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STEWART TO FRANKSTON

Vicorian State League club Frankston City completed the signing of South Melbourne Gunners' import Robbie Stewart late last week.

Stewart, a young Scottish striker, has crossed to Frankston thanks to one of the club's sponsors.

Frankston may reciprocate by giving South Melbourne first option on Manchester City striker David Wiffill.

Stewart will stay with the Baysiders for this season but South Melbourne has first option on his services should he decide to go back to the PSL in 1982.

Should Stewart rejoin the Gunners, Frankston will receive \$3000.

"Stewart wouldn't have been of benefit to us sitting on the bench," said South Melbourne president Sam Papasavas.

"But if he joins a club which will give him a regular first team game he could be of benefit to us next year."

Frankston treasurer Les Smith was pleased with the deal which he saw as cementing a good relationship between his club and South Melbourne.

"Both clubs reached an amicable understanding and I'm really pleased that South Melbourne came to the party over Stewart," he said.

Another Frankston import, Carl Holford from England, will arrive soon now that Bruce Young has been granted permanent residency.

Egan foiled by Elvio



CROATIA 2 (Kerr, Murthy) FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)

CROATIA: Pugliese 3 - Adams 1, Ramjick 4, Kokoska 7, Andrews 1 - Dasic 5, Tront 8, Kerr 8 - Iatovic 6, Brogan 8, Murphy 8.

FRANKSTON: Bent 5 (Congdon 1, T.6) - Goldby 7, Adams 8, Stewart 6, Irvine 8 - Lasbrel 6, Sofford 9, Tuzil 9 - Buchanan 5, gen 8, Campbell 5 (Ormond 70th).

Croatia keeper Elvio Pugese saved Charlie Egan's 15th minute penalty attempt to give Croatia two points and top Egan from gaining outright leadership of the 1981 state League top scorers' list.

The Baysiders took the lead in the 5th minute. Graham will went down the left and passed to Egan who had come on the far to the near post. He Frankston striker lobbed as advancing Pugliese.

Croatia levelled five minutes before the interval. Young Frankston keeper Nigel set tried to tip a long, high ball over the bar but palmed it to the post instead. The ball hit to the incoming Alan Kerr to make certain from point blank range.

Another Frankston youngster, Mark Congdon, replaced Egan at half time but had the misfortune of letting Ken Murthy's shot from about 10 metres slip into goal under his legs.

The Baysiders recovered from this 52nd minute set back as Egan failed to convert two good chances to level before Jan Kerr's last minute in-temperance inside the area on which led to Pugliese's penalty save.

Frankston no way: Lowe

Nick Lowe is adamant that he won't play with Victorian State League club Frankston this season.

Lowe claims that Frankston owes him money from last year.

"If the money owed to me had been paid a couple of weeks ago I would have given a great deal of thought to signing with Frankston", said Lowe.

"Now I've totally disregarded the possibility of signing there".

Lowe has been linked with Hawthorn, Croydon and Sunshine.



Nick Lowe



George Cross midfielder Dave Rigby (right) makes a desperate bid to get in front of Frankston's Robbie Stewart.

EGAN SINKS THE CROSS

GEORGE CROSS 0 FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 6 - Gambin 8, Wilkinson 7, Morgan 7, Maitland 7 - Bannon 8, McKinlay 6, Rigby 6 - Faherty 7, Farmer 5 (Zingales 60th, 61 Mizzel 5).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thomson 7, McCluskey 7, Adams 8, Ormond 5 (Gillespie H.T. 7) - Stewart 7 (Pryde 60th), Webb 7, Cooper 6, Burroughs 6 - Egan 7, Buchanan 7.

Frankston shrugged off its indifferent pre-season form with a spirited, back-to-the-walls struggle against George Cross which paid dearly for its lack of finishing power.

Charlie Egan from Scottish club Berwick Rangers arrived at 8.45 am on the morning of the match and showed enough to suggest that he'll be a major acquisition.

Former Manchester City, Bury and Stockport midfielder Carl Holford is due to arrive tomorrow (Thursday).

George Cross coach Jim Adam would love to have a couple of overseas players on the way and he was bitterly disappointed after the match.

"I'd like to think that this game isn't indicative of the standard of the State League," said Adam.

Adam is yet to settle his appointment with the Cross. Last night (Tuesday) he spoke to the committee and is believed to have asked for a minimum of four players to bolster his first team squad.

The Cross started this match as if the Baysiders were in for a hiding.

With Harry McKinlay, Ged Bannon and Dave Rigby in charge in midfield and Brian Faherty giving young Eddie

Ormond a hell of a hiding outside it looked as if Cross was set to open the scoring.

But Brendan Farmer and Norm Maitland missed with headers and young Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert was in superb form as he dived to parry a Rigby drive just wide.

Farmer's header was from point blank range. He did the hard thing by heading wide.

The Baysiders tackled fiercely in the second half and in the 70th minute the all important goal was scored.

David Webb's corner was cleared to Kevin Burroughs whose shot from just outside the area was deflected to Bill Buchanan on the right. Buchanan let fly with a hard, low shot which Cross keeper Oliver Gay only could get a hand to and Egan, following in, slammed home from close range.

For the last ten minutes the Cross threw everything at the Frankston defence.

Paul Gambin took off on a run from well inside his defensive half. He beat three opponents then tapped the ball into the path of Faherty who was through. Gilbert charged off his line and smothered well just as the Cross fans had anticipated the equaliser.

Gilbert's ability and Frankston's grit enabled the Baysiders to start the season with a hard fought win.



Paul Wade

CROYDON 3 (Wade pen., Ian Loughnane, Brogan) FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)

CROYDON: Keogh 7 - Spink 7, McCombe 7, Pongho 7, Hobson 8 - Smith 6, Wade 7, Howarth 8 - P. Loughnane 8, Brogan 8, I. Loughnane 8.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thomson 7, Adams 6 (Campbell 70th), McCluskey 6, Gillespie 7 - Cooper 6, Stewart 8, Webb 5, Burroughs 6 (Pryde 70th) - Egan 8, Buchanan 6.

Frankston won a few battles but Croydon won the war last Sunday at Croydon Park.

Neither camp was impressed with referee Stuart Mellings.

"Frankston committed seven fouls before Mellings booked Dave Brogan for a challenge on Dave Gilbert," said Croydon coach Bill McArthur.

"We should have done to Charlie Egan what Frankston did to us all over the field."

Frankston official Les Smith also was outspoken.

"Out of the \$3 it cost to get into the game I'd estimate that about \$2.99 was spent on being entertained by referee Mellings," he said.

Croydon scored from the spot in the 20th minute.

Bobby Adams took down Ian Loughnane just inside the area. Paul Wade scored by

Referee is blasted, Croydon wins war



driving the ball high into the roof of the net.

But Bill Buchanan wasted two chances in the opening 20 minutes when he shot high and wide.

The Baysiders employed a man-to-man system in midfield.

Dave Cooper tagged Johnny Howarth, Rob Stewart stuck to Wade and David Webb marked Duncan Smith.

Croydon went two up in the 50th minute when Brogan crossed to the near post and Ian Loughnane flicked the ball home with a deftly placed side foot glance.

Frankston hit back through Egan who started a move almost on the half way line. He passed to John Pryde who played the ball back to Egan. Egan to Buchanan to Egan ended with a hard low shot from the edge of the Croydon area which gave Sean Keogh no chance.

But two minutes later the Baysiders got caught too far forward.

Peter Loughnane set off into the Frankston area, rounded Dave Gilbert and set up Brogan for a simple but well executed goal.

Two by Murphy sink Frankston

CROATIA 4 (Murphy 2, Batinovic, Adams pen) FRANKSTON 1 (Deliyannis) at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING: 7. Referee: Mellings 4.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 7 (inj Klerin 65th), Kerr 6, Kokoska 7, Bilaver 7 - Tront 7, Adams 7, Murphy 8 - Batinovic 7 (Dezic 60th), Gilder 8, Mitten 7.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thomson 6, Adams 6, McCluskey 6, Burroughs 6 (Wright 60th) - Webb 7, Ormond 6, Cooper 5, Buchanan 5 - Deliyannis (Reader 25th 6), Young 5.

Frankston basked in glory for a minute last Saturday night at Olympic Park.

Young 18-year-old Billy Deliyannis caught the Croatia defence square and ran on to Bruce Young's pass, then lobbed Peter Blasby who had come to the edge of his area.

