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IT was in 1976, with North Seaford Reserve as its home ground, that Frankston City took out a \$15,000 guaranteed overdraft with a local bank to improve its squad. Former Socceroo Sandy Irvine and Hellas star Andy Savage were two of the players bought with the overdraft.

The following year the Baysiders formed a co-operative which took out a loan of \$40,000 to build clubrooms on Frankston's proposed new home at Centenary Park.

Player wages and signing-on fees couldn't be covered by the average home gate at North Seaford of about 500, so the club applied for another overdraft, of \$18,000, which was granted.

The clubrooms and pitch at Centenary Park officially were opened on June 16, 1977. Frankston didn't christen its new home with a win, going down 5-0 to Croatia.

"It was obvious from the outset that the clubroom was a huge white elephant," said committeeman Les Smith.

"It wasn't centrally located enough to draw a healthy crowd and our average attendance fell to around the 200 mark."

In a bid to drum up much needed support, Frankston brought out former England international Martin Peters as a guest player in 1979. He was paid \$1,000 a game and during his stay the team was winning, membership rose to near 400 and the club just about broke even on the venture.

Guarantors

It was at this time that the club found out that its magnificent clubroom didn't cost \$55,000. As new bills suddenly appeared it was discovered that the cost was closer to \$85,000. One of the bills was for an industrial washing machine, costing \$2,300.

Various committeemen became guarantors for yet another overdraft, this time for \$27,000.

Frankston City fighting back

WIDESPREAD rumors and innuendos are circulating Frankston soccer circles over Frankston City Soccer Club's financial status.

But The News is able to report the club is slowly, but surely getting its house in order.

Following is a resume of the club's expenditure over the past few years . . .

Player wages and signing-on fees for 1979 totalled \$86,000. The team finished second in State League and was the beaten finalist in the Dockerty Cup.

The following year bickering started. With news of the club's debt out in the open some members reacted angrily claiming financial mismanagement by the committee. The committee itself was split. Too many people tried to pass the buck.

The 10-member committee split into two factions deadlocked at 5-5. Resignations enabled one faction to assume control but at the end-of-year general meeting no financial statement was available. It was alleged that all records were lost.

Martin Chivers, another ex-England international, was brought out as a guest player in August, 1980. He was on \$1000 a game but the pitch at Centenary Park was a disaster. Heavy rain made it unplayable and games were called off.

Chivers was guaranteed \$1,000 a game for three appearances. He only played twice. His last appearance never eventuated as the game was washed out. The club still paid him \$1,000. He handed back \$500.

One of the major problems was Frankston's inability to gain a year-long income from Centenary Park. The poor pitch made it impossible to hold friendly games and five-a-side tournaments as money spinners during the off-season.

Loss

The 1980 committee decided that it couldn't afford to pay the players in full. It said that they would be paid at the end of the year, but 12 players approached the VSF claiming breach of contract and were given free transfers. Frankston City had lost about \$40,000, the value of

these players on the open market had the club been allowed to sell them.

In November, 1980, John Barclay, who had returned from a two year business venture in Canberra, was elected president, Les Smith became vice-president.

The bank closed the club's account in 1981. Operating on another account Frankston made a profit of \$2,000. It also paid off \$16,000 of its debt. For eight months the bank received \$600 a month.

Earlier this year the club was summoned to appear before council to decide on arrangements for outstanding rent of about \$3,000. The council ultimatum meant that Frankston had to pay \$300 a month. It has met that payment regularly since January and has paid over \$2,000.

Over \$10,000 has been paid to other creditors and at last it appears that the iceberg which has submerged the club's financial viability for five years is about to melt.

A trust has been set up to handle the combined overdraft and co-operative loan repayment of \$900 a month. The club still has 11 years left to pay off the co-operative loan and everything is running smoothly at long last.

There is every reason to believe that Frankston City will be in its strongest financial position for five years going into the 1983 season.

The wages bill has been slashed. Every senior player is on \$80 a win, \$60 a draw and \$40 a loss.

The clubrooms are hired out to other local bodies regularly, another important source of revenue and the improvement in the Centenary Park pitch means that money can be made during the off-season.

Frankston City slowly but surely is getting its house in order.

First win - with only nine men

**FRANKSTON 1 (Stewart)
HELLAS-HAKOAH 0**

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 (inj. Petersen 43rd W) - Pye 7, Tutill 9, Drinocky 9, Mitchell 8 - Ormond 6 (sent off 65th), C. Whiteside 7, Cooke 8, Gonsalves 6 (inj. Buchanan 63rd) - Wall 6, Stewart 7.

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Tsigraris 7 - Davidson 8, Hanneh 8, Kalitaidis 8, Rooney 8 - Cummings 7, Owen 7, Jordanou 7 - Abram 7, Patsakos 6 (Bozinovski 70th), Kalambokis 6.

Frankston held out for its first win of the season, ending the game with nine men after David Gilbert was replaced with severe concussion, Eddie Ormond was sent off for arguing with a team mate and Kevin Wall limped about for the last 20 minutes with a strained groin.

The first blow for the Baysiders came in the 43rd minute when Bill Jordanou clashed with Gilbert, forcing the groggy young keeper to leave the field and be replaced by Frank Peterson.

The Baysiders though were able to keep intact their 1-0 lead gained in the 15th minute when Robbie Stewart unleashed a thundering volley from just inside the area.

The second half was 15 minutes old when Peter Abraam tried to cross but the ball hit David Pye on the arm inside the Frankston area. Referee Upjohn awarded a penalty but Jordanou's weak attempt was saved by Peterson.

Carlos Gonsalves was injured and replaced by Billy Buchanan. Two minutes later, in the 65th minute young Ormond and Stewart started arguing and it was Ormond who was sent off allegedly for using foul and abusive language.

Frankston though fought a stout rearguard action. In so doing the players showed a great deal of character and were able to hold out till the final whistle.

Billy gets three, Morgan sent off

ALBION ROVERS 2
(Nisbet pen., McMillan)
FRANKSTON CITY 3
(Buchanan 3) at Selwyn Park.

ALBION: Lacock 5, Nisbet 7, McMillan 5, Munro 4 (Gatt 70th), Croany 5, Reilly 8, Ferrie 5, Smart 4, Gilmour 5, D'Sylva 7, Spiteri 3.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7, Ormond 5, Campbell 5, Wright 4, Drinozcky 6, Tutill 5, Fergadiotis 5, Delyannis 5, Buchanan 8, Burroughs 6, Parks 4.

The extent to which the wind spoiled this game is shown by the fact that all five goals were scored at the one end, with Frankston, with the wind behind it, going in at half-time with a 3-0 lead, only for Albion to pull back to 3-2 in the second term.

Frankston went ahead in the 20th minute when the irrepressible Bill Buchanan picked up a loose ball and hammered it past the groping Danny Lacock from about 20 metres out.

Six minutes later, Buchanan did it again, from almost the same spot, with a cannonball of a free-kick that sped off Lacock's fingertips into the top corner.

Albion was penned in its own half for most of the period, and on the stroke of half-time Kevin Burroughs found himself with only Lacock to beat after a long high clearance and bounced over the Albion defence.

Burroughs clashed with the onrushing Lacock, the ball bounced clear, and Buchanan coolly popped it back into the net for his hat-trick.

Albion started to make inroads into Frankston's lead in the first minute of the

This weekend's Buffalo Cup games with likely winners in capitals:

Frankston City v SUNSHINE at Centenary Park, Saturday, 3.45 pm.

ALBION ROVERS v Northcote at Selwyn Park, Saturday, 3.45 pm.

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Polonia (draw) at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3.45 pm.

George Cross v Hellas-Hakoah (draw) at Selwyn Park, Sunday, 3.45 pm.

second half, when Bobby Nisbet scored from the penalty spot. Graham Tutill was lucky not to be sent off as he over-vigourously dissented with referee Michael Gaut and actually pushed the referee away with both hands, only to be awarded a yellow card.

When, nine minutes later, fullback Andy McMillan jumped high above Dave Gilbert to nod home Ken Smart's high floating cross, it seemed that Albion's pressure would wear Frankston down, but the home side fiddled away, and as the breeze died, so did Albion's chances.

Albion's best were Gerry Reilly, Mick D'Sylva and as usual, Bobby Nisbet, but the other newcomers failed to flatter. Frankston was well served by Dave Gilbert, Paul Drinozcky and of course, Bill Buchanan.

LES SHORROCK

POLONIA 1 (Krysinaki)
GEORGE CROSS 3 (Toal 2, Farmer) at Green Gully Reserve.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6, Lipiarski 6, Jaworski 6, A. Czapnik 7, Pichner 6, Wallace 5, P. Czapnik 6, Innes 4 (Saglam 55th. 5), Lalic 4, Krysinaki 4 (Inj. Herman H.T. 5), Marshall 5.

GEORGE CROSS: Hunter 6, Morgan 6 (sent off 80th), McKinley 8, T. Vella 6, Wilkinson 6, McCann 8, Salvo 7, Maitland 6, Toal 9, Farmer 7, Mizzi 7.

Damien Morgan was sent off after a behind the play clash with Polonia striker Brendan Lalic as George Cross broke through for its first Buffalo Cup victory.

Cross newcomer, Alvaro Salvo did well in his debut. Salvo previously was with South Melbourne Hellas.

Cross is keen to sign Slavia defender Neville Haupt while transfer listed Cross midfielder, Dave Rigby, has had talks with Sunshine.

HELLAS-HAKOAH 2 (Verniers o.g., Bitsonis)
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Stroust) at Middle Park.

HELLAS-HAOK: Fryzzer 7, Davidson 6, Jordanou 8, Hannah 8, Wilson 8, Gadsby 7, Webster 9, Owens 7 (Abraham H.T. 8), McClunie 6 (Bitsonis 73rd), Kalogeros 7, Kalam-bokis 7.

WILHELMINA: Barclay 7, Pasman 5, de Graaf 5, Luyten 6, Verniers 4, O'Reilly 5, Brooks 6, Gibson 6, Nyhalt 6 (Stroust H.T. 6), Hoyland 7, Thom 6 (Cosier 50th. 5).

SUNSHINE 2 NORTH-COTE 0

FRANKSTON 0 POLONIA 0

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Ormond 7, Drinozcky 7, Tutill 9, Campbell 7 - Golby 7 (Congden 60th), Wright 6 (Parks 50th), Delyianis 6, Reader 8, Burroughs 8, Buchanan 7.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 7 - S. Klain 7, A. Czapnik 8, Herman 7, Pichner 6 - Jaworski 6, Wallace 9, Innes 6 - Lipiarski 6, Krysinaki 6 (Saglam 54th), Lalic 7.

Frankston City has signed former Sheffield United attacking midfielder, Pat O'Connor, whose brother Dave coaches new State League Morwell Falcons.

O'Connor, along with Rob Stewart and Carl Holford, is expected to arrive here from the U.K. in the first week in March.

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Another Frankston recruit, Paul Drinozcky, made his debut against Polonia last Saturday. Frankston paid \$2,500 for Drinozcky from Metro Second Division club Melbourne.

Pery Foster, a 19 year old striker from Tasmanian club Brighton ICL, has done well in practice matches with the Baysiders and should sign shortly.

