

White Eagle (A)

P. Wass
M. Sikora
G. Jenkins
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
H. Stewart
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes (off HT)
K. Worden

Substitutes:

D. Riddock
N. Draskovic (on HT)

6

M Southworth 4
K. Worden (pen)
N. Draskovic

University (H)

J. Hargrave
Hoskins
Sloane
Davies
Connolly
C. Sumner
Drygala
Gambles
Turner
Norman (Capt.)
Goninon
Graley
Hunt

1

Gambles



By Gordon Burnett 4/4/77

The opening weekend program also saw Michael Southworth (White Eagles) score four goals against University on Saturday. University kept the powerful White Eagles down to a lone goal at half time, but Southworth then ran riot to bring his tally to four out of a total of six by the Eagles.

Gambles, who stood out for University, scored when Eagles were leading 3-0, but it only spurred on their opponents against a young and energetic side who will worry the top clubs.

With Oakes off with an injured ankle early on the Eagles' attack relied on the Stewart -Southworth – Worden combination, and it worked smoothly.

Winfield League Division 1 - WHITE EAGLE v CALEDONIANS - Grove Rd. - 4/4/77

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
G. Jenkins
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
H. Stewart
M. Richards
M. Southworth
P. Wass
K. Worden

Substitutes:

E. Kempa
N. Draskovic

3

Southworth 2
Jenkins

Caledonians (A)

Jones
Hen
Hindmarsh
Miller
Hanna
Farmer
Siggins
Godfrey
Mackinnon
Hales (Capt.)
Clark
Jotic
Weymouth
Ferguson
Dean

0



By Gordon Burnett 12/4/77

RAPID-WREST POINT, Olympia and White Eagles are the only clubs with a 100 per cent winning record after only two weeks in the Winfield League Division 1 soccer competition.

Olympia, and White Eagles had comfortable wins, with Moroccan Mahjouri playing a much-improved game, to go close to a bat-trick, and Michael Southworth scoring twice, to bring bis tally to six goals from two games.

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W. Bucher
M. Sikora
G. Jenkins
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
H. Stewart
M. Richards
M. Southworth
P. Wass (off)
K. Worden

Substitutes:

M. Oakes (on for Wass)
D. Trueman

2

Southworth
Nunn

Olympia (H)

Roussos (Capt.)
Conlan
Wright
Spendiff
Manis
Bolton
Mahjouri
Paplos
Schwesinger
Morales
C. Hargrave
Crowther
Genaris
Karagiannakis

1



By Gordon Burnett 18/4/77

Olympia went very close to beating the star-studded White Eagles on Saturday before a record, Sandfly soccer ground crowd. |

They crossed over with a deserved 1-0 lead, fell back in defence 15 minutes after the resumption, conceded two goals in three minutes, and had Mohamed Mahjouri injured and Chris Hargrave sent off, just before full time. It was a hard-tough game, that all but got out of control, and the spectators were close to brawling at the finish. A linesman removed his referee's shirt and wanted to fight one of them.

Discontent arose from an alleged fisting of the ball by Worden before the equalizing goal was scored by Southworth 26 minutes into the second half. Before Olympia could recover, Nunn had scored a second goal three minutes later.

Both these goals came following the replacement of Wass in the 67th minute by Oakes, who initiated both the moves. While Eagles who have played better, were beaten in the midfield for well over half the game, and their rugged defence was well tested by the probing distribution of Wright and the deadliness of Spendiff. Linnell stood out, while Worden's artistry provided a number of opportunities, up front that were not backed up.

Morales was outstanding in Olympia's defence, which was well held together by Conlan while Spendiff was the most dangerous forward on the field.

A pass from Wright saw Spendiff dart across to the right of the penalty area, beat two defenders and fire in a shot from an oblique angle that were between Bucher, and the new post for a great opening goal, eight minutes before halftime. Southworth had a chance near goal when Worden made a brilliant opening, but he was slow in shooting.

In the second half, Mahjouri lobbed just over the goal after beating Nunn on the right and being confronted by the advancing Bucher. Soon after Spendiff just failed to get to a centre from Mahjouri, and a Bolton saw Spendiff's shot cleared from off the goal line by Nunn. It was after Roussos had saved from Stewart and Worden in quick succession that Olympia put up the shutters, having nine men back into defence at times.

White Eagles chose this period to being on Oakes, who had been nursing an injured ankle. And it was a pass back by Oakes that gave Southworth the equalizer. A pass by Oakes, out to the left saw Nunn collect the return cross to score, what was to be the decider. Hargrave was sent off for a tackle against Richards.

Winfield League Division 1 - WHITE EAGLE v METRO - Grove Rd. - 30/4/77

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
P. Linnell (off)
L. Nunn (Capt.)
P. Wass
H. Stewart (off)
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
K. Worden

Substitutes:

R. Rybak (on for Stewart)
G. Jenkins (on for Linnell)

1

Oakes

Metro (A)

Turner
Fone
Pitchford
N. Sugden
Francis
Gill
Shacklady
Peters
Smith
Stewart
Love
Mackinnon (Capt.)
M Sugden
\\

0



By Gordon Burnett 1/5/77

A lone goal by Mark Oakes in the 67th minute gave White Eagles the points against Metro, who had been reduced to only 10 men early in the second half, when David Love got his marching orders for allegedly abusive language. It was a hard, rough niggling type of game and a draw would have been a fair result.

White Eagles were without McKay, had Linnell carried off with an ankle injury, and Stewart had to come off with a leg injury. This enabled Rybak and Jenkins to be used as replacement replacements in the second half.

Nunn, and Bucher were outstanding for Eagles, while David Smith, Love, and the Sugden brothers Nigel and Michael were best for Metro, who were playing Eagles for the second time in five days.

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W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
P. Linnell
G. Jenkins (off)
P. Wass
B. McKay
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
K. Worden

Substitutes:

R. Rybak (on for Jenkins)
M. Prodanovic

2

Worden 2 (1 pen)



Dnipro (H)

Holmes
L. Lagerewski
P. Lagerewski
V. Lagerewski
MacDougall
Rawlings (Capt.)
Howell
V. di Tomasso
Ahearne
Stanton
P. Davis
Zeitzen
Alexiadis

2

V. Lagerewski
Aherane (Pen)

By Gordon Burnett 9/5/77

Dnipro provided the upset against White Eagles scoring twice in the last 15 minutes to draw 2-2. After crossing over 2-0, Eagles relaxed, and that was it. It was their first reality check. In the closing minutes a Southworth header was brilliantly saved by Holmes, and Dnipro's new recruit Norman Stanton missed a great chance.

