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## Table Soccer in bold leap

**TABLE SOCCER will be making another bold leap forward into the realms of a fully fledged sport when the first national teams championship is held in Melbourne on the Queen's Birthday weekend — June 10 to 12.**

Not to be confused with the amusement arcade game of madly twirling rods and wooden balls, Subbuteo Table Soccer is a game of credentials, staging a successful international last year between Australian champion Gary Hosie and world champion Willy Hoffmann.

The national team championship will be staged in Melbourne at the Albert Park Scout Hall on the corner of Ferrars Place and Bridport Street, Albert Park.

Teams from four states will compete in a Davis Cup format. Special personalities on the weekend will be

Socceroo striker Warren Spink, himself a table soccer devotee, and Melbourne soccer writer Peter Desira, who has represented Malta in table soccer tournaments in Europe.

With the elimination of the Socceroos from the World Cup, the only Australian who will be at a World Cup in Italy next year will be the table soccer representative.

The Subbuteo World Cup will be staged in Rome a week before the FIFA World Cup gets under way.

Competition for the representative places is building, with the qualifying tournament in December. A senior and a junior (under 15) player will be selected.

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