



# Soccer News

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## Old Rivals Meet Again

By Ron Mitchell

Their 1-0 win over Hollandia last Sunday week has boosted Azzurri's confidence in the outcome of their clash at the Exhibition Ground on Sunday against their arch rivals, Hellenic.

Although playing conditions at Spencer Park weren't good — dusty, with hard, ungrassed areas — Azzurri

played with greater purpose and initiative than during the entire 1966 season, their black year, which was followed by relegation to second division.

John Daley, in particular, Eddie Patterson and David Keen gave life to Azzurri in attack and Matt. Hosie was almost back to his top at centre half.

Azzurri goalkeeper, Ross Kelly, Australia's current No. 2 custodian, had the stamp of class in everything he did against Hollandia.

However, Hellenic, despite the "veteran" tag on several players, still are likely to be one of the toughest teams to beat.

The experience of Lance Petie, Brian Vogler, Graham McMillan and Col Kitching and the class of their relative newcomers such as Gordon Mackie are big factors in the continued resilience of Hellenic.

Though this match will not recapture those magic moments of the Hellenic-Azzurri clashes of the early 1960's, it should provide plenty of entertainment on the fine playing surface of the Exhibition Ground and could result in a draw.



**GORDON MACKIE**  
Hellenic's State Centre-half

## OPINION

By the Editor

For the incredibly low rental of \$40 per day, the Queensland Soccer Federation is able to rent what is possibly the finest football ground in Brisbane today — the Exhibition. Yet, on at least 15 possible playing days in 1968 this magnificent arena will be left blank, while matches are played at some of the appalling council eyesores which most of our First Division clubs are compelled to call "home grounds".

By no stretch of the imagination can Prentice Park, Darra, Spencer Park, Lanham Park, Dunlop Park and Ebbw Vale be termed First Division football grounds. Yet it is here that we will be playing while the Exhibition lies idle.

What are the reasons behind this apparent madness?

Firstly, most clubs claim that they are unable to afford the "exorbitant" fee of \$40 demanded by the RNA for the use of the Exhibition Ground. Experiments with double-headers have proved failures in the past, and have been used as justification for clubs who prefer to play on suburban parkland.

By playing at "home", these clubs, apart from avoiding ground rental, are able to supplement their meagre gate takings with small raffles and the sale

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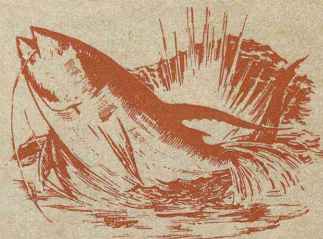
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# Opinion

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of a few drinks and foodstuffs at canteens.

**In this respect, the efforts of some clubs to provide a club "headquarters" have been commendable, and should certainly not pass without mention. However, to imagine that over 30 Brisbane soccer clubs, all working independently, will be able to develop over 30 first class football fields is sheer madness.**

In almost every major city in the world today, there are only a handful of sporting stadia designed exclusively for soccer, and very few cities the size of Brisbane can support more than one or two professional soccer clubs.

Yet here we are, ignoring our only first class ground, preferring to play on bumpy, open parks, without seating accommodation, parking facilities, cover, amenities, or central transport.

Again, let us stress that we do NOT advocate that clubs should abandon their present grounds and converge en masse to the Exhibition Ground. Indeed, every effort should be made to improve our suburban grounds, if not to a reasonable standard, then at least to an acceptable one.

But this is no excuse for leaving the Exhibition Ground without a match on any playing date throughout the season.

**If we are to attract the uncommitted, average family man to watch soccer (and how else are we to increase our pitiful attendances?) how can we possibly expect to succeed when our best playing arena is left vacant while matches are played on dreadful council parks without the most elementary facilities for spectator comfort?**

Brisbane's major football code, Rugby League, has for many years accepted the "Match-of-the-Day" principle, ensuring that what its Management considers as the most attractive fixtures are staged at R.L. Headquarters, Lang Park.

If the Queensland Soccer Federation were to guarantee home clubs against any loss arising from playing at the Exhibition Ground, surely our top clubs would welcome the opportunity of using soccer H.Q. in preference to their own grounds for "big occasion" matches?

