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Mr. Kosnar said he hoped
for a successful season to
mark the club's 30th anni-
versary.

Massive exodus at Frankston

Frankston City has been
drained by a massive exodus
of players.

Noel Mitten has joined
Croatia, Vince Bannon has
gone to Hellas and Keith Web-
ster and Alan Parrott have re-
tired.

Tony Young, Frankston's
best player last year, has re-
turned to England where he's
bought a fish and chip and is
expected to sign for Rochdale.

Striker Kevin Swinscoe is on
trial with Watford in England
and Willie Coulson is playing
in Hong Kong.

Young goalkeeper David
Gilbert is on a two-month
trial with Norwich as part of
his Ian Grey Memorial Schol-
arship, won at Frankston.

And now the rebuilding
starts.

Club spokesman Les Smith
says Frankston wants full
back Chris Valli from Hakoah,
striker Kevin Wall from
Frankston Pines, midfielder
Billy Buchanan from Dan-
denong and forwards Steve
Irvine and Peter Thurlow from
Doveton.

Frankston already has
signed striker Neil Collier
from Croatia Whyalla and is
talking to three players over-
seas - one forward and two
midfielders.

The club has only one player
- Bruce Young - on a temporary
visa.

New coach Nigel Bevis, a
former Frankston captain,
expects young utility players
Goran Runje and Peter Marti-
novic to establish themselves
as first-team regulars this sea-
son.

Centre back Danny
McCluskey is still holidaying
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David Baker (left) tackles Ken Rea
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Retained players include:
Frank Petersen, Bobby Adams
(his 11th season), Ged Bannon,
Bruce Young, Sean Parton,
John Taylor and David Cooper.

Name change for Sunshine

Sunshine City is likely to
change its name.

The committee was given
this power by Sunshine's
annual general meeting. It is
not yet known what new name
is being considered.

Sunshine, which will become
incorporated soon, is opposed
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Frankston's Bobby Adams - starting his 11th season. Vince Bannon (left) has moved to Hellas. On the ground is Croatia's Carl Gilder and at right Howard Andrews

president Jim Mangopoulos said.

"Also, I don't want to push too hard, because any postponement of our fixtures would upset the whole competition."

Andy Bozikas may be back from holidays this week and

wants more money finally to release Willie Vassallo, who has been playing for Ajax on what apparently was a temporary arrangement.

Ajax may have striker Steve Carr back from Hellas in time for its second-round match against Frankston at Connor

Team of week

Victorian team of the week:

PETERSEN
(Frankston)

RAINEY
(Makedonia)

ADAMS
(Frankston)

OLLERTON
(J.U.S.T.)

McMILLAN
(Heidelberg)

BLAIR
(Hakoah)

ROGERS
(Hellas)

G. BANNON
(Frankston)

McMILLAN
(Makedonia)

EVANS
(Hellas)

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(Albion R.)

First round details

HAKOAH 2 (Blair 38th and 48th)
WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Koromilas 48th) at Middle Park Crowd about 300 (double header), *Footy Ratings by Peter Desira*

HAKOAH - O'Hara 7, Gadsby 6, Baker 7, Dossan 6, Wilson 6 - Gibson 6, McNeil 6, Blair 6 - Jordanou 7, French 6, Rooney 6

WESTERN SUBS - Mitani 7 - Jim Daperis 6, Jaworski 6, Glykokalamos 7, G. Daglis 6 - Grechan 7, Mc Carthy 7, John Daperis 6, Koromilas 6, Patsakos 6, Christ-

Adams 9, Blacklaw 8 - **Demetriou 3, Martinovic 8, Campbell 6** (Luca 6, 50th min) - **Young 6, Runje 6**
Referee: Stuart Mellings

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Mizz 38th)
PRAHRAN SLAVIA 0 at Olympic Park Crowd: 2500 (double header) *Sunday Ratings by Kyle Patterson*

GEORGE CROSS: Matson 7 - Cutajar 8, Hooper 7, Maitland 8, Barron 7 - Bernard 7, Mirak 8, Wilson 7 - Thom 6, Cowan 7, Mizzi 7

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STRICT CLUB DRAW

Nigel Sugden.

wants to hear from any teams interested in participating.

The competition will be played on Sunday mornings between 10.30 am and 6 pm, at the centre in Linda Crescent, Hawthorn.

Trouble at Frankston

Leading administrators Les Smith and Del Lines have refused to return to Frankston City because the new administration regards the soccer team as being an incidental and secondary part of the club.

Smith, who quit Frankston along with Lines in early February, warned the club it was now the main candidate for re-regulation from the State League.

The new administration wants to build a big social club in the next few years, and cut back expenditure on the soccer team, said Smith. The club will stagnate, and Del and I couldn't work under those terms.

Smith was speaking at a special meeting of Frankston members' last night, which was called to solve the crisis that had split the club in two.

The faction that supports concentration on the social club is now firmly in control. The other group, which wanted to build a strong team, is on the outer.

The crisis started because Frankston incurred a heavy loss last season, and the 'social' group blamed Frankston's large recruiting scheme for the plunge into the red.

The 'social' group advocates that expenditure on the soccer team would then be turned into a more profitable operation in a bid to get the club onto a sound financial footing.

The 'soccer' group realises the financial deficit must be heavily reduced, but argues that the recovery will stem from having a successful team.

Del and I appreciate the fact that Frankston must consolidate financially, but we could have built a strong team on a limited budget," said Smith.

Smith said some of the Frankston's membership jumped from around 50 in 1976, when the team finished seventh, to 300 in 1979, when the team finished second.

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crease could be attributed to the club moving to new headquarters at McClelland Drive, but that in the main, the team's success caused the massive new wave of interest.

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Vince Bannon (left) joined South Melbourne this season, and now his brother Ged (right) has joined Frankston City colors, with Norrie Campbell and Danny McChuskey in the background.

CROATIA TEST FOR NELSON AND BANNON

Preston Makedonia 'recruits' Ged Bannon and Alex Nelson are likely to be put through a test of strength and character in a practice match against Victorian champion Essendon Croatia at B. T. Connor Reserve this Sunday (March 9).

Bannon and Nelson have been training under Makedonia coach Brian Edgley, but good performances by the players against the tough Croatia team will do more to convince the club of their worth and ability than any training session.

Makedonia is desperate to break Croatia's grip on Victoria's major honors, and would be interested in signing Bannon and Nelson if their style of play was successful against Croatia.

Bannon is a tough midfielder, and has played well against Croatia in the past. He, like his brothers Pat of Heidelberg and Vince of South Melbourne, has fierce determination and will to win.

He as a key player with Frankston City last season, and is available for transfer at a moderate fee of \$3,000.

Nelson played in the national league with Heidelberg 11d before transferring to Fourth Division club Ringwood Utd.

He's a well-built centre half, and has good speed for a big man - always an asset against the quick Croatia forwards.

Makedonia is likely to give Bannon and Nelson at least half a game against Croatia.

Bannon suffered a shoulder injury when he played for Makedonia against Footscray JUST in a practice match two weeks ago.

Ironically, Bannon suffered the injury against Makedonia while playing for Frankston in the State League Cup last season.

Tsiapos has an option to return free to Collingwood City (now called Northcote City), but has decided on joining Port Melbourne.

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playing flat-out to win. With the State League championship kick-off not far away, a victory would be an important psychological boost for the winner.

Makedonia is the only team in the State League capable of matching Croatia this season. Over the past two seasons, Makedonia has failed to halt the Croatia forward march, and this season, the prospects don't look much better.

It's not so much the question of the players' ability. Croatia has many fine players, and Makedonia, too, has several players of real class.

The question is of teamwork. Can Makedonia combine successfully as a unit and match Croatia's teamwork?

Coach Brian Edgley has the raw materials for a good team, and his job is to put together the jigsaw.

The game on Sunday will give some indication how close Makedonia is from hitting on the right combination. The game will also show how close Makedonia is to matching Croatia's teamwork.

While Makedonia is experimenting with Bannon and Nelson, Croatia may also use the game to try different players.

Keith Adams is back from overseas, and a run in this match would obviously help him regain some fitness. Alan Kerr and Howard Andrews are two other players who may be given a run.

The game should be great entertainment for the big crowd expected at B. T. Connor Reserve.

The senior game will kick off at 3.30 pm, preceded by a match between the clubs' reserves teams, (starting at 2.15 pm) and under 16 team (1 pm).

- KYLE PATTERSON



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FRANKSTON

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FRANKSTON DEBTS \$71,000 1979

Frankston City's new administration has reduced the club's debts by \$25,000 in the past 12 weeks, interim treasurer Geoff Morgan said this week.

However, the club still owes creditors \$46,000, and when bank overdrafts and co-operative loans are taken into account, Frankston City's total liabilities are \$127,318.

Morgan released these figures to show the gravity of the club's financial situation. The club incurred debts of \$71,000 last season.

Morgan was answering criticism from Frankston's former acting treasurer, and secretary Les Smith, who in last week's edition of Soccer Action said the club was slowly going back to normal.

"My job as treasurer was impossible for a while because of interference from Mr. Smith," said Morgan. "We had to ask him to resign."

Mr. Smith had denied he was asked to resign, and says he had enough support to hold his position if he wanted to stay.

Morgan said the slight financial recovery stemmed from the increased probability of the social club.

"Profit has increased from 31 per cent to 82 per cent due to the club."

The crisis, which has ripped Frankston City apart, started when Smith resigned in February. "Because the new committee regarded soccer as an incidental and secondary part of the club."

Senior vice-president Del Liams resigned at the same time but primarily over the Jimmy Dunn affair.

Morgan was called in by other local businessmen Mike Murray and Bob Brown to help the club sort out the financial mess.

Morgan said it was impractical for Frankston to spend money on players in the current financial situation.

"With Smith as treasurer in the club spent on much money as it should have over three years," said Morgan. "The spending got way out of hand."

"The situation was pretty grim during the New Year, because creditors from last season had been ignored, and were starting to close in on the club."

Now we have an arrangement with all creditors, which will ensure they get paid in full. Of course, that will take time, but the club is now heading in the right direction," Morgan said.

Morgan said similar methods had been used to get the Frankston VFA football club out of a financial crisis.

Expenditure on the soccer team will depend on sponsorship," said Morgan. "Many of last year's sponsors haven't come back to the club, and so there is no finance to buy players."

"When sponsors are secured, the club will then hold the team up."

"However, Morgan scoffed at suggestions that Frankston City would be relegated this season."

"Coach Nigel Bevis is happy with the team," said Morgan. "There's no chance the team will finish last, and, in fact, I'm confident Frankston will have a good season."

The team held Heidelberg United for 40 minutes before losing 1-0 in the Ampel Cup, and beat Slavia 3-0. These results give good reason for confidence."

Morgan was apart by Smith's claim that the new administration knew little about soccer management.

"I was one of the people who started at the Frankston City soccer club in 1960," said Morgan. "I've played with the club for four seasons."

Victorian round-up with KYLE PATTERSON

Wrote on Puck's transfer week, and hopefully he will find the contract to be acceptable."

Green Gully is interested in getting added that Green Gully is also interested in signing a striker — preferably South Melbourne's Steve Carr.

However, Carr is not eligible for transfer according to the VFL because he is a temporary visa player. Even if he was allowed to move, South Melbourne has demanded a \$30,000 transfer fee.

Green Gully wouldn't pay. Sotter said Green Gully would look elsewhere if there was no chance of signing Carr, who originally played for Ajax.

Frankston Slavia will play Esplanade Croatia at the Showgrounds this Friday night (March 14) at 8 pm.

The match is part of the transfer deal that took Steve Carr from Slavia to Croatia at the start of last season.

Slavia, a Victorian State representative, played Croatia for a fee in the region of \$8,000.

The main game will be preceded by a match between the under-19 teams of Slavia and Croatia, and achieved our aim."

"This season we will build up, and I can see nothing in a high position in the league."

A few seasons ago Moreland was the club of the Second Division," said Henderson. "Now, because of Terry's hard work, the club will become established in the First Division."

Moreland has placed four players on the transfer list from the team which missed relegation by one point last season.

They are striker Bobby Knight, defender Steve Sals and defenders Derek Appleby and Neil Black.

Next, the former Waverley City and Princes Slavia forward, last week played First Division club Springvale City for \$500.

Appleby is likely to join Third Division Prahran City, but Carr and Black are yet to find a club.

As for recruiting Paul, Henderson has signed Melbourne winger Alan Lewis for \$500.

Moreland's price came as defender Peter Harman, who has played English League football with Reading and Birmingham.

Interestingly enough, Harman was asked for a trial with the club. Henderson couldn't leave his lack when Harman told him about his playing career.

Harman came to Australia to settle down, and is likely to be granted permanent residency by the Immigration Department.

Tarquinio will sign up with the club. Steve Walker and Jim Armstrong were two new players this season — but back to back transfers and centre back Paul Brown.

Walker and Armstrong were team mates of Tarquinio in the State League.

The Tarquinio coach has granted the Olympians use of the excellent facilities at Langwarrup Oval.