Within a minute Ken Murphy equalised when he slammed a loose ball high into the corner of goal. But referee Mellings should have awarded a free kick to Frankston defender Bob Adams who was about to clear when Carl Gilder dragged him down from behind.

Murphy's goal made amends for Croatia's vain penalty appeal early in the first half when Noel Mitten was dragged down by Kevin Burroughs.

David Webb stayed at the back of Frankston's five man defence with Bob Adams tagging Gilder and Danny McCluskey marking Mitten.

Croatia ran riot in the second half.

Young Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert had a fine game but he could do little more

than parry a Murphy shot to the feet of Batinovic who slotted home Croatia's second goal.

Murphy to Mitten to Murphy and a bullet like shot from just outside the area ended Frankston's hopes.

A cheeky flick from Mitten to Gilder resulted in a penalty when Gilder was dragged down just as he prepared to shoot. Keith Adams had no trouble converting.

Frankston fielded four young players and used both substitutes - Rob Reader, a 16-year-old striker, and 15-year-old Andrew Wright.

Given the class of their opposition they shouldn't be disappointed with their efforts.

EGAN NETS TWO



RINGWOOD 2 (Greener, O'Callaghan) **FRANKSTON 3** (Egan 2, Gillespie)

**RINGWOOD: Fearn 8 - Pazman 7, Luytan 7, Brooks 7, Anderson 7 - Brown 8, O'Callaghan 8, Malt 5 - Greener 5, O'Riley 7, Thom 7.*

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 7, Adams 7, McCluskey 7, Gillespie 7 - Webb 6 (Pryde 80th.), Cooper 6, Holford 7, Stewart 7 - Egan 9, Buchanan 7.

Carl Holford made his debut for Frankston last Sunday but it was another import, Charlie Egan, who stole the limelight with two goals and a spectacular third which was disallowed.

The diminutive Egan has found his scoring touch quickly in only his third game with the Baysiders.

Ringwood played attractively, if somewhat slow in its build-up but it lacks the finishing ability to firmly make its mark on State League yet.

After David Gilbert had done well to save Ian Greener's half volley from the edge of the area, a goalmouth

scramble ended when Greener scored from close range.

Egan levelled when he pounced on a mistake near the half line, beat one defender then set off for goal. He let fly with a firmly struck shot from 10 metres which gave Les Fearn no chance.

Then Egan grabbed his second before half time and the Baysiders went further ahead in the second half when a near post corner was headed on by Bill Buchanan to Eric

Gillespie standing on the goal line. The tall Frankston defender flicked the ball home.

Brian Thom's far post free kick from the left went to O'Callaghan and the unmarked Ringwood midfielder headed truly.

The Baysiders weathered the Ringwood storm in the last ten minutes no doubt due to the now customary appearance of super sub John Pryde, a ploy obviously designed to slow the game down.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ametco Travel's State League Player of the Year will win a return trip to Spain, tickets to World Cup games including the semi-finals and final, travel to and from the grounds and hotel accommodation, including dinner, bed and breakfast. The total value of the Ametco Travel award is in excess of \$3,500.

This week's votes:

ALTONA v CROYDON

- 3 - Pavlovic (A)
- 2 - Masseni (A)
- 1 - Watters (A)

GEORGE CROSS v HAKOAH

- 3 - Gambin (GC)
- 2 - Wilkinson (GC)
- 1 - Bannon (GC)

DOVETON v GREEN GULLY AJAX

- 3 - Cannell (GGA)
- 2 - Corke (D)
- 1 - Ivanoff (D)

RINGWOOD v FRANKSTON

- 3 - Egan (R)
- 2 - Fearn (R)
- 1 - Brown (R)

NORTHCOTE v JUVENTUS

- 3 - Kriaris (N)
- 2 - Penzo (J)
- 1 - Nelson (N)

SUNSHINE v CROATIA

- 3 - Bannon (C)
- 2 - Gilder (C)
- 1 - Mitten (C)

Progressive votes:

- 6 - Cannell (GGA)
- 5 - Ellis (S), Bannon (GC), Fearn (R), Masseni (A), Egan (F).
- 3 - Adams (F), Wade, I. Loughnane, Brogan (Croy), Gatzonis, Nelson, Kriaris (N), Irvine, McConville (D), Brooks (R), McLeod (GGA), Kerr, Bannon (C), Pavlovic (A), Gambin (GC).

Egan top scorer

★ General Tourist Travel Service will sponsor the State League Top Scorer award, The winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand. Leading scorers are:

4 - Egan (F),
3 - I. Loughnane (Croy),
2 - Sahinidis (N), McLeod (GGA), Jordanou (H), Incantalupo (J), Brogan (Croy), Adams, Gilder (C).

Egan steals the show

FRANKSTON 4 (Stewart, Buchanan, Webb, Egan) **ALTONA 1** (Innes).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 6, Adams 7, McCluskey 7, Gillespie 7 - Webb 7 (inj Pryde 75th, Cooper 7, Halford 7, (Campbell 80th), Stewart 8 - Egan 9, Buchanan 8.

ALTONA: Masseni 6 - Lewis 5, Kilpatrick 6, K. Wilson 7, McGarrigle 5, (Thomson 65th) - Watters 7, Innes 6, Pavlovic 5 - Murphy 5 (Little 60th), Whyte 7, Gambin 5.

The Charlie Egan show was a smash hit at Centenary Park last Sunday.

It wasn't what you'd call a sell-out audience but the critics left well satisfied with a commanding performance from the star attraction and the promise of a successful season ahead.

Frank Thomson had already played one poor back pass straight to the feet of Billy Whyte but fortunately Danny Mc-Cluskey was on hand to jockey Whyte and Thomson's mistake didn't prove fatal.

Not so the second time.

The little right back, affectionately known as "The Sex Machine", must have had his mind on other matters when



Founded 1905

he knocked the ball back to Kevin Innes and his simple tap-in climaxed a lethargic Frankston performance in the first 30 minutes.

Suddenly the tempo of the Frankston game picked up.

Egan had looked sharp from the start. Now he looked lethal.

And his partner up front, Bill Buchanan, was just as damaging.

Buchanan gained possession on Frankston's left near the half line and sent an excellent ball across field to Dave Cooper going down the right. He crossed in behind the Altona defence, Dennis Masseni came too late and Rob Stewart came charging through and threw himself at the ball to glance his header into the back of the net.

Two minutes later Egan

beat a defender inside the area on the right and chipped the ball across goal. Stewart tried to shoot but his attempt was blocked. The ball fell to Buchanan who turned and rifled it past Masseni from 10 metres.

Frankston started the second half in the sleepy hollow fashion of the opening 45 minutes and Altona took the game to the Baysiders for a short spell. In this time Cooper had to make a timely headed clearance at the far post with Manny Gambin breathing down his neck.

Things changed in dramatic fashion in the 55th minute.

McCluskey slid down under pressure to hit the ball down the line to Egan who flicked it neatly first time inside to Buchanan. He went forward then played the ball in behind the Altona defence to the unmarked David Webb who calmly stroked it past the stranted Masseni.

Then Egan added his name to the scorers' list by running onto Buchanan's ball and hitting it into the bottom corner with clinical efficiency.

Pryde hits out

**HAKOAH 1 (Webster)
FRANKSTON 0**

HAKOAH: Fryszar 8 - Davidson 7, Jordanou 8, Dosen (inj. Hannah 10th. 8), Gadsby 8 - Nagy 7, Wilson 8, French 9, Kent 6 - McClunie 8, Webster 7.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6 - Gillespie 6, McCluskey 5, Adams 7, Campbell 7 (inj. Ormond 35th. 6) - Holford 9, Cooper 5, Stewart 8 - Buchanan 7, Egan 6, Webb 6 (Burroughs 70th).

Frankston manager-coach John Pryde slammed Hakoah after his side had gone down 1-0 at Middle Park.

"The atmosphere there is terrible," said Pryde.

"The sooner Hakoah either packs it in or amalgamates the better off everyone will be."

But Hakoah chairman John Chaskiel and club secretary Kurt Defris have denied that Hakoah will pack up or sell out.

Pryde also claimed that his talented striker Charlie Egan came in for rough treatment early in the game.

"If sides are going to start booting Egan I've got six big boys who I can use to dish out the same sort of stuff!"

The story from Hakoah was different.



"After Anton Dosen was injured I brought on George Hannah who took Egan completely out of the game," said coach Bill Allison.

