

4-1 v. Juventus (Mitten 2, Swinscoe, Adams)

1-0 v. Essendon Croatia (G. Bannon)

1-1 v. Albion Rovers (Mitten)

3-4 v. George Cross (Adams, Campbell, Dave Cooper)

2-2 v. Sunshine City (Willie Coulson, Swinscoe)

1-2 v. Croydon City (Webster)

0-0 v. Prahran Slavia

0-2 v. Hakoah St. Kilda

0-3 v. Preston Makedonia

2-2 v. Altona City (Adams, Swinscoe)

2-0 v. Green Gully (Mitten, Swinscoe)

#### STATE LEAGUE CUP

2-3 v. Croydon City (Mitten, McCluskey)

0-2 v. Essendon Croatia

2-5 v. Preston Makedonia (Adams 2)

## VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

Including All Ampol Cup, Dockerty Cup, league championship and State League Cup preliminary games played during the 1979 season. Not including State League Cup final result. Latter result will not alter positions.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	SUCCESS
1. CROATIA.....	35	21	8	6	67	29	50	71.43
2. MAKEDONIA.....	34	19	7	8	73	38	45	66.18
3. FRANKSTON.....	35	18	7	10	71	53	43	61.43
4. CROYDON.....	34	16	8	10	60	46	40	58.82
5. JUVENTUS.....	29	13	4	12	59	51	30	51.72
6. HAKOAH.....	31	12	8	11	42	36	32	51.61
7. GG AJAX.....	32	11	8	13	43	43	30	46.87
8. GEO. CROSS.....	29	9	9	11	39	52	27	46.55
9. SLAVIA.....	32	12	5	16	41	40	29	45.31
10. ALTONA.....	29	9	8	12	41	44	26	44.83
11. SUNSHINE.....	29	8	8	13	33	44	24	41.38
12. ALBION.....	28	5	6	17	29	56	16	28.57

#### GOALSCORING LADDER

1. Makedonia.....	73
2. Frankston.....	71
3. Croatia.....	67
4. Croydon.....	60
5. Juventus.....	59
6. Ajax.....	43
7. Hakoah.....	42
8. Slavia.....	41
9. Altona.....	41
10. Geo. Cross.....	39
11. Sunshine.....	33
12. Albion.....	29

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3. Makedonia.....	38
4. Slavia.....	40
5. Ajax.....	43
6. Altona.....	44
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8. Croydon.....	46
9. Juventus.....	51
10. Geo. Cross.....	52
11. Frankston.....	53
12. Albion.....	56



# 1979 VI

## STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essendon Croatia .....	22	12	6	4	43	18	30
Frankston City .....	22	12	6	4	43	27	30
Preston Macedonia .....	22	12	5	5	40	19	29
Croydon City .....	22	10	6	6	32	27	26
Juventus .....	22	10	4	8	38	36	24
Altona City .....	22	7	7	8	27	28	21
George Cross .....	22	7	7	8	29	41	21
St. Kilda Hakoah .....	22	6	8	8	23	26	20
Sunshine City .....	22	6	7	9	25	35	19
Green Gully .....	22	5	6	11	20	34	16
Prahran Slavia .....	22	5	4	13	18	29	14
Albion Leyland .....	22	4	6	12	23	41	14

## STATE LEAGUE - RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
+ Frankston City .....	22	15	2	5	39	15	32
+ Essendon Croatia .....	22	14	4	4	39	15	32
Juventus .....	22	10	6	6	26	20	26
Sunshine City .....	22	9	6	7	28	21	24
Green Gully .....	22	8	7	7	20	25	23
Altona City .....	22	8	6	8	17	26	22
Prahran Slavia .....	22	9	3	10	31	24	21
St. Kilda Hakoah .....	22	8	5	9	23	27	21
Croydon City .....	22	6	6	10	28	36	18
Preston Macedonia .....	22	6	6	10	21	32	18
Albion Leyland .....	22	7	3	12	22	28	17
George Cross .....	22	2	6	14	15	40	10
+ Joint winners							





**Martin Peters (left) crosses the ball past Croydon full back Gary Hobson. Peters appearance with Frankston attracted 2,500 people to Centenary Park.**

# Bring in coaches, not players, says Peters

**Victorian soccer lags 15 years behind Australian Rules football, according to former English soccer international Martin Peters.**

"Soccer is very slowly creeping in but footy has such a stronghold in Victoria, it's going to take a long, long time — 10 maybe 15 years — before anything really happens," he said.

Peters had just finished another training session with Frankston City where he was guesting for five matches and was talking to me on the impressions he had gained of soccer in Australia during his stay here.

"The main problem lies with the youngsters," he said. "Victoria has to get the game going through the schools like they have done in the States so that at the age of 17 or 18 when they leave, the youngsters want

By PETER DESIRA

to play soccer rather than anything else."

Peters has done his bit in that direction, visiting schools and giving talks to juniors, but he advocates long-term coaches to help our youths.

**"The sport must switch from bringing players to bringing top coaches from overseas to organise schoolboys and soccer at youth level."**

Peters' career record makes awesome reading. He has made 67 international appearances for England, played for three First Division clubs — West Ham, Tottenham, and Norwich — commanded over \$600,000 in total transfer fees and collected an array of soccer medals ranging from World Cup, European Cup Winners' Cup to FA Cup winners' medals.

But despite all that, there

was no aloofness about the player. He went out of his way to promote the club that brought him here — as well as the game — by attending countless functions, appearing on television, granting many interviews and above all wooing the fans with his skill on the field.

He mixed in well with the players and on the night I watched training, handed out friendly jibes to his team-mates and copped answers just as quickly.

"I though you're a bit faster than that," he told Noel Mitten who gave up the chase on a hard-hit through ball. "Do you think I've got wings?" came back Mitten's smiling response.

Peters' criticism was never direct but the message was always there. He didn't actually say it in as many words but it was obvious that the level of the

game had disappointed him.

He compared the Victorian State side — against which he played during Norwich City's tour — to an English Third or Fourth Division team and said that the State League is on a par with the English Southern League.

Pushed further, he said politely, "I thought the standard might have been better."

This is what he said about some other local matters.

**Grounds:** "Most clubs are still at a building stage and since there is little financial backing, you cannot expect big grounds."

**Refereeing:** "The standard has been pretty good. Perhaps I've been lucky in having good ones but in the matches I've played they've been fairly consistent."

**Crowds:** "I was warned beforehand that attendances average around the 1000 mark."

**Imports:** "Unless they're top players clubs would be better off giving local youngsters a go."

**Overseas touring teams:** "Most close season tours are taken as a bit of a holiday by clubs and Australia cannot really judge their strength by results against these teams. Norwich did not play to their capacity in Australia."

Peters reckons Australia should keep playing overseas teams, nevertheless. "You've got to play against better teams to improve yourselves, even if the opposition is playing only up to 90% of their best," he said.

The veteran midfielder left Australia earlier this week for a short holiday in Portugal before starting pre-season training at Norwich in July.

His stay here helped put Frankston on the map and hopefully Victorian soccer will heed his advice and reap the benefit of his experience.