Langwarrup Oval is owned by the club. Green is expected to see injury problems fixed last night at midweek.

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OUR SAY Let sense prevail

The financial plight of Frankston City should serve as a sharp reminder to clubs all over Australia that soccer in this country simply doesn't pay.

Soccer teams don't make money and it boils down to the rich surviving and the poor going into debt.

Frankston recruited heavily and tried to promote its club. The result — debts of \$71,000.

Sydney City is another example, showing a loss of \$145,380 on soccer activities in 1979. But the Maroubra Social Club had a surplus of \$240,380, and so the debts of the soccer team will be wiped out and Sydney City will survive.

Frankston City and numerous other clubs can't rely on the same backing as Sydney City.

For the clubs in the Philip and State Leagues, the temptation is to try to run a business — investing money in players and hiring top coaches.

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point. Wests' Kupisz was exerting much more influence in the second half.

A brilliant inter-passing move involving Daglis, Nick Christoudias and George Theodoridis ended with a far post ball to the onrushing Steve Adamgikis whose first time shot gave young Sunshine keeper Alan Contini no chance.

The game ended on a sour note with the sending off of experienced Suburbs midfielder John Daperis.

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Then Baysiders assumed control, with Bill Buchanan and Willie Coulson gaining the upper hand in midfield.

Former central defender Bob Adams was seen in a new role as central striker.

This was not as strange as it seems for Adams holds the club goal-scoring record, having knocked in 27 goals in one season.

Altona would have been happy with a 0-0 scoreline at half time but was unprepared for what was to follow.

In the 65th minute a teasing Coulson free kick was curled behind the Altona defence to the onrushing Kevin Wall who glanced a brilliant header past Altona keeper Hans van der Poel.

Five minutes later Coulson again figured prominently in a Frankston break on the left. He played a through ball to Bruce Young who crossed to Wall once more, and his header again flashed past the helpless Altona keeper.

The one shining light in this dismal Altona display was Billy Whyte who created so much trouble for the Frankston back four that coach Nigel Bevis was forced to tag Whyte for the remainder of the game.

Altona had little option but to open up in an attempt to reduce its two goal deficit.

The speed of Young caused problems for Altona and in the 80th minute the flying winger beat three players and shot against the post.

Following up, Young collected the rebound and squared the ball to Adams who tapped in the killer goal.

Wilson is well aware of the player problems besetting the Altona team, and is no longer prepared to give away players of quality without a struggle.

Wilson said "We can't afford to allow players of note to dictate to us."

"We need people like Peter Lewis at Altona, not sitting around doing nothing."

HA KOAH 2 (French, McNeill) SLAVIA 0.

HA KOAH: O'Hara — Gadsby, Dosen, Baker, Rooney — Rigby, Gibson, Blair, Jordanou — French, Foldis (sub McNeill 83rd).

SLAVIA: Pugliese — Haupt, Lawson, Bjelica, Pye — Wade (sub Williams 35th) Whiteside (sub Gooch 70th) Coopke, Cullen — McGorian, Griffiths.

Hakoah remained in the top echelons of the State League with a convincing defeat of struggling Slavia at Middle Park.

Two days ago Slavia met to discuss its plight and it is believed that Tony Vrzina has gained sole control of coaching and team selection.

Slavia's Rajko Bjelica marked Graham French and David Pye picked up Hakoah's George Foldis.

Both players did a good covering job and Foldis was taken off in the second half, apparently injured.

This first half saw Slavia's Cliff Whiteside stand out in midfield and Hakoah was unable to break down the tight Slavia defence.

Jim Williams appeared as a substitute for young Paul Wade who was taken to hospital with a broken nose.

In the second half, the Hakoah midfielders asserted their authority, with Ian Gibson outstanding.

Ten minutes into this half Slavia's condition gave out.

Whiteside, not fully fit, had to come off and Slavia's midfield disappeared with him.

Slavia keeper Elvio Pugliese must accept responsibility for both goals.

The first, a Graham French free-kick, was a finely executed shot that went in at the far post, through a gap that made one suspect the setting-up of the Slavia wall.

The second goal came from



Fourteen junior players will carry the banner for the soccer in the 'Age — Coca Cola' Fun Run.

And in housing with soccer's world-wide appeal, the 14 have come from 13 different countries — Australian, English, Egyptian, Greek, Indian, Italian, Malay, Yugoslav, New Zealand, Vietnamese, and Welsh.

The boys come from clubs in the Central Region soccer area, and are aged between 12 and 15.

most polished defenders in the State League.

Greeks rise in alley

The Greek community of the Latrobe Valley now has a team of its own to support — Tarquinio.

The Tarquinio coach has granted the Olympians use of the excellent facilities at Langwarrup Oval.

Langwarrup Oval is owned by the club. Green is expected to see injury problems fixed last night at midweek.

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The boys are M. Gaudin, South Melbourne, A. Bane (Brighton), G. Theodoridis, Central City, J. Bane, Port Melbourne, M. Hovath (Melbourne), J. Bane (Melbourne), D. Daparis (Melbourne), M. Capone (East Melbourne).

Club member Top First Division last night, Langwarrup Oval, Canberra and John still with the club.

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Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of game.

5. Send the information to "Soccer Action" 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Greg Hazlewood, 11 (Seaford Utd). Chris Arzanas, 11, nine goals. Con Chantzis, 11, four goals (South Melbourne);

Scott Jarvis, 13, (Girrawheen, WA); K. Andrianakis, 15, (Brunswick C.). L. Andreadis, 15, four goals (Brunswick C.). David Caruana, 9, six goals (Springvale). Zelko Gagula, 11, four goals (Essendon Croatia). Alexander Rusmir, 7 (Waverley C.). Andrew Cavka, 9 (Keilor). P. Konstantinopoulos, 11 (Brunswick C.). Martin Ma, 11. Richard Hopkins, 11 (Box Hill). Nick Anastasovski, 16, six goals (Altona C). Charlie Charalabous, 10 (George Cross). Karl Verness, 11, John Guinan, 11 (Knox C.). Jim Mitshou, 11, seven goals (Clarinda). Robbie Reader, 16, six goals (Frankston C). Ken Muscat, 9 (Springvale). Ricky Maglica, 10 (Doncaster Rovers). Oscar Alarcon, 14, five goals (Mitcham Utd). Javier Rodriguez (Hotham Utd). Steve Keenan, 10, four goals (Chelsea). Glen Davie, 8, Stuart Ogilvie, 7, six goals (Dandenong). Yunus Kiyamaz, 14 (Beaumaris). Englebert Schmidt, 8, 4 goals. Geoff Gillard, 8. Kosta Ahtypis, 8, five goals (Peninsula).

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Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Frankston City can no longer afford to pay its players on a weekly basis. Its \$1000-a-week now gets 'delayed payments'.

Frankston coach Nigel Bevis said "Secret Action" that all players would be paid by the end of the season and he defended the club's struggle to reduce its deficit of last season.

A committee meeting last Wednesday resulted in re-nominations of president Hans Gussenhoven and committee members Del Lines.

"We made a concerted effort to reduce our debt," said Bevis, "but when the playing side of our finances came into consideration we struggled once more."

"Our team has cost us \$1000 when you work out the players who have left and those we bought re-union."

"We are about \$70,000 in debt right now, which is not bad when you consider last season's debt topped the \$100,000 mark."

"Outside of signing on fees and wages we have done well financially with the players we have."

"We can't pay the players on a week-to-week basis but by the end of the season all players will receive their payments which currently operate on a delayed basis."

"What we need is people able to run a club that is in debt but these sort of people are hard to come by," Bevis added.

The on-field affairs of Frankston are also uncertain with injuries and suspension plaguing the first team squad.

At Green Gully last Sunday the home supporters displayed a huge banner that slammed Bevis for his pre-match press comments calling Gully "pre-tenders."

"I suffered constant verbal abuse culminating in a Gully supporter threatening to knife me on our dug-out. I had a bucket of cold water thrown over me and was hammered throughout the game and I left the field covered in spit."

"I don't mind a fair crack but spitting is one of the lowest forms of physical abuse," Bevis ended.

Frankston's fortunes were not aided by the scolding off of stopper Danny McCluskey who had been playing well.

GEORGE CROSS 4 (Zeigelaar 3, Pollock) SLAVIA 1 (Houston)

GOALSCORERS: Angus 7, Morgan 7, Hobbs 7, Gid. Mial 7, White 7, Williams 8, McMillan 7, Pollock 7, Castello 8, Onda 7, Zeigelaar 8, Cross 8 (Hobbs 7), Pearson 8.

SLAVIA: Pugh 8 - Stuart 8, Lawson 7, Houston 7, Pys 4 (Lynch 4, Hall 4, Onda 4, White 4, White 4, Gid. 4, Gid. 4, Gid. 4, Gid. 4).

Robert Mirak didn't play for George Cross in its 4-1 hammering of Slavia but he was the most important influence in the game!

At the last minute Mirak pulled out due to injury and young Tony Zeigelaar took his place.

Mirak may struggle to displace Zeigelaar this weekend as the youngster tore Slavia's David Pys apart and grabbed a hat-trick as Cross strove to its most decisive victory of the season.

Slavia started well, with Cliff Whitfield giving good support to Mick to their right and Dave Griffiths while Cross looked dejected.

With its first threatening forward move Cross scored after Tony Coward had headed from the left and Zeigelaar rose above Pys on the far post to head firmly into the roof of the net.

Two minutes later Slavia

In other games Frankston looks too strong for Sunshine, Croydron should account for George Cross and don't be surprised to see Western Suburbs get a result against Hakoh.

Frankston funds low

Ray Pecoski, under chair, longed from Jack Kelly kneed the ball over the bar.

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CROATIA v ALTONA at Olympic Park, No. 1, Sunday, 1.30 pm.
JUVENETS v MAKEDONIA at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3.15 pm

The new recovery from Suburbs' midfielders found Jaworski and Mike Glykoulas constantly back-peddling as Makedonia surged forward.

Makedonia gained more possession in the second half but Suburbs waited its one clear shot at goal after Tom Pat-

sharply after Carr he crossed from the right but Lou Kaster was quickly off his life to best George The-

When Jim Daperis went off injured Robert Cullen fully exploited the inexperience of

Makedonia dynamo took the ball to the line before crossing to find the heads of Ward, for his hat-trick, and George

McMillan, who narrowed the gap at the top of the scorers' list and now lies only one goal behind Juve's striker Bobby

McGuinness.

Peter O'Brien came on in the 75th minute just to keep in touch for this Sunday's clash against Juventus.

Makedonia ran out an easy winner but bad finishing and bad luck, in the form of Ward hitting the crossbar twice, ruined its chances of amassing a huge score.

ALTONA 2 (Cannell, Grasshopper) CROYDON 0

ALTONA: van der Poel - Whitt, Green, Murphy, Heyland, Heyland.

CROYDON: Knap - Brown, Poulakis, McCallum, Heyland, Heyland, Smith, Heyland, Heyland.

Altona was more desperate and first to the ball as Croydon failed to close down its opponents quickly in a drab, unexciting game at Kim Reserve.

Croydon played into the hands of Altona's two central defenders, Kevin Kelly and Rob Grammergen, by playing through the middle instead of knocking the ball wide as instructed and trying to get behind Altona's defenders.

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FRANKSTON 1 (Buchanan) CROATIA 2 (Klarin, Adams pen).

FRANKSTON: Whiteside 7, Parton 7, Lowe 7, McCluskey 8, Vail 8 - Williamson 7 - Buchanan 8, Cooper 7, Webb 7, Coulson 6 - Wall 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 8, Adams 8, Gardiner 8, Kokoska 7, Short 8 - Tront 6, Andrews 8, Murphy 7 - Mitten 6, Klarin 8, Gilder 6.

Frankston frittered away a chance of maintaining its fight for top four status when it slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Croatia.

Frankston played very defensively from the outset with four at the back and a sweeper in front of the back four, four in the middle and Kevin Wall left on his own up front wondering whether he had used the right deodorant on Sunday morning.

Frankston pushed players forward only in set piece situations and from one such situation in the 12th minute the Baysiders took the lead.

David Webb took a free kick just outside the Croatia area on Frankston's right.

He chipped the ball into the area where Sean Parton challenged Steve Kokoska, the ball being partly cleared then headed back behind the Croatia defence to the unmarked Bill Buchanan who steadied before driving a low, hard shot inside the far upright giving Peter Blasby no chance.

Croatia was forced into chipping high balls into the Frankston area using the swirling windy conditions to its advantage and from one such high ball, a John Gardiner chip, Mick Klarin read the flight of the ball well as it dropped over a Frankston defender, pushing it square to goal before unleashing a fierce drive from 16 metres that rocketed into the roof of the net to even the score.

The second half was full of controversy involving two controversial linesman decisions, controversial refereeing decisions involving a penalty to Croatia and a free kick to Frankston.

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left-foot shot was saved on the line by Ian McNell.

Croatia had much more possession in the first half while Hakoh looked dangerous on the break.

In the 56th minute Graham French capitalised on a slip by Kokoska but the burly Hakoh striker chipped wide as Peter Blasby came out of goal.