Danny McCluskey "sold" the decider but Hakoah had two clear chances to go further ahead late in the game.

In the 75th minute Richie McClunie robbed McCluskey just outside the area and pushed the ball through to Stan Webster who slammed it home from 10 metres.

"It'll never take the place of soccer," said Frankston official Les Smith.

Meanwhile Hakoah's revival continues.

The big news for the Baysiders is that the club hopes to sign aggressive midfielder Mark Halsey from relegated English First Division club Norwich City.

As soon as a sponsor is found Halsey will be jetting his way here to start a two year contract.

Shines shone



**FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)
SUNSHINE 1 (Thomson
o.g.).**

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 9 - Thomson 7, McCluskey 7, Gillespie 6, Campbell 7 (Pryde 70th) - Cooper 6, Holford 8, Stewart 7 - Buchanan 7, Egan 8, Burroughs 7.
SUNSHINE: Contini 7 - Dixey 8, Lowe 7, Ellis 8, Morovic 7 - Muzdrinic 6, Pate 7, Laing 7.

The best Sunshine performance for three years was the consensus among the Shiners committee.

Norrie Pate has given the Shiners the target up front that was missing.

He was denied in the second half by the agility of Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert who had a fine match.

Sunshine struck first in the 67th minute.

Nick Lowe took a free kick near the half line. He struck the ball hard and low to John Mudrinic who flicked it through first time to Rob Nelson. The Shiners' midfielder shot as Gilbert came off his line. The ball rebounded off Gilbert's legs and struck Frank Thomson, running toward goal with Nelson who was following up his shot. The ball rebounded off Thomson and went into the unguarded Frankston goal.

When it seemed that the Shiners were home with both points Charlie Egan levelled.

Rob Stewart received the ball from Dave Cooper, cut into the Shiners' area and shot, the ball deflected to Egan who calmly slotted it home.



Dave Gilbert

Baysiders' spirit sags

**FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)
NORTHCOTE 2 (Tsetsoos,
Fakos).**

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thomson 7, Gillespie 6, Adams 6, Campbell 6, Cooper 6, Buchanan 7, Ormond 6, Burroughs 6 (injured) (Pryde 70th) - Egan 7, Stewart 5.

NORTHCOTE: Tachris 7 - Perrine 6, Kiriak 7, Haines 7, Fakos 6 - Rajovic 7, Salkos 6, Kallifidis 6, Menden 7, (Vasic 60th) - Zahradka 7, Tsetsoos 6.

A brilliant solo run through the Frankston defence and fine finishing by Northcote left back Con Fakos revived the spirit and morale of Northcote which deserved its 2-1 away win.

It was particularly sweet for Fakos who once played with the Baysiders.

As the Frankston defence came out trying to play offside Fakos fooled everyone by holding possession rather than playing a through ball and suddenly he found a huge gap open up in front so he took off for the Frankston goal. As the stranded Dave Gilbert advanced Fakos coolly slotted the ball inside the near post.

Frankston is a shadow of the side which finished fifth last year.

Gone is the enthusiasm and spirit which characterised the side in 1980. Then again two great characters in Danny McCluskey and David Webb are gone too.

Webb transferred to Third Division club Prahran City late last week.

Northcote knocked the ball around well but fell down too often up front.

Frankston opened the scoring in the 13th minute.

Fakos was booked after his third foul on Charlie Egan. The resulting free kick wasn't properly cleared. Norrie Campbell gained possession on the left and played inside to Egan. The diminutive striker shrugged off one tackle moving inside the area the hammered a low shot past Tachris from 14 metres.

Northcote hit back when Gilbert was caught too far off his line and Spiro Tsetsoos volleyed over Gilbert's head from just outside area.

But for that lapse Gilbert was magnificent.

He pulled off two top class saves, diving up and across at full stretch up wide two shots headed for the top corner.

Frankston's pride hit rock bottom in the 86th minute when Fakos scored the winner.

But if I was a Northcote supporter I wouldn't get too carried away by the win.

Both clubs need a few players if they are to finish even half way up the league ladder.

NEW MEN FOR FRANKSTON

JUVENTUS 3 (Incantalupo, Ristovski, Sannipoli)
FRANKSTON 2 (Egan 2).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 6 -- Curcio 8, Donaldson 6, Tarquinio 6, Geremia 6 (Tkachum 55th. 6) -- Penzo 9, Sannipoli 8, Werner 8, Smith 7 -- Ristovski 6, Incantalupo 7.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 9 -- Thomson 5 (Pryde 75th.), Adams 6, Cooper 5, Ormond 5 (Campbell H.T. 4) -- Golby 6, Holford 8, Buchanan 6, Stewart 5 -- Egan 8, Burroughs 6.

This was the straw which broke the Frankston camel's back.

That camel has been



through hell in the last two seasons.

He's had to hump around a group of players diminishing in quality and depth.

Even camel's have principles so the people at Centenary Park who look after their camel have told him that he soon will be carrying youth

and quantity in the form of overseas striker Bill Riley.

The youth is Robbie Reader, Mark Watson and Keith Towers.

And the Baysiders are interested in Scottish player Charlie Hendry who signed with Footscray J.U.S.T. in 1979.

Frankston was two goals up at half time thanks to Charlie Egan catching Juventus on the break and Dave Gilbert who stopped Juve grabbing five goals!

But Juventus kept slicing

the Frankston defence to ribbons and Lou Sannipoli notched the winner when he headed in from Sandro Penzo's near post glancing header.

The camel wasn't around at the end of the match. He'd started the long trek back to Frankston after Mendo Ristovski evened the scores in the 68th. minute.

He won't be humping Norrie Campbell and Dave Cooper around any longer.

Campbell will help with the reserve team coaching and Cooper's on a free.

Lesbirel, McIvor make fine debuts

FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)
DOVETON 1 (McLaughlin).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 6, Stewart 9, Adams 7, Campbell 7 - Golby 6 (Park 87th), Lesbirel 8, Holford 7, Lesbirel 8, Burroughs 6 (Parks 70th) - Buchanan 8, Egan 8.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - Thurlow 7, Merrick 7, Corke 7, McConville 7 (sent off 75th) - McIvor 8, Bentley 7, Porter 7 (Willcock 70th) - Cherris 8, McLaughlin (inj Quin 30th 7), Irvine 7.

Eric Lesbirel and Mike McIvor made their debuts in this exciting tussle.

Lesbirel was signed from Preston Makedonia for \$1500 and McIvor switched from Footscray JUST.

McIvor's Irish compatriot Jim McLaughlin landed awkwardly after challenging for a header and dislocated his shoulder. He was replaced by Alan Quin and taken to hospital but the Doves hope to have him fit for the weekend.

Before McLaughlin was injured he sent the visitors to Centenary Park into a goal



lead when he pounced on a scramble which developed after he headed goalward and the ball was ineffectively cleared. He poked the ball in from close range.

Charlie Egan continued on the goal trial in the 60th minute when he ran onto a long through ball which caught the Doves square at the back. Egan coolly slipped the ball past Lou Ivanoff.

The game was marred by Alec McConville's send off in the 75th minute.

The niggly Doveton defender had been booked earlier for a foul on Egan and when he deliberately handled to stop Egan breaking through he received his marching orders.

TEN MEN TRIUMPH

FRANKSTON 0
CROATIA 1 (Mitten)

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thomson 6, Stewart 7, Adams 8, Gillespie 7 - Golby 6 (Park 87th), Lesbirel 8, Holford 7, Ormond (inj Campbell 15th 6) - Buchanan 6, Egan 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 8 - Short 8, Kokoska 7, Bannon 8, Adams 7 - Andrews 6, Kerr 6 (sent off 63rd), Murphy 9 - Mitten 7, Gilder 6, Brogan 6.

An explosive second half and a Noel Mitten goal decided Frankston's fate.

Croatia midfielder Alan Kerr was sent-off in the 63rd minute after tangling with Frankston's Eric Lesbirel. Referee Yelland showed Kerr the red card and gave Lesbirel a yellow card.

But Croatia looked more dangerous with only ten men!

Ken Murphy's second half was scintillating. His acceleration and close ball skill carried him past opponent after opponent as his explosive runs out of midfield quickly pressured the Frankston defence before players could get back behind the ball.

But big Rupert Adams was the proverbial tower of strength.

He tagged Carl Gilder as if his life depended on it.

