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Secret Weapon for Thistle

By Ron Mitchell

Grange Thistle will trot out their "secret weapon" when they meet Oxley at Lanham Park on Saturday.

This weapon is really a simple one — an evil eye — which is actually nothing more than the Lanham Park ground "hoodoo" which has stopped

Oxley from beating Thistle there since 1962.

So far this season, Thistle have lived up to last year's forecasts that 1968 would be the big one for the Grange team.

You can't argue against Thistle's 3-0 win over Merton and their 6-1 thrashing of Coalstars and the fact that Thistle's nine goals in two matches are almost 50% of the 20 goals scored by them in the whole of the 1967 14-match premiership.

Vic Wyer, John McDonald and Ritchie Smith up front are showing dash and enterprise to support the strong defence and midfield trio which were Thistle's main strength last season.

But Oxley, like Thistle, have a solid, quick-tackling defence which could test Thistle on Saturday.

Oxley, with a 1-1 draw against Coalstars and a 2-0 victory over Polonia, are seemingly nowhere as fit as Thistle, judging by the walking pace of several of their players in the second half against Polonia.

Oxley coach, centre forward Tony Lowndes, who made his debut last

Tatters Resigns

State coach C. "Rags" Tatters has resigned his post as Hollandia coach.

This shock move followed a disagreement between Tatters and the Hollandia management on team selection and tactics.

Tatters, who joined Hollandia almost five years ago, had previously been sole selector, and had been in charge of team tactics. However, a panel of three selectors was appointed for 1968, and instructions were given that the team was to change from the 4-3-3 system adopted last year, and the result was a parting of the ways.

Tatters, who has previously held the coaches' job with Oxley, Postal Institute and Caledonian, said last Sunday that at the present stage he was not interested in seeking a new appointment. "I shall continue as State coach if required," he said. "But I am definitely not open to any club offers for the rest of this season."

match lacked support in the second half when Peter Passmore was limping and winger Noel Peut was starved for chances.

Perhaps in the forwards, and almost certainly on the score of stamina, Thistle should have the edge, but there will be nothing between the teams in regard to determination.

1967 record: Thistle 2-1, 2-0, 2-0.



Owen Monaghan, Grange-Thistle's big mid-field man, whose drive will be a vital factor against Oxley United.

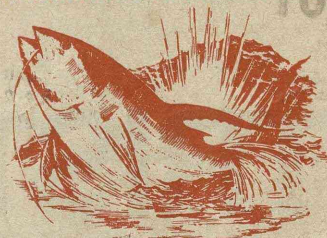
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Q.S.F. Yearbook—Another Fiasco

By Alan Fouche

The Queensland Federation Yearbook, published last week, has again proved a disappointment. After seeing the magnificent Yearbooks published this year by NSW, South Australia and West Australia, one can almost hear the gales of laughter with which Queensland's effort will be greeted in the southern States.

The term Yearbook is meant to imply a complete resume of the previous season's events. Apart from one article and a few statistics, "lifted" from other States' Yearbooks, there is not a single article throughout the book on any subject. The statistical coverage is again meagre, and entirely inadequate, there are no photographs, and

except for club secretaries, 20 cents spent on this publication would be a complete waste of money. Bearing in mind that the page sizes of other States' Yearbooks are almost twice that of Queensland, the following statistics make an interesting comparison:

State	Page Size	Pages	Photos	Articles
N.S.W.	8½" x 5½"	88	19	15
South Australia	6¾" x 4¾"	120	47	18
West Australia	7½" x 4½"	108	11	16
Queensland	5½" x 4"	51	0	1*

* Originally appeared in W.A. Yearbook

Pages of statistics: NSW 38; South Australia 26; West Australia 13; Queensland 14. (Remember once again, that Queensland's pages are smaller than the others.)

Ventures which were regarded as worthy of extensive coverage by other States, and which were mentioned

briefly, if at all, in the QSF Yearbook, include the 1967 Australian tour of Asia, the Manchester United and Scotland visits, the Australia Cup, Premiership and Ampol Cup summaries, and overseas round-ups, to name but a few.

Why, you may be wondering, should we lay all this emphasis on the produc-

tion of a mere Yearbook. The reason is fairly straightforward — as most regular soccer fans will know, this position has remained unaltered for six years, and it is simply not good enough any longer for the image of the code to be tarnished every year by the production of a Yearbook which is the laughing stock of the country's soccer community.

GROUND REPORT

Each week Soccer News will be taking a brief look at a local first division ground and assessing its various features. The first ground which was visited was Coalstars' headquarters at Bundamba. (The Exhibition Ground has been excluded for purposes of comparison.)

PLAYING SURFACE: Well grassed, and level. At present in the best condition of any first division ground. Rating 70%.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION: Once again the best in first division. Seating accommodation is adequate for present needs, and is shielded from glare fairly effectively. Rating 85%.

PARKING: Facilities are adequate, and sufficient space is available to accommodate cars for a capacity crowd. Rating 90%.

DRESSING ROOMS: Antiquated and dirty. There are no separate rooms for clubs, and virtually no facilities available apart from showers. Rating 40%.

CANTEEN and P.A. SYSTEM: Both normally function efficiently. Rating 85%.