The all-important penalty was scored as a result of O'Hara fouling Gilder and O'Hara seemed to move well before Murphy took the spot.

Hakoh came close in the 64th minute after French had sent Kent away down the left.

Kent crossed low to Stuart Webster who turned well before playing a short ball to Ged Bannan whose shot was deflected onto the post by Keith Adams and Blair, following in, shot fractionally wide.

Webster was sent on his way in the 70th minute by McNell.

With French standing unmarked on the far post Webster elected to shoot only to blast the ball into the side netting when a better result was on the cards.

Croatia had played the ball wide in the first half and to good effect but its pre-occupation with going up the centre in the second half allowed Hakoh to break up play and break forward and create the clearer chances to score. BY MICK O'BRIEN.

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Mike Micevski is yet to come into the team.

John Kyriakidis, George Pavilidis and Con Moulis will be used to replace the missing Socceroos.

Altona is also undermanned, but of the replacement players used against Ajax last Sunday, John Little was excellent.

Ajax is negotiating with Maltese club Floriana which wants more money finally to release Willie Vassallo, who has been playing for Ajax on what apparently was a temporary arrangement.

Ajax may have striker Steve Carr back from Hellas in time for its second-round match against Frankston at Connor

Reserve, Reservoir, on Saturday.

Frankston was impressive in holding Heidelberg to 1-0 on Friday. Bobby Adams starred in defence, Frank Petersen made brilliant saves, David Cooper was cool as sweeper and Peter Martinovic showed promise in his first game.

Croydon has signed Kees Doornenbal from Ringwood City and Western Suburbs bought John Daperis from Hakoah for \$4000. Their clash at Middle Park on Sunday should be interesting.

Hakoah is one of the best State League teams, but despite successive victories over Western Suburbs and Croatia in a friendly match, Hakoah is unlikely to make an impres-

The new Les Thomson

GREEN GULLY 2 (Vojtek 49th, Matesevac 59th) FRANKSTON CITY 0 at Connor Reserve, Reservoir. Saturday. Attendance 2000 (double header).

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7, Hogben 6.5, Patten 7, Donaldson 7, Crilly 6; B. Torner 6, Vojtek 8, Benagan 6 (Perkin 36th injured Matesevac 44th); Segi 6.5, L. Thomson 8, DeFreitas 6.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6.5; Taylor 6, Adams 7, Parton 6, Valli 8; Cooper 6.5, Bannon 7, Luca 6 (Feenstra 36th); Runje 6, Wall 6, B. Young 8.

Referee: Voutinas 7.

Les Thomson, earmarked for the transfer list since the end of last season, might have forced the Green Gully committee into a rethink after his performance on Saturday.

Playing his first game of the season, Thomson was given the tall order of a striking role against Frankston and despite finding the task far from easy, he gave a creditable performance before dropping back to do an even better job in midfield alongside the evergreen Billy Vojtek in the second half.

He showed an appetite for the ball, his distribution was good, and he slowed the game down to Gully's satisfaction towards the end. If he maintains the enthusiasm and once he reaches match fitness, he could prove a valu-

able asset in Bobby McLachlan's rebuilding plans.

Vojtek was among the best afield for the second week running and he seems to be performing better since he shed the coaching duties. He capped his game with a well taken goal scored on the volley from outside the area following a bad clearance from a corner.

Frankston paraded two new signings in strike Kevin Wall from Frankston Pines and fullback Chris Valli from Hakoah. The latter gave a good account of himself and coped well with Segi's runs down the right and Hogben's overlaps.

Wall tried hard all day but will take time to find his feet in the higher company. Both he and youngster Goran Runje will have to make more of Bruce Young's crosses if Frankston are to score goals.

Gully's John Patten dominated the box in aerial duels in the first half and Wall's only testing header in the second was well saved by Denys.

Young was Frankston's best player on the day and dominated his flank but he left it until the last ten minutes before having a crack at goals himself. He forced Denys into two good saves during that period but by then, Gully were home and hosed having already secured a second goal through substitute "Ross" Matesevac who toe-poked Segi's low cross after the ball had run for him from a mishit pass by Vojtek. — PETER DESIRA

Pines loses top forward

Frankston Pines is likely to lose promising young striker Kevin Wall to Peninsula rivals Frankston City.

Wall, 20, was the Pines' second top goalscorer last season, and is looking to further his career in the State League.

Fortunately, Pines is likely to retain all other players, including ace forward George Malcolm.

Malcolm was the leading marksman in the Metropolitan League in 1979 with 23 goals, and was voted Fourth Division player of the year.

Tommy Randles has been retained as coach of Frankston Pines, which won promotion from the Fourth Division at the first attempt.

Frankston Pines must surely be the fastest growing club in the Metropolitan League. Late last year a grandstand with under cover seating for 2000 was opened at the club's home ground. The cost: \$15,000.

Now the club has \$114,000 worth of extensions being constructed onto existing rooms. When completed the social club will accommodate up to 400 people with comfort.

Webster not finished yet

Contrary to a report in 'Soccer Action' last week, Frankston City (Vic) midfielder Keith Webster hasn't retired.

Webster, the former Juventus and Heidelberg star, allegedly was sacked by Frankston, but he is still interested in playing.

There seems to be some confusion at Frankston as to the situation with Webster but Del Lines, chairman of the

Frankston playing committee, says the situation is perfectly clear.

"There is no way Webster was sacked and as far as I'm concerned, he's still a Frankston player," Lines said this week.

Webster himself said he does not know which club he'll be with this year but that he's definitely not finished yet.



Keith Webster (centre), with opposing defender Peter Lewis, who

TWO CITIES AT THE CROSSROADS

FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Bannon pen 6th, Rowe 56th) **ALTONA CITY 1** (Whyte 65th) at B. T. Connor Reserve. Crowd: 1400 (double header) Saturday.

FRANKSTON: Burgess 6.5 — Taylor 7, Adama 7, Cooper 7, Blacklaw 7 — Valli 8, Bannon 8.5, Martinovic 5 (Leenstra 41st min) — Campbell 6, Wall 7, Runje 5 (Rowe 49th min).

ALTONA: Massoni 6 — Kilpatrick 6, Wilson 5, Gramsbergen 5, J. Little 7 — Bartolo 5.5 (Murphy 6, half time), Watters 6, Deluca 6, Hammill 5 (Oliva 52nd) — Innes 5, Whyte 7.

Referee: Sam Zoumas 6.
Cautions: Cooper (F).

Altona City and Frankston City — two clubs who worked so hard to cast off their 'un-fashionable' image last season — are now at the crossroads.

The question both clubs must ask themselves is do we continue trying to match the big guns when our crowd support indicates it is a financial impossibility.

I think if the clubs are realistic they will abandon any hopeful plans of conquering Makedonia and Croatia in the State League.

Frankston last season did almost that, but now finds itself in financial trouble with the prospect of having to rebuild its team.

The Bayside club finished second in 1979, but has lost five star players, and would have to spend heavily in the transfer market to construct a team comparable in strength to the one of 1979.

Frankston cast off its 'un-fashionable' tag last season, and was unlucky not to win at least one trophy. However, to stay at the top requires money — lots of money — which is not in surplus at Frankston.

Altona also spent heavily last season, although not to the same degree as Frankston. The club climbed to 11th in 1978 to sixth in 1979, and was no longer regarded as 'easy meat.'

Come 1980, and Altona has lost four players from its team which performed creditably last season, but was far from being a force.

It Altona was serious about reaching the top, it would have to sink large sums into its team — money again with is not readily available.

No, the future of Altona and Frankston lies in the youngsters they produce.

Last Saturday's Ampol Cup match between the two clubs featured many promising young players.

Altona fielded two 16 year olds — Billy Hammill and Jim Bartolo — plus Brian Kilpatrick, Cos Oliva, Lars Murphy and Sammy Deluca, who are all in their teens.

Perhaps Altona's most promising player is John Little, who was blooded in the first team last season as a midfielder. However, coach Joe Wilson has switched him to left back this season, and he looks set for a successful career in that position.

Frankston had many young players in its team. Still in their teens are Tony Blacklaw, Peter Martinovic, Otto Leenstra, Goran Runje and John Rowe.

Kevin Wall, a striker from Frankston Pines, also played for Frankston City and is only 20.

The standard of play was poor, admittedly, but the experience gained by the young players can only improve them.

Hopefully these players will be given a chance to develop, as the progress of youth today, will directly determine the state of Victorian soccer tomorrow. — KYLE PATTERSON.



John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg gets his body and elbow in front of Frankston's Tony Blacklaw.



Ajax centre back John Patten chests down the ball in front of Frankston recruit Kevin Wall (ex-Frankston Pines). Behind Patten is Bernie Torner.



Frankston recruit lost his place to Bobby Moore

By PETER DESIRE

Victoria's present holders of the most appearances in the English League are about to relinquish their title to a player who is due to join Frankston City later this month.

Alun Evans and Billy Wilkinson are Melbourne's most experienced English League campaigners.

Evans' career in England took him from Wolves (20 appearances) via Liverpool (77) and Aston Villa (53) to Walsall (78) for a total of 228 league matches.

Wilkinson played for most of his career with Hull City (209) then spent a season at Rotherham United (14) for a total 223 league matches before going to America to play for Boston Minutemen.

However their career record easily is surpassed by that of Jimmy Dunne, Frankston's big capture, who has signed a three-year contract with the club.

Dunne piled up a total of 386 appearances in a career that spanned 13 years in English soccer.

Dunne was at Irish club Shelbourne before joining Millwall in 1966. The following year he joined Torquay United and spent three seasons there before transferring to Fulham for \$15,000 in 1970.

He helped Fulham in promotion to the Second Division in his first season and then totted up 97 Second Division matches in a four-year stint before making way for a player by the name of Bobby Moore in the Fulham side.

Dunne subsequently rejoined Torquay in April 1976 and figured either in midfield or defence for a further three seasons to bring his number of appearances for the club to 244.

Admittedly Frankston's buy has spent the larger part of his career in the Third & Fourth Divisions, whereas Evans and Wilkinson played mostly in the First and Second Division respectively.

However there is no escaping the fact that Dunne's experience will prove invaluable to the baysiders as they attempt to better last year's achievement of finishing league runners-up.

• Frankston City's new signing Jimmy Dunne (second from left, standing), with the 1971 Fulham team. The players are, standing from left: Vic Halom, Jimmy Dunne, Reg Matthews, Malcolm Webster, Mike Pentecost, Stan Horne, Terry Madwin (coach), Stan Brown. Front: Jimmy Conway, George Johnston, Steve Earle, Barry Lloyd, Les Barrett, Fred Callaghan.

Dunne, 31, who represented the Republic of Ireland in 1971 against Austria, will arrive in Melbourne in two weeks' time with his wife Linda and children Nicholas 9, and Tracy 2.

Frankston already has lined up a job for him as a sales representative and hopes that he will settle into the side quickly and help bring out the best in the club's youngsters.

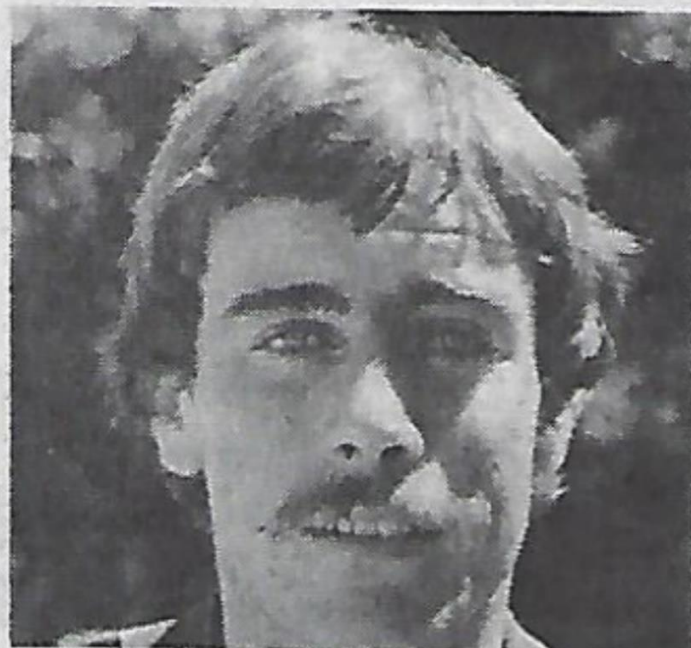
FOOTNOTE: One person whom Dunne is certain to look up in due course is George Potter, the Brisbane Lions defender. The two were team mates at Torquay in 1969 when Potter followed manager Allan Brown from Luton to the Gulls.

Career Record: 1966 Millwall Nil apps.
1967 - 70 Torquay 125 apps 13 gls
(Div 3) 1970 - 71 Fulham 45 apps 1 gl
(Div 2) 1971 - 72 Fulham 30 apps -
(Div 2) 1972-73 Fulham 32 apps -
(Div 2) 1973-74 Fulham 35 apps + 1 sub
(Div 3) 1975-76 Torquay 1 app
(Div 4) 1976-77 Torquay 40 apps
(Div 4) 1977-78 Torquay 35 apps 4 gls
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Born Dublin, 5ft 9in, 10st 11lb



Frankston's Sean Parton (right) and David Luca are helpless against this power drive by Gary Cole.

