

Women's Football in the Media

Year 6 English

SOCCER TAKES SHAPE



Women in Sport with Helen Crowe

first public match at Olympic Park last season when they met the Baywater women's soccer team in a curtain raiser to the International Brazil Cruzeiro game. The women's teams draw 1-1.

Players will be training two nights a week at the Doveton soccer club ground. If anyone

HOUSEWIVES TEAM UP IN A NEW KICK

THE GIRLS STOLE THE LIMELIGHT

SANDWICHED between two so-called popular men's soccer matches, the girls from Melton and Frankston Pines turned out to be the real crowd attraction at Middle Park on Saturday.

The girls have come a long way since that first big women's match in the middle of last year, the curtain-raiser to Cristiano versus Victoria. At that memorable match at Olympic Park, the crowd was more inclined to be amazed than impressed.

Spectators reacted much more enthusiastically on Saturday, because this time the players produced some surprising soccer skill. Without doubt the women's match was the most entertaining of the afternoon.

Melton, odds-on favourites, who had undergone two weeks of special preparation, were unable to demonstrate their supposed superiority. Pines kept up with the pace, especially guest player Jane Hill, on loan from Doveton.

Two stars in action. Melton's Kay Morley gets her boot in first ahead of Frankston topper Jan Steiner. Rose Bradley (Melton) tries to assist.

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WOMEN HAVE NEW GOALS



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Now it's official!

OUR GIRLS JOIN WORLD



"Dangerous play" ruled the referee, after this acrobatic performance by Melton's Colleen Philips, almost injuring team-mate Gillian Fuller. Pines winger Jane Hill risks her head trying to reach the ball. Melton captain Jannette Melvin is looking on.

Image Source: Football Victoria (footballvictoria.com.au)

ADD COLOR TO MATCH

WOMEN IN SHORTS PLAY SNAPPY SOCCER GAME

Putting aside their powder puffs and lipsticks, 22 lively young women donned jerseys and shorts to play Soccer at Clyde Oval yesterday.

One parked her pram on the sideline.

The referee humorously ordered no squealing, fighting or pulling of hair.

Granville more experienced team, beat Central 3-nil. The girls took the hard knocks and came back for more. No casualties occurred.

At half-time they ate oranges, disregarding mirrors and make-up.

Two married women, Mrs. Nellie Doherty and Mrs. Martha Sheldrick, took part.

Mrs. Sheldrick placed a pram containing 14 months old daughter, Patricia, on the side-line. Her husband was playing Soccer for Aluminium Company against an Army team at Ascot Racecourse.

Trip From Newcastle

Mrs. Doherty, tall, brunette, travelled from Newcastle to play. Her husband, now in the AIF, was a former Granville club man.

"We used to practise in a paddock near our home," said Mrs. Doherty.

"When I heard the match was on I couldn't resist the trip. Mrs. Doherty was out of place as goalkeeper for Central in the first half.

When shifted to inside right, she gave a good display.

Smart, petite 18-year-old blonde Daphne Martin, was the star.

She scored two good goals, one a fine individual effort from near her own goal line.

Daphne is a Soccer enthusiast. She rarely misses a match in the Granville district.

Hints Over Hamburgers

"I get points on how to play from the boys, who visit my mother's hamburger shop," said Daphne.

"The girls around Granville all like the game."

Daphne, usually a munition worker, is now helping in the shop. Her mother is suffering from a broken collarbone.

Ida Heath, 17-year-old brunette, scored a penalty goal.

Smart, petite 18-year-old Stella Stokes was Central's best player.

A handkerchief machinist, Stella has been playing for two years. "It is the only sport I follow," she said.

Central was not satisfied over the result of the match. Lily Moore, captain, said: "We will challenge to a return game."

"The referee was a bit on Granville's side."

Apprentices Impress

By R. K. KENT

Apprentices had a day out at Ascot on Saturday, only six fully qualified jockeys riding during the afternoon.

All the prominent riders were at Rosehill.

Manner in which the tasks were done was excellent.

J. Carr, who won a double on Telereen and Phalaris, is one of the most promising youngsters riding at present.

On both horses he showed sound judgment, leaving his run (in) the right time. Carr had to ride each horse out to score by a narrow margin.