In a below standard game of two penalties - Eagles got theirs for pushing and Dnipro for a tackle - Dnipro deserved their point for a good team effort.

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W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
H. Stewart
B. McKay
G. Jenkins (off)
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
M. Richards (off)

Substitutes:

P. Wass (on for Jenkins)
K. Worden (on for Richards)

6

Worden 3
Southworth 2
Wass

South Hobart (H)

Puclin
Weitenauer
Stalker
Ring
Adkins
Thomas
Skaro (Capt.)
Murray
C. Baker
D. Baker
Tavasz
Plazonic
Madden
Barker

1

Thomas



By Gordon Burnett 23/5/77

Replacement Ken Worden - he was nursing a knee injury - came on in the second half yesterday against South Hobart to lift White Eagles from 2-1 to 6-1 with a well taken hat-trick of left footed kicks in the course of 12 minutes. He also missed a penalty, hitting the crossbar.

Worden made the difference in a game in which South Hobart were holding on doggedly. He and Nunn stood out for Eagles who are now two points ahead of the field in the standings.

Winfield League Division 1 - WHITE EAGLE v JUVENTUS - South Hobart - 28/5/77

White Eagle (A)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
M. Richards
B. McKay
B. Rybak
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
K. Worden

Substitutes:

P. Wass
G. Jenkins

1

Rybak

Juventus (H)

Howlin
Gaff
Rizzolo
West
Moore
B. di Tomasso
Schiro
Prodan
Bachinger
Tria
Paternoster
di Felice
Fraraccio
Letec
Carnevale

1

di Felice



By Gordon Burnett 30/5/77

NEWLY elected 1978 State league soccer teams disappointed In the roster series on Saturday, when Rapid West Point went down to amateur club Metro, and White Eagles were held by Juventus-Pioneer

In what coaching director Dennis Ford described as the best club game he had seen In Tasmania, Eagles crossed over 0-0, after Worden had missed a penalty against Tria two minutes before half time.

Five minutes after the resumption, a bad pass back by Linnell to Bucher saw the ever ready di Felice dart in and score for Juventus. But Eagles were on terms again in the slippery conditions when, following a corner kick, Rybak scored through a crowd of players in the 61st minute.

Spurred on by a big following, Juventus almost got through late in the game, after Letec had headed off their goal line to keep out a shot from Qakes.

In the 70th minute a Fraraccio pass saw Carnevale hit the crossbar with the goal at his mercy. Trueman then blocked a piledriver from replacement Bachinger, and Bucher kept out a good shot from Carnevale.

White Eagles played the better soccer and would have won with more support for Worden, who created openings with no one up to take advantage of them.

Despite his defensive blunder, Linnell stood out as the player of the match, while Rybak had a good game, sending in the shot of the match, a low screamer from 30 yards out in the seventh minute, that just went past the upright. Juventus might have won this game had Owen been available, as this would have put that extra snap into the attack and allowed Fraraccio to play in more familiar territory.

As it was, they relied on quick breaks, and at times kept the pressure on to force Eagles to use nine men in defence. It was one of Juventus' better efforts as they strove hard to show it was a mistake to leave them out of the State League.

Moore stood out In the first half, and di Felice was always dangerous.

National coach Jimmy Shoulder was satisfied with the standard but added that improvement would come when players learned to string together their passes better.

State and White Eagles' player Eamonn Kelly, back from the UK after being taken ill, watched the game and, although he is progressing satisfactorily, that is about all he will be doing this season.

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
M. Richards
B. McKay
K. Worden (off)
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
R. Rybak (off)

Substitutes:

H. Stewart (on for Worden)
P. Wass (on for Rybak)

1

Oakes

Croatia (A)

Tattam
Payne
Mohring
Djakic
Krawczyk
Peters
Hall (Capt.)
Cowen
Lakoseljic
Kirkpatrick
Leung
Glasovac
Colman
Grainger
Mahjouri

1

Mahjouri



By Gordon Burnett 6/6/77

CROATIA should have beaten Winfield League first division soccer leaders White Eagles 5-1 but had to be content with a 1-1 draw yesterday at Glenorchy.

Hall missed a sitter, Mahjouri had three open goals, and Peters' penalty shot in the second half hit the framework. For the first 60 minutes it was all Croatia with Mahjouri scoring. In the 25th minute following a corner kick - they had nine corners to White Eagles' one in the first half hour.

Oakes equalised 17 minutes into the second half and then Peters missed the penalty against Linnell. In the last 10 minutes Kirkpatrick was replaced after a good game in midfield.

Eagles lost Worden in the 35th minute after he had limped badly for 10 minutes, but replacement Stewart was unable to lift their midfield play. Eagles' failure to control the midfield, and a lack of teamwork in getting the ball from the defence to a set of individual forwards cost them a valuable point.

Now they are only two points ahead of four teams. Croatia's main problem persists - lack of scoring forwards.

With time running out Southworth got the ball into the net for Eagles but handled it doing so, and Mahjouri was too slow to convert a great chance with five minutes to go. Kirkpatrick, Lakoseljic, Peters, Hall and Krawczyk played well for Croatia, and Trueman, Nunn and McKay were the best for Eagles.

White Eagle (A)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
M. Richards
G. Jenkins
P. Wass
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
H. Stewart (off)

Substitutes:

R. Rybak (on for Stewart)
E. Kelly

0

1

Oakes

Rapid (H)

Caban
John Dilba
Willcock
Reid (Capt.)
Cengia
Stuetzel
Schiebl
Jack Dilba
S. Kannegeiser
Farmery
Fraser
Medhurst
McCallum

2

Farmery 2



By Gordon Burnett 20/6/77

Rapid were a goal down to White Eagles In the second minute when Garry Jenkins raced 40 yards down the right touchline and sent across a great centre which Oakes headed in for a goal, but they came back with great courage and determination in the second half to pull off a well-earned win.

John Dilba stood out, with replacement Peter Medhurst not far behind, Mick Caban had a magnificent game in goal. Two other young Rapid players in Stephen Kannegeiser and Chester Willcock also showed top form, in a good team effort.

Oakes showed plenty of dash and determination in the first half to be a constant menace, and Jenkins proved a resourceful winger. Southworth was well below form because he was carrying an injury. Stewart was replaced by Rybak in the second half.

Rapid, who took three points off Eagles last season, equalised three minutes into the second half when Cengia gave Farmery a through pass and he beat the advancing Bucher. The decider came with 10 minutes to go after Farmery and Schiebl had gone close for Rapid, Caban had saved well from Jenkins and Wass had missed a golden opportunity.