Bannon to move

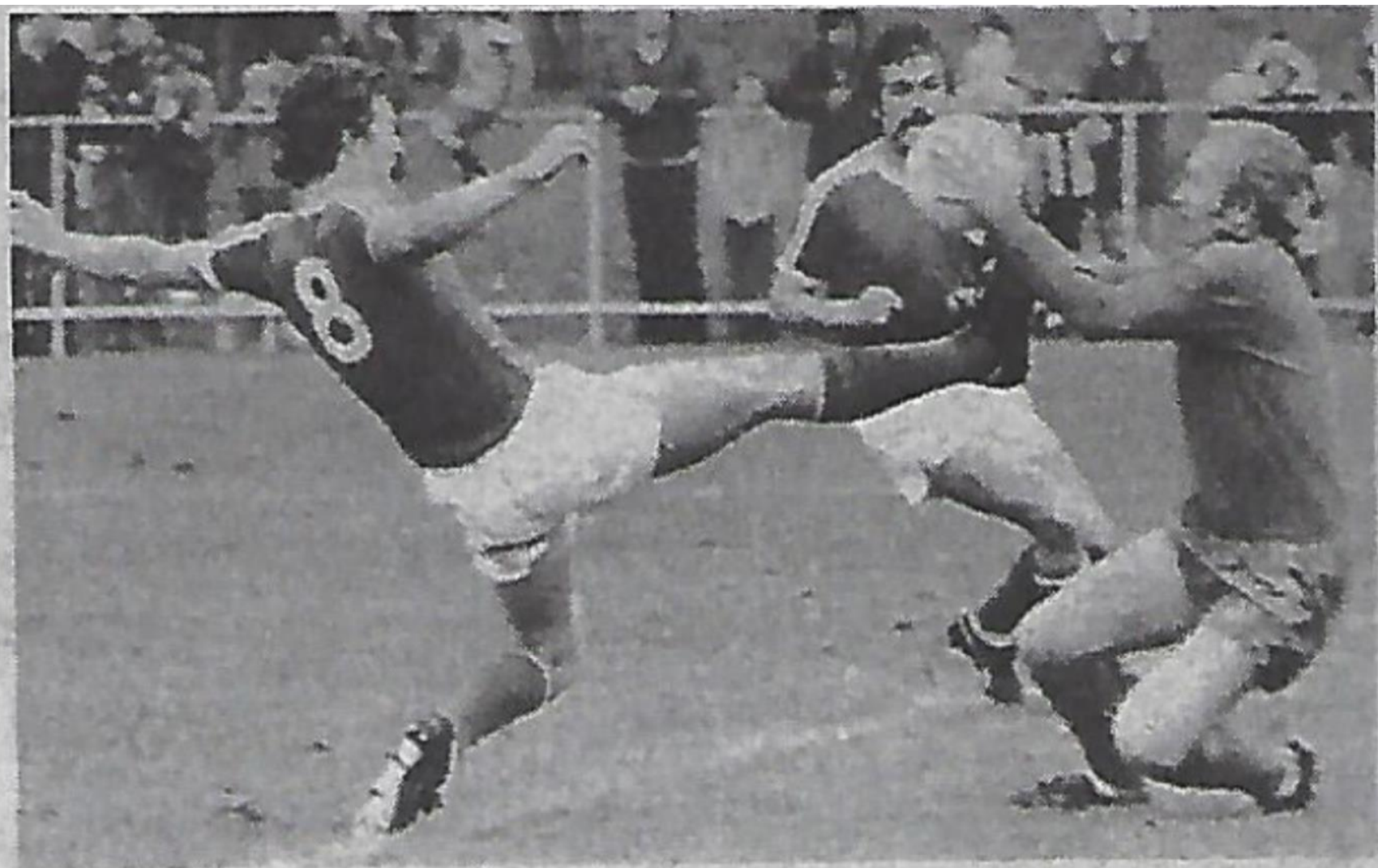


Ged Bannon (pictured above) probably the most dynamic midfielder in the Victorian State League, is seeking a transfer from Frankston City.

A maximum transfer fee of only \$3000 is stipulated in Bannon's contract.

Bannon, in his early twenties, is the brother of Pat Bannon, the captain of Heidelberg United, Vince, who plays right back for South Melbourne, and Eamon, the Scottish international.

A fierce tackler and non-stop worker, Ged came from Scotland in 1977 to join Juventus and transferred to Frankston the following year. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Sacked Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen (right) grabs the ball off the foot of Croatia's Alan Kerr. Croatia's John Gardiner looks on.

couldn't compete."

Williams will not be able to transfer from Slavia until the second appeal has been heard by the VSF.

Petersen sacked

Frankston City has sacked goalkeeper Frank Petersen.

Petersen, one of the characters of the Victorian State League, has been put on the transfer list by coach Nigel Bevis.

Bevis is believed to be unhappy with Petersen's attitude to training.

Petersen's transfer-listing coincided with the arrival of Sunshine City goalkeeper Peter Clarke at Frankston.

Clarke has been training with Frankston, and wants to

join the Bayside club, although Sunshine's demand of a \$2,500 fee could be restrictive.

Clarke was with Sunshine for only one season, joining the club from Prahran Slavia in 1979.

However, Frankston's goalkeeping problem could be solved by youngster Dave Gilbert, who has represented Australia at under-16 level.

Gilbert has spent some time with English First Division club Norwich City, and is reported to have made great progress.

He played several first team games for Frankston last season, and with the extra experience could be an outstanding player in the State League.

Frankston City is interested in signing polished centre half

Nick Lowe from Sunshine City.

Lowe, who was captain of English League team Oxford Utd, joined Sunshine in 1978 from Mooroolbark Utd when that club folded.

Unsettled Ged Bannon is yet to leave Frankston, but there are many clubs who would like to sign the hard-working midfielder.

Frankston City had a special general meeting last night (Tuesday) to solve the current administrative crisis.

Trouble at Frankston came to a head when secretary Les Smith and playing committee chairman Del Lines resigned several weeks ago.

Since then, Frankston has been in turmoil, but the meeting last night hopefully united the two factions with the club.



Sacked Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen (right) grabs the ball off the foot of Croatia's Alan Kerr. Croatia's John Gardiner looks on.

FRANKSTON, SLAVIA IN DANGER

State League clubs Frankston City and Prahran Slavia face the possibility of an early and embarrassing elimination from the Victorian Dockerty Cup this weekend.

Frankston and Slavia, whose teams have been considerably weakened since last season, will be confronted by eager underdogs, who would like nothing better than to claim the scalp of a State League team.

The Dockerty Cup first main round this weekend (March 22/23) sees the entry of the 12 State League clubs and the top four First Division teams, who have been sitting pretty while teams from lower leagues battled it out in the preliminary rounds.

Frankston City is drawn against arch rival Doveton of the First Division.

Doveton has recruited heavily in the close season, signing Hugh Campbell, Arthur Cherry (from Springvale City), Paul Corke (from Box Hill) and Neil Collier (from Whyalla Croatia).

These players have been added to a talented squad, which includes Steve Irvine, Gordon Bentley, Ernie Merriks and Alec McConville.

Doveton has the fighting spirit and ability to beat Frankston City, which has lost many players from last season.

Frankston will depend heavily on defenders Bob Adams, John Taylor and Dave Cooper, midfielder Chris Valli and forward Tony Young.

These senior players will form the backbone, with promising youngsters Sean Parton and Dave Gilbert expected to perform well.

However, Doveton will be pushing hard for victory, and may pull off the surprise result.

Prahran Slavia has been hard hit by players leaving the club. Six players have now left the club, and manager Tony Vrzina has the difficult task of re-shaping the team.

Slavia's opponent is South Melbourne, the Second Division off-spring of the PSL club.

The team is coached by the shrewd Cedo Cirkovic, who was the man behind many fine Footscray JUST teams.

Last Saturday Cirkovic's team demolished Doncaster Rovers 3-1 in a display that suggests South Melbourne could upset Slavia.

Cirkovic's team includes Steve Carr, the former Green Gully striker, and defender Kiri Kyriakoules, both of whom have PSL experience.

Carr scored two goals, and he will worry the Slavia defence if given good support from the young South Melbourne team.

Slavia has lost its entire forward line from 1979, two key defenders and a midfielder. The players are Jim Williams, Steve Aldridge, Jim Train, Frank Thompson, Glen Westley and Brian Monaghan.

Success against South Melbourne will depend a lot on sweeper Steve Lawson, who is a tough defender. Youngsters Nigel Haupt and Paul Wade will probably be the full backs with Liam Hoston as the stopper. Fred Neri is the goalkeeper.

The midfield combination could be Dave Pye, Cliff Whiteside and Paul Cooke.

The forward line is likely to be Danny Ward, Dave Griffiths and Mick McGorian.

John Cullen, who would normally be a regular with Slavia, has a chipped bone in his foot and will miss several games.

Slavia and Frankston will have hard games. Of the other State League clubs, Altona City is the only with a potentially difficult game.

Altona is at home to Footscray JUST, the Second Division team coached by Jim Kriaris, who made a comeback as a player last week.

The First Main Round of the Dockerty Cup, first game 1 pm, second game 2.45 pm.

SATURDAY

At Kim Reserve: Millers' Road, Altona.

Western Suburbs v Central City.

Altona City v Footscray JUST

At Green Gully Reserve: St Albans-Kellor Road, St Albans.

Green Gully v Werribee George Cross v Yallourn

At Gardiners Creek Reserve: Evans Street, Burwood.

Polonia v Park Rangers Frankston City v Doveton

At Wembley Park: Cnr.

Canterbury & Middlesborough Rds., Box Hill.

Northcote City v Altona Gate

Prahran Slavia v South Melbourne.

SUNDAY

At Chaplin Reserve: Anderson Road, Sunshine.

Albion Rovers v Ardeer Sunshine City v Bell Park

At Croydon Park: Cnr. Springfield Rd. and Mt Dandenong Rd., Croydon

Ringwood City v Dandenong City

Croydon City v Box Hill

At B. T. Connor Reserve: Cnr. Radford Rd. and Broadhurst Ave., Reservoir.

Juventus v Broadmeadows City

Preston Macedonia v Melbourne

At Middle Park

St Kilda Hakoah v Mornington

Essendon Croatia v Frankston Pines.

- KYLE PATTERSON

WITH DUNLOP



Where-are-they-now department. Former Croatia-Melbourne winger Terry Hargreaves (right), is now starring with Victorian Metropolitan League side Park Rangers. Here he is, opposed by Port Melbourne's Takianos in a recent Dockerty Cup match.

floodlighting for night training

Box Hill overcame all odds to defeat arch rival Croydon City in the first main round of the Dockerty Cup.

After falling behind twice, and losing two players through injury, Box Hill mustered all its energy and spirit to fight back and eventually win the game on penalties.

Croydon's fate was sealed when Box Hill goalkeeper Graham Morgan brilliantly saved Jimmy Spink's penalty kick, after 'supersub' Ray Sherman had converted for Box Hill moments before.

Box Hill held firm, and equalised when Donald Brownlie headed home.

In extra time, Croydon was awarded a penalty when Jim Wyllie was fouled. Forsyth converted, but Box Hill wasn't finished.

Helmut Leskovec forced his way into the penalty area, and was fouled. Ray Taylor coolly slotted the ball home to make it 2-2, less than five minutes from the end.

Every Box Hill player contributed to the victory, with Brownlie and George Tsakalidis brilliant players in defence, and Mike Valentine excellent in midfield.

Graham Morgan made several fine saves.

Scorers in the penalty show-down were: Box Hill — Kyle Patterson, George Tsakalidis, Greg McLeod, Don Brownlie and Ray Sherman. Croydon — Steve McCombe, Mick Edwards, Jim Wyllie and Peter Loughnane.

DOVETON 3 (Irvine 2, 82nd, 88th, Parton own goal 53rd) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Adams 23rd).

DOVETON: Ivanoff — Merricks, Corke, Thurlow, McConville — Fakos, Bentley, Campbell — Quinn, Cherry, Irvine.

FRANKSTON CITY: Gilbert — Runje, Adams, Parton, Valli — Cooper, Buchanan, Rowe — Young, Wall, Campbell injured (Matinovic 10th min).

Referee: Evan Venios.

Cautions: Valli (F)

Doveton's new-look team experienced some teething problems, but still managed to defeat State League club Frankston City.

Doveton coach Danny McMinimee gambled and played Alan Quinn, Steve Irvine and Arthur Cherry together up front. The trio had never before played together, and the lack of understanding was obvious.

Still, late in the game Cherry worked two beautiful passes to Irvine, who clinically converted them into goals.

The Doveton forwards weren't helped by the team's midfield, which failed to give adequate support.

Doveton wasn't cohesive as an attacking unit, but was solid in defence with Merricks,

Corke, Thurlow and McConville in top form.