In this respect, too many clubs cannot see the wood for the trees. They are so concerned with pocketing a few dollars from canteen profits and chicken raffles that the paying spectator has become merely a 40-cent robot passing through the turnstiles. The promotion of our game in a dignified setting with comfortable surroundings for spectators is of less moment than raising a few shillings to

pay players who are not a jot better than their amateur counterparts of ten years ago.

It is an incontestable fact that Brisbane crowds have not increased one iota since the formation of the Queensland Soccer Federation six years ago. It is also an incontestable fact that we will NEVER, NEVER, attract anyone short of a soccer fanatic to watch soccer at Prentice Park or Lanham Park, for example, while other codes are staging matches at the Brisbane Cricket Ground or Lang Park.

We realise fully the enormous difficulties faced by most clubs in obtaining, holding, and improving suburban grounds, and with a few reservations, we are not criticising individual clubs.

**However, an official policy which advocates playing football on these grounds, in their present condition, in preference to the Exhibition Ground, appears to us to be unmitigated lunacy. Indeed, if we are actually trying to convince the mass of non-soccer people in the community that soccer has no ambitions to expand, what better way could we find than by proclaiming that we are unable to afford, or unwilling to use, our finest ground?**

To sacrifice the long-term interests of the code for the sake of clubs who wish to make a few dollars extra here and now is idiocy. Since, at the present time, we have the use of only one good ground, let us use it as much as possible. I, for one, would rather travel 10 miles to watch football played under decent conditions at the Exhibition Ground, than walk down the road to any of our local grounds.

A crowd of 1000 persons paying 40 cents each would provide the home club at the Exhibition Ground with a handsome profit, and if a First Division match cannot attract 1000 spectators, it is pertinent to ask what business we have to be paying players, let alone thinking of challenging the Rugby League giant.

Note: The only clubs using the Exhibition Ground in 1968 will be Hellenic and Latrobe. Neither of these clubs has any other ground available, hence they have been "forced" to use the Exhibition.

## U.S.A. SCHOOL TEAM TO VISIT

It was announced last week that in June a school side from the Pike School Massachusetts, U.S.A. will play several matches in Sydney. The team will then be coming on to Queensland.

## Defences to Prevail

By Harry Mourney

The clash between Merton Rovers and Latrobe at Heath Park on Sunday should be dominated by defences, if first round matches are any indication of form.

The outstanding play of Ron Walton, John Hickman and Martin Coe against Hellenic last week spells a hard time for forwards Eric Pattison, Trevor Catchpole and co.

But Pattison is such an elusive customer that he can crack up any defence if given room to move. Merton's attack against Thistle lacked imagination, and will have to improve immensely to carry this one off, but no doubt coach Leif Petersen will have matters in hand.

The same can be said about Latrobe's vanguard, which is the weakest seen in the red shirt for years. The only players with any "get-up-and-go" appear to be Ron Webber and Bob Buchanan.

Latrobe's hopes rest on the ability of Webber and Peter Clemitson to split the solid defensive trio of Leif Petersen, Graham Meagher and Angus McLean.

On paper, the match shows every indication of ending all square, but the slight edge in defence could tip the scales Latrobe's way — provided that they can unearth a forward capable of scoring a goal.

1967 record: Merton Rovers 5-0; 4-3; Drawn 4-4.

## Flying start for Thistle

By Bruce Waddell

**After Grange Thistle's most impressive premiership start for some seasons against Merton Rovers last Saturday fortnight, they are champing at the bit for what should be a real crowd-pleaser against Coalstars at Bundamba on Saturday.**

They won with comparative ease at Lanham Park, and had the points in the bag at half time. On the other hand, Coalstars had plenty of trouble against Oxley United, a team they thrashed 8-0 in a pre season friendly, and only saved a point in the last minute.

The Ipswich boys must put on a better showing this week with home ground advantage, but local forwards Barry Payne and Ian Johnston will not find it easy going against the solid Thistle defence.

Barry Dann, George Whitaker, and Jim Bell form the nucleus of the Thistle rearguard, and back up one of

# THINGS THEY SAY!

"Nowadays the game is faster, the tackling is better, and there is not much room for individuals; I played alongside Tom Finney, but I doubt whether he would stand out in football today."