In a neat Rapid build-up, Stuetzel got possession and gave Farmery the chance he was seeking. He has gone further ahead in the roster goalscoring list. Caban defied Eagles' dying efforts when he saved well from Jenkins and Oakes.

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora (off)
G. Jenkins
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
R. Rybak
H. Stewart
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
P. Wass (off)

Substitutes:

M. Prodanovic (on for Wass)
H. Gorniak (on fro Sikora)
0

3

Jenkins
Wass
Southworth

University (A)

J. Hargrave
Hoskins
Sloane
Davies
Connolly
C. Sumner
Page
Gambles
Scavone
Robinson
Newman
Graley
de Salis

0



By Gordon Burnett 27/6/77

John Hargrave saved University from total disgrace when they were beaten 3-0 by White Eagles. White Eagles relaxed and failed to score in the second half. It was poor game that deteriorated after the interval into a big-kicking duel with little attempt by either side to build up attacks.

Hargrave, Scavone and Sumner were beat for Uni, and Nunn, Richards and Oakes stood out for Eagles.

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
B. McKay
L. Nunn (Capt.)
E. Kelly
P. Linnell
M. Richards
H. Stewart
M. Oakes
G. Jenkins

Substitutes:

P. Wass
M. Southworth
0

4

Linnell 2
Oakes
Richards

Olympia (A)

Roussos (Capt.)
Conlan
J Paplos
Spendiff
Manis
Bolton
Norman
Aziz
Schwesinger
Morales
Alwan
Karagiannakis
Parolas
Bailey

0



By Gordon Burnett 11/7/77

OLYMPIA are virtually out of the reckoning for the soccer premierships as a result of their four-goal defeat by White Eagles on Saturday.

But they were better than the score would suggest as centre-forward Norman missed three great opportunities and Olympia claimed two of Eagles goals were offside.

But the fact remains that Eagles' goalkeeper Wally Bucher did not have to save a shot in the 90 minutes. Bailey played only in the first half for Olympia and was kept continually on the move by a fast Eagles team, who have seldom worked harder for possession, or been so dangerous.

In the closing stages goalkeeper Roussos went off with a jarred shoulder, and Parolas got a yellow card for dissent.

Star Iraqi player Aziz was prominent throughout his last game for Olympia. Eagles, who were without top scorer Southworth, Rybak and Worden through injury, used the ball well on the move, and it will take a determined and, well disciplined team to stop their first premierships run.

Kelly fitted into the tall defence as if he had never been away, and dominated midfield for most of the day. Oakes and Jenkins were too fast and aggressive for the Olympia defence and Linnell rounded off a good game with two goals – his first in the roster this season. Olympia were badly served by wandering wingers and concentrated their attack too much on Norman.

Linnell opened the scoring in the 17th minute when he pounced on a header out by a defender, to send in a surprise shot. He sent Richards through later on for what should have been a goal, and just before half time McKay had a shot that went inches past an upright, and Stewart had a shot, brilliantly saved by Roussos at full length.

Olympia swept into attack from the kick-off for the second half. and Norman shot over the bar from close in and in front of goal. He failed soon after to take a fine centre from Bolton, and Eagles recovered to go to .2-0 in the 54th minute, when Oakes converted a Richards' pass.

A great Spendiff pass to Norman was wasted, and then Spendiff himself saw a fine chip shot land on the netting. Eagles scored again in the 75th minute, when Richards took a pass from Oakes, and in the 85th minute, when Linnell again picked up a loose ball, to make it 4-0.

Winfield League Division 1 - WHITE EAGLE v CALEDONIANS - Margate - 3/7/77

White Eagle (A)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
G. Jenkins
P. Linnell
L. Nunn (Capt.)
R. Rybak
H. Stewart
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes (off)
B. McKay

Substitutes:

N. Draskovic (on for Oakes)
E. Kelly
G. Steenhuis

4

Rybak
Oakes
Richards
Southworth

Caledonians (H)

Jones
Hen
D. Arnott
Adkins
Hanna
Farmer
Siggins
Godfrey
Mackinnon
Hales (Capt.)
Webb
Weymouth
Dean

2

Hales
Farmer (pen)



By Gordon Burnett 4/7/77

An improved Caledonian side scored first but lost 2-4 to White Eagles in a crowd-pleaser at Margate.

Winfield League Division 1 - WHITE EAGLE v METRO -South Hoabrt - 17/7/77

White Eagle (A)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
B. McKay
L. Nunn (Capt.)
E. Kelly
P. Linnell
M. Richards
M. Southworth (off)
M. Oakes
G. Jenkins

Substitutes:

P. Wass (on for Southworth)

4

Oakes 2
Jenkins 2

Metro (H)

Doig
Fone
Blackmore
N. Sugden
Francis
P. Gill
Shacklady
Peters
Smith
Stewart
I. Gill
Mackinnon (Capt.)
M Sugden
I. Gill

0



By Gordon Burnett 18/7/77

TOP teams Croatia and White Eagles scored runaway wins in their Winfield League soccer matches despite muddy conditions.

Croatia looked good piling on five goals against Caledonians and White Eagles scored twice in each half without reply from Metro in an equally impressive performance.

Playing without Stewart, White Eaglet opened the scoring against Metro in the 11th minute when a pass from Linnell sent Oakes through and Linnell hit the crossbar soon after. Then he saw one of his shots deflected by a defender against an upright. With two minutes to half time a corner by Jenkins saw a Southworth header go in off Oakes.

Metro introduced Blackmore for the second half, but it took Eagles only two minutes to go to 3-0 through Jenkins after getting a header from Oakes. Five minutes later Jenkins scored again, from near the touch line, and soon after a centre from him landed on the crossbar.

In a polished display from Eagles, Kelly and Linnell were always prominent, while Metro, tentative in defence and slow in attack, had the hard-working Smith as their best.

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
H. Gorniak (off)
D. Trueman
B. McKay
L. Nunn (Capt.)
E. Kelly
P. Linnell
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
G. Jenkins

Substitutes:

R. Rybak
M. Southworth (on for H. Gorniak)

2

Linnell 2



Dnipro (A)

Holmes
L. Lagerewski
P. Lagerewski
V. Lagerewski
MacDougall
Rawlings (Capt.)
Howell
V. di Tomasso
Ahearne
Stanton
P. Davis
Zeitzen
Alexiadis

0

By Gordon Burnett 25/7/77

State squad goalkeeper Wally Bucher watched their game against Dnipro from the stand. He was disciplined by coach Glyn Jenkins for not attending the pre-match tactics talk after being called twice.

Utility player Bobby Rybak was given Bucher's place in goal and did well. Eagles, with a heavy foot on the premiership till, took things too easily against the wind, were held to a scoreless first half and had to tight every inch of the way before winning by two goals both by Linnell.