Frankston grabbed the lead in the 23rd minute when a mistake by Lou Ivanoff allowed Bob Adams to head home from close range.

Frankston struggled in attack with key forward Bruce Young contained by Merricks. The Baysiders worked on containing Doveton, and was doing a fair job until an own goal by Sean Parton in the 53rd minute.

That gave Doveton the initiative, and the team's attacking play improved after that. Irvine's double in the space of six minutes finished Frankston.

Doveton didn't play very well, but looked more commanding than Frankston, which featured new signing Billy Buchanan from Dandenong City.

When all the new players adjust, Doveton will be a powerful team in the First Division. For Frankston, however, the future doesn't look too bright.

Best players: Doveton — Merricks, Corke, Thurlow, Frankston — Adams, Parton, Valli.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA 4 (Wade 18th, Griffith 24th, Ward 50th, Cullen 64th). SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Abraham 45th, Haupt own goal 73rd).

SLAVIA: Pugliese — Haupt, Bjelic, Whitewide, Pye — Brindle (Ward half time), Cooke, Wade — McGorian, Griffith, Cullen.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McCann — Petrakos, Kyriakoulas, Kovrovkida, Augeris — Abraham, Amanadida, Stamatiou (Dossia) — Ristovski, Carr, Nicolaidis.

Prahran Slavia met strong opposition from South Melbourne, which included expensive PSL recruits Steve Carr and Mendo Ristovski.

Slavia goalkeeper Elvio Pugliese made a miraculous save early in the game, and Slavia made the most of this to be leading 2-0 after 24 minutes.

Paul Wade and Dave Griffith both scored with headers from corners by Mick McGorian.

It was at set pieces that Slavia worried South Melbourne.

Peter Abraham reduced the arrears for South Melbourne, but Danny Ward made it 3-1 soon after. John Cullen put Slavia into a safe position with a fourth goal in the 64th minute.

However, after a free kick by Ristovski, Neville Haupt scored an own goal under pressure.

HAKOAH 3 (Gibson, French, Jordanou.) FRANKSTON 2 (Cooper, Buchanan).

HAKOAH: O'Hara — Gadsby, Baker, Dosen, Rooney — Rigby, Blair, Gibson, Jordanou — French, Foldis.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside — Rowe (sub Cooper half time) — Runje, Adams, Parton, Valli — McCluskey, Buchanan, Coulson — Young, Wall.

Frankston used the catanaccio defensive system in the first half with a sweeper and four across the back.

This ultra-defensive system could not stop two fine Hakoah goals, a volley from Ian Gibson and a Graham French header after a good overlap and cross from Steve Gadsby.

Hakoah had much the better of the first half and its inter-passing style and controlled build-ups reaped just rewards.

Frankston coach Nigel Bevis was forced to change his defensive style at half time and two second half goals vindicated his decision.

The Baysiders may surprise a few sides and the pundits may be in for a rude awakening.

Billy Whiteside will be a big asset in goals and the nomadic Willie Coulson has returned and played well in midfield.

Frankston still hope to sign Nick Lowe from Sunshine but the Immigration Department may have the last say.

FRANKSTON 1 (Adams) GREEN GULLY 2 (Vojtek, Bennett)

FRANKSTON: Whiteside — Parton, Lowe, McCluskey, Valli — Buchanan, Cooper, Coulson (sub Runje 70th) — Adams, Wall, Young.

GREEN GULLY: Denys — Hogen, Smart, Patton, Crilly — Bennett, Vojtek, Dunne, Vassallo — Bennie (sub Segl 65th) Morrey.

Green Gully did not play well but showed a lot of character in overcoming the mental barrier of a two-hour battle with JUST to come back to earth and snatch two points from a fighting Frankston side.

In the 23rd minute Bill Morrey sent Billy Vojtek on his way and the former Australian international gave a stranded Bill Whiteside no chance with a cleverly executed chip.

Ajax could have taken over but Frankston had different ideas.

Bob Adams was a threat in the air all day and he finally struck on the stroke of half time when he headed home a Bruce Young cross at the far post.

The visitors started the second half with their midfield, led by Gerry Bennett and Jimmy Dunne, gaining the upper hand.

After Frankston's Bill Buchanan was injured, the home team seemed to lose its composure and in this period Bennett latched onto a clearance and his hard, deflected shot gave Whiteside little hope.

and the visitors were exposed at the back as they pushed forward searching for the decisive goal.

It was Altona that should have snatched victory when Nat Little was brought down inside the area with four minutes remaining.

His younger brother John walked up to take the penalty and struck it wide of the post to shatter Altona's hopes of a victory.

Overall it was a great team performance by Altona while Croatia's famed forward line cannot put it together in successive weeks.

FRANKSTON 1 (Adams) SUNSHINE 1 (Pocock)

FRANKSTON: Whiteside — Parton, Lowe, McCluskey, Valli (sub Williamson 55th) — Buchanan, Cooper, Coulson (sub Webb 70th) — Wall, Adams, Young.

SUNSHINE: Contini — Donaldson, Ellis, Muszal, McRobert — Laing, Singleton (inj. sub Mudrinic 70th) Morovic — Scarlett (sub D. Nelson 25th) Pocock, R. Nelson.

Frankston could have sewn this game up in the first 20 minutes had it taken advantage of a shaky, disorganised Sunshine side.

Frankston coach Nigel Bevis was annoyed at the lack of success of Frankston's attacking game.

"We are always taking the game to the opposition but we are not getting results."

"We are searching for a striker to change this situation."

Sean Parton's overlaps created many problems for the Shiner's defence but the home side had to wait until the 25th minute before its pressure reaped a just reward.

A Willie Coulson free kick went to Danny McCluskey on the far post and he headed across goal for Bob Adams to score.

When Sunshine switched to a positive 4-3-3 formation the Frankston back four looked shaky.

The visitors were back on level terms when Ray Pocock latched onto a bad clearance by McCluskey and made no mistake.

The second half reversed roles as the Shiners took over when the home team came forward, exposing itself at the back.

Both sides suffered from bad finishing and the Shiners settled for a point by reverting

to a more defensive 4-4-2 late in the game.

Frankston was not helped by the decision of Billy Buchanan and Dave Cooper to change positions without the instruction of coach Bevis.

HAKOAH 1 (Jordanou) SUBURBS 1 (Adamgikis)

HAKOAH: O'Hara — Gadsby, Baker, Owen, Rooney — Bannon, McNeil, Jordanou, Rigby — French, Kent (sub Leh 83rd).

WESTS: Mitani — Jim Daperis, Jeworski, Glykokalamos, Matheson (sub Theodoridis 70th) — John Daperis, Kuplas, Greecehan — Adamgikis, Patsakos, Kypros (sub N. Christodoulas h.t.)

Hakoah almost stole two points from Western Suburbs but was denied by a first-time shot by Steve Adamgikis with a minute and a half remaining. Hakoah's lack of heart and endeavour carried over from its dismal display against Croatia.

West's had opportunities to score early on but bad finishing by Kit Greecehan and Steve Kypros robbed them of their chances.

Hakoah's controlled game broke down repeatedly up front where West's Marian Jaworski beat Graham French easily.

Ged Bannon laid off the Hajoah defence well but tended to carry the ball out of midfield, thereby allowing West's to close down the Hajoah front runners.

The few chances that Chris Kent set up for French went begging and Hakoah looked frustrated.

The second half provided two goals but little method.

Hakoah took the lead when Bill Jordanou struck a hard shot home from a poor clearance after a Hakoah corner.

The equaliser came from a George Theodoridis cross that seemed to deceive the locals defence and Adamgikis made no mistake.

Neither side looked competent of competing successfully with the top teams and this game would be best forgotten.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Morrey, Patton), SLAVIA 2 (Williams, McGorian)

GREEN GULLY: Denys — Hogen, Smart, Patton, Crilly — Bennett (inj. sub Segl 55th) Dunne, Vassallo — Vojtek, Bennie, Morrey.

SLAVIA: Pugliese — N. Haupt, Houston, J. Cullen, Pye — Cooke, Brindle, Williams — McGorian, Pajlana (sub Gooch 75th) Jurina (sub G. Haupt 75th).

Frankston City continues to be the foremost promoter of Victorian soccer with its coup in signing former English international Martin Chivers from Norwich City.

Chivers soon will make a series of guest appearances with the Bayside club, following in the footsteps of noted internationals, Martin Peters of England and Scotland's Eamonn Bannon.

Frankston found that Slavia has uncovered a fighting spirit and enthusiasm that partly offsets its lack of class players.

The unsteady path of league leader Makedonia continued, with the fighting Sunshine giving its top-of-the-table visitors a torrid time at Chaplin Reserve.

Sunshine effectively cut off the midfield supply to Makedonia's brilliant front trio and deserved a point due to the new found organisation of its back four.

Hakoah's Graham French made a quick exit from a rough match between the visitors and Juventus that provoked Juve coach Manny Poulakakis to lash out at "the out-and-out filthy players" in the league.

Peter Lewis was sent off at Schintler Reserve in a drab contest between Altona and Western Suburbs.

Croydon took both points against a Green Gully side which coach Bobby McLachlan said "seemed to arrive at half time".

SLAVIA 2 (McGorian, J. Cullen) FRANKSTON 3 (Adams, Cooper, Wall).

SLAVIA: Pugliese - N. Haupt, J. Cullen, Houston, Pye - Cooke, Brindle, Williams (in. off 85th) - McGorian, Jurina (sub G. Haupt h.t.), Pahljina (sub Gooch 75th).

FRANKSTON: Whiteside - Parton, Lowe, McCluskey, Valli - Buchanan, Cooper, Coulson, (sub Williamson 70th) - Adams, Wall, Young.

Slavia gave its all but presently suffers from an injury-riddled squad and inexperienced replacements.

Chris Pahljina is still getting over the thrill of playing in the State League and getting a new pair of football boots.

Neville Haupt has made a jump from Metro Third Divi-

sion and keeper Elvio Pugliese has come from Metro Fourth Division.

Coach Tony Vrzina is struggling to gain the club's first win of the season while hoping to bring out the talents of these inexperienced players as soon as possible.

If Slavia can maintain the fight and aggression of the past two weeks then two points are not far away.

Twice Slavia came from two goals down against visitors Frankston to pressure its opponents in search of an equaliser.

The first fight-back came from a fine solo effort by Mick McGorian and John Cullen's constant urging and enthusiasm paid dividends when he left his role as central defender to score Slavia's second goal.

Pahljina squandered two chances when through with only Frankston keeper Bill Whiteside to beat, McGorian hit the crossbar in the second half but the miss of the match



MARTIN CHIVERS

belonged to Paul Cooke whose first-half header hit the underside of the bar and was scrambled clear.

Bruce Young returned to form for the Baysiders who are showing some system up front.

Big Bob Adams makes most of his runs on the far post and with Kevin Wall working off the big man and Bruce Young out wide Frankston have a competent striking force.

Willie Coulson pushes up in support of the front runners and his majestic left foot can cause havoc especially from set-piece situations.

When Martin Chivers arrives the Baysiders will have the finishing they require to sink the hopes of most opponents and advance to within sight of fourth spot.

Gully can win

The match of the week in

important pointer to the extent

Rapidly improving Altona

**FRANKSTON 0
CROYDON 2 (Doornenbal,
Loughnane)**

FRANKSTON: Whiteside - Parton, Lowe, Adams, Valli - Buchanan, Cooper, Coulsen (sub Webb 79th) - Runje, Wall (sub Campbell 87th) Young.

CROYDON: Keogh - McKinlay, Pongho, McCombe, Murphy - Doornenbal, Howarth, Brogan, Smith - Forsyth (sub Loughnane H.T., Wyllie).

Croydon ran out worthy winner of a close-fought encounter at Centenary Park.

Frankston was unsettled from the outset due to Danny McCluskey's absence through suspension.

Big Bob Adams returned to defence and Goran Runje came into the front line.

Frankston winger Bruce Young has as much speed as his comic strip counterpart "The Road Runner" but when Young gets his head down and arse up and steams down the line he often ignores the possibility of the early ball.

It is just as well that there's a fence around Centenary

Park because the surrounding scrub is dense and no doubt littered with the remains of many former wingers.

Nonetheless it was a Young cross that left Wall with the simple task of heading home but the former Pines forward headed over the bar.

Wall could have made amends later in the half when he had to tap home a yard out but somehow Croydon's Harry McKinlay got a foot in the way and cleared.

Frankston keeper Billy Whiteside made two great saves in this half.

The second half saw Croydon gradually gain control and it came as no surprise when Johnny Howarth crossed a low ball from the right that Doornenbal hit first time into the back of the Frankston net.

The home side dropped its head and Croydon struck once more through substitute Peter Loughnane.

Frankston's main problem was the lack of a front runner with the ability to hold possession.

This problem will be solved when English star Martin Chivers arrives, probably on May 26.

