

FRANKSTON CITY

SOCCKER CLUB

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 1967 - K. O. 2.45 P.M.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

V.

ALTONA

Good afternoon to you all. It is with pleasure that we welcome the officials, players and supporters of the Altona Soccer Club to the Reserve. With both teams lying first and second in the League, both unbeaten, the scene is set for a very interesting duel today, in what should be the match of the season at Frankston.

CITY CHAT

The lads were quite happy to gain a point at Ajax a fortnight ago. With three first team players injured, the team never really got into a rhythm and in fact our only scoring move was ruled offside.

The Reserves again failed to click. A missed penalty early in the game didn't help matters, and the team never played as "a team". Our only goal was scored by Garry Padgett, making a welcome return.

Bert Richardson sailed for Canada last week. Through this programme he would like to thank everybody connected at Frankston for a very happy stay.

The players wish to thank all the supporters who made the long trek to East St. Albans for the Ajax game. It is most encouraging to the lads to see so many of you cheering them at away games.

It is very easy to criticise referees, as many of you well know. This season, we have been fortunate to have had some of Victoria's top referees for our games. The Ajax game, as far as we are concerned, was an exception to good refereeing. Each referee seems to have his own interpretations of the game and in this particular game the main problem was: When does it become illegal to play man and not ball? On numerous occasions, either when going for a ball or when in possession, our players were simply being played off the ball and it was definitely the intention of our opponents to get us then ball. The referee just didn't blow up and we were left to take the consequences. It seems a pity that good games can be spoiled because players cannot understand referee's decisions.

REFEREES CORNER

QUESTION:- During a game, players have been seen to handle the ball and the crowd roars: "Handball", the opposing players shout: "Hands Ref" and yet the Referee calls: "Play on". Why is this?

QUESTION:- When is a player offside?

Answers are on Page 3.

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OUR VISITORS

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Close friends, but extreme rivals: Such are our visitors today, Altona Soccer Club.

Founded as Williamstown United Soccer Club, Altona took its title in February 1965. At a special meeting, members believed a change of name would be beneficial for two reasons: (1) that the progressive Council in Altona would give more support to soccer, and (2) that more supporters would follow the club. Happily, both reasons were correct and today the present Shire President, Cr. G.S. McIntosh, is a staunch supporter of the club.

The club has an able committee. The President is Mr. L.C. Noordenne who has fostered a cup competition for clubs in the Western Suburbs. Vice President is Mr. John Mather, and to complete the members, Bill Blenkhorn is Treasurer, John Collins Junior Official, James Todd and the Secretary Joe Nespor, who incidentally was best clubman for 1966.

Jimmy Balisch, ex Sunshine City player, is now the Club's coach, taking over from Mario Greco. The club's recent signing of Keith van de Poel from J.U.S.T. has also greatly strengthened the team.

Altona is strongly in favour of a youth policy. In fact, a 21 year old, Steve Herman, was best and fairest last year. Other players to watch are Craig Copley, Andy Rice and top goal scorer last season, Billy Wilkie.

THE VISIT OF MANCHESTER UNITED

It is the pleasure of the soccer playing fraternity of Australia to welcome the famous English league club Manchester United to our shores. They will play two games in Victoria, one of which is tomorrow afternoon against Victoria, the other is against a State League XI on Wednesday, June 21st, at 8 o'clock. Both matches are at Olympic Park.

Today, Manchester United is one of the greatest and wealthiest soccer clubs in the world, enjoying fame and respect wherever football is played. Under the inspiring leadership of Matt Busby, Manchester United have won several league titles and cup finals and have been within an ace of a European Cup Final. The season just concluded in U.K. has once again made them league champions, and makes them one of the most consistent teams in the first division.

Many great players have donned the famous red and white strip. Undoubtedly, the pre Munich team of 1957 will rank as one of the finest to represent the club. Nobody could have foretold the greatness of Duncan Edwards or Eddie Colman. What a misfortune, not only to the club but to the British Isles, that so many talented players were lost to the game.

It is interesting to recall the words of the late H.P. Hardman, United's Chairman in 1958, when he wrote: 'Although we mourn our dead and grieve for our wounded, we believe that great days are not done for us. The sympathy and encouragement of the football world, and particularly of our supporters, will justify and inspire us. The road back may be a long and hard one, but with the memory of those who died at Munich, of their stirring achievements and wonderful sportsmanship ever with us, Manchester United will rise again.'

The tour team contains nine full internationals: Bobby Charlton, Nobby Stiles and Bill Foulkes of England; Denis Law, Pat Crerand, Scotland; George Best, Northern Ireland; Seamus Brennan, Tony Dunne and Noel Cantwell, Eire. Alex Stepney, David Sadler, John Aston (first teamers), Jimmy Ryan, John Fitzpatrick, John Rimmer, Francis Burns, Paul Edwards, form the rest of the party.