—*Rotherham manager, Tommy Docherty*

"I intend to become the greatest football player in the World. Perhaps I shall fail in my attempt. But it's only by aiming at being the very best in the game that I can hope to reach a standard of skill that will satisfy me."

—*Alan Ball, of Everton and England*

"Age means nothing to me — I was 34 when I played my last match for England. Every player who helped to win the World Cup in 1966 has a chance of going to Mexico in 1970."

—*Sir Alf Ramsey*

"There is an answer, or a part one, to prevent the defence mania, and that is the rise of another team like the great Real Madrid who won the European Cup five times in succession up to 1960. That Real side never resorted to defence — they won by attacking football. This has always been my ideal . . . brilliant individualists and splendid teamwork with hard running by every one so that the team can attack and defend as one unit."

—*Manchester United manager, Matt Busby*

"Defensive football is a game for nervous people, and it destroys everything that is brilliant and best."

—*Queens Park Rangers manager, Alec Stock*

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this year's speediest forward lines — John McDonald, Ritchie Smith, and newcomer Vic Wier.

Coalstars' defence, though brimful with potential, is prone to unsteadiness at times, and we think that the visitors will record their second win on end.

1967 results: Coalstars 5-1; 2-0; Drawn 1-1.

"The Japanese have learned the basic rule of soccer, which we haven't: you MUST play off the ball, MUST run into position after the pass, MUST let the ball do the running for you."

—*Soccer World*

"There are only two kinds of football managers — the successful and the unemployed."

—*Nottingham Forest manager, Johnny Carey*

"No-one can doubt that referees are the salt of the earth in Association Football — the farther down the scale, the saltier they become . . ."

—*English football writer, Ivan Sharpe*

## Would Coach in Australia?

Visiting FIFA coach Dettmar Cramer indicated to Soccer World editor Paul Dean that he would be willing to consider offers to coach in Australia. "If

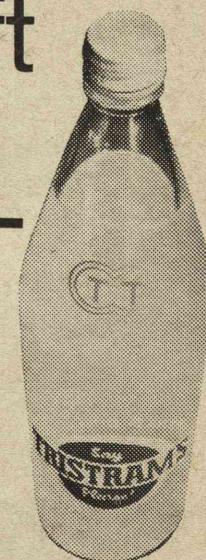
## JUNIOR NEWS

Junior club secretaries are invited to submit news items for publication. No official reply has been received by the paper from the Brisbane Junior Association, who were approached on March 8th, 1968, regarding inclusion of Junior items. Since our first issue, we have received a list of Junior secretaries from the Association, and it is presumed that Junior secretaries have been informed by the Association that copy is to be forwarded direct to the paper. Items received later than 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings cannot be considered for publication.

## LINE-UPS

As copy for this edition had to be in the hands of the printers almost two weeks before publication, it is regretted that it will not be possible to provide line-ups of First Division teams. If accurate team information cannot be obtained, there is little point in publishing hopefully guessed teams.

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By Kevin Milmo

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"The team just scraped home, you could say we were a little lucky to win — but let's face it, we are not going to play so badly two weeks in a row!" reports Mitchelton coach Alan Bain on their 1-0 shaver with Dnipro, one of the features of the opening round of the 1968 Second Division premiership.

"Les Fury got us out of trouble via a penalty but the whole show was one big mistake for us. We played Dnipro's dictate of kick and rush football and our own style of on the ground, man to man football, suffered. We will not make the same mistake against Bardon this weekend."

"The forwards had an off day but the rock hard defence compensated. Keith 'Ginger' Barlow gets my best player award. He was ably supported by left back Ron Prideaux and goalkeeper Brian Parker. Changes? Not many. Perhaps in the forward line — make the same mistake against Barboys!"

**Germania President, Gunther Pieplow:—** The team is playing better than ever at the moment. Mt. Gravatt played well — I must say this — but second division experience is hard to beat when you are a new team up. Our forwards give me no cause for alarm. Wingers Mike Melberg and Ralph Clark are coming up to expectations and all Ziggy Werner needs is match practice. The defence will be tightened with the inclusion of Wolf Keller and Brian Levy who comes back from injury. They will all combine to give us what we want this season — good productive ground football, that will not be broken off half way.