CROATIA 2 (Tront, Kokoska) FRANKSTON 2 (Wall, Adams)

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 6, Gardiner 7, Kokoska 7, Blavner 5 - Tront 6, Andreva 7, Adams 6 - Batilovic 5 (Klarin 65th) Gilder 7, Mitten 8.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside 7 - Lowe 8 - Parton 8, McCluskey 7, Adams 7, Valli 7 - Buchanan 5 (sub Coulsen 85th), Cooper 6, Webb 6 - Wall 8 (inj. sub Runje 80th), Young 9.

Frankston came to Olympic Park aware of the only way it could successfully compete with Croatia and left with a point after a bruising battle.

Frankston committed five fouls and had a player booked in the first three minutes.

The crime count at the end of the match read four Frankston players booked while Steve Kokoska was the only Croatia player cautioned.

Frankston's Bruce Young was the most dangerous forward on the park and when he got his head up instead of charging towards the corner flag, he was brilliant.

Both Frankston goals came from Young's crosses, the first to the near post where Kevin Wall beat John Gardiner and headed home.

This equalised a brilliant goal from Croatia when Joe Tront and Noel Mitten played a one-two and Tront smashed the return pass into the roof of the net from the edge of the area.

From the start of the second half a great through ball from David Webb sent Young on his way and he crossed to Bob Adams on the far post for the Baysiders to grab the lead.

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CHIVERS HERE — FINALLY!



Martin Chivers



Mike Glykokalamos

The highlight of Sunday's games is the appearance of former English international Martin Chivers to bolster Frankston City's attack.

John Bond, Norwich City manager, is the man Frankston committeeman Del Lines has been using to tee up the Chivers deal.

But when Bond toured overseas with Norwich, Lines had trouble reaching Chivers's club Brighton and Hove Albion.

Now that Chivers's young son is to go to hospital for an operation, the big striker would prefer to stay in England a little longer to set his mind at ease.

So Chivers, who had been due last weekend now will be arriving in Melbourne on Saturday at 9.35 am and it is expected he will play the following day against Western Suburbs at Centenary Park.

His arrival will start a four-week home stint for Frankston, so the Baysiders should get plenty of mileage from their star attraction.

Chivers will get the opportunity to test his scoring prowess against probably the most consistent central defenders in the State League, Marian Jaworski and Mike Glykokalamos.

Jim Kypirtidis is the most underrated full

back in the league and he has the speed and recovery to tackle Frankston's flying winger Bruce Young.

But the Baysiders should win and start the four game stay of Chivers on a successful note.

George Cross has an uphill battle to contain the brilliant forward trio of Makedonia. Robert Cullen should skin whichever defender picks him up.

If Lube Petrovski and Claude Lucchesi can provide good support to their front runners, the league leader should get home.

With former Eire international Jimmy Dunne resuming his rightful role as sweeper, Juventus's striking trio of Bobby McGuinness, George Gillan and Mendo Ristovski should find goals hard to come by at Green Gully Reserve.

The home side can grab both points provided Andy Segi's hard running and direct play is serviced from a winning midfield.

Hakoah's wingers Mike Loh and Chris Kent should set up many chances for Graham French and if the big man finds his touch Altona could be in for a dismal day.

In other games the rapidly improving Croydon should prove too solid for Sunshine and Croatia must surely take both points from relegation-bound Slavia.



• Our guest tipster this week is Juventus supremo Manny Poulakakis (pictured). Manny's selections with likely winners in capitals:

Altona v Hakoah (draw) at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

George Cross v MAKEDONIA at Olympic Park No 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Green Gully v JUVENTUS at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

FRANKSTON v Western Suburbs at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Slavia v CROATIA at the Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm.

Croydon v Sunshine (draw) at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

cracked a hard shot from the left in off the far post with Cross keeper Hugh Graham having no chance.

Graham figured prominently in two curious decisions in the second half.

Ged Bannon seemed to be brought down by the Cross keeper but referee Brennan did not see it that way.

Mike Loh got into a one-on-one situation with Graham later in the half and seemed to be dragged down but again the decision did not go Hakoah's way.

George Cross showed a lot of heart and much more method than previously and its first equaliser came after Hakoah was caught slightly upfield and Tony Castiello played a one-two with Jim Papas before breaking through on the right and slipping the ball past helpless Hakoah keeper Mike O'Hara.

Hakoah again hit the front in the second half when Graham French charged in and headed home a cross from Mike Loh.

When Cross drew level through Tony Cowan, it looked as if the match was destined for a draw.

Kent didn't think so and after picking up the ball from a throw-in he headed off across the Cross penalty area before firing a fierce drive that Graham could only parry and the incoming Bill Jordanou headed the decisive goal.

J U V E N T U S 4
(McGuinness 2, Gillan 2)
FRANKSTON 2 (Parton,
Adams)

JUVENTUS: Reilly - curcio, Della Rocca, Munro, Tarquinio - Heery, Nelson, Crino (Sabidussi 75th) - Ristovski (Inj. sub Incantalupo 35th), Gillan, McGuinness.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside - Parton, McCluskey, Lowe, Valli - Buchanan (Luca 75th), Cooper, Webb - Wall, Adams, Young (Inj. sub Coulson half time).

The first half was a disaster for Frankston which went out fully aware of Juventus's bite up front and determined not to let the Black and Whites settle.

After five minutes Juve went one up when George Gillan scored from a first-time shot after a three man inter-passing move.

The rot set in when Frankston keeper Billy Whiteside threw the ball to Danny McCluskey who slipped, allowing Bobby McGuinness to nip in and neatly chip the stranded Whiteside.

Frankston midfielder Dave Cooper worked his heart out, doing the bulk of the running and ball-winning in midfield.

When Sean Parton crashed a scrambled clearance high into the roof of the net to make it 2-1 the Baysiders were in with a show.

That show ended when the packed Frankston defence allowed Gillan to score his second inside the six yard box after a short corner from the left.

McGuinness killed off any hope that Frankston had when he latched onto a Tony Heery cross after Fabio Incantalupo had missed latching onto the ball.



The international arrives. Martin Chivers (centre) is met at Tullamarine by Frankston president Hans Gussenhoven and the man who made it possible, Del Lines (left).



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Martin Chivers' fine debut for Frankston highlighted a round of State League matches that tightened the top of the table battle.

While big "Chiv" was strolling about in complete control, George Cross was being hammered by league leader Makedonia.

Young Cross keeper Robert Amos from Werribee had a fine debut but he could do little against a front trio that Cross coach Archie Campbell thought was "dynamite".

Slavia is establishing a habit for doing well before giving games away with something stupid.

This time it was an own goal in the last three minutes that denied Slavia's fine young keeper Elvio Pugliese from keeping a clean sheet.

Billy Vojtek scored in the last minute to snatch a well deserved point from Green Gully whose clash with Juventus kept the crowd on its toes till the last moment.

State League clubs will get a respite from the league struggle when Australia plays Northern Ireland this weekend.

The happiest club is George Cross which has been directed by the VSF not to play its Filipino keeper Olivera Gay due to residency problems.

Cross hopes to have the problem solved for its next league game by gaining permanent residency for its keeper.

Chivers sent Wall on his way down the right and the former Frankston Pines striker checked back, then squared across the area to the incoming Bill Buchanan who steadied before crashing a low right-foot drive into the far corner, giving Mitandis no chance.

Frankston should benefit greatly from Chivers' stay for it was refreshing to watch a Frankston forward with the ability to hold possession and continually educated his fellow front-runners.

SLAVIA 0 CROATIA 1 (Pye o.g.)

SLAVIA: Pugliese - N. Haupt, Houston (inj. sub Cooke half time), Lawson, Pye - Cullen, Whiteside, Brindle - McGorian, Griffiths, Jurina.

CROATIA: Blasby - Klarin, Adams, Kokoska, Blaver - Andrews, Tront, Murphy - Gardiner, Gilder, Mitten.

The story of this struggle is best condensed into the last three minutes of play.

Slavia keeper Elvio Pugliese did everything asked of him throughout and in the last few minutes his aerial work and fearless attitude against two of the strongest players in the league - Croatia's Carl Gilder and Steve Kokoska - looked to have gained a point for Tony Vrzina's lads.

FRANKSTON 3 (Webb, Wall, Buchanan) WESTERN SUBURBS 0

FRANKSTON: Whiteside 8 - Vall 7, Adams 7, Lowe 8, Parton 8 - Cooper 8, McChesley 8 (sub Buchanan 65th), Webb 8 - Wall 8, Chivers 9, Young 7 (sub Coulson 77th).

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandis 7 - Kyrtidis 8, Jaworski 6, Glykokalamos 7, Jim Daperis 7 - Greechan 5, John Daperis 7, John Christoules 4 (sub Petasikos 65th) - Kyrticos 4, Carr 6, Theodoridis 5.

Martin Chivers and Frankston put on a great show for the few spectators who braved the bitterly cold conditions to watch the first appearance of the former English international.

Chivers' presence was felt throughout the match and in the last 20 minutes the big man toyed with Suburbs by holding possession at will while being jockeyed by opponents who stood four or five yards away scared to commit themselves for fear of being left floundering. Big "Chiv" could have scored a couple himself but the move that set up Frankston's third goal was enough to send the local crowd home happy that the big man had proved his class.

Chivers picked up possession on the half way line and stroled past three opponents before sending young Kevin Wall away on the right.

Wall cut in before unleashing a hard, low right-foot shot that went in at the near post.

The first half was an evenly balanced affair and the home side was fortunate to go in one up at the interval.

Suburbs had missed two golden opportunities to score as had Frankston and it could easily have been two apiece at half time.

In the 13th minute Steve Carr should have put Suburbs one up when he shot from six yards but Frankston sweeper Nick Lowe was on hand to slide down and clear off the line.

Lowe's clearance went to Suburbs striker Steve Kyrticos who sent the ball into orbit from only four yards.

On the stroke of half time Carr outjumped Dave Cooper but he could not head a Kit Greechan cross powerfully enough to beat Frankston keeper Billy Whiteside.

The home side had the best chance of the half when Chivers played a one-two with Wall before collecting the return and blasting a left foot shot inches wide.

Frankston's opening goal was a gem! From a Bruce Young corner Chivers flicked the ball on at the near post and David Webb, having an outstanding game in midfield, nodded home.

Suburbs' resistance waned after Frankston's second goal in the 73rd minute.

Chivers and Rainey the men to watch

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

With Juventus battling it out with five other Victorian State League teams at the top of the table, the Italian fans should need little incentive to come to Centenary Park this weekend.

Those who come to support Juve will have the added attraction of watching Martin Chivers whose first-game performance, under the strain of travel and not knowing his team mates, was brilliant.

To what heights big "Chiv" is capable of rising after settling in and supervising Frankston's training is a dreaded thought to strike fear into the hearts of Juve's fans.

With Kevin Wall and Bruce Young learning to time their runs and to pick up space, God help Juve's defence which can look cumbersome and brittle at times.

The injection of solidity sadly lacking could come from Juve's new import John Creany provided he arrives in time for this important clash.

Frankston should show the benefit of Chivers' expertise and take both points in a close encounter.

Croatia and Croydon get the opportunity to turn on as good a game as their recent Croydon Park encounter.

Croydon feels that it is close to getting the better of its more prestigious opponent but Croatia coach John Gardiner will be keen to keep his side's drive towards Makedonia in full flight.

Another draw could be the best bet provided that Croydon shows the heart and endeavour of the last clash three weeks ago.

Makedonia and Green Gully clash at Connor Reserve and the Makedonia machine has started to run into top gear with that dynamic forward trio of Gary Ward, George McMillan and Robert Cullen looking to be in devastating touch.

Now that Mick Rainey has found his form, his bursts upfield will pose a constant threat to Gully and Makedonia can keep a firm grasp on top spot by taking two points.

Western Suburbs will be keen to avenge their recent loss to Slavia and, driven on by the added incentive to appealing their vocal fans, will give everything against Tony Vrzina's side.

Slavia cannot be taken lightly and a draw could be the result of what should be a fierce and willing clash.

In other games Hakoah's place in the top four should not be threatened by the struggling George Cross and Sunshine and Altona could repeat their draw of three weeks ago.

Our guest tipster this week is Croydon coach NORM HOBSON. Norm coached Ringwood City, Mooroolbark and Doncaster prior to his present successful stint with Croydon. He has an impressive record with Metro Division Two team Doncaster, having taken it from Fourth Division to Second. Presently Croydon deservedly lies in third spot in the State League. Norm's selections with likely winners in capitals:

SUNSHINE v. Altona at Chaplin Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

Croatia v. Croydon (draw) at Olympic Park No. 2., Sunday, 3 pm.

Frankston v. Juventus (draw) at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

MAKEDONIA v. Green Gully at B.T. Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Hakoah v. GEORGE CROSS at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Western Suburbs v. Slavia (draw) at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.



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Former internationals Martin Chivers (left) of England and Frank Munro of Scotland opposed each other in the Victorian State League match between Frankston and Juventus last Sunday. See Page 7.



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Controversy surrounded last weekend's round of State League matches when Juventus fans and officials were incensed by an off-side decision given after George Gillan had slammed a fierce drive into goals from 20 yards.