Skipper Nunn, Trueman and Linnell were best for Eagles, and Vince di Tomasso, Rawlings and Ahearne, who played a lone role up forward, were Dnipro's best.

Eagles, with a three-point lead and only four games to play, have a tough assignment in their last three games, against Juventus-Pioneer, Croatia, and Rapid Wrest Point.

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W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
B. McKay
L. Nunn (Capt.)
E. Kelly
P. Linnell
M. Richards
R. Rybak (off)
M. Oakes (off)
G. Jenkins

Substitutes:

P. Wass (on for Oakes)
H. Stewart
M. Southworth (on for Rybak)

4

Jenkins 2
Rybak
Oakes

South Hobart (A)

Puclin
Weitenauer
Thomas
New
Adkins
Eastwood
Skaro (Capt.)
Murray
Cracknell
D. Baker
Tavasz
Plazonic
Madden
Bryant
Clark

0



By Gordon Burnett 1/8/77

WITH a remarkable goal difference of 33 compared with a next best of 19, White Eagles need only one draw from their last three games to win their first soccer premiership.

And the games are against Juventus-Pioneer, Croatia, and Rapid Wrest Point. Metro yesterday deflated Croatia's League-Cup double ambitions with a deserved 3-2 success, Olympia took a point from Rapid and Eagles' 4-0 win over South Hobart gave them a five-point lead in the table.

Two defensive mistakes in the mud at Glenorchy gave White Eagles a couple of gift goals, and they beat South Hobart 4-0, after a goalless first half. Puclin made a great save from Oakes in the first half and kept his charge intact until the 53rd minute. Then came the two fatal pass backs in the mud, for goals in the 63rd and 75th minutes, and the fourth came just on the final whistle. Sikora, Kelly and Oakes were best for Eagles, While Thomas, Plazonic and Weitenauer, stood out for South Hobart.

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
B. McKay
L. Nunn (Capt.)
E. Kelly
H. Stewart
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
G. Jenkins

Substitutes:

P. Wass
R. Rybak

0

1

Richards

Juventus (A)

Howlin
Gaff
Rizzolo
West
Martelli
B. di Tomasso
Schiro
Prodan
Bachinger
P. Owen
Carnevale
di Felice
E Owen
Moore

1

Rizzolo



By Gordon Burnett 15/8/77

THE 17-year-old White Eagles soccer club won their first premiership on Saturday with a 1-1 equaliser by Mike Richards against Juventus-Pioneer with five minutes to go.

But It was a horribly near thing as they played for 62 minutes with 10 men after Peter Linnell had been sent off for alleged foul play, and then star defender, Eamonn Kelly, had to go off injured with eight minutes left. The equaliser was a real gem as new replacement Michael Southworth laid off the ball perfectly to the unmarked Richards on the left - he took it on the run, and it was in the net before the defence realised the danger.

There was more to come in those last few dramatic minutes as Southworth had the ball in the net almost immediately after, only to be ruled offside. It was a game that came to life only in the last 10 minutes. Juventus had looked all over winners.

They had pressured Eagles from the start and broken their usual combination to the extent that they had next to no chances. Juventus had three great scoring chances in the first half but di Felice (twice) and Carnevale wasted them. Di Felice eventually got the ball into the net but was penalised for interference.

The only reply from Eagles was a shot from Rybak that was saved at full length by Gaff, who was preferred in goal to Howlin because of his greater height against the tall Eagles players. At half-time Stewart came on for Rybak and Philip Owen for Schiro. Oakes' only chance came 20 minutes into the second half when he got his head to a centre from Jenkins, but the ball went wide of the target.

It was not long after that he got a yellow card for alleged dissent. The opening goal in the 75th minute came after a centre from replacement Owen. Carnevale fastened on to it and transferred it to di Felice on the left, and from his centre skipper Rizzolo slammed in a goal through a crowd of players.

Kelly sustained a knee injury in the scramble and hobbled around for several minutes, before being replaced by Southworth, whose ball control and distribution led to the equaliser. Kelly was outstanding for Eagles, and Trueman and Nunn played a big part in holding out a dangerous looking Juventus attack. West was Juventus' best, and was well supported by Moore and Carnevale.

It was the second 1-1 draw between these two clubs and the only blemish on Eagles' second round record.

White Eagle (A)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
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B. McKay
L. Nunn (Capt.)
E. Kelly
H. Stewart
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
G. Jenkins

Substitutes:

P. Wass
R. Rybak

0

Croatia (H)

Tattam
Payne
Mohring
Djakic
Krawczyk
Peters
Hall (Capt.)
Doujmovic
Lakoseljac
Kirkpatrick
Leung
Nichols
Pavic
Doujmovic

3



By Gordon Burnett 22/8/77

A HAT-TRICK by Milan Lakoseljac and brilliant goalkeeping by Rodney Tattam on Saturday loosened White Eagles' grip on the soccer premiership.

And if Rapid Wrest Point can beat them by three goals in their last game this Saturday, White Eagles will lose the title that was theirs for the taking at one stage.

On Saturday the Eagles lost 0-3 to Croatia - their second defeat - and Rapid beat Dnipro 5-0. If necessary, the premiership will be decided on goal difference - White Eagles have a goal difference of 30, Rapid 25, and Croatia 24 - as it is possible for each of these three teams to finish with 26 points.

On Saturday Croatia converted scoring chances for a change. But the Eaglet produced some great approach work and Tattam saved magnificently from Oakes in the first half, and then from Southworth and Trueman. Richards had a shot land on the bar, Payne cleared well from a corner, and Krawczyk cleared a ball from Southworth off his goal line.

A fine movement between Kirkpatrick, Hall, Leung and Lakoseljac led to the opening score in the 17th minute. Six minutes into the second half a throw-in on the left found Lakoseljac and he scored with a rocket-like shot that almost tore through the net.

Rybak came on for Stewart with 19 minutes to go and Wass replaced Jenkins in the 80th minute, but to no avail. With only injury time left, Letec gave Lakoseljac his bat-trick with a perfect pass. Tattam, Lakoseljac, who showed a greater confidence, and Kirkpatrick, who laid off some great passes with head and foot, were best for Croatia. Trueman, who almost brought scores with two great bursts through the centre, Nunn, who almost scored, Southworth, the brain up forward, and the reliable Kelly stood out for Eagles, who badly missed Linnell in the midfield.