**Annerley coach Ron White:—** We have a very fit side — one of the fittest in Queensland. We've scored 25 goals in the last four matches against a 3 goal debit. The game against Adamstown Rosebuds last weekend gave us an even keener edge. This is a team — I emphasise a team — and not individuals. I train them as such. I am very happy with out skipper Bob Marshall, who is holding the side together well. I have my eye on Jeff Cornford, one of my fourth division boys, and he could be having top experience soon. We hope to beat Budapest on their home ground this week — we know this is hard — but we have a few tricks up our sleeves.

**Budapest President Bill Berka:—** I was quite impressed with the Gap even though we did beat them 4-0. I am going to make a prediction here and say that the Gap, Germania and ourselves will comprise the final three. I will go even further and say that Mitchelton and Dnipro will not reach the first

four. Our forwards are performing well but I must say a word for our defence. They are coming up magnificently, fully realising their promise. We will have Alex Bata back this weekend and I am sure that we will be safe for our first four games. The only thing we will have to worry about this season is injuries, I remember we had five in the middle of last season, hamstringing our chances.

**Newmarket coach Eddie Masters:—** I must say this for Easts, they were aggressive and direct! They started off at a great pace but I believe that the spectacular saving by our under 18 Queensland goalkeeper Allan Gibson turned the tide and gave us superiority to the half time whistle. Bob Davis is worth his weight in gold — a tremendous roving link man and the best ball player in the club. The forwards are going to improve at every turnout — the Miller twins and left winger Mike Benson are having good games. I don't see any changes in this line-up for quite a while.

**Toowong secretary Les Hewitt:—** We cannot be written off on this 8-0 performance. We had periods when we dominated the game and this surely shows that we will not be out of the competition by any means. Alright we might have had some mediocre performances, but the following points give us cause for hope. Inside left Keith Miller is going to show them who is boss in midfield and Vic Dewson will always be dangerous in front of goal. Right half Kev Titterell will lead our defence competently. One point though, we lacked speed off the mark and the Annerley boys showed this up.

**Wynnum coach Billy Webb:—** Sure we beat Bardon 7-3 but three goals are TOO MANY to concede to any team. We have a surfeit of attack this year — a thing we lacked last season, our three senior teams scored 25 goals between them in opening matches — I am not saying this is bad but I have the problem now of a certain laxity in defence. It is not the fault of one but a phase of defence not being carried out by a group of players. I will attack this using tactical blackboard lectures and then in actual conditions under the floodlights. I am very happy with four of our under 18's, especially the two wingers, Glen and Rod Merrin.

**Bill Matthews, Publicity Officer, Mt. Gravatt:—** We will be playing 4-3-3 this season. We know this is the hardest system of all to play but the youngsters are eager to learn and should settle down well. Germania was certainly not good for us as an opener. Ted Fenson looks like turning into an

## Shockers from both

By Arthur Bevin

Hollandia-Inala and St. Helens both gave shocking displays in their opening premiership matches, and will need to improve on that form for their game at Darra on Sunday will be contested in real up-country style.

The result could depend on which forwards in either side are able to produce some shooting ability — it was a drought in this department which caused both sides to bite the dust in their opening games.

The Greens had 75 per cent. of the play against Polonia, but their forwards let them down badly when scoring opportunities offered, but Hollandia did no better against Azzurri, and were fortunate not to have been beaten by a bigger margin.

Let's hope that this was a real off-day for both clubs and that, on this occasion, they will reproduce their best form. This factor, with keen club rivalry, should turn the Darra game into a clash typical of the exciting matches between these two in the past.

Hollandia have the largest club following in Brisbane, and St. Helens probably by virtue of their Ampol Cup win last season, seem to have built up better local support, so a large attendance is expected.

I am tipping Hollandia to win by a narrow margin, but as I am so often out in my anticipations, this could be to the Ipswich club's advantage!

1967 record: Hollandia 3-1; 4-1. St. Helens 4-2.

## Oxley—Revival at last

By Alan Fouche

It is ten years since Oxley United won the Brisbane first division premiership — and mostly they have been years of struggle and disappointment.

However, the return of halfback Billy Haigh from Sydney Prague, and their tremendous performance against Coalstars gives rise to the feeling that they are on the way up again.