At Middle Park Chris Kent of Hakoah was sent off for allegedly kicking Tony Ziegelaar of George Cross behind play but both sides were evened up when Robert Mirak was sent off for allegedly kicking Anton Dosen of Hakoah.

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to a Dave Perkin goal which was ik when Robert Cullen, who was a t ball after Steve Beech's overlap from about 10 yards.

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FRANKSTON 1 (Wall) JUVENTUS 0.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside 8 - Parton 8, Lowe 7, McCluskey 9, Valli 7 - Cooper 9, Chivers 7, Weebb 8 (Sub. Buchanen 68th) - Adams 8, Wall 7, Young 5 (Sub. Coulson 72nd).

JUVENTUS: Reilly 8 - Curcio 8, Della Rocca 7, Munro 8 (inj. sub In-cantulupo half time 6), Terquinio 7 - Sabidussi 7, Nelson 9, Crino 8, Heery 8 - Gillan 6, McGuinness 7.

Linesman Jim Dale was the centre of controversy after Frankston snatched a 1-0 win against Juventus.

In the 55th minute Dale made the most important decision of the game when he raised his flag to indicate off-side after Juve's George Gillan had crashed an unstoppable shot into the back of Bill Whiteside's goal from about 20 yards.

Referee Bob Henderson was pointing to a free kick as Juve's fans were hugging each other in delight at Gillan's goal.

Their delight quickly turned to anger when it became obvious that Henderson had heeded Dale's signal.

Irate Italians ran towards Dale and started spitting and threatening him so severely that the game had to be held up until Juve coach Manny Poulakakis, keeper Jack Reilly and striker Bobby McGuinness walked to the distraught Juve fans and quelled the outburst.

What then proved to be a masterstroke occurred in the 72nd minute when Willie Coulson came on for Bruce Young, Coulson going into

Fans

midfield and Martin Chivers pushing himself up front.

In the 83rd minute the enigmatic Coulson curled a high free kick over the heads of the Juve defence to Wall making a diagonal run from behind.

Well timed his header to perfection and glided the ball past a stranded Reilly.

In the 88th minute wee Bobby McGuinness had the chance to grab a point for Juve when he broke through with only Whiteside to beat but a combination of mud and Whiteside's quickness off his line foiled the Juventus striker.

Two players, who stood out for the home side were Dagny McCluskey, who gave a solid, mature performance at centre half, and Dave Cooper whose hard work had to be seen to be believed.

But Martin Chivers was a failure as a midfield play-maker.

CROATIA 4 (Murphy 2, Mitten, Tront) CROYDON 1 (Loughnane)

CROATIA: Blasby - Short, Gardiner, Kokoska, Blaver - Andrews, Adams, Tront, Murphy - Gilder, Mitten.

CROYDON: Keogh - McKinlay, Pongho, McCombe, Murphy - Doornenbel, Smith, Howarth, Brogan - Wyllie, Loughnane.

Croatia slipped into top gear, relishing the extra space of Olympic Park No. 2, a far cry from the tight, narrow Croydon Park.

After Noel Mitten opened the scoring, Croatia was never headed and went in two up at the break before going four up prior to Peter Loughnane's 83rd minute consolation goal for the visitors.

Croatia coach John Gardiner was well aware of Steve McCombe's aerial ability so he allowed McCombe to pick up Carl Gilder while looking for Mitten in the air.

Mitten was intelligently pushed onto Alan Pongho which left Croydon bereft of an effective sweeper spare at the back.

11 - McGuinness (J)
8 - McMillan (M)
6 - Ward (M), French (H),
Pocock (S), Adams (F).

Melbourne's notorious weather played havoc with last weekend's State League games and the three postponed

matches between Croydon and Western Suburbs, Frankston and Makedonia, George Cross and Altona, will be played on 20 July.

Croatia jumped to the top of the ladder with its 3-1 drubbing of Sunshine and it looks like the Croatian machine is firing on all cylinders.

Slavia coach Tony Vrzina was displeased with the attitude and behaviour of some of his more experienced players and he told "Soccer Action" that the club would be looking to cut down on its temporary resident players to make way for two new players from overseas.

Vrzina was firm in his commitment to take no nonsense from his experienced players.

"If we are to go down then we will go down without them," he said.

**SUNSHINE 1 (McNally)
CROATIA 3 (Adams,
Tront, Gardiner).**

SUNSHINE: Scholten - Ellis,
Donaldson, Mussel, McRobert -



Frankston City official Del Lines and guest player Martin Chivers inspect the waterlogged Centenary Park pitch before the game against Makedonia was called off. Picture by STUART PEMBERTHY.

'WHAT'S GOING ON?' — PARTON

Victorian State League club Frankston has one of the most promising young full backs in the land in Sean Parton.

Sean came to Australia about 10 years ago from Birmingham, England, and started his junior career with Springvale where he played until crossing to Slavia to gain the experience of a full season in the State League reserves.

Sean then gained senior

experience with Dandenong City in Metro Division One before joining Frankston half way through last season.

Trying to break into the first team was not an easy task as Frankston was successful at the time and sat at the top of the State League ladder.

But Sean waited for his chance and when it came he grabbed it firmly with both hands and never looked back.

He now is recognised as one of the best overlapping full backs in the league and his consistency and determination are carrying him to new heights as he successfully takes on some fine wingers week by week.

But it is the PSL that Sean has his sights on, like so many of our promising youngsters.

And it is a PSL player, Jamie Paton of Heidelberg United, Sean rates as his hardest opponent.

"Yes, you could say that Jamie Paton is the toughest opponent that I have been up against because under Len McKendry Paton has sharpened his ability to come off a defender and this is now one of his strengths."

As for Sean's representative future he sees his place in the Victorian youth team as a step ladder to representative honours with the Australian youth side.

Yet Sean feels uncertain as to the possibility of gaining a place in the Australian eleven to contest the 1981 World Youth Cup finals.

"Last Christmas I was one of 17 lads selected out of a squad of 40 boys but nothing came of it."

"Six of the 17 were selected to go to Noumea but I missed out."

"To be frank I really don't know what is going on and I don't think anything will come out of this large squad selected



Frankston full back Sean Parton races away from Ajax forward Andy Segi.

after the recent Australian Youth Championships."

"Of course I'd love to play in the team but I don't think anything will come from my present membership of the squad."

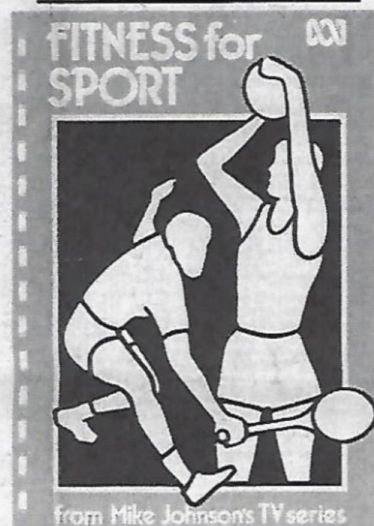
"Still, I can look to the future with hope, not just as a player but also as a coach, for I already have my preliminary coaching certificate and I am involved in coaching."

"I would dearly love to play

in the PSL and make a career for myself in Australian soccer."

"The biggest influence upon my career has been my father and although I think the standard of coaching is bad here and has a great deal of scope for improvement, I can single out Ted Dilworth and Ron Smith as the best coaches I have trained under."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



"If you are stronger, if you can run faster, jump higher and keep going longer than your opponent you will generally beat him — no matter what the sport."

So says Mike Johnson in the introduction to his new book, "Fitness for Sport," published by the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

As the title indicates, the book is aimed not only at soccer players but at sportsmen and women in general. It outlines physical training programmes, explained with clear illustrations.

Johnson, a "Soccer Action" columnist, is coach of Wollongong and a former player with Doncaster, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United in England.

The book is excellent value at \$3.25



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'Chiv' thrills kids

Frankston City held a junior night for the young players of local clubs last week and the response was so good that the Frankston clubrooms were packed.

Martin Chivers was the principal guest and he was asked questions about his footballing career by many enthusiastic youngsters.

Big "Chiv" really took to the kids and afterwards he said how pleased he was at

their response and how rewarding an experience it was for him.

Frankston presented a film on the 1979 World Youth Championship finals held in Japan.

The young audience marvelled at the skills of the winner, Argentina, and Diego Maradona and Diaz showed the kids what the term "the young champions" has come to mean in recent times.

Bergers get Taylor



Frankston City defender John Taylor has joined Victorian Third Division club Heidelberg City.

Taylor played for Heidelberg Alexander (then Fitzroy Alexander) in the State League in 1976. He is pictured (right) in action against Duncan Cummings of Hellas.



Mimis Papaioannou — coming to Wests' rescue.

crossbar before bouncing down, perilously close to crossing the goal line, but eventually being cleared.

In the 19th minute Paul Wade pounced upon a bad back-pass, won the resulting struggle for the ball with Hakoah keeper Mike O'Hara, then hit the ball across the face of the unprotected goal where Mick McGorian and Dave Griffiths failed to show enough opportunism to latch onto the low cross and score.

With the aid of the wind in the second half it seemed as if Hakoah would break the deadlock.

When Slavia's central defender Liam Houston went off injured John Cullen came back into defence to keep a close watch on Hakoah striker Graham French.

Hakoah's hopes must have risen when Chris Kent unleashed a fierce drive that crashed onto the crossbar in the 73rd minute but a combination of competent keeping by Elvio Pugliese, tireless running by Wade and poor finishing by Hakoah served to keep the stalemate intact.

ALTONA 1 (Whyte)
FRANKSTON 1 (Wall).

ALTONA: Van der Pool — Lewis, Cannell, Gramsbergen, Wilson — Wattara (Hoyland 70th), Little, Whyte — Crew, Farmer, Innes.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside — Parton, Lowe, McClellan, Wall (in, carried off 15th) — Buchanan, Cooper, Webb — Wall (sent off 75th), Adams, Young.

Frankston coach Nigel Bevis reacted angrily to the sending off of Kevin Wall.

"Kevin Wall is an outstanding young man both as a player and as a person," said Bevis.

"He had to put up with numerous kicks behind play and

when he was pushed beyond his tolerance he was forced to hit back.

"I just hope that the tribunal is as tolerant as Kevin was until he was sent off."

Wall evened the scores after Altona, having the better of the first half, took a 1-0 lead when Bill Whiteside could only parry a Peter Lewis header down to the feet of Billy Whyte who made no mistake from two metres.

Frankston looked to Bruce Young as its main avenue of attack, with Bob Adams lurking dangerously on the far post.

Young switched to the right against Altona full back Kevin Wilson but this took away the space for Sean Parton to overlap.

The game developed into a

Juve, Croatia

Juventus hopes to feature ziano Cavallari, signed from Chieti for \$22,000 for the Gillon Oval this Sunday.

Scottish import John Creany is debut for Juve in this match.

The reserve game will be played Broadmeadows ladies teams will

As a prelude to Croatia's c Makedonia on Sunday week, ra interviews as follows:

Sunday 20 July, 6.45 pm to 7.30 and Ante Blavzer; Monday 21 J Makedonian club officials plus i interviewed; Friday 25 July at 1 diner and Brian Edgley; Saturd Burin interview.

Channel Nine will host three p day 26 July in its Golden Bowl s skills demonstration.

Croatia will hold a dance at the July from 7.30 pm to 1 pm.

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FRANKSTON 1 (Adams) MAKEDONIA 1 (Ollerton)

FRANKSTON: Whiteside - Parton, Lowe, McCluskey, Williamson - Buchanan (inj. sub Campbell 25th), Cooper, Webb, Valli - Adams, Young.

MAKEDONIA: Kastrner - Rainey, Flavell, Higham, Petrovski - Ollerton, Faulkner, Lashire - Cullen, McMillan, Ward (inj. sub Lucchesi 65th).

Makedonia coach Brian Edgley could be forgiven for breathing a sigh of relief when Peter Ollerton equalised 30 seconds from time.

Earlier in the week Edgley had told two Frankston players that he would drop his pants in the clubroom after the game if Frankston won, and he came mighty close to losing that bet and his respectability.

Frankston coach Nigel Bevis opted to tag Makedonia dynamo Robert Cullen closely. Chris Valli was assigned the task.

Danny McCluskey was the central stopper, picking up Makedonia's target man, initially Gary Ward, then George McMillan and finally Peter Ollerton as Makedonia switched around up front.

The Baysiders played with five at the back, making their intentions clear from the outset.

For all its possession, Makedonia showed an amazing lack of creativity, preferring to maintain its forward-at-all-costs attitude and knocking high balls into Frankston's area, which suited McCluskey and his fellow defenders.

In the 25th minute Bill Buchanan was carried off, Bob Adams went back into a defensive midfield role and Norrie Campbell came on as striker.

The loss of Buchanan effectively cut out an important avenue of Frankston's forward thrusts as the former Dandenong midfielder was instrumental in supporting Sean Parton's overlaps.

The home team relied upon Bruce Young getting the break and although the enigmatic winger crossed well on a couple of occasions Makedonia's central defensive duo of Gordon Flavell and John Higham looked to be in control.