Polonia was without Alex Marshall, who simply didn't turn up. Apparently he got lost in transit to Centenary Park. And Mirek Smolarek just received his permanent residency but couldn't be registered in time. Peter Czapnik was unavailable through illness.

Yet Polonia looked the slicker outfit even though some of its players lacked the commitment of Frankston's youngsters.

John Wallace ruled the roost in midfield. Twice he sent Brendan Lakic through but the tigerish striker failed to finish.

Frankston's best was graham Tutill who revelled in his new-found role as sweeper.

Frankston City v

G.G. Ajax

Centenary Park, Saturday
Kick-off 2.45pm.

The young Frankston City side looks incapable of stopping State League champion Ajax.

Frankston's new stopper, Paul Drinozcky from Melbourne, is in for a baptism of fire against hardened Ajax striker Gus Macleod.

There was doubt as we went to press about Rob Stewart and Carl Holford returning from the U.K. in time for this clash but Pat O'Connor from Sheffield United and new Townsville recruit David Whiteside should be in the Baysiders' line-up.

Paul Lewis is set to take the State League by storm this year. The speedy, blond haired striker looks razor sharp and his nose for goals will provide Ajax with a lethal strike force.

David Smallman and Gordon Wallace should be two of the most polished attacking midfielders in State League. It's hard to see the Baysiders matching the quality of this pair.

And at the back Ajax boasts probably the best central defensive combination in the league in John Gardiner and Stuart Cannell.

Gerry Bennett is back from Newcastle in NSW while Peter Lewis looks better and better going forward.

Reinforcements on way after 5-0 thrashing

FRANKSTON 0 AJAX 5 (Macleod 2, Peter Lewis, Paul Lewis, Wallace).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 5 - Whiteside 6, Tutill 6, Drinoscky 7, Pye 6 - Golby 6, Delyannis 5, Mitchell 6, Reader 6, Buchanan 6.

AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 7, Gardiner 7, Hogben 7 - Smallman 7 (Bennett 75th), Vassallo 8, Wallace 8 - Macleod 8, Paul Lewis 7, Williams 7.

Slavia midfielder Paul Cooke appears before the Appeals Board for a second time tomorrow (Thursday) and hopes to cross to Frankston.

The Baysiders sure could use some quality in their young first team squad.

Sweeper Rob Stewart returns from Scotland at 9 am on Friday. Midfielder Carl Holford is due to arrive the following day. Both will be rushed into the side for the game against Northcote.

No wonder: Last Sunday the home side received a 5-0 drubbing from slick State League champion Ajax.

Bobby McLachlan's outfit took just two minutes to strike its scoring touch. Ex-Everton and Wrexham star David Smallman split the Frankston defence with a through ball for quicksilver Paul Lewis who crossed from the right. Who should be lurking in his customary back post position but Gus Macleod. The big man doesn't miss many in the air and headed home decisively.

Gordon Wallace was put through into a one-on-one with David Gilbert after 27 minutes. The Victorian youth team keeper pulled down Ajax's attacking midfielder and Macleod notched his second goal from the resultant penalty.

Gilbert dropped the ball from a corner early in the second half and Paul Lewis pounced, driving the ball in from close range.

Ajax stretched its lead when John Gardiner played a superb long ball to Peter Lewis, cutting in from the right behind the Frankston defence. Lewis expertly slotted the ball under Gilbert's body to make it 4-0.

Ajax's tally was completed in spectacular fashion when a free kick just outside the Frankston area was tapped to one side for Wallace to send the ball screaming into the roof of the net from 22 metres.

Kokkinos scores in debut



NORTHCOTE 2 (Kokkinos, Fakos) FRANKSTON 1 (Buchanan pen.)

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 8 - Wilson 7, Baskic 7, Petrakos 7, C. Nisbet 7 - Bol 8, Kyriakidis 7, Fakos 9 - Sahinidis 7 (Licclair 85th), Kokkinos 6, Ryan 6 (Kriaris 65th).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 5 - Whiteside 6, Drinoscky 6, Stewart 7 (Delyannis 75th), Pye 6 - Gonsalves 5, Mitchell 7, Tutill 6 - Buchanan 6, Wall 6, Golby 7.

Ulysses Kokkinos, the colorful ex-Hellas, Heidelberg Alexander and Juventus star, made a triumphant comeback to State League soccer with a spectacular volley in the 10th minute which put Northcote 1-0 up.

Visitor Frankston hit back just before the interval when Hayden Bol brought down Graham Tutill inside the Northcote area and experienced Frankston striker Bill Buchanan converted from the penalty spot.

The Northerners grabbed the winner in the 75th minute. Con Fakos is making a habit of scoring important goals against his old club, Frankston.

The former Doveton defender, now playing in midfield for Northcote, scored against the Baysiders at Centenary Park last year. That goal was a superb solo effort which ripped the heart out of Frankston.

The Fakos winner on Sunday wasn't as spectacular. Nonetheless, his timing and direction was excellent when he ran onto Jim Sahinidis's low cross into the Frankston area and gave Dave Gilbert little chance with a well placed first time shot.

The game featured two newcomers. Frankston's Carlos Gonsalves from Provisional League club Port United and Northcote's Steven Ryan, ex-Ferntree Gully.

Northcote player-coach Jim Kriaris was negotiating with a midfielder from a Melbourne PSL club as we went to press.

Holford back at last?

FRANKSTON 1 (Buchanan) CROATIA 1 (Brogan).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 9 - Whiteside 7, Stewart 8, Drinoscky 7, Pye 7 - Golby 6, Gonsalves 6 (Burrows 60th), Mitchell 6, Tutill 6 - Buchanan 8, Wall 6.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 8, Parton 7, Adams 6, Blavier 7 - Batinovic 6 (Biskic 60th), Faulkner 7, Murphy 7 - Latif 7, Brogan 7, Gajevic 6 (Antolovic 70th).

Frankston's dynamic little midfielders Carl Holford finally should return from the U.K. this week.

English recruit Pat O'Connor had had his temporary visa approved and should follow hot on Holford's heels.

On the local front Frankston continues its bid to win the services of midfielder Paul Cooke who is appealing against the transfer fee put on his head by Slavia.

And the Baysiders won their first point of the season against State League giant Melbourne Croatia.

Josip Biskic and Jozo Antolovic, Croatia's new imports, came on as substitutes in the second half and it won't be long before they find themselves in the starting line-up.

Former Slavia defender David Pye was the man assigned by Frankston coach Harry Chalkitis as the marker for Croatia's Ossie Latis and Pye did the job.

The Baysiders hit the front in the 65th minute and Croatia coach Bill McArthur probably will work on how to organise and maintain a defensive wall at training this week.

Bill Buchanan prepared to take a free kick just outside the area. A Frankston player made an off-the-ball run which broke the Croatia wall enough for Buchanan to slam his free kick low through the wall and inside the far corner of goal.

Former Frankston Pines and Slavia player Colin Mitchell had a good chance a few minutes later to put Frankston two up but shot wide with only Peter Blasby to beat.

Three minutes from time Tony Curcio made a good run down the right and crossed low to the near post where Dave Brogan side-footed in first time to give Croatia a point.

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Watters to Shiners

SUNSHINE 2 (Gonsalves o.g., McNally)
FRANKSTON 0.

SUNSHINE: Contini 6 - Mussel 6, Gramsbergon 7, Lowe 7, Ellis 7 - Bain 8, Nelson 6, McNally 7 - Mudrinc 6 (McRobert 75th), Pato 6, Taylor 6.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6 - White-side 7, Drinoscky 6, Stewart 5, Pye 6 - Golby 7, Gonsalves 7, Tutill 8, Mitchell 5 - Buchanan 6 (inj. Burroughs 60th), Delyannis 5.

Sunshine signed Altona midfielder George Watters last week.

David Nelson, brother of midfielder Rob, rejoined the Shiners when he flew in from the U.K. on Saturday. He played with Watters in Sunday's reserve game against Frankston and both scored.

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Thom to run on to the ball and 9 metres let fly with a powerful high flew into the far corner. before half time John Luyten's set up Charlie Spiteri who ham- the ball past Ken Barclay. McDermott appeared to be concussed second half clash and he headed the path of Ken Smart whose well shot gave Albion a draw. n brought on new signing from 7, striker Steve McMillan with 15 to go. her new Albion signing, Lars from Heidelberg United, got a run st 10 minutes.

In about five weeks time there'll be three Nelsons at Sunshine when 21 year old Stuart arrived from Scotland.

And Carl Holford arrived at last. Well, we think he arrived. The club told "Soccer Action" that he arrived last Monday. We were unable to verify the story with Frankston or Holford as we went to press.

Although not undeserved it took a stroke of luck to open Sunshine's account on Sunday. John Mudrinc shot against the post in the 8th minute and the ball rebounded on to the knee of the incoming Carlos Gonsalves and went in.

The Shiners stretched their lead in the 59th minute when John McNally cut in from the left, beat two opponents then tucked away a right foot shot from about 12 metres.

Kevin Burroughs came on for the injured Bill Buchanan and missed twice from the one good chance. Burroughs' first attempt to shoot was a mis-kick. He spun around and the ball was still in front of him so he shot a second time but blasted over.

The Frankston camp wasn't too thrilled by a refereeing decision later in the second half. Gonsalves volleyed the ball which appeared to hit the back stanchion and bounce back out. Referee Venios waved play on.

Brothers to clash

FRANKSTON 1 (Holford)
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 3
(Stewart, Thom, Hoyland).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6 - White-side 7, Drinoscky 7, Stewart 7, Pye 7 - Gonsalves 6, Holford 8, Tutill 9 - Golby 6 (inj. Mitchell 70th), Wall 6, Buchanan 7.

WILHELMINA: Barclay 8 - Pasman 6, Brooks 7, Luyten 7, McDermott 9 - Gibson 5, Trant 8, Thom 8 (Burton 75th) - Hoyland 8, Carroll 8, Stewart 8.

English import Pat O'Connor arrived on the weekend and is a likely starter in Frankston's line-up for its game with Morwell Falcons on Sunday.

If O'Connor plays, Sunday's clash will assume a unique family twist as brother Dave O'Connor is the coach of Falcons. Frankston still is keen to sell midfielder Carl Holford. South Melbourne Hellas and Canberra are interested. If the Baysiders sell Holford they can buy dissident Slavia midfielder Paul Cooke. Holford's departure also would open up a vacancy for an overseas visa player and there are at least two strikers in the UK keen to sign with Frankston.

The Baysiders led Wilhelmina for just over a minute at Centenary Park on Sunday.

That's right, Sunday. Not on Saturday as every soccer journalist in this state was led to believe.

Holford played a one-two with Bill Buchanan in the 12th minute and from just inside the Wilhelmina area scored with a low shot.

A minute later Wilhelmina worked the ball down its right side. Don Pasman, new UK import Joe Carroll and Dave Hoyland were involved and Hoyland's cross in behind the Frankston defence was tapped in by Ken Stewart from about four metres out. Inexplicably, David Gilbert, Frankston's keeper, stayed on his line as Hoyland's cross came over.