White Eagle (H)

W. Bucher
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
B. McKay
L. Nunn (Capt.)
E. Kelly
P. Linnell
M. Richards
M. Southworth
M. Oakes
G. Jenkins (off)

Substitutes:

P. Wass (on for Jenkins)
R. Rybak
H. Stewart

3

Oakes
Southworth 2



Rapid (A)

Caban
John Dilba
Willcock
Reid (Capt.)
Cengia
Stuetzel
Schiebl
Jack Dilba
S. Kannegeiser
Farmery
Thompson
Medhurst
Wilson
Edmonds
P. Kannegeiser

0

By Gordon Burnett 29/8/77

WHITE EAGLES won their first soccer premiership yesterday when they beat Rapid Wrest Point 3-0, the margin that Rapid had to win by to win the title.

And at the end of a hard and fast game, women members of the 17-year-old club, dressed in Polish costume, ran out on the field, and presented their players with flowers. And as the team returned to the dressing room they were showered with confetti.

Rapid chose to play the first half with the wind and should have been a goal up in the second minute. A Kannegeiser pass sent Schiebl through the centre with only Bucher to beat but he shot hurriedly and wide. The more experienced White Eagles recovered quickly and in the eighth minute a ball from Richards found Trueman, and he sent Southworth down the right wing and Oakes took his centre on the run to open the scoring.

Cengia almost equalised with a well taken shot that landed on the top netting. Wass came on as substitute for Jenkins in the 67th minute, a Willcock pass back to Caban went astray, and Wass shot across the goal from an acute angle. With eight minutes to go a good cross by Wass saw Southworth present Oakes with his second goal.

Farmery missed a sitter just on injury time, and one minute later Southworth crowned a fine afternoon's work with a well-placed shot, after Caban had been lured from his goal.

Eagles' best player was Southworth, who had a hand in all three goals, and Kelly and Nunn got through a tremendous amount of work. Rapid were best served by John Dilba, who did not have the best of support, the fast and energetic Schiebl, who was a constant menace to the Eagles' defence, and Caban, who twice held up Oakes' attempts at a bat-trick.

With Farmery limited to a single kick, the forward line relied entirely on Schiebl. Eagles' coach Glyn Jenkins will find it difficult maintaining keenness as their next game is on September 17, when they visit Devonport for the first leg of the State premiership.

White Eagle (H)

P. Wass
M. Sikora - off
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
H. Stewart
M. Richards
D. Smith
P. Linnell
R. Rybak - off

Substitutes:

T. Godfrey - on
D. Forshaw - on
N. Sudgden

1

T. Godfrey

Croatia (A)

Tattam
Payne
Krawczyk
Bolonja
Mohring
Cowen
Letec
Peters
Lakoseljic
Leung
Kirkpatrick
Sarfalvy
Zapatocki

1

Krawczyk



By Gordon Burnett – 3/4/1978

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White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay - off
H. Stewart - off
M. Richards
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

R. Rybak
D. Forshaw - on
N. Sudgden - on

0

Juventus (A)

Garrett
Colla
Butler
Strickland (Capt.)
Gibbons
Collins
Foran
J. Hodge
L. Hodge
Beal
Hep
Ponting

0



By Gordon Burnett – 10/4/1978

White Eagles had Mike Caban in goal against Launceston Juventus "on a two-week loan pending successful clearance negotiations with Juventus-Pioneer." The visitors were unrecognisable without Hans Streit, who is injured, and because of their shift from the long game to close passing. Streit is having a knee operation and will be away for at least six weeks.

Only magnificent defensive play by skipper Tommy Strickland, backed by good goalkeeping by Tom Garrett, saved the northern team. Strickland cleared in desperate style off the goal line once in each half, following good attempts by Linnell and Richards, respectively.

Juventus, who got their first corner in the 29th minute, played for a draw during the last half hour, although with 17 minutes to go a cross by replacement Beal saw Ponting, another second half replacement, with the daylight in front of goal, but was too slow and was smothered just in time.

Linnell produced one of the best moves of the game when in the second half he cleverly switched play to put David Smith through the centre, only for Garrett to save brilliantly.

A well-disciplined Juventus side did not take advantage of the wind in the first half, when all attempts to set Gibbons up failed in the face of sound defensive play by Kelly.

They were aware of the Eagles' offside trap and on one occasion were unlucky to be pulled up when going through for what could have been a score. But it was a linesman's decision and referee Ude Wallinger (NW) had a good game.

Smith stood out in an Eagles team, who would have improved their goal situation with more punch up front.

White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
N. Sugden
M. Oakes
M. Richards
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Forshaw
B. McKay

1

T. Godfrey

Devonport (H)

Udovicic
Rimmer
Best
Baird (Capt.)
Johnston
Zschoke
MacDonald
Frame
Gleeson
Abley
McKenna
Lumb
Pizzarini

0



By Gordon Burnett – 17/4/1978

WHITE EAGLES showed premiership form when they survived a torrid first half and then played all over Devonport to win their Radio Rentals State League soccer game at Valley Rd. on Saturday.

But despite hitting the Devonport crossbar once and an upright twice there was only a lone goal in it, scored by winger Tony Godfrey in a solo effort 20 minutes before the end.

He got a pass from Sugden, rounded the full-back and cut in to score the goal that really restored White Eagles' confidence after they had been re-awakened by a few home truths from coach John Grimsey at half-time.

The result was a team with purpose, and the club are so pleased with Grimsey that he will retain the coaching job even when former Polish international Peter Broll arrives in Hobart from Europe. Chairman Don Finegan said Broll would be assistant coach.

Goalkeeper Mick Caban inspired a jaded Eagle's side in the first half with a brilliant diving save to a header from MacDonald after a cross from McKenna, and Mark Sikora had a great game taming the elusive McKenna.

White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
N. Sugden
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
B. McKay - off
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Forshaw
P. Linnell - on

3

P. Linnell
T. Godfrey
D. Smith

Caledonians (A)

Jones
Hen
Weymouth
Adkins
Jenkins
Mackinnon
Hanna (Capt.)
Hey
Dunsby
Arnott
Hindmarsh
Nichols
Farmer
Marlor

0



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White Eagle (A)

M. Caban (inj. off)
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
N. Sugden
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

M. Richards - on
B. McKay

1

D. Smith

Olympia (H)

Stettner
Hargrave
Constantinovits
Conlan
Norman
Worden
Spendiff
Bolton
Wright (Capt.)
Broughton
Sherman
Moore
Farmery
G. Paplos

1



By Gordon Burnett – 8/5/1978

LOSS of goalkeeper Mick Caban with a seven-stitch gash just above an eye saw White Eagles lose their superiority and play for a draw against Olympia Saveway in their Radio Rentals State League soccer clash on Saturday.