Frankston regularly relied upon the long ball out of midfield to Charlie Egan. The diminutive Egan almost made



Croatia pay for allowing him to break clear in the 47th minute but just as he reached the ball Croatia keeper Peter Blasby arrived in time to make a clearing tackle. And that was about 40 metres out from goal!

The killer blow was struck in the 79th minute.

Murphy streaked past three opponents and played the ball to Mitten inside the Frankston area. Mitten cut inside an opponent then firmly struck the ball low into the corner of goal.

Finally a word about the camel.

I didn't know that paranoia was contagious. Three Frankston officials wanted to know all about the hidden symbolic meaning of the camel I've been referring to in recent weeks.

Gentlemen, the camel is a harmless sober creature and any resemblance to anyone connected with Frankston Soccer Club, either past or present, whether dead or alive, is purely coincidental.



Top goalkeeper Dave Gilbert of Frankston saves a shot by Macedonia's Jeff Faulkner.



Charlie Egan (Frankston)

THE BAYSIDERS MUST COME OUT FIGHTING



Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Frankston City's relegation fears shouldn't ease after it travels to Croydon Park on Sunday to take on the home side smarting from its crucial 2-0 loss to Croatia.

Remember when the Baysiders were pipped at the post for the State League championship and lost the Dockerty Cup final to Croatia?

It was only two years ago. Unfortunately for Frankston the reality it now confronts appears grim.

Following the club's success in 1979 the first team was decimated by transfers.

Last year's side however fought tooth and nail for every point. It's commitment was magnificent.

Now the 1980 side is in tatters with eight of last year's regulars transferring to other clubs.

Now Frankston lies third last on the league ladder.

While the massive debt incurred by Frankston over the past couple of years has been reduced another major loss is staring the club in the face.

And that's the loss of character from the side.

I've listened to criticism about the playing ability of many players who have left Frankston this year but what they may have lacked in skill or fitness they more than made up for with heart and endeavour. There was a comradeship in the 1980 side which carried the club into the top half of the table and kept it there.

Everyone worked for each other. That's the big difference between this year's side and the 1980 outfit. And whether or not the commitment of the past can be rekindled will decide whether Frankston's State League status remains intact.

Indeed the future of the club could be at stake.

George Cross hopes to have U.K. imports Terry Kent and Hugh McCann here in time for Saturday's clash with Ringwood at Chaplin Reserve.

Ringwood Wilhelmina is one of three sides trying to claw their way clear of second last spot on the table.

Wilhelmina should come to Chaplin Reserve looking for a point and hoping that the Cross slip up.

I think Cross will win. Doveton can expect a torrid time from Hakoah when they meet at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

Graham French is back from suspension and played well against Northcote last weekend. And Chris Kent is showing something of his old self, taking men on and centring pin point crosses for striker Richie McClunie.

Doveton coach Danny McMinimiee is in hospital recovering from a leg operation as a result of an industrial accident.

I believe that the irrepressible McMinimiee wants to get back in action as soon as possible. I was told that he picked last weekend's side from his hospital bed!

I don't think McMinimiee will have too much to worry about on Sunday. Doveton's consistency will prevail and its ninth draw in 13 games should result.

Ajax and Croatia continue their neck-and-neck struggle for top spot against Northcote and Altona respectively.

It's hard to see Northcote keeping Ajax out at John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

Gordon Wallace is a quality player and Alan Bennett should start to show his worth after settling in.

I can't see Altona stopping Croatia's winning habit at Kim Reserve on Sunday.

Then again I recall saying Altona can't win quite a few times before. Much to my embarrassment.

Although Altona drew with Croatia earlier in the season and has more quality and depth in its first team now there still looks to be a substantial class difference between Altona and Croatia.

With no certainty I'll go for Croatia.

Sunshine has to get back on the winning trail against Juventus at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

The Shiners won't be helped by the state of the pitch which has been poor in recent weeks and will be worse after Cross and Ringwood churn it up on Saturday.

I know that much has been written about Juve's plight and coach Tony Boggi is confident that the club can escape relegation. I don't share Tony's confidence.

Sunshine should keep Juve near the foot of the table.

Even against Juve newcomer Stuart Cunningham who was expected to be signed from Preston Makedonia as we went to press.

Apparently Juve also hopes to bring two players here from overseas. Get them out quickly Tony!

GEORGE CROSS V Ringwood at Chaplin Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

Doveton V Hakoah (draw) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Northcote V AJAX at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

SUNSHINE V Juventus at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON V Frankston at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona V CROATIA at Kim Reserve Sunday, 3 pm.

Sandy Irvine back at Frankston

FRANKSTON 1
(Burroughs) **GEORGE**
CROSS 2 (Toal, Farmer)

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 --
Thomson 5, Stewart 8, Adams
6, Gillespie 5 (Pryde 70th.) --
Holford 6, Irvine 7, Lesbirel 6
-- Buchanan 6, Egan 7, Bur-
roughs 6 (Campbell 75th.)

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 6 --
Morgan 7, Maitland 7, Wilkin-
son 7, McKinley 7 -- Rigby 6,
G. Bannon 8, Farmer 8 --
Gambin 6, Toal 7, Mizzi 6.

Frankston signed deposed
Morwell Falcons player-coach
Sandy Irvine for \$700.

Irvine was signed by the
Baysiders in 1976 from Ju-
ventus for \$4500 then sold to
Falcons in 1978 for \$2500.

The Centenary Park Camels
opened the scoring in the 15th
minute.

Kevin Burroughs was trip-
ped inside the Cross area, re-
gained his footing, stumbled,
then shot. The ball hit a de-
fender and deflected past
Oliver Gay.

Two minutes later Cross
levelled.

Ged "Superman" Bannon
shot through a badly construct-
ed defensive wall from a free
kick just outside the Frankston
area. Dave Gilbert couldn't
hold the ball and Bobby Toal



was following in to hammer
home.

Carl Holford "sold" Cross's
winner in the 30th minute.

Holford failed to trap a
cross into the area and Bren-
dan Farmer, having his best

game for Cross since signing
from Altona earlier in the sea-
son, snuck in behind Holford
and put paid to Frankston's
hopes from the edge of the six
yard box.

But Cross could have not-
ched another two goals in this
half.

Gilbert made a point blank
save from Toal and Ray Mizzi
shot straight at the young
Frankston keeper from dead in
front.



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FRANKSTON 2 (Buchanan, Egan pen.)
CROYDON 0

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 7, Adams 6, Stewart 8, Irvine 7 - Holford 7, Lesbirel 6, Tuttill 8 - Egan 7, Buchanan 6 (inj. Campbell 65th), Gray 6 (Burroughs H.T. 6).

CROYDON: Keogh 7 - Brown 8, Pongho 6, McCombe 7, Hobson 7 - Spink 7, Smith 6, Howarth 6, Wassell 7 - Evans 6 (Wright 67th.), Wade 8.

Graham Tuttill made the jump from District Third Divi-

sion to State League look oh so easy against Croydon on Sunday.

Tuttill was brought out here by George Cross earlier this year but went A.W.O.L. and bobbed up with Cranbourne. The Baysiders paid around \$1500 for him last week and he showed that he was worth every penny in his State League debut.

Croydon floundered up front as it had done the previous week against Croatia.

There's no-one to feed off Paul Wade's good work. Wade played a fine lone hand. He came off Bob Adams well, played the ball to his team mates with fine control and was prepared to take on an opponent when that option presented itself.

Kim Wassell showed what he was capable of when taking a more prominent forward role in the last 15 minutes but by then Frankston had done irreparable damage to



Croydon's hopes of a good result.

It didn't take the locals long to make their mark. Charlie Egan went down the right in the 10th minute, cut inside Gary Hobson and flicked the ball through to Bill Buchanan who drew Sean Keogh and stuck the ball away into the far corner of goal from about 15 metres.

The killer blow came when Tuttill was felled inside the area in the 47th minute. Egan calmly stroked the ball into the corner, low down to Keogh's right.

Frankston showed more grit than in previous weeks and it can go on from here to drive away from the relegation zone.

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from Scotland, trained with Cross last night (Tuesday).

Ringwood was the better side in

Cross struck first when Toal ran onto a Ray Mizzi through ball and shot. The ball deflected off Les Fearn's legs and in to goal.



The Cross went further ahead in the 65th minute thanks to a crashing Toal drive from 25 metres into the top corner.