Two minutes later Mike de Bruycker's side hit the front. Graham Tutill's headed clearance fell to Brian Thom who volleyed a fierce shot home from about 15 metres out.

The home side's fate was sealed just 10 minutes from time when Carroll headed on to Hoyland who neatly slotted the ball past Gilbert from about 10 metres.

O'Callaghan v Holford

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (McClunie, Mitten, T. van Baar) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Holford pen).

FALCONS: Whiteside 9 - Smart 7, Higham 9, Irvine 8, Neale 8 (Inj. O'Connor 81st) - Perkin 7, O'Callaghan 8, Diggel 6 (J. van Baar 75th), Lecky 7 - Mitten 9, McClunie 9.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Whiteside 7, Stewart 6, Drinozcky 5, Pye 7 - Golby 5, Holford 9, Tutill 8 - Buchanan 7, Wall 7, O'Connor 6 (Gonsalves 70th).

The battle in midfield between Falcons John O'Callaghan and Frankston's Carl Holford was the main feature of this match.

Both players are in fine touch and arguably could be placed among the finest mid-fielders in the state at present.

Bill Whiteside was forced to pull off two fine saves in the opening 20 minutes from shots by Holford and Kevin Wall then Falcons hit the front in the 35th minute.

A long clearance dropped in behind David Pye and Tommy Lecky raced through. The

little winger crossed and Richie McClunie, racing in to goal, met the ball first time with a well placed header.

A minute after half time Falcons increased their lead. Dave Perkin floated across a free kick from the right and Peter Diggel headed on. The ball went past the back post but McClunie retrieved it then squared to Noel Mitten who sidefooted in at the near post.

Frankston reduced the deficit in the 70th minute after Sandy Irvine fouled Graham Tutill inside Falcons' area. Holford scored from the resultant penalty.

McClunie tried to win a corner off a Frankston defender in the 77th minute. The defender let the ball run to the edge of the area where Mitten scooted past three opponents and squared for Tony Van Baar to settle the issue with his first touch of the ball.

**WORST
GAME
EVER!**

**FRANKSTON 0 ALBION
ROVERS 0**

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Whiteside 6, Tutill 8, Drinozcky 8, Pye 6 - Gonsalves 6, Holford 7, Mitchell 7, O'Connor 5 (Burroughs H.T. 6) - Stewart 5, Wall 6.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 7 - Cutler 7, Creamy 7, A. McMillan 7, Wisbet 7 - Murphy 7, Reilly 6, Spilart 5 (Inj. D'Sylva 70th) - Ferris 6, K. Coyle 6, Smart 5.

After the match Frankston coach Harry Chalkitis and Rovers' coach Frank Munro indulged in a criticism contest. Munro won convincingly.

"That's the worst game I've seen in the last 10 years," said Chalkitis.

"That's the worst game I've ever seen," said Munro.

Frankston was without striker Bill Buchanan, recovering from a twisted knee, and midfielder Andy Golby, who has a bruised bone in his foot. Both are unlikely to play on the weekend.

Chalkitis switched Graham Tutill from midfield to sweeper, where Tutill played so well in the Buffalo Cup.

Tutill and young Paul Drinozcky played an important part in grabbing a point for Frankston however two misses from Keiron Coyle and Ken Smart proved costly.

Coyle seemed surprised when a diagonal ball into the Frankston area in the first half fell at his feet. Coyle's shot was more like a back pass. David Gilbert had no trouble gathering.

Smart's chance fell in the last five minutes but the Albion striker shot across the face of goal from about 10 metres out.

The best of the Baysiders' chances involved a Robbie Stewart shot which hit the outside of the post.

Petersen feels Przybyla bite

**POLONIA 2 (Krysinaki pen, Przybyla)
FRANKSTON 1 (Wall)**

POLONIA: Dzielekowski 8 - Klein 6 (Lakic 65th), Jaworski 7, Mile 7, A. Czapnik 7 - P. Czapnik 6, Sekulski 6, Liplarski 7 - Krysinaki 6, Przybyla 6, Marshall 5 (inj. Wallace H.T. 6).

FRANKSTON: Petersen 8 - Whiteside 7, Drinozcky 8, Holford 7, Pye 7 - Goncalves 8, Cooke 7, Mitchell 7 (Reader 74th), Buchanan 7 (Burroughs 77th) - Stewart 7, Wall 7.

Janusz Przybyla was standing in an offside position in the 93rd minute with the scores deadlocked at 1-1 and couldn't believe his luck when Carl Holford's poor back pass allowed Polonia's ace striker to round Frank Petersen and snatch two vital points for his side.

Frankston was busy in the transfer market just hours before this match.

Former keeper Petersen was signed from Kellor Austria for about \$400 and midfielder Paul Cooke crossed from Slavia for about \$2,500.

Petersen was rushed straight into the first team as regular custodian Dave Gilbert was in Canberra with the Victorian youth side.

The Baysiders hit the front through Kevin Wall, playing his best game since returning from Green Gully Ajax earlier this season.

Former Frankston Pines and Slavia midfielder Colin Mitchell saw Wall making a diagonal run across the Polonia area and played the ball into space. Wall gained possession and expertly slotted the ball past Leszek Dzielekowski.

Polonia levelled just before half time with a controversial penalty. David Pye was on the Frankston goal line and was judged to have handled the ball. Pye and his coach Harry Chalkitis were adamant after the match that the ball hit Pye's thigh however the decision went against the Baysiders and Tad Krysinaki scored from the spot.

Polonia though could have been three goals up in the first 15 minutes. The biggest culprit was tall Alex Marshall who was set-up by Przybyla but was foiled by Petersen from only five metres out.

Przybyla also wasn't blameless. He miskicked from six metres out to waste a great chance to open Polonia's account.

Dzielekowski made two superb second half saves, the first from a Cooke piledriver and the second from a first time volley by substitute Robbie Reader from just inside the area.

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Frankston's Holford the man for the Doc

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Little midfielder Carl Holford may make his debut for South Melbourne Hellas in the PSL Match of the Day against Sydney Olympic at Middle Park on Sunday.

The game will be shown on Channel 0/28 on Sunday night.

Holford was signed from Victorian State League club Frankston City for \$6500 last week.

Bad luck, 'Bees

FRANKSTON CITY 0 WERRIBEE 0 at Centenary Park. Frankston City won 5-4 on penalties.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 - D. Whiteside 7, Drinozcky 7, Tutill 8, Pye 8 - Mitchell 6, Cooke 7, Reader 6 (O'Connor 90th) - Stewart 7, Giannakis 6 (Ormond 70th 6), Gonsalves 8.

WERRIBEE: Dixon 8 - Lindsay 5, Crilly 6, Plessa 8, Crosier 8 - Dimitriou 6, Laing 8, Lord 8 - Carlsson 6, Kinnear 6 (Sanseverio 63rd 5), Reardon 6.

This was an absolutely abysmal game between two bad teams out of form.

To be fair, credit must go to Werribee considering its lowly status compared to that of its State League opponent but this looked like the reserve game before the big match.

Frankston was without Kevin Wall, Billy Buchanan and Andy Golby — all injured — while Carl Holford had been transferred to South Melbourne Hellas. Dave Gilbert was on the bench.

If Frankston is to have any hope of going further in the Dockerty Cup it will need a full squad and a few new players from which to pick its starting eleven.

For the record, Mitchell, Drinozcky, Cooke, Gonsalves and Tutill scored Frankston's penalties at the end. Lord, Laing, Crosier and Dimitriou replied for Werribee. Reardon missed with the last kick of the match and Frankston had scraped in. — MICK O'BRIEN

Graham French scores a bizarre goal

JUVENTUS 3 (Zinni 2, French) FRANKSTON 0

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 - V. Bannon 7, Donaldson 7, P. Bannon 7, Hird 7 - Cunningham 6, Swinscoe 6 - Heery 8, French 6, Incantalupo 7, Zinni 7.
FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - D. Whiteside 7 (inj. Burrough 70th), Drinozcky 7, Tutill 7, Pye 6 - Ormond 7, Cooke 7, Mitchell 6, Goncalves 6 - Wall (inj. Campbell 75th), Stewart 6.

Graham French gets the credit for Juventus' second goal five minutes before half time because his body got in the way of David Pye's clearance, the ball ricocheting off French and rocketing into the back of Frankston's net.

It wasn't exactly a fitting finale to the opening 45 minutes as visitor Frankston had matched strides with its more prestigious opponent even though it had gone a goal down in the 8th minute.

Frankston lost possession on the halfway line. Juventus got forward quickly down its left side. Fabio Incantalupo drove a hard, low ball across goal and Andrew Zinni, lurking at the back post sidefooted in from about five metres.

Frankston's best chance of the game fell in the 24th minute. Robbie Stewart let the ball run for Kevin Wall and took off around the outside of Vince Bannon. Wall played the ball to Stewart whose first time drive from all of 20 metres skimmed the bar.

The second half was highlighted by a series of niggly incidents. David Whiteside had to be carried off after a bad tackle from behind and Kevin Wall was on the end of some rough stuff dished out by the Juventus defence.

Young Zinni settled the scoreline with Juve's third and his second goal in the 74th minute. Incantalupo was at the back post to head a cross from the right back to Zinni at the opposite post. Zinni tapped it in from about four metres.

A sad feature of the afternoon was the inability of Frankston to start the reserve game with a full side. Only 10 Baysiders lined-up for the kick-off.

Wilkinson won't retire

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Rigby) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Stewart)

GEORGE CROSS: TACHIRIS& - Scorri 6, Lawson 8, Bilusic 6, Pizani 6 - Vella 7, Rigby 8, McCann 7 - Toal 7, Gilder 7, Mizzi 7.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 9 - Pye, TUTILL -, Dri-noczky 7, Mitchell 7 - Reeder 6 (Park 70th), C. Whiteside 7, Cooke 7, Gonsalves 8 - Stewart 7, Buchanan &.

Shades of last year's controversial Paddy Banon incident appeared at George Cross last week when a club official suggested to Bill Wilkinson that retirement was a good idea.

A Heidelberg Alexander official had the audacity to suggest the same to Bannan last year. Wilkinson though is unperturbed. He thinks that he still can command a first team spot and he's more determined than ever to prove George Cross wrong.

And judging by Sunday's effort against Frankston City the experienced Wilkinson

may not be far away from winning his place back.

Cross hit the front in the 23rd minute. Bobby Toal's long pass into the area was met by Dave Rigby's head. The ball hit the bar as keeper Frank Petersen made a desperate bid to save. The ball dropped down, hit Petersen and rolled into goal.

Frankston though had the better of the first half chances. Carlos Gonsalves missed two sitters, one a header inside the six yard area.

The second half was an entertaining end-to-end affair. The Baysiders levelled thanks to a great diving header from Robbie Stewart in the 68th minute. David Pye had gone down the right and passed to Bill Buchanan. His chest high cross was glanced in to perfection by Stewart.

Cross finished with a flourish but thanks to Petersen's reaction save in the 83rd minute and Cliff Whiteside's clearance off the line in the 89th minute scores remained deadlocked.