In the 60th minute the Baysiders grabbed the lead as Dave Cooper headed onto the cross bar and Bob Adams scored on the rebound.

SLAVIA 1 (McGorian) ALTONA 0

SLAVIA: Pugliese - Haupt, Lawson, Houston, Pye - Brindle, Cullen, Whiteside - McGorian, Griffiths, Wade (Lucchesi 70th).

ALTONA: van der Poel - Lovel, Cannell (inj. Murphy 80th), Graa-bergen, Wilson - Whyte, Innes (Lurie 85th), Kaly-Hoyland, Cress, Farmer.

Altona still had hopes of making the top four, reasoning that five of its last games would be at home, but Slavia dashed those hopes and revitalised hopes of its own when it defeated Altona 1-0.

Altona started well and had much the better of opening 20 minutes but when Slavia came back into the game John Cullen and Dave Griffiths had chances to score.

In the second half Altona became shabby and Slavia got well on top with Cliff Whiteside switching into a central midfield role to organise his side and John Cullen changing to the left of midfield with freedom to push forward wide of that side.

Griffiths should have opened the scoring when he was put through by Whiteside and with only van der Poel to beat he shot wide.

The decisive goal came in the 62nd minute as the ball was crossed from the left into Altona's goal area.

Van der Poel called for the ball but Stuart Cannell, not heeding van der Poel's call, challenged at the near post with Slavia's Paul Wade.

The ball fell to Whiteside who tried to lob into the top corner only to see Kevin Wilson clear.

However Mick McGorian was waiting on the far post and he made no mistake, crashing home a fierce drive just under the bar from close range.

When Cullen moved back into a central defensive role Altona was given immediate territorial advantage which it failed to utilise.

Yet Joe Wilson's boys had a great opportunity to steal a point in the 82nd minute.

Slavia had been playing the off-side trap but on this occasion Peter Lewis was allowed to run through.

When it looked as though Lewis would score Dave Holland charged in on his team mate and Elvie Pugliese, sensing the misunderstanding of the two Altona players, rushed in and dived at their feet, thwarting their scoring opportunity.

FRANKSTON 3 (Young, Wall, Adams) GEORGE CROSS 0.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside - Parton, McCluskey, Lowe, Valli - Cooper, Williamson (Coulson 70th), Webb (inj. Campbell 65th) - Wall, Adams, Young.

GEORGE CROSS: Amos - Della, Sebastic, Wilkinson, Maitland - Morgan (Zagajewski 70th), Wilson (Castello 70th), Mizz - Cowen, Pollock, Papera.

Frankston destroyed George Cross on the wings and with big Bob Adams beating Laurie Belusic in the air, the Baysiders ran out deserved winners by three goals.

The Bob Adams - Kevin Watt partnership continued to blossom, this time to the tune of a goal apiece, making them joint top scorers for Frankston

with eight goals, more than half of the club's total. Bruce Young was in great form, running at defenders and crossing to the far post to Adams lurking unopposed.

Chris Valli often pushed up to support Young on the left and Ian Williamson slotted in to cover for the former Hakoah left back.

The only goal of the half came in the 35th minute after Wall had outpaced Norm Maitland on Frankston's right wing and sent in a hard, low cross that Robert Amos could only parry out to the feet of Young who scored his first goal of the season.

Cross had a chance to level just after the break when Jim Paparas was through with only Bill Whiteside to beat but the Cross striker shot against Whiteside's legs when he should have scored.

Frankston increased its lead when Sean Parton sent over an inch-perfect far post cross to Adams who headed home.

Cross's woes were heightened in the 70th minute by a Young cross to Adams who headed goalward, the ball being ineffectually cleared and Wall scored from close range.

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 JUVENTUS 2 (Incantulopo 2).

SUBURBS: Mitroslav - Kypiridis, Glykhalamos, Jaworski, Jim Daporia - Kostas, John Daporia, J. Christodoulou, Gerasimos - Ger, Theodoridis.

JUVENTUS: Reilly - Curcio, Murre, Cressy, Della, Rocco - Sabidussi, Nelson, Creso (Bennetto 55th), Henry - McQuinn, Ritzovsk (Incantulopo 63th).

Suburbs rarely will play as well without getting a result.

On clear-cut chances the game could well have seen six or seven goals scored but a combination of poor finishing by the home team and fine keeping by former Socceroo Jack Reilly denied Suburbs a result.

Juve created four chances and scored two goals whereas Suburbs must be wondering how Steve Carr and Kit Greechan could miss golden opportunities with only Reilly to beat.

The best chance for the home team came in the 18th minute when a Kit Greechan drive from the edge of the area out on the right was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Reilly at full stretch.

Mendo Ristovski should have opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when he was clean



Tony Cowan (George Cross)

as the ball shot into the net for number two.

The few occasions when Juve looked dangerous never caused undue panic in Makedonia's well organised back four and Mike Rainey and Gordon Flavell were always in control.

Claude Lucchesi found Faulkner unmarked in Juve's area and goal number three was posted when Faulkner turned and blasted a hard right foot drive past Reilly, inside the far post.

Urged on by the frenzied support of its followers, Makedonia swarmed all over Juve for a 15 minute period during which three or four goals were there for the taking but amazing misses and bad finishing ruined what could have been a real thrashing.

The only consolation for Juve was the showing of Tiziano Cavallari who looked classy on the ball but his was not the only head that dropped for most of the second half.

SUNSHINE 0 FRANKSTON 1 (Buchanan)

SUNSHINE: Wood - Diale, R. Nelson, Ella, Donaldson - Muscat, Loring, McNaughty (Singleton 50th) - Pocock, McRobert, D. Nelson.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside - Parton, Lowe, Adams, Williamson - Luca, Cooper, Webb - Buchanan (inj. Burroughs 85th), Campbell (Coulson 55th), Young.

Frankston came to Chaplin Reserve fully aware that a loss here could waken relegation worries but left wondering if it could displace Hakoah from the top four.

That is a measure of the tight battle below Makedonia, Croatia and Green Gully.

Against Sunshine Frankston played without Kevin Wall, Danny McCluskey and Chris Valli and the main feature of this tough struggle was the battle royal in midfield where players dropped like nine pins from fierce tackling.

With the aid of a strong first half breeze Frankston utilised the overlapping talents of Sean Parton who found acres of room down the right side and it was from one such overlap that the decisive goal eventuated.

In the 30th minute Parton set off down the right and crossed low into the Sunshine penalty area.

Peter Donaldson missed an attempted clearing header and Bill Buchanan, near the penalty spot, chested the ball down, turned and side footed a well-placed shot past Dale Wood in the Shiners' goal.

Sunshine had the advantage of the breeze in the second half but failed to convert two good scoring chances.

Jim McRobert outstripped the Frankston defence but rather than carrying the ball closer to goal, elected to shoot from 20 metres and Bill Whiteside saved easily.

A McRobert cross later in the game just failed to find the head of Mick Dixie who would certainly have snatched the point the Shiners strove for had he made good contact.

After the match Frankston coach Nigel Bevis complimented the second-half performance of his outside left, Bruce Young.

"Young was sorely missed against Green Gully but as Sunshine found out, he was very hard to stop in the second half when he proved to be our main avenue to goal," said Bevis.

SLAVIA 0 GREEN GULLY 1 (Segi)

SLAVIA: Pugliese - Haupt, Lawson (Ward 75th), Cullen, Wade - Brindle, Whiteside, Cooke - McGorian, Griffiths, Lucchesi.

GREEN GULLY: Denys - Hogben, Dunne, Patten, Smart - Vojtek, Bennett, Vassallo - Segi, Perkins (Bernde 60th), Morrey.

In an atmosphere reminiscent of Hiroshima after the blast, Green Gully and Slavia battled it out in front of a handful of Gully spectators at the Showgrounds.

Dave Hogben had the task of tagging Slavia's most dangerous forward, Mick McGorian, and did well.

The two best chances of the first half fell to Gully, the first from Dave Perkins shot from close range brought a great reflex save from Slavia keeper Elvio Pugliese and the second chance fell to Bill Vojtek who hammered what looked to be a great goal but just inside the 18 yard box only to see Pugliese dive low at full stretch and fingertip the shot fractionally wide.

Slavia did well against the wind in the first half but with McGorian well checked by Hogben and Dave Griffiths tagged by John Patten, Tony Vrzina's team found scoring chances hard to come by.

Gully had memories of its failure against Altona when it went in at the break but it came out determined to maintain its patience while being more direct via the crosses

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• Our guest tipster this week is Frankston striker Kevin Wall (pictured). Kevin's selection with likely winners in capitals:



FRANKSTON v Slavia at Contenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

GREEN GULLY v Croydon at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

MAKEDONIA v Sunshine at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

George Cross v CROATIA at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona v Western Suburbs (Draw) at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Hakoah v Juventus (Draw) at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Never mind the VSF record score, Makedonia must have been eyeing the VFL record after the first 20 minutes against Sunshine.

Croatia faces third-placed Green Gully on Sunday with a depleted squad due to the sending off of Alan Kerr and Ante Bilaver.

Bilaver could qualify for the Guinness book of Records at this rate while Frankston's Bruce Young qualifies for an award of a slightly different nature for his display after being replaced.

Young was absent from two training sessions, before the game against Slavia and could face punishment after throwing his shirt on to the pitch last Sunday.

Western Suburbs continued their neck and neck relegation battle with Sunshine.

FRANKSTON 3 (Wall 2, Young) SLAVIA 2 (McGorian, Cooke)

FRANKSTON: Whiteside 7 - Perton 7, Lowe 7, McCluskey 7, Williamson 7 - Buchanan 6, Cooper 8, Webb 6 - Adams 6, Wall 7, Young 6 (sub Vall 75th).

SLAVIA: Pugliese 6 - Haupt 8, Houston (inj. sub Griffiths 17th 5) Cullen 7, Pye 6 - Brindie 6, Whiteside 6, Cooke 7, McGorian 7, Ward 7, Wade 8.

At this late stage of the season you can't blame the players for the dullness of this game.

After all, Slavia has nothing to play for and Frankston plays for nothing!

Frankston coach Nigel Bevis must have scratched his head in disbelief at the fashion in which his players wandered

about as if shell-shocked in the first 15 minutes.

Slavia attacked as if a championship were up for grabs instead of relegation already settled.

Frankston woke up when it went one down. Neville Haupt sent McGorian off on the break down the right and "Mad Mick," as he is affectionately known, blasted a low, right-foot shot that Whiteside touched but could not prevent from going in off the far upright.

Frankston's sleepwalk came to a halt in the 25th minute when Kevin Wall, running across the area, flicked a header toward goal but Pugliese got down well to his right and saved competently.

In the 36th minute Paul Cooke decided to take matters into his own hands and scored the goal of the game by slamming a low, right foot free kick from 30 metres past a wall of players and inside the far post to give Slavia a 2-0 lead.

But the complexion of the game changed in the 42nd and 43rd minutes.

Bruce Young's corner landed at the feet of Wall after Pugliese had charged off his line but missed his grab and Wall drove the ball home from close range.

A minute later Wall put Young through, seemingly in an offside position, but play continued and Young levelled the scores.

The second half was even but for Wall's winner and there can be no doubt that the former Pines striker was at least five metres offside when he received possession.

But that's football and that has been Slavia's fate a number of times this season.

The only highlight of the second half was Young's argument with coach Bevis. Young was replaced and walked toward the dressing room.

Just as he was about to enter the race he haughtily jerked off his number nine strip and threw it on to the ground.

When Young reached the dressing room door he found it locked and had to wait till the end of the match to gain entry.

scores

MAKEDONIA v SUNSHINE

3 - Cullen (M)

2 - Ward (M)

1 - McMillan (M)

ALTONA v SUBURBS

Frankston faces revolt

By
Craig Mackenzie

Victorian State League club Frankston City faces a player revolt due to its inability to meet player payments, match fees and signing on fees.

A prominent senior player told me about the current situation which has prompted the players to write a letter to the VSL, accusing the club of breach of contract.

The letter reads:

"As a player at present under contract with the Frankston City Soccer Club, I would like to bring to your attention the present situation at the club.

"Firstly, the wages due to me have not been paid for eight weeks. Secondly, the signing-on fee agreed in the contract has not been honoured. Therefore, as I have fulfilled my part of the contract (i.e. turning up for training and for the games), I feel that the club is up for breach of contract.

"Therefore I would like your decision on this matter as soon as possible."

It is believed that most senior players have signed the letter and one player told me Frankston owed him at least \$3,000 in player payments and signing-on fees.



Kevin Wall — joined Frankston City from Frankston Pines this year and did extremely well to finish with 12 goals.

STATE LEAGUE TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is the 'Soccer Action' 1980 Victorian State League Team of the Year. Players have won a place in the team according to the number of votes they polled in our player of the year award won by Jimmy Dunne of Green Gully Ajax. Positioning of players is based upon the positions commonly played throughout season 1980.



**Bill
WHITESIDE 10 votes**
(Frankston)
Jack Reilly (Juve) 8
Elvio Pugliese (Slav) 7