Caban, who also suffered concussion, went off 10 minutes into the second half after making a daring save at the feet of Danny Spendiff. He was replaced in goal by Peter Linnell and Mike Richards was brought on as a substitute.

A great shot by Tommy Wright that Linnell did well to fist over the bar and a shot from Don Farmery that smashed against the crossbar almost gave Olympia the game in the last 14 minutes. Former Olympia coach, Peter Cagialis, prepared the team for this match after their disappointing display against Rapid and he is likely to coach them on match days.

A controversial penalty in the 29th minute rocked Olympia on their comeback trail, but they equalised four minutes before half-time when a long ball from Ken Worden on the left found Spendiff on his own on the right. The defence screamed for offside as he crossed the ball for Farmery to nod in a picture goal.

Eagles' offside trap had worked well up to then and it caught the Olympia forwards time and again. Olympia opened the second half with much more determination and with the closure of a big gap down the centre they looked a lot more dangerous.

Even so, after Linnell had gone in goal Oakes hit an upright. Whereas Eagles had previously started at a fast pace without really stretching their wingers they now slowed the game down and "goal-a-game" Tony Godfrey hardly touched the ball in this half.

It was Eagles' third draw in five games, and they have yet to be beaten. While Eamonn Kelly was again the mainstay of the defence, Dominic Fraraccio had a good game in the midfield and Mark Oakes should have converted at least two of his passes. Tommy Wright got through a tremendous amount of work for Olympia, who played Worden in the centre and lacked penetration on the wings.

Radio Rentals State League - WHITE EAGLE v ULVERSTONE - Grove Rd. 27/5/78

White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
D. Forshaw
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
N. Sugden - off
M. Oakes
D, Fraraccio - off
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

M. Richards - on
B. McKay - on
P. Wass

6

D. Smith 2
P. Linnell
M. Oakes 2
D, Fraraccio

Ulverstone (A)

Rod Smith
Ron Smith (Capt.)
Melhuis
Shegog
Foot
Krenn
Tom Dolliver
Ted Dolliver
Hamilton
Smythe
Hunt
Van der Ploeg
Fischer

0



By Gordon Burnett – 29/5/1978

With the help of a strong wind Ulverstone held White Eagles for the first half hour but then came three goals and Eagles went on to do only what was necessary for a 6-0 win. Rod Smith excelled in Ulverston's goal and Mark Oakes was again prominent in the Eagles' attack.

Radio Rentals State League - WHITE EAGLE v GEORGE TOWN - George Town 3/6/78

White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
N. Sugden
M. Oakes
D, Fraraccio
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

M. Richards
B. McKay
P. Wass

2

D. Smith 2



George Town (H)

Jones
Gaetani
Dale (Capt.)
Wharton
O'Sullivan
Whitemore
Zoon
T. Farrell
M. Farrell
Schiebl
Harrington
Bull
Brown

2

Schiebl
Harrington

By Gordon Burnett – 5/6/1978

White Eagles, who should have beaten George Town 8-2, threw away chances and were lucky to draw 2-2 with 15 minutes to go.

George Town were two goals up in three minutes. Linnell, Smith, Fraraccio and Godfrey missed easy chances and then just after half-time Smith hit an upright with a free kick.

Smith got the equaliser when the ball just trickled over the goal line. Nunn was the only Eagles player who showed any form in a complacent side facing a team with nothing to lose. Goalkeeper Jones and O'Sullivan were the best for George Town.

White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
N. Sugden
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
P. Linnell - off
B. McKay - off

Substitutes:

M. Richards - on
T. Godfrey - on
P. Wass

1

M. Oakes

Rapid (A)

P. Kannegeiser
Plazonic
Medhurst
Schwesinger
Aziz
Wilson
Cengia
Stewart
Alwan
S. Kannegeiser
John Dilba (Capt.)
Jack Dilba
Willcock
Morales
Newlands

1

John Dilba



By Gordon Burnett - 12/6/1978

RAPID Wrest Point retained leadership and White Eagles maintained their unbeaten record in a 1-1 State League soccer draw played at a very fast pace at Glenorchy yesterday. It was a fair result as both teams had their chances in a clean, hard-fought game that brought the best out of both teams - except their shooting, although sanded areas in front of goal did not help. Fraraccio and Oakes could have scored before a Fraraccio pass saw Oakes score for Eagles three minutes into the second half. Inches only had stopped Rapid breaking through several times.

Caban saved well from Aziz following a corner soon after the opening goal, and at the other end Phillip Kannegeiser did well to stop a shot from Fraraccio. Nine minutes into the second half Wilson and Alwan come on for Plazonic and Steve Kannegeiser. The equaliser came in the 66th minute through a good passing movement on the right that ended with a fine cross by Cengia that John Dilba nodded into the net.

But Rapid were in trouble as, with both replacements already on the field, goalkeeper Kannegeiser was handicapped by bruised ribs. They brought former goalkeeper Cengia from the midfield and put Kannegeiser out on the wing. Almost immediately John Dilba was through on his own but Caban saved when he tried to round him. McKay went off with a head injury and replacement Godfrey went close with his first touch of the ball. Smith was also just off target and Willcock almost headed into his own goal. Only a spectacular dive from Cengia saved the situation.

With 12 minutes to go Richards came on for Linnell and a fine burst through the centre by Nunn saw Smith send Oakes in, but Cengia dived fearlessly at his feet to save once again. Cengia also got to a great cross by Fraraccio in time, but he should have been beaten with two minutes to go when a Smith header saw Oakes in possession and Cengia out of his goal, but Oakes' placed shot went over the top.

White Eagles were inclined to concentrate their attack through the centre and were much more dangerous when they widened their approach. Rapid were again slow in their build-up and forwards had to make their own openings. Harry Stewart and John Dilba stood out for Rapid and Eamonn Kelly and Nigel Sugden were the best for Eagles, who were caught offside more than usual and did not catch Rapid that often in their trap.

White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
N. Sugden - off
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio - off
D. Smith
T. Godfrey
B. McKay

Substitutes:

M. Richards - on
P. Linnell - on
D. Forshaw

4

D. Smith 2
M. Oakes
T. Godfrey

Croatia (H)

Tattam
Letec
Krawczyk
Leung
Mohring
Lakoseljac
Glasovac
Manley
Cowen
Kirkpatrick
Zapatocki
Payne
Peters

4

Peters 2 (1 pen)
Letec
Lakoseljac



By Gordon Burnett – 19/6/1978

Coach Alex Sarfalvy had a great triumph when Croatia played their second draw against White Eagles. They came back magnificently after being rocked by two early goals. They were 3-4 down with a minute to go before injury time, and a penalty equaliser came when Kelly pushed an opponent off the ball.