Mitchell's mistakes let Croydon in

FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Reader) CROYDON 3 (Nolan 2, P. Loughnane)

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6 - Pye 7, Drinoczky 7, Tutill 6, Mitchell 5 - Reader 6 (Campbell 70th), C. Whiteside 6, Cooke 6, Gonsalves 6 (Inj. Burroughs 88th) - Buchanan 8, Stewart 6.

CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Brown 7, McCombe 8, Haupt 7, Hobson 7 - Corke 7, Dobson 8, Nolan 8 - P. Loughnane 7, Tkachuk 7, Lia 6.

Two defensive blunders from left back Colin Mitchell enabled Croydon to score three goals, its highest league total in any match this season and its first game in 1982 under coach Bill McArthur.

McArthur left Croydon as coach last year and was hired by Melbourne Croatia in December. About two weeks ago Croatia sacked him and last week he replaced Ken Kontra as coach of Croydon.

Frankston City won first use of near gale force winds at Centenary Park but at the break had only one goal to show for its efforts.

It was a superb move though which led to Frankston's 27th minute goal. Carlos Gonsalves left two opponents standing down the left and played the ball forward to Cliff Whiteside whose first time flick inside set-up young Robbie Reader. He made no mistake by

simply sidefooting the ball past the helpless Micky Edwards.

About 10 minutes into the second half scores were tied. Mitchell completely miskicked the ball while attempting to take a free kick. The ball was quickly played into the Frankston area and fell for Peter Loughnane who let fly with a volley from the right side of the box and reduced the leeway.

Four minutes later Croydon was in front. Frank Petersen wasn't prepared for Graham Tutill's passback and the ball went out for a corner. Steve McCombe was at the back post to head the corner-kick back across goal and Terry Nolan headed in.

With just seven minutes remaining Mitchell played the ball square but Croydon intercepted. The ball was quickly played in behind the Frankston defence and Nolan was through. The former Makedonia midfielder didn't shoot cleanly but Petersen made a mess of his attempt to save, the ball bouncing over his body and into goal.

Frankston had chances late in the game. Billy Buchanan broke clear but shot wide then Paul Drinoczky headed straight at Edwards from Paul Cooke's corner.

TUTILL SENT OFF

DOVETON 1 (Quin) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Drinoczky)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - Waite 6, Thurlow 7, Hulusi 7 (Waterhouse 80th), K. Middlemast 7 - McIvor 7, Andrews 7, Train 7 - Spinks 7, Webster 8, Quinn 7.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 - Pye 8, Drinoczky 8, Tutill 6 (sent off 40th), Wright 7 - Ormond 7, C. Whiteside 7, Mitchell 7, Reader 7 - Buchanan 7, Stewart 7.

Frankston City fought back with only 10 men from a one goal deficit to snatch an important away point in its fight to push clear of the relegation zone.

Home side Doveton, like Frankston anxious to push clear of the bottom two places in the league table, took a 1-0 lead after 38 minutes.

Winger Alan Quin shot from about 20 metres out and keeper Frank Petersen completely misjudged the flight of the ball. The Frankston Custodian made no attempt to save as the ball sailed into the back of his net.

Two minutes later the Baysiders backs were well and truly facing the wall when sweeper Graham Tutill was sent off.

Tutill had been booked earlier and referee Upjohn flashed the red card at the Frankston player after Doveton's Stan Webster was fouled.

Right back David Pye switched to cover for Tutill and young Eddie Ormond dropped back from midfield to right back. At half time coach Harry Chalkitis decided to use only two in midfield, Cliff Whiteside and Colin Mitchell, with three up front.

It was a gamble which paid off in the 77th minute when Paul Drinoczky headed in Robbie Stewart's corner.

The game developed into real end-to-end stuff.

The Doves went close when Pye's back header almost ended up in an own goal but Petersen reacted well and pulled off a fine save.

Right on the stroke of full time Ormond ran through onto Bill Buchanan's pass but Lou Ivanoff pulled off a spectacular save to fingertip wide a fine drive from the Frankston youngster.



Walkover

AJAX 5 (Paul Lewis 2, Macleod penalty, Boyle, Morrey) FRANKSTON CITY 0

AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 7 (Bennett 60th), Gardiner 8, Cannell 8, Hogben 8 - Boyle 8, Smallman 7, Williams 8 - Macleod 7, Paul Lewis 8, Morrey 7 (Greechan 80th).

FRANKSTON: Peterson 8 Pye 8, Drinczky 8, Ormond 5, Wright 5 (D. Whiteside H.T. 6) - Cooke 5, C. Whiteside 5, Mitchell 5, Sekulski 5 - Buchanan 5, Stewart 5.

The home side should have been four goals up before it finally opened its account in the 30th minute.

Bill Morrey passed to Paul Lewis who rounded young Andrew Wright and slotted the ball past the advancing Petersen.

Six minutes later Wright brought down Paul Lewis inside the Frankston area and Gus Macleod did his business from the penalty spot.

A minute later the avalanche gathered momentum. Paul Lewis broke clear into a through ball and gave Petersen no chance.

A free kick outside the Frankston area saw the ball played to Ajax newcomer Peter Boyle, signed from Preston Makedonia last week and the former West Adelaide midfielder slammed the ball away.

Tribunal will decide

Northcote City is in danger of losing the points after failing to turn up for last Saturday's away game against Frankston at Centenary Park.

The VSF tribunal will sit on judgement of the case probably next Wednesday night.

It's possible that Frankston City will be given the points and a 1-0 scoreline.

Had the matter concerned the playing of an ineligible player then the scoreline would have been recorded as 3-0 but failure to turn up usually results in loss of points and a 1-0 scoreline.

Northcote claims that it never received written notification of the switch to Saturday from the VSF.

The match originally was scheduled for Sat-

urday but at Frankston's request was switched to Sunday by the VSF.

The VSF discovered that it was too late to make the switch on the pools coupon and had to revert back to its original Saturday dateline. That was on June 10.

The VSF sent out news releases on the match change saying that it was to be played on Saturday.

Northcote, Frankston and Doveton are locked in a bitter struggle to escape the bottom two spots in State League and relegation to First Division.

Frankston official Les Smith is confident of his club being granted the points.

"We did everything right. Our reserves turned up, our first team turned up and we paid the referees who turned up," said Smith.

"The one drawback to winning the case is that we'll have to pay the players a win bonus," he quipped.

Croatia easily but Kiss isn't happy

CROATIA 3 (Drinoczky o.g., Batinovic, Latif) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Wall).

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Adams 7, Perton 7, Antolovic 7, Morovic 7 - Murphy 8, Faulkner 7, Gojevic 7 (Dacic 58th) - Batinovic 7, Latif 7, Brogan 7.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 - D. Whiteside 6, Drinoczky 7, Pye 6, Ormond 6 - C. Whiteside 7, Cooke 6, Tutill 7, Sekulski 6 (Mitchell 70th) - Wall 8, Buchanan 6.

A top class side would have run up a cricket score against Frankston which defensively was inept and gave the ball away with almost unbelievable ease.

Kevin Wall battled his heart out for the Baysiders. He was my pick as their best because

he got little support up front yet kept offering himself, scored a fine goal and went close two other times.

Rob Stewart was suspended and Carlos Gonsalves is holidaying in Europe. So struggling Frankston was up against it from the outset.

Its cause wasn't helped when it gave away a soft goal in the 28th minute. Keeper Frank Petersen made a hash of a goalkick. The ball was back inside the Frankston area in seconds where sweeper David Pye inexplicably tapped it square to the waiting Kenny Murphy. The Croatia star's

low shot was heading for the far post and Petersen looked to have it well covered but young Paul Drinoczky stuck out a foot when trying to clear and deflected the ball into his own goal.

A minute later scores should have been level. The incoming Wall slid down and shot at the far post only to watch in dismay as the ball hit off the other post and was scrambled clear.

Seven minutes later Osman Latif cut in from the left and his low shot cannoned off the near post. Steve Gojevic was following in and knocked the ball across the face of goal where the incoming Ned Batinovic simply tapped it in to the open goal from a metre out.

Wall got the goal his honest endeavour deserved in the 57th minute. He was just onside as a long through ball caught Croatia blatantly square at the back. Peter Blasby charged some 35 metres out but Wall was there first to firmly lob the ball into the unguarded goal.

Frankston though, never looked likely to level. Its hopes were shattered when Latif just swung a boot hopefully at the ball from 12 metres and watched it trundle in off the

**'BARBARIC':
ADAM HITS
AT AJAX**

AJAX 3 (Macleod, Peter Lewis, Paul Lewis) HELLAS-HAKOAH 1 (Cummings)

AJAX: Davis 7 - Peter Lewis 8 - around their chests. The fou-

Sekulski, Buchanan sink Sunshine

FRANKSTON 2 (Buchanan penalty, Sekulski) SUNSHINE 0

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 - D. Whiteside 7 (inj. Mitchell 65th), Pye 8, Drinoczky 8, Stewart 7 - Buchanan 7, C. Whiteside 7, Cooke 7 (inj. Ormond 55th 7) - Wall 7, Tutill 7, Sekulski 7.

SUNSHINE: Masseni 7 - Mussel 7, Lowe 6, Gramsbergen 6, Taylor 7 - Bain 7, Waters 6 (McRobert 70th), R. Nelson 6 - McNally 6, Pete 6, D. Nelson 7.

This win gives Frankston some hope of avoiding the drop. The Baysi-

ders may have to face up to Northcote at Olympic Park on a Wednesday night, to play their game which was abandoned a couple of weeks ago due to Northcote's failure to appear.

Sunshine though easily could have led. Frank Petersen did well in the 6th minute to hold onto a firm header by Rob Nelson.

Referee Venios ignored Frankston's pleas for a penalty when Rob Gramsbergen brought down Graham Tutill inside the Sunshine area but the big Sunshine stopper repeated the dose in the 21st minute and Venios pointed to the spot. Billy Buchanan scored.

The Baysiders decided at the break that there was no point in hanging back, trying to protect their slender lead and inviting aggressive Sunshine to come at them.

Frankston coach Harry Chalkitis must have been well satisfied with using Richard Sekulski up front when the former Polonia player sealed Sunshine's fate in the 60th minute.

Kevin Wall sent Tutill down the left. The versatile Tutill crossed, Sekulski brought the ball down, cut inside a defender then crashed an unstoppable shot into the far corner from 12 metres for a great goal.

Bannon 8, P. Bannon 7, Donaldson 6, Hird 7, G. Bannon 6, Cunningham 8, Swincoe 8, Heery 5 (J. Nelson 60th), Incantalupo 8, French 7.

Rumors were flying around Chaplin Reserve after this match that there could be a coaching upheaval this week.

The Shiners could find themselves in the relegation fight shortly if they don't pick up a few points soon.

Juventus struck its first blow in the 15th minute when Sunshine defenders kept backing off Fabio Incantalupo who let fly once in range

Nelson had a great chance to level but blasted over from four metres.

Juventus went further ahead in the 55th minute. Incantalupo crossed from the left, Tony Heery did well to win the ball then knocked it inside for Graham French who whacked it in from only four metres.

Norrie Pate replaced struggling Rob Gramsbergen and made no mistake from the penalty spot after Ged Bannon brought down Frankston Mussel inside the area.

a fine header into the path of Incantalupo who met it perfectly about 18 metres out and sent it thundering into the top corner with a stunning drive.