Brian Sinclair cross and palmed the ball into his own goal.

Cross narrowly missed with two good chances to Dave Rigby and Toal before Toal put the issue beyond doubt when he ran onto Paul Gambin's through ball and neatly slipped it past Carlos Bravo, Fearn's half time replacement.

Ringwood's late second goal came when Sinclair pounced in a packed area as Cross failed to clear



FRANKSTON 2 (Buchanan, Campbell) **RINGWOOD 3** (Sinclair, Thom, O'Riley)

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 5 (Gillespie 65th), Adams 7, Stewart 9, Irvine 7 - Halford 8, Lesbirol 6, Tutill 6 (inj Campbell 70th) - Deliyannis 7, Egan 6, Buchanan 7.

RINGWOOD: Fearn 7 - Pasman 8, Brooks 7, Luyton 7, Verniers 8 - O'Riley 8, Dixon 9, Malt 8, Thom 8 - O'Callaghan 8, Sinclair 8.

Brian Sinclair's the best striker in the State League!

That was the opinion of Ringwood coach Mike de Bruyckere after his side beat Frankston 3-2 at Centenary Park on Saturday.

But it wasn't all one-way traffic. The visitors went three up before the home side hit back. Indeed Ringwood's defence suffered from the wobbles throughout the last 10 minutes.

Sinclair nipped in, robbed Frank Thomson and slotted the ball past the advancing Dave Gilbert for the opening blow in the 10th minute.

Brian Thom hit a scorcher in the 65th minute after the ball was headed on and five minutes later Eric Gillespie paid for not clearing when he was tackled, the ball ran to Paul O'Riley and he shot Ringwood into a 3-0 lead.

Norrie Campbell came on in the 70th minute. His first touch led to Frankston's opening goal. Campbell took the ball down the left and squared to Bill Buchanan who made certain from eight metres.

Two minutes later Campbell chested home from Carl Halford's corner but the Baysiders couldn't grab the leveller.

Hakoah's 10 men come out fighting

FRANKSTON 0
HAKOAH 0

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Towers (inj. Campbell 10th 7), Stewart 7, Adams 8, Irvine 7 - Halford 6, Lesbirol 7, Tutill 6 - Deliyannis 5 (Gillespie 75th), Egan 6, Buchanan 6.

HAKOAH: Fryszler 7 - Jordanou 8 - Davidson 6, Hannah 6 (inj. Rooney 55th 6), Wilson 7, Dosen 7 - Allison 5 (sent off 55th), Gedsby 6, Webster 6 - French 8, Kent 7.

Five Hakoah players were booked and Colin Allison was sent off as Hakoah, down to ten men, threw a scare into the Frankston camp and almost snatched two points at Centenary Park.

Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert made three superb second half saves to deny the visitors.

Gilbert now must rank as one of the top keepers in the state. His future is particularly bright.

Frankston played against the wind and up the slope in the first half. Graham Tutill came closest to scoring but his low shot from the edge of the



area, cannoned off the bottom of the upright and bounced out for a corner.

When Allison was sent off in the 55th minute it looked like curtains for Hakoah. But Bill Jordanou pushed forward and Hakoah lifted. It was the home side which almost was on the rack.

Jordanou won the ball from a corner with his back to goal. He spun around on the edge of the area and hammered a shot at goal but Gilbert was down in a flash to save well.

Then Graham French sent Chris Kent through but Gilbert was off his line quickly to close Kent down and smother well.

Another Gilbert save denied Danny Davidson from scoring from a diving header from Kent's free kick.

Hakoah was without Les Thomson who was ill and Rudl Klug who received permission from the club to return to Germany for his sister's marriage.

Big Richie McClunie may return to the first team squad for Sunday's battle with Ajax.

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
11	2	3	32	8	24
8	6	2	28	13	22
7	6	3	28	18	20
4	11	1	19	15	19
8	2	6	25	17	18

Egan the target for talent scouts

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Charlie Egan headed the Victorian State League goalscorers' list from the day he played his first match for Frankston City in the first round of the season.

Now he is the target of talent scouts galore.

Essendon Croatia and Preston Macedonia made unsuccessful bids to sign him and a representative of a Sydney PSL club is said to have flown to Melbourne to watch him play four weeks ago.

"I'd like to give the big league a go to see if it's as good as people say it is," he says.

"But I undervalued myself when I signed with Frankston. I won't make that mistake again."

What makes Egan such a deadly goalscorer? According to his former Frankston teammate Danny McCluskey, now with Macedonia, Egan is too sharp and too fast for most defenders to handle. He's quick on the turn and dynamite around the box, McCluskey says.

When Charlie Egan was unemployed in his native Scotland he would sleep until about noon, get up and head for the local pub. The poolroom and the betting shop were next on the visiting list.

But Egan doesn't drink or smoke. He just was "killing time".

So it wasn't hard for him to make up his mind to come to Australia when given the chance.

"I'd hear guys in the pub saying that they could have gone to Australia about 10 years ago," said Egan.

"I said to myself that I could be saying the same thing in 10 years time."

"I had no real prospects job wise so when John Pryde approached me through Pat McCluskey I decided to come over."

The part-time nature of Australian soccer isn't new to the 21 year Scot.

He's played with Dumbarton and Berwick Rangers as a part-timer.

Egan came within inches of really making it "back home."

Scottish soccer is structured on a three-tier basis starting at juvenile level, moving up to junior and peaking at league level.

While with Kilsyth St Pat's, Egan was selected for the Stirlingshire regional team to contest a European tournament in Holland.

The Stirlingshire lads won through to



Charlie Egan

England 3-0. Egan scored the last goal in that triumph.

His return to his homeland was crowned by his selection in the Scottish juvenile side which lost 2-1 to the Scottish schoolboys. Glasgow Rangers' young star John McDonald played for the schoolboys.

Egan signed for Campsie Black Watch, one of the finest juvenile sides in Scotland. League and cup success followed but with little left to be achieved with Campsie he joined Rob Roy Juniors.

After playing most of the season he was approached to spend a week with leading English club Aston Villa.

"I trained under the various Villa coaches at a complex in the countryside. It was a magnificent complex with a gymnasium, saunas, restaurant, five-a-side pitches and six playing fields," he says.

"I was due to play for Villa reserves against Bristol Rovers but the pitch was waterlogged so I returned after my week without playing a trial game."

"Glasgow Celtic and Berwick Rangers approached me."

"Celtic had approached me before, when I was with Kilsyth St Pat's. I was asked to go to Celtic Park for a month so I gave up my job to concentrate on my game."

"It was near the end of the Scottish season and there were two games left against Hibs and St Mirren, one game on a Saturday, the other the following Wednesday."

"But St Pat's had a Cup game on the Saturday and I was bound to play for them. That Cup match was drawn and the replay was on the Wednesday so I missed out on playing for the Celtic reserves."

"Sean Fallon was the boss at Celtic then. He'd taken over from Jock Stein who had been badly injured in a car crash."

"Fallon was sacked and Billy McNeil

Shiners stumble on 'potato field'

SUNSHINE CITY 1
(Nelson) **FRANKSTON**
CITY 2 (Buchanan, Adams)

SUNSHINE: Contini 5, Dixey 6, Taylor 8, Lowe 6, Ellis 5, Morovic 5 (McRobert 6 H.T.), Nelson 6, Mussel 5, Pate 7, (Esposito 75 5), Bain 6, Laing 5.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8, Campbell 6, Stewart 6, Adams 8, Irvine 7, Holford 8, Tutill 6, Lesbiere 6, Buchanan 7, Egan 7, Deliyannis 6.

Sunshine stumbled a little closer to the relegation zone with a pathetic performance against a more determined

Frankston at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday.

The Shiners started off brightly enough, as though a win over lowly Frankston was a mere formality and the goals would come as a matter of course, but although they busied themselves swarming round the Frankston penalty area for some time, they found the rapidly-maturing Dave Gilbert in superb form, well supported by cool Sandy Irvine and Bob Adams.



Having weathered Sunshine's opening efforts Frankston went ahead in the 40th minute in what was virtually its first attack.

Sharp Charlie Egan burrowed his way into the box, and forced a corner, which

Sunshine failed to clear, and Bill Buchanan, rising high, neatly flicked the ball over the flat-footed Alan Contini.