Sand in the goalmouth could have cost Eagles two goals through Oakes, but to even the slate Trueman cleared off his goal line and Sikora made the save of the season when he retrieved a shot from Lakoseljac that the mud had slowed up, but which would have crossed the line.

In a hard and fast game, which ended with three goals in four minutes, Cowen and Letec were best for Croatia and Smith for Eagles, who came back into the picture after Glasovac had gone off injured.

White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Forshaw - off
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
P. Linnell - off
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Trueman - on
N. Sugden - on
R. Rybak

3

D. Smith
M. Oakes
T. Godfrey

Juventus (H)

Garrett
Bowers
Strickland (Capt.)
Butler
Foran
Van der Geest
Collins
Beal
Heap
Gibbons
Streit
Robinson
Ponting
J. Hodge

2

Collins
Strickland (pen)



By Gordon Burnett – 3/7/1978

White Eagles crossed over 1-0 against Launceston Juventus at Prospect, but it was 1-1 five minutes into the second half. In the 60th minute Eagles went to 2-1 and then 3-1 five minutes later. With yesterday's Cup tie in mind, they eased up and Juventus pulled back a goal when Strickland scored from the penalty spot, after Caban saved Ponting's shot and was then adjudged to have moved before the kick was taken.

In a crowd-pleaser, Godfrey, Smith, replacement Sugden and Sikora, were best in a good, all-round Eagles' team and Juventus, upset by major positional changes because of the absence of midfielder Foran, now transferred to Box Hill (V), and Beal, who was interstate, were best served by Strickland, Ponting, and Collins. Former star Streit was kept on the bench.

White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora - off
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay - off
N. Sugden
M. Oakes
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Fraraccio - on
D. Forshaw - on
G. Steenhuis

6

D. Smith 2
M. Oakes 2
P. Linnell
Own goal

L'ton United (H)

Bain
Hopkins
Lavery
Attenborrow
Joss (Capt.)
McCormick
Buggy
Donaldson
Ratcliff
Hudson
Taylor
Todd
Hopkins

2

Todd
Own goal



By Gordon Burnett – 17/7/1978

White Eagles beat Launceston United 6-2 after having four goals disallowed, and these four goals are the present difference between them and Rapid in the premiership race.

Launceston United, badly hit by injuries, named only 12 players for their game at Newstead against White Eagles, and when goalkeeper Tommy Bain went off injured with the score at 5-2 against them, they had to play with only 10 men for the last 25 minutes. Lavery, who had the misfortune to put the ball into his own net twice, took over in goal and Eagles' sixth goal, from the penalty spot, came while he was between the posts.

Alistair Todd, on loan from Ravenswood Olympic, scored for United to make it 1-5 and Nigel Sugden completed their scoring when he put through his own goal. United's decision to take Todd and Taylor on loan for this game from Olympic to give TSL players a taste of State League play, has surprised TSF secretary Fred Cunningham. "I have heard nothing of any such arrangement," he said. "If a player is on loan he must be on a transfer, and he must remain with that club until transferred elsewhere," he said. "The deadline for transfers is July 31. Any week-to-week arrangement will need to be investigated by the federation."

United were closer to scoring in the opening minutes than Eagles through a header by Buggy but were 3-0 down at half time. Eagles were 5-0 in wind and rain when Mark Sikora left the field with an ankle injury and was replaced by Forshaw. United got a temporary lift when Todd scored, and they went to 5-2 before Smith converted a penalty to take him within one of Andy Schiebl at the head of the goalscoring list.

Eagles finished raggedly with individualism robbing them of goals there for the taking. It was a bad lapse that could cost them dearly late when the chips are really down. Smith stood out as the man of the match scoring twice and sending across a succession of accurate centres. He has scored 11 goals from the last eight games and has four goals from two Ampol State Cup matches.

Radio Rentals State League - WHITE EAGLE v CALEDONIANS - Margate 23/7/78

White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay - off
N. Sugden
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Fraraccio
D. Forshaw
0

2

D. Smith
M. Oakes

Caledonians (H)

Jones
Osborne
Nichols
Hey
Hindmarsh
Jenkins
Hanna (Capt.)
Mackinnon
Hales
Marlor
Adkins
Farmer
Graly
Dean

1

Mackinnon



By Gordon Burnett – 24/7/1978

White Eagles continued on their unbeaten way, but after being 2-0 up in the eighth minute they were glad when the final whistle went to give them a shaky 2-1 win against Caledonians at Margate.

Unexpectedly, Eagles did not get on top after their early success and when Linnell and Trueman were taken off in the second half they were soon in trouble with Calies increasing the pace of the game.

After Hey had saved off the goal line, Oakes opened the scoring and Smith converted a penalty when he was brought down in the area. Linnell hit an upright before half time and Hugh Mackinnon pulled back a goal when he headed in a corner kick from Jenkins. Few players stood out on a cut-up ground, but Calies' youngsters Hay and Marlor caught the eye.

White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
P. Linnell
P. Wass - off

Substitutes:

N. Sugden
T. Godfrey - on
D. Forshaw

2

E. Kelly (pen)
M. Oakes

Olympia (A)

Stettner
Moore
Worden
Broughton
Wright (Capt.)
Spendiff
Hargrave
Bolton
Conlan
Farmery
Karagiannakis
J. Paplos
Genaris
Crowther

3

Worden 2
Wright



By Gordon Burnett – 31/7/1978

With everything set for them to take top league position if they could beat Hobart Olympia at Glenorchy yesterday White Eagles lost 2-3 to a side greatly strengthened by the introduction of youth, Olympia chased everything for 90 minutes. Crowther, link forward, and Karagiannakis, who showed great speed to take the through pass, played extremely well.

It was Eagles' first defeat of the season and their star defender Eamonn Kelly was carried off on a stretcher five minutes from the end with a suspected fractured leg. The stretcher had been used only moments before to carry off Olympia forward Danny Spendiff, with torn ligaments.

Olympia coach, Ken Worden put them 2-0 within the first 10 minutes; Kelly converted a penalty in the 30th minute; Oakes equalised one minute from half time; and Wright scored the decider with seconds left in the first half.

Crowther, Conlan and Karagiannakis were best for Olympia, who deserved the win, while Eagles, who were without coach John Grimsey were best served by Nunn, Kelly, and Smith. Grimsey is in the UK for about 10 days.