Sunshine's demise was completed in the 76th minute when Incantalupo crossed, French nodded down, and Ged Bannon whacked the ball home from close range.

couple of Sunshine players must be shaking their heads in disbelief at the agility of Juve keeper Alex Fantoma.

One of Fantoma's saves, from a Roger Bain piledriver, had to be seen to be believed. The Juve-

keeper flung himself full length and while airborne clasped the ball cleanly, dropped to the deck and maintained possession.

Will Frankston do a Houdini?

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 4 (Carroll 2, Burton, Hoyland)
FRANKSTON 5 (Tutill 2, Mitchell, Cooke, Wall).

WILHELMINA: Barclay 5 - Pasman 6, Luyten 6 (sent off 89th), de Graaf 5 (inj. Brooks 40th 7), Verriers 6 - Thom 6 (Straust 80th), GIBSON 8, Burton 7 - Carroll 8, Hoyland 6, Stewart 4.
FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 -

Stewart 7, Pye 8, Drinoczky 7, Campbell 7 - Buchanan 7, Cooke 8 (inj. Golby 65th), Mitchell 7 - Wall 8, Tutill 8 (inj. Reader 77th), Sekulski 8.

Nine goals, John Luyten sent off and a dramatic last seven minutes after Frankston twice threw away a three goal lead - this surely must qualify as the thriller of the State League season.

Frankston now is poised to do a Houdini escape act from the bottom.

Wilhelmina coach Mike de Bruyckere must be shaking his head in disbelief even now as he watched his side open the scoring in the 8th minute only to slump behind twice by three

goals, at 4-1 and 5-2, then comeback and almost snatch a draw.

Joe Carroll, Wilhelmina's best, cut the ball back for Barry Burton to make it 1-0 but a hard, low shot by Paul Cooke in the 25th minute levelled the scores. Cooke played a one-two with Bill Buchanan then ran on and cracked the ball past big Ken Barclay.

The tall Wilhelmina keeper had a minor nightmare and must take a lot of the blame for at least two of Frankston's goals.

The Baysiders hit the front in the 33rd minute when Graham Tutill, their best on the day, cut inside Luyten and crossed for Colin Mitchell whose low, diving header made it 2-1.

That was the half time score but not even the most imaginative playwright could have dreamt of the drama which would envelop the second half.

A minute after the restart Richard Sekulski crossed. Tutill challenged Barclay who should have had no trouble but allowed the ball to fall in behind and Kevin Wall had no trouble making it 3-1.

The Wilhelmina defence was caught dreadfully square later in the half and the elusive Tutill broke clear, drew Barclay, then slotted the ball past him as he came out.

Wilhelmina looked down and out.

Carroll though, was running Paul Drinoczky ragged and notched the first of his two goals a few minutes later when he got free inside the area and slotted the ball past Frank Petersen.

Tutill restored Frankston's three goal cushion in the 77th minute but was injured in the process and had to be replaced. The Frankston striker prodded the ball in during a goalmouth melee but was kicked on the knee. Barclay had dropped a high ball which led to the ensuing scrimmage and Tutill's goal.

Dave Hoyland made it 5-3 in the 80th minute and a fine Carroll goal in the 85th minute set up a nail biting finish.

Doves fly again

POLONIA 2 (Smolarek, Krynski) DOVETON 2 (Dowie, Quin)

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 5 (Dzielakowski H.T. 5) - Klein 5, Mila 6, A. Czapnik 6, Pichner 5 - Lipiarski 5, P. Czapnik 5, Smolarek 6 - Lakić 5, Krynski 5, Przybyla 5 (Jaworski 65th).

away from the relegation zone.

Peter Thurlow didn't get on the score sheet but he came mighty close in the first half. In the opening minute big Thurlow got clear with only Polonia keeper Larry Ostrowsky facing him but shot wide and later in the half, with the Doves leading 2-0, Thurlow let fly with a cracking drive which cannoned onto the upright.

the helpless Ostrowsky with a fine shot.

Seven minutes later Alan Quin bobbed up at the back post to head in and make it 2-0.

Polonia hit back five

Shut our

Tommy Robertson returns

Former George Cross great Tommy Robertson returned to the coaching helm of Frankston City which parted company with Harry Chalkitis last week.

Robertson coached the Baysiders in the second half of last season and is highly re-

garded by the club administrators.

Chalkitis and Frankston City spokesman Les Smith gave different versions of last week's upheaval.

"Frankston needed to cut down on costs so we decided that it was in everyone's interest if I left," said Chalkitis.

Revenge for Ajax

**AJAX 3 (Paul Lewis 2, Gardiner)
CROYDON 1 (Rooney)**

AJAX: Denys 8 (inj McKenna 70th) - Peter Lewis 8, Gardiner 8, Cannell 8, Hogben 8 - Boyle 8, Vassallo 8, Williams 8 - Macleod 8, Paul Lewis 8, Morrey 8.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 - Brown 7, McCombe 7, Dobson 7, Hobson 7 - Corke 7, Rainey 7, Rooney 6 - P. Loughnane 6, Tkachuk 6, Lia 6.

Ajax now has strung 13 straight league wins together which means, of course, that the champion elect has beaten every side in the competition.

Its last loss was against Croydon at Croydon Park and man-

"Really, it's a bit of a mickey mouse game at times. I often think that clubs should take a long, hard look at themselves. Look what happened at Croatia and Croydon this year. Billy McArthur was doing a good job at Croatia but still got sacked. About a week later he was at Croydon in place of Ken Kontra. By all accounts Ken was doing well there and he had been particularly hard hit by injuries. Sometimes I wonder where we're heading in soccer here.

"I want to do myself a favor next time and join a solid club, not one where you have to sell good players to keep afloat but a club with the basis to build."

Smith claimed, however, that Chalkitis was sacked because the players and the com-

mittee had lost confidence in his ability.

"We spent \$13,000 on players for Harry this year but frankly I don't think he was doing the job," said Smith.

"His tactics against Green Gully were unbelievable. We used a couple of sweepers, tried to bottle up the midfield and left the Lone Ranger up front. Our best forward, Kevin Wall, was carrying an injury but played in the reserves. For my money, even half fit, Kevin's worth his place.

"The last straw was against Sunshine when Harry sat a 45-year-old, Kurt Schroeder, on the bench. Now at the start of the year we told Harry that we wanted to promote young, local talent so with all due respects to Kurt, what kind of promotion do you call that?"

Frankston City learns a costly lesson

The recent history of Victorian State League club Frankston City is a lesson to all clubs to live within their means. It also presents a strong argument for economy and rationalisation of the PSL.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

PSL club are finding that within 70 years have gone of at least 1000 young members. Financial viability is increasingly difficult.

There's a lack of light at the end of the long tunnel in which Frankston City has found itself since 1972.

That was the year the Victorian Football League was formed in the PFL Division of Victoria's Metropolitan League.

The formation of the PFL, the following year was Frankston City's debut into State League which found itself with four opponents after Hellen, Alexander, JURE and Belmont had withdrawn to join PFL ranks.

It was in 1972, Reserve in the home ground that Frankston City took out a \$10,000 guaranteed overdraft with a loan bank to improve its ground, former Reserve Sandy Irvine and Hellen star Andy Savage were two of the players brought with the overdraft.

The following year the Reserve formed a representative club to cost a loan of \$40,000 to build clubrooms at Frankston's proposed new home at Canterbury Park.

It was an ambitious scheme for a club formed in 1971 at Mount Dana. It also was the first tentative step along the path to economic instability and near ruin.

The co-operative was instructed to see that the clubrooms were built to completion.

It was to be the start of a plan to make Frankston City one of the strongest clubs in Victorian and eventually secure PSL status.

But the club really has enjoyed a healthy relationship with the loan money.

Committeeman Leo Smith explains: "I think I think that the ground needed at Mt North Bedford Reserve."

"We had a loan to increase liquor on the premises, we were sharing the ground with Bedford Reserve and State officials used the facilities as well."

"The overdraft runs as it was in the 1970s. A general meeting was held and the co-operative formed. Player wages and playing on fees couldn't be covered by the average home game at North Bedford of about \$500.

The club applied for another overdraft, of \$15,000, which was granted. The clubrooms and pitch at Canterbury Park officially were handed over on June 15, 1977. Frankston didn't believe in new homes with a view, being down 1.0 to 1.0.

"It was obvious from the outset that the clubroom was a huge white elephant," said Smith. "It wasn't centrally located enough to draw a healthy crowd and our average attendance fell to around the 200 mark."

In a bid to drum up new members, support Frankston brought out former English international Martin Peters as a guest player in 1978. He was paid \$1000 a game and during the season the team was winning, attendance rose to near 400 and the club just about broke even on the weekend.

It was at this time that the club found out that the overdraft didn't cost \$10,000. An invoice suddenly appeared in the club's office for the cost was closer to \$20,000. One of the bills was for an industrial building, costing \$2,000.

At this time a commitment became guaranteed for yet another overdraft, this time for \$27,000.

Player wages and playing on fees for 1978 totalled \$85,000. The team finished second in State League and was the better finisher in the Derby Cup.

The following year was particularly interesting. With news of the club's debt and the fact some members wanted to copy clubroom building arrangements by the committee. The committee itself was split. Two more people voted to raise the loan.

"We had to go back to the bank and they said we had to pay \$10,000 to get the overdraft extended."

"It was revealed at the time that Frankston City had spent the amount about \$15,000 but we got ourselves back on track in the 1980s. A general meeting was held and the co-operative formed. Player wages and playing on fees couldn't be covered by the average home game at North Bedford of about \$500.

The 10 member committee was formed at 8.5. Negotiations resulted in a loan of \$10,000 to cover the cost of the overdraft. A financial statement was available. It was alleged that all records were lost.

Martin Chivers, secretary, was brought out in a guest player in August, 1980. He was on a 10 game loan to the club at Canterbury Park, which was called off.

Chivers was guaranteed \$1000 a game for three appearances. He only played twice. His last appearance never eventuated as the game was washed out. The club still paid him \$1000 for that match. He handed back \$500.

One of the major problems was Frankston's inability to gain a year-long licence for Canterbury Park. The peer pitch made it impossible to hold friendly games and therefore international players as many appeared during the off-season.

The 1980 committee decided that it couldn't afford to pay the players in full. It said that they would be paid at the end of the year but 12 players approached VFL clubbing because of contract not being given five weeks. Frankston City had lost about \$40,000, the value of these players on the open market had the club been allowed to sell them.

In November, 1980, John Barley, who had returned from a two year business venture in Canberra, was elected president. Leo Smith became vice-president.

The bank, ahead of the club's request in 1981, opening an another account. Frankston made a profit of \$2000. It also paid \$15,000 of the debt. For eight months the bank received \$800 a month.

The club was summoned to appear before a court for outstanding rent of about \$3000. A consent ultimatum meant that Frankston had to pay \$800 a month. It has ever that payment regularly.



Former England international and Frankston City guest player Martin Peters above off his skill by juggling the ball on his face.

Lights go on for Lyndale

Victorian Amateur League First Division club Lyndale United officially will unveil new floodlights on its home ground this Thursday (tomorrow) at 7.20 pm.

