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for the Cup. Bianco said
Preston, who lost the
1985 Cup final to Sydney
Olympic, have fitness
doubts over Oscar Crino,
Andrew Zinni and
Warren Spink.
"Maybe their coach

"Surely they have to be
positive. That is how we'll
be approaching the
game.
"There's not much
point defending and try-

Trajanovski, the
bourne team scored only
26 goals, an average of
one goal a game in league
matches this season.
Between them, Soper
and Greg Brown netted

Strange things happen
in Cup football, but the
Melita players should
hold the National Cup
aloft by 5pm tomorrow.

\$2m facelift for Apia to reach younger set

By JOHN TAYLOR

APIA have been given the green light by the local council to re-develop their social club at a cost of \$2m.

President Ron Orsatti's long-term plan is to provide a marina and tennis courts and build the club's membership back to 10,000.

"What other social club in the inner city can back on to the water? We are perfectly positioned to build a marina. But that's down the track," Orsatti said yesterday.

"Our main objective must be to reach the younger generation.

"I have no doubts we will have a flourishing social club once again.

"What we are looking to do as part of the first stage is to have a restaurant facing the waterfront, gymnasium, games room and audi-

torium upstairs."

Orsatti said he had appealed to members to raise \$1m by offering them life membership badges.

"We have also approached a finance company for funds."

Orsatti is also very confident of a major breakthrough with Balmain Leagues Club over the use of Leichhardt Oval for soccer next season.

The two parties will hold a meeting on Monday night.

Apia said the Australian Soccer Federation commissioners would be making a very big mistake if they rejected the club's application for National League member-

ship next season.

"We've had a downturn with our crowds but the same applies to many of the clubs in the league," he said.

"Have the commissioners analysed why the fans have disappeared? It can't be all the Italians who have gone missing."

If Apia were given the chop from the NSL, Orsatti said there would still be a place for soccer.

Meanwhile, Apia players Brett Hughes, Milan Blagojevic, Alex Bundalo, Brian Ellem and Darren Stewart have been chosen to play for an Australian representative team against Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Gunners on course for title

From our world wire services

GEORGE Graham's Arsenal side is the Nick Faldo of English soccer.

Like the English golfer who has collected two Masters titles in a row and the 1990 British Open, the Gunners grind out victories with meticulous accuracy.



games are Aston Villa v Manchester United, Manchester City v Nottingham Forest, Wimbledon v Leeds United and Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton.

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