We ask you not to miss the opportunity of seeing these great stars in action. Go along and see both games. You won't be disappointed.

JUNIOR NEWS

3.

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT
NICKY STARCZEWSKI

Nicky is one of our most gifted young players. Aged 13, he plays in the U.14's at Frankston, and playing at inside left, has scored over twenty goals already this season. English by birth, Nicky was asked to trials at Queen's Park Rangers and West Ham prior to coming to Australia eighteen months ago. Last year, he was U.14's best and fairest, and this year captains the U.14's. He is definitely a player to watch in the future.

"THE REFEREE" REPLIES

- QUESTION (I) - Answer: Because the ball has not been "intentionally" handled by the player. It must be borne in mind that the Referee is the "Sole" judge of intent.
- QUESTION (II) - Answer: A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents' goal-line than the ball at the moment the ball is played, unless :-
- (a) He is in his own half of the field of play;
 - (b) There are two of his opponents nearer their own goal-line than he is;
 - (c) The ball last touched an opponent or was played by him;
 - (d) He receives the ball direct from :-
 - (i) Goal kick; (ii) Corner kick; (iii) Throw in;
 - (iv) When dropped by the Referee.

You are invited to ask the Referee a question, which will be answered in this corner.
Any committeeman will take down your query.

LEAGUE TABLES.

| <u>Senior Section</u> | | | | | | | | <u>Reserve Section</u> | | | | | | | |
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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Altona | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 16 | Ferntree Gully | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 11 | 19 |
| Frankston | 10 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 13 | 15 | G.G. Ajax | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 13 | 15 |
| Ringwood | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 12 | 14 | Brighton | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 14 | 15 |
| Brighton | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 14 | Altona | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| Ferntree Gully | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 15 | 11 | Prahran | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 31 | 28 | 11 |
| Richmond | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 24 | 28 | 11 | Bayswater | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 20 | 10 |
| Albion | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 10 | Park Rangers | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 9 |
| G.G. Ajax | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 14 | 8 | Frankston | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 24 | 7 |
| University | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 8 | Ringwood | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 28 | 6 |
| Park Rangers | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 25 | 5 | University | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 28 | 6 |
| Prahran | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 5 | Albion | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 5 |
| Bayswater | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 29 | 3 | Richmond | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 17 | 36 | 5 |

RESULTS TO DATE

| <u>1st's.</u> | | | | <u>2nd's</u> | | | |
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| Mar.25. Ringwood Untd. | Home L. | 1 - 1 | Mar.25. Ringwood Untd. | Home L. | 3 - 2 | | |
| Mar.27. Glenroy Untd. | Away D.C. | 3 - 0 | Mar.27. St.Alban's | Home A.C. | 3 - 1 | | |
| Apl.1st Richmond | Away L. | 5 - 3 | Apl.1st Richmond | Away L. | 4 - 1 | | |
| Apl.8th Bayswater | Home L. | 2 - 2 | Apl.8th Bayswater | Home L. | 2 - 3 | | |
| Apl.15. Ferntree Gully | Away L. | 1 - 1 | Apl.15. Ferntree Gully | Away L. | 1 - 2 | | |
| Apl.22. Albion Rovers | Home L. | 1 - 1 | Apl.22. Albion Rovers | Home L. | 4 - 1 | | |
| Apl.29. Park Rangers | Away L. | 5 - 3 | Apl.29. Park Rangers | Away L. | 1 - 2 | | |
| May 6th University | Home L. | 2 - 0 | May 6th University | Home L. | 2 - 3 | | |
| May 13. Prahran | Away L. | 2 - 1 | May 13. Prahran | Away L. | 4 - 4 | | |
| May 20. Brighton | Home L. | 2 - 1 | May 20. Brighton | Home L. | 0 - 2 | | |
| May 27. Ajax | Away L. | 0 - 0 | May 27. Ajax | Away L. | 1 - 4 | | |
| June 10. Altona | Home L. | - | June 10. Altona | Home L. | - | | |
| June 12. N.C. Olympic | Home D.C. | - | June 12. Melbourne | Home A.C. | - | | |

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

| <u>DOCKERTY (1st's)</u> | <u>ARMSTRONG (2nd's)</u> | <u>CUPS</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Monday, June 12th | MELBOURNE RES. | HOME K.O. 1.00 P.M. |
| Monday, June 12th | NORTH CARLTON OLYMPIC | HOME K.O. 2.45 P.M. |
| <u>LEAGUE</u> | | |
| Saturday, June 17th | RINGWOOD UNITED | AWAY K.O. 2.45 P.M. |
| Saturday, June 24th | RICHMOND | HOME K.O. 2.45 P.M. |
| RESERVE GAMES K.O. 1 P.M. | | |