Lyndale's home is Barry Powell Reserve in Hutton Road, North Dandenong and VFL secretary George Wallace is one of a number of guests who will be present on the club occasion.

The new lights are valued at about \$1,500 and will be in full use when a team made up of Lyndale old boys takes on the club's under-18's, kick-off 8.30 pm.

The main game, against Lyndale United's senior and reserve outfits kick-off at 8 pm.

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Martin Chivers (left) and then chairman of Frankston City's match committee, Leo Smith, look at the sorry state of the Canterbury Park pitch back in 1980. Chivers received \$200 for the game which had to be called off.

Scare for Falcons

FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Sekulski) MORWELL FALCONS 3 (McClunie, Mitten, T. van Baar).

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen 7 - Campbell 7, Pye 6, Drinoczky 6, Stewart 6 - Buchanan 6, Cooke 6, Mitchell 5 (O'Connor H.T. 4), Sekulski 7 - Wall 7, Tutill 7.

FALCONS: Whiteside 7 - Smart 6, Higham 7, Wilson 7, Neil 8 - Bingham 6, Daniels 8 (Inj. Brabbin 78th), O'Callaghan 6 - Mitten 7, McClunie 7, T. van Baar 6.

Morwell Falcons almost threw away a 2-0 lead within a dramatic minute of the second half but eventually ran out 3-1 winners in far from convincing fashion.

Regular Falcons sweeper Sandy Irvine had the mumps and was unavailable and his calming influence was missed during the second half as the plucky Baysiders reverted to a 4-2-4 formation and worried the life out of a shaky Falcons defence. If not for the tremendous covering of left back David Neil, Falcons could have come out of this match with their heads hung low.

The Latrobe Valley side had by far the better of the first half but the skilful Richard Sekulski threw a scare into the Falcons camp in the 14th minute. The former Polonia star took a free kick on the right, just outside Falcons' area. As the ball came curling toward

goal, keeper Bill Whiteside threw his arms apart, indicating that he thought the ball was going wide. Instead it cannoned onto the near post, rebounded back into play and was scrambled clear.

Nigel Daniels, the best midfielder on show, played a big hand in Falcons opening goal in the 22nd minute. He had the good sense to play the ball back into the Frankston area quicker than it had come out. Big Richie McClunie was there, controlled well, rounded Frank Petersen then slid down to hit the ball low into the far corner.

A similar move in the 35th minute led to Falcons' second goal. A Frankston goalkick was headed back firmly by Harry Bingham over a flat footed Frankston defence and alert Noel Mitten steadied then drilled the ball with a well timed volley past stranded Petersen.

McClunie put Tony van Baar through in the 54th minute but sweeper David Pye did well to block the shot from the blond headed Falcons' striker.

Then the rot set in.

Sekulski hammered the ball past Whiteside from about five metres and a minute later half time substitute Pat O'Connor

blew a great chance to level. Sekulski was getting far too much room down Frankston's left and he hit a hard, low ball across the face of Falcons' goal. Kevin Wall just failed to make contact and O'Connor was waiting at the back post. With the gaping goal at his mercy O'Connor casually side-footed the ball wide.

Some Falcons supporters showed as much confidence as their defenders at this time and Frankston sensed that it was in with a chance.

That chance however dissolved in the 84th minute. McClunie beat Paul Drinoczky and Pye inside the Frankston

Two to DOVETON 0 GREEN Lewis 2, G

DOVETON: Keogh 6 - Train 7, Cork Mclvor 7, Andrews 5 (Irvine 60th), De 6.

AJAX: Denys 7 - Dickson 7, G. Groochan 7 (Bennett 77th), Boyle 7, V. Williams 7.

God knows why Doveton didn't take this game up to the champion elect but I

Creany out

**ALBION ROVERS 1 (Coyle)
FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Buchanan 2)**

ALBION: Lacock 7 - Cutler 7, Creany 6 (Inj. S. McMillan 51st 6), Munro 6, Nesbit 6 - A. McMillan 7, D'Sylva 6, Ferrie 6 - Smart 7, Coyle 7, Lloyd 6.

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen 7 - Pye 7, Stewart 6, Drinoczky 7, Mitchell 6 - Buchanan 7, Cooke 6, Tutill 7 - Campbell 6 (Golby 59th), Wall 6, Sekulski 6.

Albion defender John Creany was taken to hospital with a suspected dislocated shoulder in the 51st minute and could be out of action for the rest of the season.

Lanky Frankston City stopper Paul Drinoczky made a spectacular goal line clearance in the dying minutes to protect two points which might just save the Baysiders from relegation.

Keiron Coyle put the Rovers in the lead within two minutes of the start with a cracking right foot drive from 18 metres.

A fluke goal from Billy Buchanan brought Frankston back on level terms in the 28th minute. Buchanan's miskicked shot sent the ball just inside the near post.

Young Andy Golby replaced Norrie Campbell in the 59th minute and almost scored with his first touch. Golby's shot was blocked by Danny Lacock. The ball rebounded back to Golby who repeated the dose but Andy McMillan handled on the line and Fearn pointed to the spot. Buchanan made no mistake to give Frankston City a vital result in its battle to avoid the drop.

- PETER DESIRA

WHERE NOW, POLONIA?

FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Wall) POLONIA 0

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 - Pye 7, Stewart 7, Drinoczky 7, Mitchell 7 - Buchanan 7, Cooke 6, Tutill 6 - Wall 7, Campbell 6 (Golby H.T. 6), Sekulski 5 (D. Whiteside 70th).

POLONIA: Dzielekwski 5 - Klein 6, Mila 7, A. Czapnik 7, Smolarek 7 - Lipierski 4 (Jaworski 60th), P. Czapnik 5, Przybyla 6 - Lakic 4, Kryszinski 4, Marshall 6.

Within the coming week a meeting will take place at Polonia comprising mainly former players such as Henryk Siwka, Rocky Dronia, Jerzy Blank, Marek Konopka, Marek Zarzycka, Tad Proske and Eric Rybczyk to decide whether the Polish sponsored club will add a more business-like dimension to its administration next year or turn amateur.

Coach Kaz Kowalec already has told the committee that he won't be in charge in 1983. Kowalec coached Polonia's reserves from 1964 to 1967 then took over as first team boss till 1973. He returned as first team coach two years ago but now believes that he can be of more benefit to the club in another capacity. He wouldn't elaborate.

Polonia has had a topsy turvy season, its first back in State League for some time, and Tad Kryszinski's penalty miss two minutes from time at Centenary Park on Saturday gave home side Frankston another two points as it continues its fight to avoid relegation.

Kowalec wasn't impressed by Polonia's performance and lashed out at most of his senior players.

"With the exception of Andy Czapnik and Stefan Mila I'm bitterly disappointed at the lack of professionalism shown by my players in preparing for games," he said.

"You don't prepare for a game by going to discos and drinking the night before the match. It's just not fair to the people who run the club and deserve to get more from their players."

Frankston's all important goal came some 12 minutes from the end. David Whiteside had replaced Richard Sekulski eight minutes earlier and sent Kevin Wall clear with a long through pass. Polonia's giant keeper, Leszek Dzielekwski, came charging off his line and failed to clear and the quicksilver Wall gleefully slammed the ball into the gaping goal.

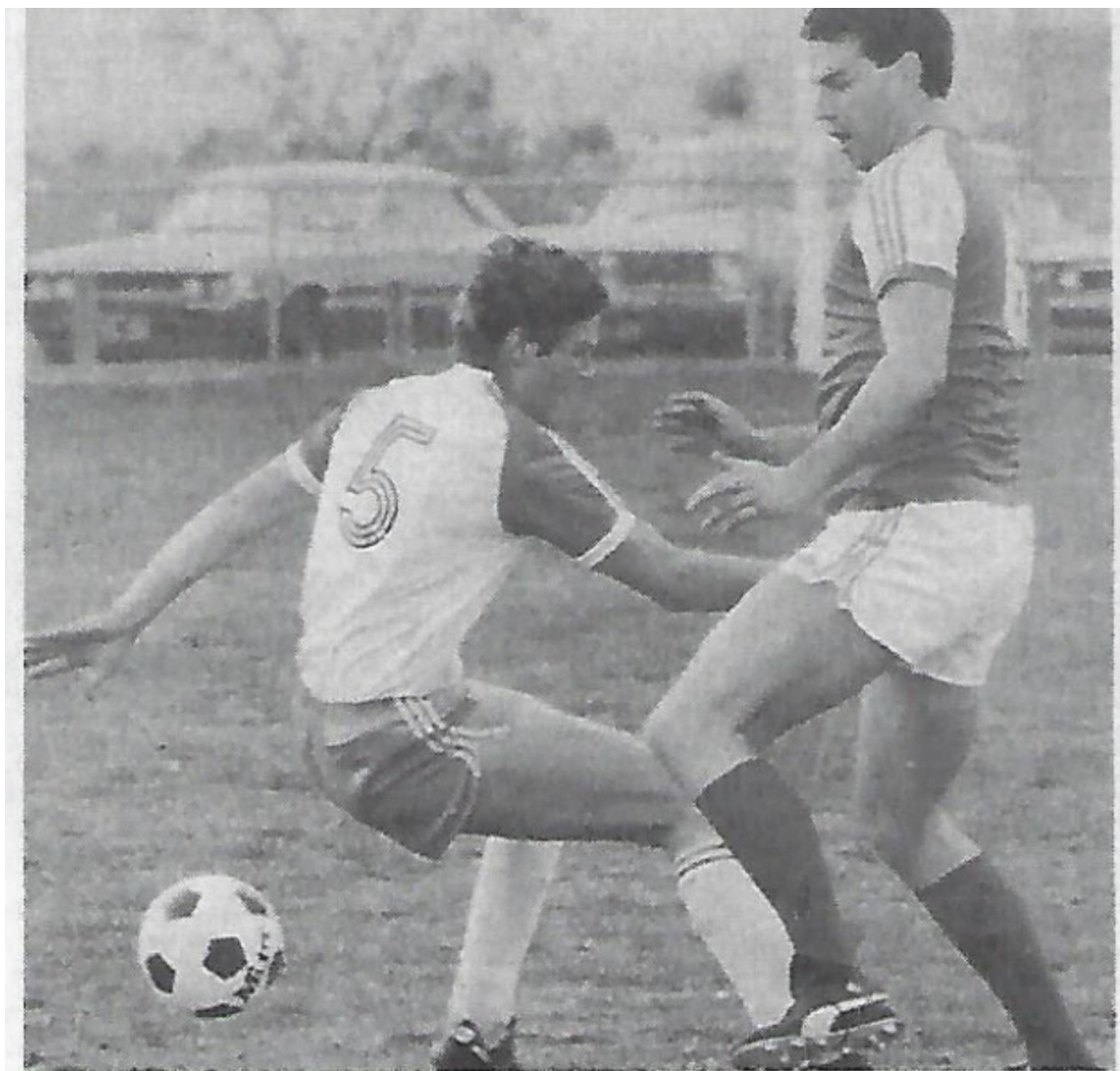
Polonia looked likely to snatch a point in the 88th minute when Billy Buchanan brought down Peter Czapnik inside the area but Kryszinski slammed his penalty attempt over the bar.