W. Kelso's apprentice, N. Wilson, was in strong demand. He had a mount in each of the six races.

A. Collogly also was popular riding in five events.

LAVEUR BADLY HURT

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Laveur, winner of the Australian Steeplechase last year, injured a knee so severely during the running of the event last Saturday that he may not be able to race again.



Captains of the women's teams in yesterday's Soccer game apply their lipsticks before play begins. They are Mary Thornton and Lily Young. Right: A player gets a laugh out of missing the ball.



BLEND OF LEAGUE, UNION STARS

Talk is going the rounds that Kangaroos, Ray Stehr and Viv Thicknesse, as well as St. George League captain and coach, Len Kelly, will play for the Army against the Air Force at North Sydney Oval next Sunday.

Union internationals, Tom Pauling, Vic Richards, Aub Hodgson and Len Smith, and interstate cricketer, Arthur Morris, are also likely to turn out for the Army, which will include a New Zealand forward, Grant.

Keith Windon, international Rugby Union breakaway forward, will make the trip from another State to play for the Air Force.

In a conversation over the...

an early fixture for the Oldfield Cup, which will be presented to the winning team after the game by international wicketkeeper Bert Oldfield.

Family Of Racing Men

G. Shell, who won the...

Article 1: Women in Shorts Play Snappy Soccer Game

The Sun, 10 Aug 1942

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Article 2: Footballer Parks Pram

The News, 11 Aug 1942

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Article 3: Football for Men Only

The Daily News, 27 Dec 1921

FOOTBALL FOR MEN ONLY.

Sir,—The ban of the Council of the Football Association on women's participation in football will not be resented by any except the ultra-masculine type of girl. Those who agree with the decision do so on the very common sense ground that the game is totally unfitted for women. Football is essentially a masculine game, and there can be no more untoward scene than girls kicking a big ball about. The physical strain is an important factor, and sensible girls will welcome the decision as being in the interest of their sex.

NATHAN BARNETT.

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Article 4: Housewives Team up in a New Kick

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HOUSEWIVES TEAM UP IN A NEW KICK

By CARL DU FRESNE

MELBOURNE women are deserting the kitchen in increasing numbers for the rough and tumble of the Soccer field.

More than 200 women this week formed the Victorian Women's Soccer Association in a serious attempt to organise a women's Soccer league.

The association's secretary, Mrs Jacquie Ager, 32, sounded a warning to male Soccer players.

"We can be mean and tough on the field too," she said.

Women have been playing Soccer socially in Victoria for a few years now, but they decided they were sick of playing the same teams over and over and seeing the same faces.

"Western Australia and NSW have established women's Soccer leagues, and they have been accepted by the men.

"In Victoria, most of the men players laugh at us for wanting to take the game seriously," Mrs Ager said.

Two weeks ago, after a secret meeting, 14 Victorian women's Soccer teams announced they not only wanted to be taken seriously, but also wanted regular access to clubhouses, Soccer fields, and general coaching assistance.

"Most of the social women's teams were always regarded as a bit of a joke. When we approached one men's team, Frankston Pines, they were taken aback — in fact the idea of affiliation horrified them," Mrs Ager said.

They said: "Can't we discuss it ladies?"

It was decided that perhaps an official women's team would attract bigger crowds.

Mrs Ager said women's teams had achieved a high calibre, but admitted they did not really stand a chance against the men.

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The difference was particularly pronounced in tackles.

"Mind you, we go in hard," she said. "But although some of our girls are good, they're not up to the standard of Australia's World Cup Soccerers."

Jacquie Ager . . . "we can be mean and tough".

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Article 5: Gorgeous Goal Getters

The Evening Post, 1975

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Gorgeous goal getters

By
DOROTHY SIMONS

WOMEN'S SOCCER.
— Auckland's newest and fast growing sport — gets a boost with the arrival tomorrow of two teams from Sydney.

The teams — Ingleburn and Blacktown Spurs — will compete in the Air New Zealand Australasian tournament, playing matches against Auckland champions — Blockhouse Bay, and two Wellington teams.

The Australian girls play at Keith Hay Park on Monday night; then on Tuesday meet Auckland clubs, at the same venue. On Thursday they play at Pakuranga as part of the new city's celebrations.

Ingleburn then travel to Hamilton while Blacktown meet a team in Whangarei.

The Wellington teams arrive here on Friday and Wainui-o-Mata meet Blacktown at Newmarket Park next Saturday.