Just to show it wasn't a fluke, that long-serving Frankston stalwart Bob Adams snatched another two minutes after the break, with the Sunshine defenders all looking at each other in bewilderment, and only referee Colin Johns knows why he disallowed a third goal in the 78th minute when Buchanan apparently nutmegged Contini after a

Graham Tutill cross.

Sunshine skipper Rob Nelson who roared himself hoarse trying to motivate his team and himself, without avail, did nick one past Gilbert with eight minutes left, but by then the stable door was closed and the Frankston horse had bolted.

Both sides deserve a medal for managing to run for 90 minutes on a pitch that resembled a potato field more than a soccer ground — LES SHORROCK.

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Egan, Gardiner, Toal, Bannon vie for medal



Bobby Toal

Charlie Egan of Frankston, John Gardiner of Ajax, Paddy Bannon of Croatia and Bobby Toal of George Cross should fight out the Victorian Rothmans Medal for the Best and Fairest player in the Victorian State League.

Bannon and Gardiner polled well in Ametco Travel's State League Player of the Year award while discussions I've had with referee and players suggest Egan and Toal should figure prominently in tomorrow night's (Thursday's) presentation at the Southern Cross hotel in Melbourne.

Gardiner has won the Rothmans Medal twice, in 1971 and 1972, while Bannon won the medal in 1974. No player has won a hat-trick of Rothmans Medal so a win to Gardiner would be a historic result.

If I have to stick out my neck and tip the winner then Egan's my pick.

I'm not at liberty to name the six referees I've spoken to about the ace Frankston scorer but, without exception they felt that Egan deserved protection from them because they saw him as the target for some rough treatment for defenders.

Some of these conversations took place before matches which prompts me to speculate how much referees take Egan's diminutive size and superb close ball skills into account.

I think Egan stands out in a game and I see him as one of a handful of players who immediately come under close scrutiny from referees.

I've spoken to a couple of George Cross players in recent weeks. They've asked referees about votes after George Cross's last seven State League games and the players concerned assure me that Toal has polled a staggering 15 votes from those games!

Gardiner has been the best player in the State League for the past two years in which I've covered the league for "Soccer Action" I've got no reservations about making that claim. For me

there's not better football brain in Victoria. His vision, skill and attitude are second to none.

Paddy Bannon has had an outstanding season since joining Croatia from PSL club Heidelberg United just before the opening league game of the year.

Consistency has been the keynote to Bannon's success. His on-field temperament is excellent, something which impresses many referees.

Whatever the outcome, it should be a great night. The Rothmans Medal is the highlight of the soccer year. It's really a player's night, the one time when the soccer fraternity gathers to pay homage to the people who do it out on the field.

The rewards for the winner are enormous. Apart from the Rothmans Medal itself, the media coverage afforded to the lucky player means offers should come flooding in before the kick-off of the 1982 season. —CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Gilbert goofs, Paul Lewis pounces

FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)
AJAX 2 (McLeod, Paul Lewis).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 7, Stewart 8, Adams (inj. Ormond 16th 7), Irvine 6 - Holford 6, Leabriel 8, Buchanan 6, De-Hyemala 5 (Burroughs 50th 6) - Campbell 7, Egan 7.

AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 6, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, G. Bennett 8 - Greechan 6, Hogben 7, Vassallo 5 - Wall 7 (Morrey 73rd), McLeod 8, Williams 5 (Paul Lewis 54th).

Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan probably won't make a more important substitution this season than the one he made in the 84th minute at Centenary Park.

McLachlan took off Jim Williams and put on Paul Lewis who had played a full game in the reserves. Lewis played a vital role in Ajax's win by slotting home the winner in the 88th minute.

Young Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert must shoulder most of the blame. In an effort to waste time in the dying moments of the game Gilbert took a short goal kick to Bill Buchanan who was under pressure, entered the area before the ball reached him and tapped it back to his keeper. Gilbert repeated the dose, this time surprising Sandy Irvine on the edge of the Frankston area. Lewis stole in, robbed Irvine and settled Frankston's fate.

At the time the teams were locked at 1-1 and a draw looked certain.

Ajax opened well and put the home side under pressure but Frankston stalwart Bob Adams was keeping a close check on Gus McLeod. However Adams took the field sporting extensive strapping around his knee and was unable to continue after 15 minutes.

Young Eddie Ormond took over but McLeod started to harass and worry the Frankston defence.

The big Ajax striker headed against the bar in the 30th minute from Kit Greechan's cross.

Five minutes after the interval Gerry Bennett hit the bar and seven minutes later Ajax scored.

Williams burst through into a one-on-one with Gilbert who did well to block, but the ball fell to McLeod. With players milling in front of him he calmly lobbed into the Frankston goal.

Frankston hit back at Ajax, taking the game to its more fancied opponent.

Billy Buchanan found room on the right and cut the ball back across goal for Charlie Egan to level with a far post header.

INNES MISS COSTLY

ALTONA 0 DOVETON 1
(Whitehurst)

ALTONA: Memishi 7 - P. Wilson 6, Kilpatrick 7, Cooper 6, Thompson 6 (K. Wilson 56th 6) - Jones 6, Maccor 7, Innes 7, Watterson 6, Whyte 7, Little 7.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 8 - Thurlow 7, Merrick 7, Corke 7, McConville 8 - Molvor 5, Bentley 6, Wilcock 6 (Quin 63th) - Whitehurst 7, Cherie 7 (McLaughlin 76th) Irvine 7.

Peter Whitehurst's first goal in his first full game for Doveton since joining from Metro Second Division club Waverley earlier this year enabled the Doves to sneak away with both points.

In recent weeks much has been said about Altona's in-



Egan had a great tussle with Ajax youngster Dave Hogben and honors were even on the day.

The Ajax brains trust must have breathed a sigh of relief when Lewis kept the club's title tilt on target.

ability to finish its chances to score but the Kim Reserve side's penalty miss in the 75th minute was the final blow.

Kevin Innes was the villain Lou Ivanoff the hero. Altona had gone one goal down in the 28th minute when Arthur Cherie had kept the ball in play and knocked it back to Steve Irvine who crossed over Rathman Memishi's head for Whitehurst to head in almost on the goal line.

Player-coach Billy Whyte caught Ernie Merrick in possession inside the Doveton area in the second half but was pulled down by Ivanoff. Innes looked set to level but Ivanoff saved his penalty attempt and the Doves ran out winners.

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TUTILL NABS WIN FOR FRANKSTON

NORTHCOTE 2 (Campbell o.g., Sahinida)
FRANKSTON 3 (Tutill 2, Egan)

NORTHCOTE: Tachris 6 - Nelson 6, Petrakos 6, Popovic 7, Petrou 6 - Fakas 6, Bazikis 6, Kalliadis 6, Moulas 6 (Vasic 60th) - Kojic 7, Sahinida 7.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Irvine 7, Adams 6 (Thomson H.T. 6), Stewart 9, Campbell 7 - Goldby 7 (Burroughs 70th), Holford 9, Leabriel 8 - Buchanan 7, Egan 7, Tutill 8.



Charlie Egan - Frankston goal machine

Frankston turned the tables on Northcote and snatched victory with a goal in the 88th minute.

It was sweet revenge for the Baysiders who had gone down 2-1 to the Northerners earlier in the season thanks to a last minute goal.

The visitors to John Cain Reserve hit the front in the 25th minute when Bill Buchanan crossed from the right and Charlie Egan nipped in before "Rocky" Tachris could gain possession and strolled the ball into the unguarded goal.

But a crazy own goal from Frankston veteran Norrie Campbell sent the sides in at the break locked together.

A long free kick downfield found Campbell some 25 metres from goal. The tall defender headed the ball high toward his goal and it bounced over Gilbert's head.

Frankston recovered its lead 15 minutes into the second half when Graham Tutill, lurking at the far post, gained possession from a glancing header from Buchanan at the near post. Tutill smashed the ball high into the roof of the Northcote goal.

The Baysiders were caught on the break in the 70th minute. Milan Kojic set up Jim Sahinida for a spectacular volley from just outside the area which gave Gilbert no hope.

Just when it looked like a draw was on the cards up popped Tutill, following in on an Egan header which Tachris parried.

OFF ON AGAIN

FRANKSTON 2 (Egan 2)
JUVENTUS 3 (Incantalupo, Cavallari pen., Heery).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 (sent off 40th) - Goby 8, Stewart 9, Ormond 7 (Burk H.T. 7), Irvine 7 - Holford 8, Leabriel 8, Tutill 8 - Buchanan 7, Egan 8, Campbell 7.