Relegation day!

Show Day, Thursday, September 23 is D-day for Frankston City and Northcote when they clash at Centenary Park in what could be a decisive relegation battle.

Northcote failed to appear on Saturday at Centenary Park last month, the original date of this league match. The VSF ruled that Northcote had to be given the benefit of the doubt over its claim that it wasn't officially notified of the re-arranged fixture.

The State League board of management last week decided to set down Show Day as the day for this vital encounter.



**Frankston defender Paul Drinoczky (left), one of the leaders in "Soc-
"Soccer Action's" best player voting, tangles with Polonia's Alex
Marshall.**

FISTS, FEET FLY AT FRANKSTON

FRANKSTON 0 JUVENTUS 1 (Donaldson)

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 - Pye 6, Stewart 7, Drinoczky 7, Mitchell 7 - Whiteside 6, Cooke 7, Buchanan 8, Golby 6 - Wall 6, Campbell 6 (O'Connor 68th).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 8 - V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 8, Donaldson 7, Hird 8 - Cunningham 6, G. Bannon 7, Swinscoe 7 - Heery 7, French 6, Incantalupo 7 (Nelson 63rd).

A drab second half was livened up near the end when a brawl broke out among the spectators.

Frankston's Bill Buchanan and Juventus midfielder Ged Bannon tangled near the touchline. A supporter ran to the fence and spat at Buchanan who was lying on the ground. That's when all hell broke loose for a few mad minutes with fists, feet, heads and cans flying. Frankston may have lost the match but it probably won the points in the fight.

A bumpy surface and a swirling wind made conditions difficult for both sides at Centenary Park.

Fabio Incantalupo made a superb turn in the 5th minute but shot against the upright. The ball was scrambled out and the subsequent Juventus corner found Paddy Bannon unmarked in the area. Bannon's header was well tipped over by Frankston keeper Frank Petersen.

From a 20th minute corner by Tony Heery the ball dropped to unmarked Peter Donaldson. He chested down and from the edge of the box rifled a superb volley into the roof of the net for what was to be the decisive goal.

- MICK O'BRIEN

Tommy makes it five wins in seven games

**HELLAS-HAKOAH 0 FRANKSTON 2
(Tutill 2)**

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Perree 7 - Wilson 7, Owen 8, Kallifatidis 7, Vardaxis 6 - Abram 6, Cummings 7, Rooney 6, Gray 7 - Ross (inj. Patsakos 25th 5, Trafficante 75th), Bitsonis.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6 - Pye 7 (inj. Campbell 75th), Stewart 9, Dinoczky 9, Mitchell 6 (Sekulski 50th 7) - Buchanan 9, Cooke 7, D. Whitaside 8 - Golby 8, Wall 9, Tutill 9.

Frankston City continued its fight to avoid relegation and recorded its fifth win in seven games under coach Tommy Robertson.

Robertson was a full time professional player with Scottish clubs Glasgow Rangers, Dundee, Queen of the South and Cowdenbeath before

coming to Australia and playing with George Cross, Hakoah Melbourne, Heidelberg Alexander, Croatia and Sunshine.

Robertson took over the reins at Frankston for the latter half of last season and although Harry Chalkitis was appointed at the start of this year Robertson was put back in charge about seven weeks ago and the Baysiders have hit the winning trail in a big way. They're by no means out of the fires of relegation but recent

form suggests that they can keep up their amazing run. Graham Tutill put Frankston City ahead in the 30th minute but the goal that really mattered, his second in the 60th minute, was a gem. Billy Buchanan beat two opponents down the right, took the ball to the by-line then cut it back. Tutill, inside the area, flicked the ball up with his right foot then slammed a left foot volley into the roof of the net to knock the stuffing out of Hellas-Hakoah.

Gilder new sweeper, Morgan walks out

**FRANKSTON 2 (Cooke 2) GEORGE CROSS 3
(Rigby, McCann, Toal)**

FRANKSTON: Petersen 5 - Pys 6, Drinoczky 7, Stewart 8, Golby 7 - Buchanan 7, Cooke 7, D. Whiteside 6 - Tutill 7, Wall 7, Sekulski 5 (Campbell H.T. 6).

GEORGE CROSS: Hunter 6 - D'Alessandro 6, Gilder 7, Schembri 6, Scarri 6 - Vella 6, Rigby 5, McCann 8 - Kotovski 6, Toal 7, Mizzi 5 (Salvo 42nd 6)

Damien Morgan has walked out on George Cross, Billy Wilkinson probably will move to Perth next year and former Victorian state team striker Carl Gilder is the club's new sweeper.

Morgan was dropped for the Centenary Park clash and coach Tony Vella decided to use Gilder as sweeper. George Cross paid \$10,000 to Croatia for Gilder earlier this season in a bid to get more bite up front alongside Bobby Toal but they haven't combined well and Gilder enjoyed the switch last Sunday.

The Cross took the lead in the 7th minute when Paul Drinoczky handled Toal's shot and Dave Rigby converted from the penalty spot.

Seven minutes later Toal was brought down about 30 metres from goal. Hugh McCann took the free kick and smacked a ferocious shot past Frank Petersen.

Five minutes into the second half George Cross jumped to a 3-0 lead when Rigby took a free kick just outside the area. He played the ball short to Toal whose shot took a slight deflection off one of the players peeling off the defensive wall and Petersen had little chance.

Then former Slavia midfielder Paul Cooke engineered the Baysiders' fightback. His hard, low shot from an acute angle in the 54th minute made it 4-1 then, with about 12 minutes left, Cooke repeated the dose and the Baysiders had some hope of salvaging a point.

But young Roy Hunter pulled off a superb save from a Graham Tutill volley and George Cross ran out a 3-2 winner.

Frankston, VSF to settle in Supreme Court?

Frankston City is seeking legal advice and considering a Supreme Court challenge to last week's VSF appeals board ruling which sent the Baysiders deeper into the relegation zone.

Frankston beat Polonia at Centenary Park on Saturday, August 21. Polonia then protested over the eligibility of Graham Tutill, lost the protest, appealed and won its case. The Polish sponsored club was awarded the points and given a 2-0 scoreline.

Frankston probably will lodge an official complaint with the VSF over the composition of the appeals board. According to Frankston spokesman Les Smith the VSF constitution states that members of the appeals board cannot be members, officials or players of clubs affiliated with the VSF. Smith believes that at least one, possibly two, members of the appeals board are officially involved with VSF member clubs. Should Frankston successfully press home this point then a new appeals board may have to be convened and the Baysiders may gain precious time to examine at length the possibility of legal action against the VSF.

Frankston City claims that it never received written notification of Tutill having accumulated 12 penalty points and being automatically suspended for the week of the Polonia game.

"Tutill had 12 points up on June 27. The VSF claims that it posted notification of his one match suspension on August 16. I'm telling you the truth when I say that we didn't receive that letter," said Les Smith.

"On August 25 we received a notice from the



Les Smith

VSF summoning us to appear before the tribunal. We were charged with misconduct, of behavior contrary to the interests of the game and the federation in that we played player G Tutill on August 21 after being notified by the federation that he was suspended for one automatic game for accumulating 12 points.

"The next day, Thursday, I went to Soccer House. I explained that we hadn't received any letter and I was told that Tutill then was to serve his automatic one week suspension on the week ending August 29. He did so and missed the game against Juventus."

"We appeared before the tribunal on Wednesday, September 1, and the charges against us were dismissed. Polonia then appealed and won the case but believe me this thing is far from over."

"If we have to raise \$10,000 to cover legal fees we'll do so. We don't believe it's our fault. And Polonia hasn't won any friends down this way."

The keys to Polonia's successful appeal are clauses 109 and 110 of the VSF constitution.

Clause 109 states: "A notice may be served by the federation upon any member club by sending it through the post in a pre-paid letter addressed to the secretary of such member club at its registered address as appearing in the register of member clubs."

Clause 110 states: Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that upon which it is put in the post and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post office as a pre-paid letter."

Polonia successfully argued that if its appeal wasn't upheld the federation would be setting a precedent for any member club to claim that it never received any mail in a whole host of matters. The potential for abuse obviously is enormous.

It is however strange that one of Frankston's fellow relegation candidates, Northcote City, was able to successfully plead ignorance and claim that it never received written notification from the federation over a matter involving Frankston just two months ago.

Northcote thought that it was to play a State League match against Frankston on Sunday, July 11, at Centenary Park. The VSF sent out official notification of the game being changed to Saturday, July 10.

Frankston turned up for the reserve and senior games at Centenary Park on the Saturday. Northcote didn't.

The Northerners however pleaded ignorance and won their case. The game has been rescheduled for Thursday (tomorrow) at Centenary Park.

The Appeals Board decision sent the Baysiders down a rung on the State League ladder to second bottom with the same points as last placed Northcote and a slightly superior goal difference. That was before last weekend's round of matches.

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CROYDON 9 (I. Loughnane 3, Nolan 3, P. Loughnane, Wade, Rooney) FRANKSTON CITY 0

CROYDON: Kastner 8 - Brown 8, McCombe 8, Denridder 9, Hobson 8 (sent off 70th) - Dobson 8, Rooney 8, Wade 8 - P. Loughnane 8, I. Loughnane 9, Nolan 9.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 5 - Pye 5, Drinoczky 5, Stewart 7, Mitchell 5 (inj. Campbell 55th 6) - Buchanan 6 (sent off 70th), Cooke 6, D. Whiteside 6 (Sekulski 55th 4) - Golby 6, Wall 7, Tutill 7.

Croydon City boasted the biggest win of the 1981 State season when it thumped Hakoah 7-0 and this amazing 9-0 win should ensure that Bill McArthur's boys once more claim the honor of the biggest State League victory of the year.

McArthur was particularly aggressive toward his players at training last week because he was disgusted with their performance the previous week against Albion Rovers.

"To the credit of the Croydon players they reacted the way professional players should. They absolutely tore Frankston to shreds," said McArthur.

Actually the Baysiders looked composed and keen to get forward for the first 15 minutes. There was no portent of the pending avalanche.

Then the rot set in. Peter Denridder broke up a Frankston attack and hit a 30 metre diagonal pass from right to left to the feet of Paul Wade. The Croydon midfielder looked up then knocked a through ball for Ian Loughnane to race clear into a one-on-one with Frank Petersen and give the Frankston keeper no chance.

Croydon's second goal started with a Gary Hobson throw in to Steve McCombe who controlled well then passed to Peter Loughnane on the right.

Peter Loughnane took off inside as brother Ian Loughnane filled the space vacated. Peter Loughnane checked back then stroked the ball to Ian who knocked it past the advancing Petersen.

Terry Nolan looked a mile offside later in the first half when he broke through into a one-on-one with Petersen who

brought the Croydon forward down. Nolan took the resultant penalty himself and easily converted.

A minute into the second half Croydon made it 4-0. Ian Loughnane made a fine run on the left then cut the ball back to Wade who tucked it away from close range.

Nolan and Ian Loughnane were making superb off-the-ball runs and Frankston was embarrassingly square at the back. With presumably nothing more to lose (than more goals) Rob Stewart was pushed into midfield, leaving just three in the Frankston defence.