White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
D. Forshaw
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
N. Sugden
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

P. Linnell
M. Sikora
P. Wass

1

D. Smith (pen)

L'ton United (A)

Bain
Farrington
Laverty
Joss (Capt.)
Buggy
Chadwick
Hughes
Hudson
Commander
Pickering
Caddy
Gracogna

1

Pickering



By Gordon Burnett – 14/8/1978

White Eagles were without coach John Grimsey for their third successive match and gave another sub-standard performance to draw 1-1 with Launceston United, almost certain wooden spoons.

As one spectator said: "It's a wonder they know their way on to the park without Grimsey." Grimsey arrived back from England yesterday.

United scored first after Eagles had had most of the play. A free kick into the goalmouth saw Pickering score, and Eagles equalised a minute before half-time. Centre-back Steve Hudson had a great game for United, breaking up everything that came through the middle, and Conrad Hughes chased everything all day.

Trueman and Nunn were best for Eagles, whose defence were sound but were woefully weak up front, where Smith was the only one to show any determination.

Radio Rentals State League - WHITE EAGLE v ULVERSTONE - Ulverstone 19/8/78

White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
N. Sugden
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Forshaw
J. Large

0

3

L. Nunn
D. Smith
M. Oakes

Ulverstone (H)

Rod Smith
Ron Smith (Capt.)
Fitzgerald
Rush
Shegog
Tom Dolliver
Ted Dolliver
Foot
Smythe
Van der Ploeg
Fischer

0



By Gordon Burnett – 21/8/1978

White Eagles had a 3-0 win against a robust and rugged Ulverstone team on their own ground, after Ted Dolliver had missed a penalty against Kelly in the first five minutes.

Eagles scored soon after, crossed over 1-0 and scored two more in the last 15 minutes. They played it wide and opposing goalkeeper Rob Smith did very well to get to some dangerous crosses. Ulverstone chased everything, but once Eagles settled down, they were so much on top that full-back Trueman came within an ace of scoring after a good run.

Trueman, Nunn and the forward line shone for Eagles, while Ted and Tom Dolliver were best for Ulverstone.

White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
N. Sugden
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Forshaw
J. Large
P. Linnell

3

D. Smith
M. Oakes 2

George Town (A)

Jones
Harrington
Whitemore
Zoon
Gimpl
O'Sullivan
Dale (Capt.)
Mason
M. Farrell
Schiebl
Reece
Gaetani
Wharton

2

Mason
Farrell



By Gordon Burnett – 28/8/1978

White Eagles did as they liked to go to a relaxed 2-0 interval lead against George Town, only to see the visitors turn on a high brand of soccer to equalise. Just as a draw appeared probable a throw-in by Trueman and a pass from Godfrey to Smith saw a long centre from which Mark Oakes scored the decider with four minutes to go.

George Town had previously come back from 0-3 to draw 3-3 with Croatia, and in Saturday's game diminutive Mark O'Sullivan stood out for them, while Tony Whitemore okayed a destructive role in defence. Nunn, Smith who scored a great goal after a solo effort, and Fraraccio in the first half were Eagle's best.

White Eagle (H)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
M. Oakes
D. Fraraccio
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

D. Forshaw
J. Large
N. Sugden

1

M. Oakes

Devonport (A)

Cutting
Rimmer
Best
Baird (Capt.)
Johnston
Zschoke
MacDonald
Frame
Gleeson
L. Smith
McKenna
Conway
Pizzarini

0



By Gordon Burnett – 4/9/1978

White Eagles (25 points) beat Devonport with a lone goal headed in by Mark Oakes from a corner one minute into injury time – and the game finished 19 seconds later. Devonport, who have conceded a deciding goal in the last five minutes of five of their games this season, were unlucky.

Mick Caban saved brilliantly from McKenna in the first half, Leighton Smith hit the Eagles' crossbar and Zschoke had a chip shot that just went wide, before Eagles' first attempt at goal came, when Cutting saved from Linnell in the 66th minute.

Devonport, without MacDonald and looking to avenge their earlier 0-1 loss, attacked whereas Eagles were in a defensive mould that almost brought disaster. Charlie Baird, McKenna, and Smith were Devonport's best and McKay, Nunn and Oakes did well for Eagles.

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White Eagle (A)

M. Caban
M. Sikora
D. Trueman
E. Kelly
L. Nunn (Capt.)
B. McKay
M. Oakes
N. Sugden
D. Smith
P. Linnell
T. Godfrey

Substitutes:

F. Rawlings
D. Parker
D. Fraraccio

1

D. Smith

Rapid (H)

P. Kannegeiser
Plazonic
Medhurst
Aziz
Wilson
Cengia
Stewart
Alwan
S. Kannegeiser
John Dilba (Capt.)
Jack Dilba
Willcock
Morales
Richards

0



By Gordon Burnett – 11/9/1978

A LONE goal by White Eagles striker, David Smith, 22 minutes into the second half against Rapid, gave the Glenorchy side their second successive major soccer premiership before the season's largest crowd.

The goal gave Eagles the Radio Rentals State League title on goal difference from Croatia, who had the same number of points but who had a goal difference of 18 to Eagles' 21. It was the first success in soccer for Smith who came close to a noteworthy double with 16 of Eagles' total of 41 goals, only three behind top league scorer Andy Schiebl.

Against the run of play a defensive clearance by Medhurst went it to touch near the corner flag and a long throw by Eagles' captain Larry Nunn, found Smith, who had the ball in the net in a trice. Rapid fought back but Eagles had good chances of adding to their score through Fraraccio, Kelly and Godfrey as against a corner kick by Aziz that landed on the Eagles crossbar and was cleared.

It was a fast game with the pressure on for the full 90 minutes and the young Rapid side had their chances in the first half as they did everything but score. In the seventh minute with both sides playing tentatively, Jack Dilba had only the goalkeeper to beat and shot straight at Caban. Five minutes later Oakes did the same thing at the other end and Phillip Kannegeiser stopped a hot shot.

Rapid had bad luck when the advantage rule was not played as Steve Kannegeiser was running into a scoring position after a hand ball by Sugden. Aziz came on after 30 minutes and lifted Rapid with fine distribution that spreadeagled the opposing defence.

Eagles started the second half with a packed defence and Oakes, the only forward and Caban saved well from Jack Dilba. Fraraccio was brought on for Linnell and Trueman relieved a dangerous situation between Jack Dilba and Steve Kannegeiser.

Following Smith's goal Rapid brought on Stewart for Cengia but never looked likely to save the game in the last 20 minutes. Nigel Sugden stood out for Eagles, who had greater ability than their opponents but lacked their speed and Dennis Trueman struck top form.

Rapid played too many high balls against tall opponents and their passing lacked direction and accuracy. They actually got the ball into the net from a corner only to have Plazonic penalised for pushing. John Dilba, Yakob Plazonic and Noorey Aziz were their best players.