In a full weekend, Wainui-o-Mata play the Rest of Sydney at Disraeli Street on Sunday, and Sydney meets Wellington.

Double Auckland champion, Blockhouse Bay — winners of both the senior championship and knock-out — has a strong line-up.

Goal-keeper is 23-year-old teacher Diane Crawford, who travels from Pokeno for games.

Alison Church (20) — a Blockhouse Bay Primary School teacher, head the side. She has also captained Auckland reps since 1973.

With the name, Ormond, Christine (23) should go far. She is a daughter-in-law of national League coach, Bert Ormond.

Also included in the defence unit is Vivien le Compte (18) in her fourth year of the sport.

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WOMEN'S SPORT**



CONNIE BYRNES, one of the Australian goal grabbers who will arrive in Auckland tomorrow, shows good ball control.

Article 6: V.A.S.F.A Says 'No' to Girl Players

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TWO 'REFS' AT ONE MATCH?

Our readers may remember matches where the official referee could not—for one reason or another—arrive on time. Few people will recall of two referees arriving to officiate at the same game!

Victoria had another "first" last Saturday for the match Box Hill-Geo. Cross at Wembley Park when two referees and two linesmen reported for duties.

Referees, Cadelli (pictured above), and Rossiter congratulated each other before entering the ground, each believing to be in the middle.

Mr. Rossiter told Mr. Cadelli that three linesmen had been appointed, to which Cadelli, still unaware of what had happened, said: "In which case I'll choose you as number one linesman and the other two can toss the coin."

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V.A.S.F.A. SAYS 'NO' TO GIRL PLAYERS

The Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association has banned all GIRLS from playing soccer in Victoria.

Young Victorian girls contemplating playing soccer with boys in junior teams will have to abandon their plans. Girls already attached to teams must resign immediately.

This is the result of a decision of Council, which resolved that the Registration

forms of girls be not accepted until such time as a girls' team could be formed.

Any young girl wishing to play the game must now ensure to find ten "female" team mates.

Mr. Stuart Beaton, secretary-manager, V.A.S.F.A., would be glad to supply information to any individual or institution interested.

An amendment that girls under 14 years of age be permitted to play soccer in boys' teams was defeated.

New Number

The official telephone number of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association is BM 5309.

A further telephone has been obtained and is now in operation. This number is 26-2284.

Callers are requested to ring BM 5309 in the first instance, but if this number is engaged, they should phone 26-2284.

CARNIVAL APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY, June 11—
South Australia v. Queensland. Ref.: G. J. Ipenburg (N.S.W.). Linesmen: Bartolo and Despott (Vic.).
Victoria v. New South Wales. Ref.: F. R. Ward (S.A.). Linesmen: Harrison and Hecht (Vic.).

SUNDAY, June 12—
Victoria v. Queensland. Ref.: F. R. Ward (S.A.). Linesmen: Curran (Vic.) and G. J. Ipenburg (New South Wales).
South Australia v. New South Wales. Ref.: Cadelli (V.). Linesmen: Pedler and Despott (V.).

MONDAY, June 13—
Queensland v. New South Wales. Ref.: Curran (V.). Linesmen: Lamb (V.) and F. R. Ward (S.A.).
Victoria v. South Australia. Ref.: G. J. Ipenburg (New South Wales). Linesmen: Cadelli and P. Ward (V.).

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Striker Pat has to obey her husband!

By BRIAN CURRAN

They run like the men. They leap like the men. They even kick like the men. Women's Soccer is no longer a giggle.

Just ask Pat O'Connor, the captain of the NSW team which returned to Sydney on Wednesday after successfully defending their title at the Australian women's Soccer championships in Perth.

The shin bruises and muscle aches were mute proof of just how seriously women take their Soccer. It might not be quite as physical as the men's game, but the competition certainly is as keen.

NSW were undefeated in Perth, beating Victoria 3-1, Queensland 2-1, Western Australia 1-0, the little-experienced Northern Territory 13-0 and Northern NSW 4-1.

The team ranged in age from two 17-year-old



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MATILDA MANIA

The Matildas are breaking records on and off the field with their epic quarter-final win over France the most-watched sports event in Australia for a decade. On Wednesday night, Australia's most famous sporting rivalry will reignite when our golden girls, including Mary Fowler (above), take on England for a place in the World Cup final.

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