Peter Loughnane made it 5-0, Ian Loughnane and Nolan completed their hat-tricks but perhaps the highlight of the second half was a headed goal from Jimmy Rooney.

The second half developed into a niggly affair for about 15 minutes. Tempers flared and culminated in Gary Hobson and Bill Buchanan being sent off in the 70th minute.

The end for Frankston

Time has caught up with Frankston City. The bayside club has spent most of its recent history trying not to spend too much. It's still in debt and faces life in the Metro ranks after it runs into Northcote tomorrow (Thursday) at Centenary Park at 2.45pm.

There's an outside chance that Frankston will survive. By beating Northcote then taking the points against Doveton on Sunday, also played at Centenary Park, Frankston would keep its State League status intact by the skin of its nose.

I don't think the club can do it, however. A draw between Frankston and Northcote would suit the Doves. A win to Northcote would push Doveton down into second last spot and it would have to beat Frankston on Sunday and hope that Northcote, Sunshine or Ringwood

Last chance against Northcote

Wilhelmina lose their final league games on the weekend.

Doveton has a better goal difference than Northcote, Sunshine or Wilhelmina. Amazingly, if results go their way, the Doves could finish 10th this season. Cast your minds back about two months and you would have been locked away for a long time if you suggested that a 10th placed finish was possible for the Waratah Reserve side.

A win to Northcote tomorrow would send shock waves through the Sunshine and Wilhelmina camps.

Sunshine takes on Polonia at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday while Wilhelmina is at home to Melbourne Croatia on Saturday.

Polonia didn't show much heart against Hellas-Hakoah. A repeat performance should see the Shiners take the points.

If Croatia wants to keep a grip of

second spot it must beat Wilhelmina. Dave Brogan sank Sunshine with a second half hat-trick. He only came on as a half time substitute so if he's up front from the kick off on Saturday the Wilhelmina defence is in trouble. Big Wilhelmina keeper Ken Barclay can't afford the blunders which characterised his game against Northcote last weekend.

Albion Rovers will be hoping that striker Kevin Lloyd is fit for Saturday's Selwyn Park clash with league champion Ajax. Without Lloyd I don't give the Rovers much hope. Albion probably will maintain its 4-4-2 formation with Micky D'Sylva playing as a defensive midfielder in front of the back four. However at times I was impressed on Sunday at Waratah Reserve with Albion's ability to quickly break forward so Ajax won't want to get too adventurous.

Morwell Falcons should beat

Northcote on Sunday at North Crinigan Reserve and send the Northerners down into Metro ranks.

Hellas-Hakoah can maintain the momentum gathered by its win over Polonia and take the points against George Cross at Middle Park on Sunday. With Carl Gilder playing sweeper a lot of the fire has gone from the George Cross attack. Even with Gilder up front, Kris Kalifatidis and George Hannah are a formidable central defensive pairing, and Bobby Toal may not be able to go it alone against this tough duo.

I'm tipping a draw between Juventus and Croydon at Olympic Park No.1 on Sunday. However there will be a large Italian support at this match, which is preceded by a testimonial game for Juve stalwart Pat Della Rocca. With the Loughnane boys, Ian and Peter, back in form and Terry Nolan in support, Croydon's strike force will keep the Juve defence at full stretch all afternoon.

FRANKSTON 1 (Golby) NORTHCOTE 0

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6 - Pye 7, Campbell 6, Stewart 6, Tutill 6 - Wright 4 (Dinoczky H.T. 6), Cooke 6, Whiteside 5 (Mitchell 78th) - Golby 7, Wall 7, Reeder 5.

NORTHCOTE: Kardamitsis 8 - Petrakos 5, Maitland 6, Bozakis 6, Nelson 5 - Nixon 7, Wright 6, Fakos 5 - Petiniotis 4, Tsatsos 3, Constantinou 4.

"A great result for the boys! "That was how some Frankston supporters summed up the biggest heap of garbage I've seen in State League for years.

This was a bad game between two poor teams out of touch. The first half was abysmal.

After about 20 minutes it was painfully obvious that the two worst teams in State League were competing.

Frankston deserved this result simply because it created chances. I can't think of one good chance created by Northcote.

Venios, Wallace the stars

CROATIA 2 (Brogan, 34, 65th) FRANKSTON CITY 0 Dockerty Cup quarter final at Olympic Park No. 1. Double header. Crowd: about 500. Referee: Venios 4.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 7, Parton 7, Adams 7, Deankovic 7 - Blakic 5, Faulkner 7, Murphy 6, Gogajevic 7 - Brogan 7 (Inj. Batinovic 80th), Latif 5 (Antolovic H.T. 6).

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen 7 - Pye 7, Stewart 6, Drinoczky 7, Mitchell 6 - D. Whiteside 6, Golby 7, P. O'Connor 6 - Reeder 5, Wall 7, Parkes 6 (Wallace 70th).

Referee Evan Venios and Frankston City substitute Geoff Wallace stole the show. Well, what little show there was.

Venios booked Croatia striker Dave Brogan in the 19th minute. Brogan broke through,

was ruled offside, and slammed the ball into goal. Out came a yellow card from referee Venios' pocket.

Two minutes later Ossie Latif broke through. He was given offside and, like Brogan, slammed the ball into goal. No yellow card appeared.

In the 58th minute Josip Biskic played a one-two with Kenny Murphy but was ruled offside. Players close to Biskic stopped. Biskic didn't. He slammed the ball into the Frankston goal. No yellow card appeared.

In the 83rd minute, Sean Parton, in full view of the pitifully small crowd, handled inside the Croatia area. Referee Venios was standing 10 metres away. No penalty was given.

Wallace, the Frankston substitute, didn't appear keen to

go on. Frankston official John Smith stood near the touchline for about five minutes trying to attract referee Venios' attention during the second half. When play stopped, Venios indicated to Smith that the Frankston official could now make the change. Off came Martin Parkes but where was the substitute? We all waited with baited breath for a head to appear from out of the Frankston dug out. Nothing happened. Smith still was standing on the touchline. Parkes had disappeared into the dug out. After about a three minute delay Wallace appeared. Maybe his apparent reluctance was good judgement. His job was to mark Dave Brogan. Nonetheless, with Paul Drinoczky charging forward and Rob Stewart switched into attack, the balding Wallace found himself playing as sweeper which prompted Bill Buchanan to quip in the dressing room after the match:

"Who cares if we got beat boys, at least we've found a sweeper."

Frankston never expected to win this game. But it was the victor, Croatia, which emerged with most demerits at the end of the match.

If Croatia is serious about winning the 1982 Dockerty Cup it will have to improve tenfold on this dreadful display.

Brogan bagged both of Croatia's goals. He opened his account in the 34th minute after a Latif shot had been parried by Frank Petersen. The ball fell to Brogan who slammed it into the open goal.

The sealer came in the 65th minute. Tony Curcio cut the ball back from the right side of the area and the unmarked Brogan tapped it in from four metres.



off injured midfielder Kit Greechan at Green

THE wife of former Frankston City Soccer Club coach Harry Chalkitis has hit out at the manner of her husband's recent departure from the club.

Elizabeth Chalkitis said this week: "A lot of people down there (Frankston City) are two-faced.

"I've told Harry that before, but he's just finding out now.

"After it was reported that Harry left by mutual agreement with the committee, we heard from a couple of players that they had been told by committeemen that Harry was sacked.

"That's a bit below the belt, isn't it?"

The Chalkitis family — Harry, Elizabeth and their young children — live in Karingal.

Harry Chalkitis has played and coached at junior and senior level in the local area since joining Aspendale-Sandringham juniors in 1959.

Born in Egypt in 1944, he came to Australia with his parents in 1958 and always has lived locally.

From junior ranks he graduated into Chelsea's seniors as a midfielder and also served on the committee.

After a two year stint of National Service he played for Mornington during the 1968 season.

He returned to Chelsea for two more playing seasons then took over as coach of the reserves. Two years later he won his first senior coaching appointment with Chelsea.

During that time he became involved with the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Coaches Association, gaining his



● **FORMER Frankston City Soccer Club coach Harry Chalkitis and his son Chris, 5**

Wife speaks out — 'sacked' coach

preliminary and senior coaching certificates under then director of coaching, Ken Kontra.

After earning his senior coaching badge, Chalkitis was appointed reserves coach of Slavia, then in State League.

During the 1978 Ampol Cup he replaced current Frankston Pines coach, Tommy Randles, as Slavia's first team boss.

Chalkitis coached Slavia's first team for two seasons, taking it into an Ampol Cup Final only to be beaten by Green Gully on penalties and a semi-final of the Dockerty Cup.

Curiously enough, opponent Frankston City won that match 2-1.

"There was a change of administration at Slavia which didn't please me so I joined Mel-

bourne during the second half of the 1980 season," he said.

Under Chalkitis, Melbourne finished in the top half of the Second Division table last year and almost the same squad of players are set to clinch the Second Division title this year.

"But I longed to be back in State League and I saw the Frankston City job as a real challenge.

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Coach may sue over 'sacking'

HARRY Chalkitis may sue local soccer club Frankston City after his dismissal as first team coach two weeks ago.

Chalkitis wanted to resign a week before the club an-

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

nounced that his two-year appointment had ended after just eight months.

A planned meeting between Chalkitis and committeemen Les and John Smith never eventuated as the committeemen were unable to attend.

Chalkitis was going to resign at that meeting. However, the following week the club announced that he was gone.

Former George Cross player Tommy Robertson was hired four days later as coach for the remainder of the season.

Robertson coached Frankston City during the second half of last season but Chalkitis won the appointment last November.

The local club is engaged in a bitter struggle with Doveton and Northcote to avoid finishing in one of the bottom two spots in State League and subsequent relegation into the First Division of the Metropolitan Leagues. Chalkitis and Frank-

ston parted on amicable terms until different versions of their split appeared in the press.

Committeeman Les Smith claimed the players had lost confidence in Chalkitis.

"Harry wasn't doing the job as far as the committee was concerned," said Smith.

Thumped

"We were thumped 5-0 by Green Gully a few weeks ago in what I consider was the worst performance I've seen from a Frankston City side for well over a decade.

"Harry's tactics in that match had to be seen to be believed.

"Then when we beat Sunshine at Centenary Park, Harry sat a 45-year-old man, Kurt Schroeder, on the substitutes' bench. That was the last straw.

"We told Harry at the start of the year that we wanted to promote young local lads. What sort of promotion do you call that?"

Chalkitis claimed that financial problems which have plagued Frankston City since 1977, the year it entered State League, led to his departure.

"It's no secret the club is in debt and I think it took an opportunity to save itself a few dollars by deciding that we should end our association," he said.

"However, if the club continues to make derogatory statements about me in public, then I'll take up the challenge and sue it for breach of contract," he said.



Woman wins in South

NDLE OUT: MAMERS BACK

FRANKSTON has a second woman councillor following Mrs Leonie Clark's win in south ward on Saturday.

s Clark, wife of the dent of Frankston Football Club, beat city's former promoter consultant Mr Les Dorning by 543

Frankston's other woman councillor, also from south



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