In defenders Rex Evans, Kev Fredline and Don Dwyer, Oxley have a rear-guard as capable as most, and the midfield urgency and drive missing last year should be restored by the fiery Bill Haigh.

Polonia, after their 2-0 defeat of St. Helens, are riding high, but they still remain an unknown quantity under pressure. Several of their veterans are

now forced to rely rather more on their heads than their legs, and this could swing the match against them.

Syd Tucker, Wayne Walker and John Griffiths should supply plenty of punch in the attack, but Henry Brown, Forrest Cleeton and Les Souter, grand footballers as they are, will probably find the 90-minute rigours of first division football tough going.

Oxley, without setting the world alight, are my tip to win by the odd goal.

1967 record: Nil.

outstanding linkman and ex Merton player Mark Bohan should lend the experience. We will make a good showing in this our first year of second division football. Playing in the Green and with nine Irishmen signed up the for the club, the spirit will certainly not be lacking!

**Bardon President, Dieter Klose:—**

We didn't get beaten on the game — we just ran out of condition! Our boys are going to have to train a lot harder. The forwards came up quite well but the defence is lagging. They do not move up to the opposition, most of the time they are back-peddling. On the credit side, I am very happy with inside left Barry Anderson, he's only 17 but has an intelligent soccer head on

## Who is Playing Next

Saturday, April 27:

- \* Exhibition Ground LATROBE-WESTS v. COALSTARS
- \* Lanham Park GRANGE TH. v. OXLEY
- † McCook Park POSTAL INST. v. TOOWONG
- \* Wynnum WYNNUM v. MT. GRAVATT
- † Mitchelton MITCHELTON v. EASTS UN.
- † Bowman Park, Bardon BARDON v. DNIPRO

Sunday, April 28:

- \* Ebbw Vale ST. HELENS v. HELLENIC
- \* Darra HOLLANDIA v. POLONIA
- \* Spencer Park AZZURRI v. MERTON ROV.
- † Memorial Park GERMANIA v. BUDAPEST
- † Ekibin ANNERLEY v. THE GAP
- \* First Division
- † Second Division

his shoulders. Merv Parmenter is an oasis to his winger and his centre forward. Peter Heath looks competent between the sticks.

No reports were received from The Gap, Dnipro and Easts. Officials are reminded that they may ring Kevin Milmo at 915165 on Sunday nights after 6 p.m.



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# FACE TO FACE

KEV MILMOE

GEOFF GARNER

**"We had to get a shop window before we could display anything! Now we will work on the goods!"**

Thus Geoff Garner, President of Wynnum Soccer Club was talking of his club's splendid Maramba Stadium on Wynnum Road that has so far cost in the region of \$32,000.

Geoff, self employed, chairman of four companies, spearheads a success story that has been five eventful years in the telling.

"When I took over the club, it had been in existence for 44 years and there was £44 (in those days) in the bank. The home ground was Wynnum Memorial Park. We hewed this ground out of virgin scrub until today it boasts a very practical and neat TEMPORARY clubhouse, fully enclosed with flood-lighting on six steel columns. The lighting cost us \$3500. We have the best playing surface in Brisbane and in the pre-season trials we had first division clubs clamouring to play here!"

The ground is a four acre block, the actual playing surface 110 by 85 yards. Geoff emphasises that the whole project from the start has been a team effort (they have a committee of nine) with a special mention for groundsman Charlie Helmhold, who directed and led all the main working parties.

"Overseas soccer is a spectator sport financed purely by spectators who pay their money, go through a gate, into a stadium or ground, are comfortably seated or stood on terraces and presented with good soccer which can only come with proper training and coaching facilities and equipment enough to ensure that the players' individual requirements are accounted for — THIS IS OUR ULTIMATE AIM!"

The Maramba Cup five a side competition, inaugurated last year, with the

Governor opening the ground, has gone from strength to strength. 42 teams lined up this year, the only first division clubs not represented being Hollandia and Polonia.

"The venture has been so successful that we are making donations of \$50 to the Federation and \$25 to the Referees Association to be used in the promotion of soccer."

A newsletter is run bi-monthly. The strength in depth is there also with 3 senior teams, 10 juniors and one ladies team.

"The further stages of the plan call for a swimming pool and gymnasium. The land is freehold and is ours for 52 weeks of the year. As policy, we refused point blank to pay players until we had somewhere for them to play."