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 8 - Curcio 9, Della Rocca 7, Donaldson 7, Hird 6 - Smith 6, Cavallari 7, Cunningham 8 (Ciccio 72nd, Heery 8 - Ristovski 7, Incantalupo 8).

Dave Gilbert was sent off and referee Nick Karlich abandoned a dramatic Centenary Park clash in the 40th minute but restarted almost 25 minutes later.

Frankston officials are fuming. They claim Karlich told them that the match was abandoned because Frankston's Director of Coaching John Pryde refused to leave the field as instructed by referee Karlich.

Frankston claims that Karlich didn't show off a red card yet Pryde was on the Frankston team sheet as a substitute.

And Frankston players were told by club officials Les Smith during the long stoppage that the game had been called off so some of them started to shower and get changed.

I believe that Tony Beareigh, a referee's inspector spoken at length to Karlich during the stoppage.

When play restarted the sides kicked off for the second half but the match had been abandoned before the 45 minutes were up for the first half!

Both sides shone in an exciting first half and it took the Baysiders only eight minutes to hit the front when Charlie Egan followed in on Alex Fantoma's parried save from a Bill Buchanan shot from the right side of the Juve area.

Three minutes later Fabio Incantalupo turned and twisted past two defenders then slammed a superb low shot past Gilbert from about 12 metres.

Incantalupo must have thought that he had put Juve ahead shortly after when he thumped the ball goalward from 10 metres but Gilbert reacted brilliantly to parry then grasp at the second attempt.

Rob Stewart switched play to the left side in the 32nd minute and set up Carl Holford who had eluded Juve's offside trap. Holford took the ball to the by line then squared back



to the incoming Egan who side-footed high into the roof of the Juve net.

Then all hell broke loose in the 40th minute.

Stewart saw Incantalupo bearing down on Gilbert and stepped into the path of the young Juve striker. Karlich awarded a penalty and Gilbert, in possession, kicked the ball away in disgust. He was given a yellow card. Charlie Smith took the spot kick but Gilbert saved Karlich ruled that Gilbert had moved too early and ordered the penalty to be retaken. Again Gilbert kicked the ball away so Karlich sent him off.

Pryde raced around the touchline as Gilbert walked off, trying to get his young keeper to take off his strip and give it to 17 year old defender Eddie Ormond who was to take over the keeping duties for the last few minutes of the half. Karlich and Pryde clashed verbally and Karlich allegedly ordered Pryde from the playing arena. Pryde apparently refused to go and Tiziano Cavallari replaced Smith as the penalty taker and made no mistake to level at 2-2.

Then Karlich and Pryde again clashed and Karlich took his two linesmen from the park after abandoning the match.

Strangely it was Frankston's 10 men which gave Juve hell for most of the second half but Tony Heery's half deflected shot beat reserve team keeper Nigel Bent in the 80th minute. Bent had replaced Ormond at half time.

Three minutes later Graham Tutill was brought down inside the Juve area and Karlich had no hesitation in awarding a penalty to the Baysiders.

The whole scene took on an unreal quality when Frankston's two goal hero, Egan, hammered his penalty attempt high and wide.

Frankston is lodging an official complaint with the VSF over referee Karlich's handling of the match. The Baysiders are seeking a replay.

CANNELL

AJAX 3 (Greechan, McLeod, Morroy) JUVENTUS 0.

AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Cannell 8 (sent off 60th), G. Bennett 8 (inj. Williams 35th, 71 - Greechan 7, A. Bennett 8, Hogben 8 - Wall 7, McLeod 8, Morroy 7.

JUVENTUS: Hawke 6 - Curcio 6, Della Rocca 6, Donaldson 6, Hird 7 - Smith 6, Cavallari 6, Cunningham 6, Heery 5 (Corbet 75th) - Ristovski 5 (Vaccaro 70th) Incantalupo 7.

Stuart Cannell was sent off in the 60th minute after clashing with Juventus youngster Fabio Incantalupo but once reduced to 10 men Ajax took up the challenge and ran out a convincing winner.

Cannell now is ineligible for the Rothmans Medal.

Gerry Bennett was injured in the 35th minute and was replaced by Jim Williams. David Hogben switched back to full back allowing Williams to

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- 15. Egan (F)
- 12. Sahinida (N)

Pryde out, Frankston fuming

Victorian State League club Frankston City will appeal against last week's VSF tribunal decision which suspended the club's Director of Coaching John Pryde from coaching or playing until the start of the 1982 State League season.

The tribunal also failed to uphold Frankston's call for a replay of its State League game against Juventus three weeks ago at Centenary Park.

Referee Nick Karlich was at the centre of controversy over the Frankston-Juventus match.

"The initial hearing was fairly informal," said Frankston spokesman Les Smith.

"Our protest against the validity of the match was heard in conjunction with the John Pryde case but we thought both cases deserved individual hearings.

"We're seeking legal advice from the club's solicitor before our appeal is heard. We believe that under F.I.F.A. rules a referee can't abandon a game then restart it. And if the game is restarted surely you have to complete the first half.

"Referee Karlich said at the hearing that he played 46 minutes and 40 seconds for the first half.

"We dispute that. Even if he's right there had to be at least five minutes of added time for stoppages.

"We acknowledge that the referee is the sole timekeeper but we say that Karlich abandoned the game and didn't blow for half time.

"Anyway whatever happens as a result of our appeal Frankston City is sending a letter to the State League

Board of Management asking the Board to bar Karlich from refereeing at State League level.

"We also object to the presence of Tony Beazleigh at the hearing as the referee's representative. What about our club? Aren't we entitled to a representative as well? The VSF should have represented us if the referee was repre-

sented. Perhaps George Wallace could have represented Frankston," Smith added.

Frankston will present statutory declarations at its appeal hearing to back up its claim that referee Karlich abandoned the game before the completion of the first half.

The appeal hearing is likely to be held in a fortnight's time.

deflected off David Hogben and into goal. Lou Deays had committed himself to covering the shot and was stranded by the deflection.

"It's been a great effort by the players and they've really done the club proud," said Ajax manager Bobby McLachlan after this last game of the league season.

"The lads have taken 23 points out of their last 12 games and only three or four sides have managed to score against us in that time," he added.

For Altona, the future looks grim. The relegated club has a

DINGLEY GETS \$190,000

Victorian Amateur League club Dingley United will have its home ground at Chadwick Reserve redeveloped by the Springvale council to the tune of \$190,000.

The development will provide Dingley with two full size soccer pitches, two six-a-side grounds for the club's under-8's, a floodlit training area and a large, modern pavilion.

These facilities will form the basis of Dingley's drive for inclusion in District League ranks in 1982.

Dingley United was formed as a junior club in 1977 and now fields seven junior sides - two

under-8 teams, under-9's, 10's, 11's, 12's and under-13's.

Dingley merged with Industrial League outfit Keeley United in 1980 and played in the Central Amateur League Second Division this year, finishing in second spot, equal on points with league champion Holland Park but with an inferior goal difference.

No mean feat in an area dominated by Australian Rules.