Geoff believes in strong leadership, with at all times an acute sense of business management. And it is only natural that a man such as he should have strong views on management in general.

"Before you appoint management, ask yourself the following questions — firstly, is he willing — secondly, is he capable? Too many positions in the Federation are filled under sufferance. It is absolutely impossible to run a club well with just a president and secretary. If a plan is there then the committee must come to the party wholeheartedly. The lack of cohesion and common drive because of this is very evident at council meetings where the most important thing — consistency of thought — is missing."

He feels that the lower division clubs do not realise the importance of their position in the Federation.

"They themselves engender the 'atmosphere of First Division' that prevails at council meetings. These people

## Big Improvements to Adelaide Headquarters

South Australian soccer made further progress in 1967 with the expenditure of \$35,000 on improvements at the code's impressive headquarters at Hindmarsh Stadium. Extra grandstand seating and 10 rows of terraces accounted for much of the money, spent jointly by the Sth. Australian Federation and the Local Council.

should believe in themselves; they are not a nonentity, their thoughts, views and ideas affect the spectators through presentation and management of our affairs in all divisions."

**Geoff believes wholeheartedly in the formation of a 'council' of lower division clubs. The core of good men available now, meeting in their own atmosphere, would lend confidence to the group bringing out the ideas and drive which is lacking at the moment.**

He feels also that a pooling of ideas from all clubs would help greatly in the efficient running of our affairs.

"This could be implemented by the holding of a regular seminar for management. It could be held under an experienced (perhaps outside) chairman, who will join in the discussion of problems in common from the grass roots up, with perhaps papers being presented."

Geoff, who is not unused to having men under him, believes that a bad decision is all right as long as it is a DECISION, and he will persist in a thing until it is finished (unless the proverbial brick wall is there). He feels that when he was offered the job of rejuvenating soccer in Wynnum, he was presented with a challenge — meat and drink to him. The partial results (he was careful to emphasise the word partial) are very evident to all. In Geoff's own words "only the surface has been chipped!"

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# Reader's Letter

A lengthy letter was received from Mr. C. Tatters regarding our article on Mr. Dettmar Cramer's visit. Unfortunately, owing to severe space limitations, we are unable to publish it, but one point raised by Mr. Tatters should not pass unmentioned.

He takes us to task for criticising the Queensland Federation of Soccer coaches. Let it be made quite clear that at no time was this our intention, and a careful reading of the article should make perfectly plain the irony in our comments on this organisation, which is doing a splendid job in the face of many difficulties.

Our criticism was aimed at the great majority of Brisbane coaches, who, by ignoring the Coaching Federation, have made it clear that, in THEIR OPINION, this is a redundant body, since they do not feel it necessary to avail themselves of its services. We join with Mr. Tatters in deploring this attitude, which has been maintained in the face of a Queensland Federation instruction (ig-

nored by all but a handful of coaches) for all first and second Division coaches to join the Federation of Soccer Coaches.

We felt that the irony of our comments was sufficiently obvious for readers to realise that our sallies, far from being aimed at the Coaching Federation, were intended to reach those coaches who felt themselves expert enough to ignore both the Federation and Mr. Dettmar Cramer. The great majority of persons we questioned on the matter firmly agreed with this view of the article.

To the best of our knowledge, only one Committee member of the Coaching Federation failed to attend Mr. Cramer's Wednesday evening lecture.

## FIRST ROUND RESULTS

### FIRST DIVISION

St. Helens U. (0) 0	Polonia (1) 2
(Tucker, Walker)	
Grange Th. (3) 3	Merton R. (0) 0
(Wyer, McDonald, Bell)	
Latrobe-W. (1) 1	Hellenic (1) 2
(Walton) (McMillan 2)	
Azzurri (0) 1	Hollandia (0) 0
(Keen)	
Oxley U. (1) 1	Coalstars (0) 1
(Tuson) (Hallett)	

## Aussies to Mexico?

Visiting FIFA coach, DETTMAR CRAMER, gives Australia a reasonable chance of reaching the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico. To do so, Australia will have to win their sub-group against Rhodesia, South Korea and Japan, and will then almost certainly meet North Korea, favourites in the other half of the sub-group, for the right to go to Mexico.