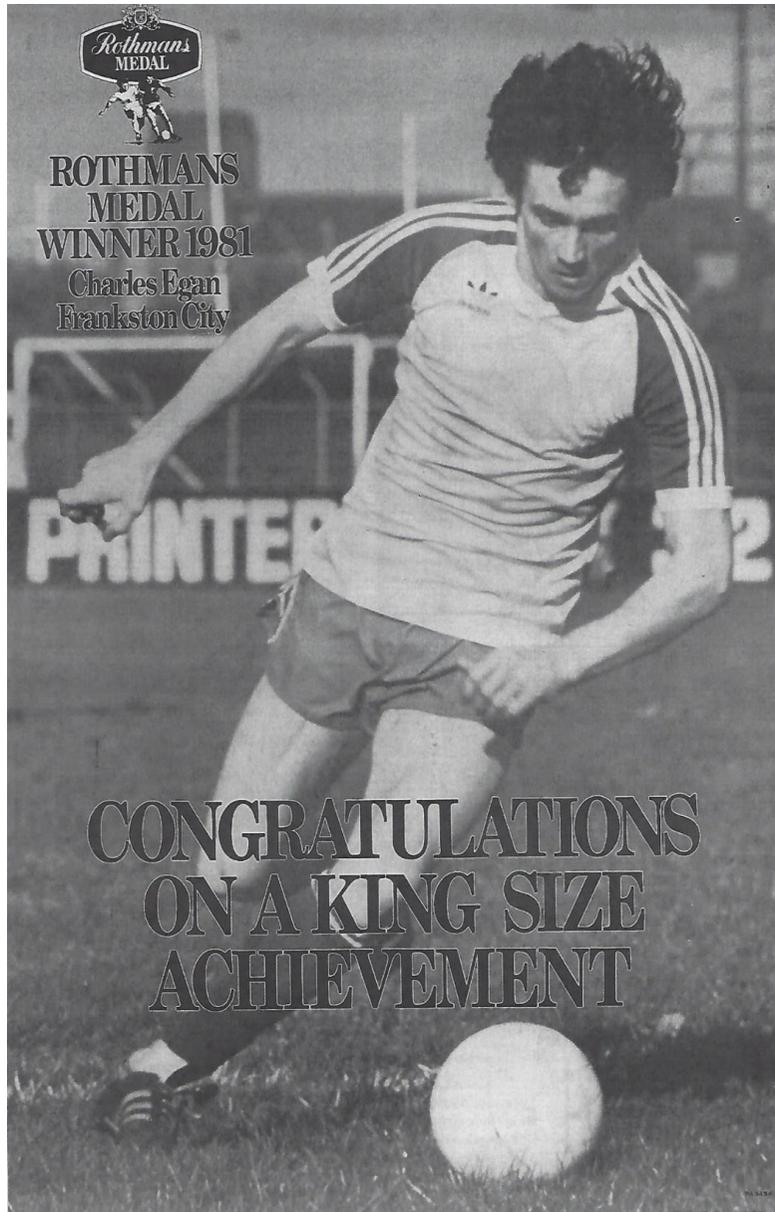
Dingley is seeking a major sponsor for the 1982 season. Enquiries about sponsoring Dingley should be directed to the general or senior secretary of the club by phoning 551 1217 A.H. or 547 6987 A.H.



• Dingley United's first team squad. Back row: John Loulier, John Shanks, John Cester, Neil Sparrow, Bill King, Tony Petta, Martin Loggett, Chris Fox. Front row: Tommy Cowburn, Richard Frampton, Steven Toth, Charlie Tagliaferro, Ron Van Wyngaarden, Vinco Tagliaferro.



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No-one was happier about Charlie Egan's Medal victory than John Pryde (left), his coach at Frankston, and good friend Danny McCluskey of Preston Makedonia. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

It's sweet success for Milky Bar Kid

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

For Frankston City striker Charlie Egan, winner of Victoria's Rothmans Medal for 1981, it was work as usual the morning after his triumphant night before.

And unlike most of the people who attended the gala occasion at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel Egan started work in the warehouse of Nylax's Mentone plant with a clear head. He must be the first Rothmans winner not to drink on the night when he was recognised as the best player in Victoria's State League.

But that's Egan. He went to a night club after his win and ordered a couple of soft drinks while friends "got stuck into the bery" as the Scottish slang goes.

No doubt the Rothmans win will add a couple of thousand dollars to Egan's transfer fee.

His much-talked-about move to another club next year is no clearer but it looks likely either PSL giant South Melbourne Hellas or State League kingpin Essendon Croatia will win his services.

Hellas is favorite to snap up the dynamic young Scot, probably for about \$15,000.

Maybe we should nickname Egan "The Milky Bar Kid". He doesn't drink or smoke but apparently he's got a "sweet tooth".



Ajax forward Gus McLeod (left), who finished equal third, congratulates Medal winner Egan.



The men of Croydon live it up at the medal count. From left: Paul Wade, Martin Koonen, Geoff Pegg, Ian Loughnane, Dave Baddock and Laurie Cooper.

As the final votes were being cast last Thursday night Egan sat next to his good friend Danny McCluskey from Preston Makedonia.

"I needed to poll in the last few votes without Rob Nelson of Sunshine (the eventual runner-up) polling any votes," said Egan.

"Danny leaned over and

said to me that I'd win. He said they're only making a contest of it. I wasn't so sure but Danny was. He said that he'd eat the menu if I wasn't the winner!"

It's history now that McCluskey didn't suffer chronic gastronomic failure on the night.

"Then I had to get up on the stage and make speeches which I don't like doing but this medal is the greatest thing I've won."

"I've seen Scottish Cup Winners' medals and they've got nothing on this Rothmans Medal. For a start it's about three times the size of most other medals and I think it might even weigh more than I do." Egan quipped.

Egan was brought from Scotland by Frankston's Director of Coaching John Pryde. The talented striker arrived just a few hours before Frankston's opening game

against George Cross in this year's State League and scored the only goal of the match.

It was the start of a scoring spree which netted 28 goals in 21 league games and lured him from Preston Makedonia, Croatia and APIA.

"I'm hoping to sign a new contract by December 1 because I've been told that I can extend my visa for another year if I've signed by then. And that's when my contract with Frankston is up."

Egan took his workmates up to the local pub at lunchtime last Friday to shout them a few drinks. He wanted to show a few Australians that what they'd been saying about Scots being stingy wasn't true. Maybe they'll return the gesture soon to celebrate their workmate's elevation to the status of a successful PSL player.

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- 20 B. Toal (Geo. Cross), P. Corke (Dove)
- 16 D. Brogan (Croatia), J. Gardiner (Ajax)
- 15 *1. Loughnane (Croy), S. Gadsby (Hak)
- 14 D. Hogben (Ajax), J. O'Callaghan (Ring)
- 13 J. Luyten (Ring)
- 12 G. Watters (Alt), B. Wilkinson (Geo. Cross)
- 11 S. McCombe (Croy), J. Sahnidias (North)
- 10 N. Little (Alt), P. Donaldson (Juve), S. Kokoska (Croat), *D. Gilbert (Frank)
- 9 P. Loughnane (Croy), P. Wade (Croy), N. Mitten (Croat), J. Tront (Croat), N. Pate (Sun)
- 8 P. Thurlow (Dove), K. Murphy (Croat), D. Rigby (Geo. Cross), J. Williams (Ajax), B. Sinclair (Ring), M. Fryzer (Hak), C. Kent (Hak), D. Morovic (Sun)
- 7. D. Mesalini (Alt), K. Wassell (Croy), S. Irvine (Dove), C. Halford (Frank), G. Bannon (Geo. Cross), *S. Cannell (Ajax)
- 6 W. Whyte (Alt), *M. Ristovacki (Juve), J. Spink (Croy), R. Adam (Frank), A. Irvine (Frank), G. Wallace (Ajax), J. Kriaris (North), L. Faern (Ring)
- 5 A. Fantoma (Juve), M. Batilovic (Croat), *C. Gilder (Croat), W. Buchanan (Frank), P. Gambin (Geo. Cr), P. Lewis (Ajax), B. Morrey (Ajax), D. Brookes (Ring), R. McClunio (Hak), J. McRobert (Sun)

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3 H. Mercer (Alt), S. Cunningham (Juve), J. Creaney (Juve), A. Curcio (Juve), S. Gioccone (Juve), A. Heery (Juve), *F. Incantalupo (Juve), G. Balder (Croy), H. Hobson (Croy), D. Smith (Croy), L. Ivanoff (Dove), *A. Bilavar (Croat), D. Webb (Frank), B. Farmer *Geo. Cr) T. Tahria (North), S. Teataoe (North), D. Davidson (Hak), M. Dacey (Sun), W. Laing (Sun), G. Groenewald (ring).

2 K. Innes (Alt), L. Murphy (Alt), G. McKenna (Alt), *L. Vaccaro (Juve), C. Smith (Juve), K. Werner (Juve), G. Bentley (Dove), A. Quinn (Dove), B. Keenan (Croat), S. Short (Croat), B. Fiaherly (Geo. Cr.), D. Morgan (Geo. Cr.), S. Pappas (Geo. Cr.), K. Wall (Ajax), M. Kojic (North), *D. Vasic (North), C. Moulas (North), *B. Jordanou (Hak), L. Thompson (Hak), A. Contini (Sun), J. McNally (Sun).

1 D. Cooper (Alt), S. Jones (Alt), R. Memish (Alt), S. Penzo (Juve), D. McCluskey (Frank), G. Tuttil (Frank), T. Kent (Geo. Cr.), G. Bennett (Ajax), T. Kalafatidis (North), J. Nicolaidis (North), B. Thom (Ring), R. Bain

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