**GRAHAM McMILLAN**  
2 Goals for Hellenic last week

## Tipster's Corner

### FIRST DIVISION:

	Ron Mitchell	John Steel	Kevin Milmo	Arthur Bevin	Bruce Waddell	Alan Fouche	Harry Mourney	Most Favoured
Coalstars v. Grange Thistle	x	x	1	x	2	2	2	x
Polonia v. Oxley United	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
Hellenic v. Azzurri	x	2	2	1	x	1	x	x
Hollandia v. St. Helens U.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Merton Rovers v. Latrobe	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2

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# TOUCHLINE TITBITS

Brisbane Junior Soccer Association President, Tom Vaughan, was elected to the Queensland Federation Management Committee at the Council meeting on April 1st. He fills the vacancy left through the resignation of Mr. E. Brusasco.

Federation President, BILL WADDELL, was very impressed by the Wynnum and Manly District Schoolboys Association's Opening Day at Memorial Park, Manly, last Saturday week. Sixteen teams participated, with 230 children and about 300 spectators present, including Federal M.P., Dr. WYLLIE GIBBS, and a local member, Mr. B. NEWTON. Stewart Simmons, the President of the W. & M. Association, was made a Life Member of the Queensland Schoolboys Association.

Brisbane Junior Association has taken a major step forward with the acquisition of a headquarters ground at Carina. No further details are known.

Penalties were in fashion in the opening round of First Division matches. Arthur Harper led the way by awarding Thistle a first-half spot-kick against Merton Rovers on Saturday, and on Sunday Vince Dobinson pointed to the spot five minutes from time for Azzurri to clinch victory against Hollandia. Bernie Troy won the "Championship" however — he awarded two penalties, one apiece, in the clash between Latrobe and Hellenic!

The seating accommodation at most First Division grounds in Brisbane is disgraceful. Pensioners were seen standing at several matches a fortnight ago, and while this state of affairs continues, it is easy to see why our crowds continue to decline.

Heard on the grapevine that Hellenic rumoured to be making two new signings shortly. Club has maintained silence to date.

**To Oxley's Graham Tuson went the honour of scoring the year's first First Division goal, when he netted after eight minutes against Coalstars. Grange Thistle's new centre forward, Vic Wyer, grabbed number two with a neat header against Merton Rovers just nine minutes later.**

Latrobe supporters were pleased at the tremendous improvement shown by goalkeeper MARTIN COE against Hellenic at Lanham Park. After a horror match against Sydney Prague the previous week, the former Gap youngster turned in a splendid performance including a grand attempt to save Hellenic's winner, scored by Graham McMillan from the penalty spot.

Former State centre half GARY CATCHPOLE has had his name linked with Mt. Gravatt, after playing in Merton's Reserves against Grange Thistle. Other Merton men sidelined at Lanham Park included winger John Gordon and Trevor Catchpole.

Best-kept secret of the season slipped out last weekend — Coalstars' winger NOEL PEUT has signed for Oxley United. Clubs deserve top marks for keeping news from leaking to public.

A new ruling on replacements will be in force in 1968. It will now be permissible for clubs to replace the goalkeeper at any stage during a match, and one field player up to and including half-time, irrespective of injury.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission have never revealed their attitude to soccer more clearly than during the Japanese national team's visit. After Australia had beaten Japan 3-1 in Melbourne, the A.B.C.'s 10 p.m. news gave the match no mention — yet gave full details of a match between a visiting district Rugby Union side from Fiji and Canberra. This included advance notice of an important fixture to be played in Cooma (NSW) the following Tuesday.

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Many people are wondering why, for the past seven years, the Queensland Soccer Federation's Yearbook has retained two unenviable "distinctions". It has consistently remained both the last to appear in the country, and, by a long, long way the worst. In every aspect imaginable, the Yearbooks from our sister States are incomparably better, and, sad to say, so were the old Association Yearbooks. What started as a joke has become a serious blot on our code in Queensland.

Team of the Week award in the first round of fixtures must go to Newmarket Postal Institute, who, for many seasons have been struggling desperately to hold their Second Division status. They avoided the drop to Third Division in 1967 only by winning their last match, yet toppled "giants" Easts United 4-3 in their pipe-opener this term.

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