TOILETS: Primitive. Rating 20%.
GENERAL COMMENT: From a spectator's viewpoint, Bundamba is the best first division ground. Parking and seating facilities are excellent, but players' dressing rooms need attention. Overall Rating: 75%.

LEADING SCORERS

- 4—V. Wyer (Thistle); D. Keen (Azzurri).
- 3—J. McDonald (Thistle).
- 2—G. McMillan (Hellenic); E. Pattison (Merton); R. Hallett (Coalstars).

Critique of the Critics

By Topper Brown (ex-Arsenal and Crystal Palace)

Riverdale United 3 Manchester United 0. A fantasy? A dream? Surely not reality. Yet it could be -- what is needed is careful planning on a board before a match. If Smith moves to the left, Jones takes up a position 18 deg. true north, allowing Brown to tuck himself in behind Denis Law in square six. This, of course, leaves a gap where Bobby Charlton can see his way clear to goal. This is where Robinson takes over. He moves in from the right, and Bobby Charlton has been negated. But up comes Nobby Stiles, racing for goal, and he's about to score.

Ah! But wait. That was foreseen on the board, and Green in the Riverdale goal advances to square three to angle his charge and the ball passes the post. Now Riverdale are in possession. Williams at outside right must be careful to receive the ball with the lace towards him. He runs, drops his right shoulder to send the Manchester full back veering four yards off target, and middles the ball to place it on Robinson's back stud, and it's a goal! Manchester United stand aghast. How can they counter such fiendish tactics?

A hurried midfield conference and they decide to adopt the XYZ plan. Are Riverdale worried? Not at all. They immediately counter it with the fashionable Eskimo formation. Manchester have no answer to this. All their skills and arts count for naught against such planning.

Manchester's mastermind Matt Busby sitting on the touchline, is dumbfounded. Dare he try Euclid's theory? It means that number nine and number six will have to change jerseys and the goalkeeper wear his contact lenses. Can he wait? While he is pondering, Riverdale do it again. No! He will just have to change, and a hurried signal sees the changes effected. The pattern of the game is changed immediately, and Manchester, for a while, come into the game. Riverdale are now being given the runaround.

This is how some critics believe, and would have, that the game of soccer is played. Little credit for the winner's superiority as individuals and as a team on the day. No. It was generally the losers' lack of tactics.

There seems to be a belief in some circles that the magic 4-2-4 or 4-3-3 systems supply extra men from nowhere, and that a deep lying centre forward is a password for easy goals. Surely if ten men are better on the day than the opposing ten, they will win irrespective of the pattern that is played.

That clubs should go out with no method cannot be correct, and no coach worthy of the name would allow it. If one team adopts the 4-2-4 system and

loses to an orthodox formation, is it the fault of the system? A well known Continental coach has levelled the accusation that many of today's teams concentrated too much on systems and ignore the basic — open spaces and man-to-man marking.

Systems should be built around players and not the players around the system. If players are not suited for a definite method then that style cannot be a success. Herbert Chapman, manager of the Arsenal in their heyday, and originator of the third-back game, did not transform the initial team to his new methods. He simply went into the transfer market and purchased players that would suit the plan.

When Manchester City set the world alight with the deep-lying centre forward, they had the man to do it in Don Revie.

Games are won on the fields. Players are not pawns in a game of chess — a pattern of play should be built around the individuals available, or conversely, if a coach decides on a set formation, he should buy the players to suit the scheme, or abandon it forthwith.

Tactics do not make players. It is always so simple to advise after the match what should have been done. The critics level the fact that Jones should have been marked out of the game. Maybe his opposite was detailed to do just that, but Jones happened to be too clever on this occasion.

"They should have used a long ball", is another old cliché from the wise boys, never thinking for a moment that it was not in the ability of the players to play a long ball, and that the fact that it was not used does not prove its infallibility if it had been.

If blackboard tactics were the one and all of the game, then players count for naught. Why do clubs enter the high money transfer market when all that is needed is pre-match board drill and regimentation.

Let all clubs have ideas, plans, innovations. Let's have systems, methods,

and formations, but above all let us recognise the fact that individual skill is still the pattern of success, and once on the field the player is master of his own fate. It is what he does, and not what he should have done, that matters. Let post match critics and tacticians think twice before they utter their "should have's" and "why not's".

A story from Stanley Matthews can indicate what a certain world famous English international, whose name is a household word, thought of blackboard talks.

After a pre-match briefing before an international game, the players listened patiently for a long period in silence, and at the end were asked if there were any questions. "Yes", said this player, "How many bloody compliments are we getting?"

Cardiff City to Tour

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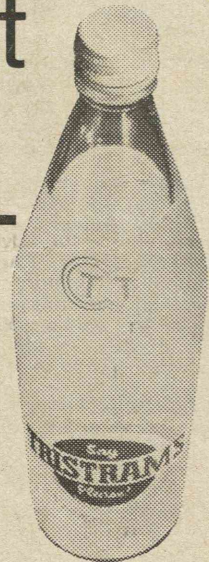
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North Queensland News

"Losers" Win Final

Losing their Gratelli Memorial quarter final match 3-2 to Rips after 20 minutes of extra time, and adjudged best losers between Olympic and Estates, Dimbulah made the semi-finals, to ultimately win a gruelling and exciting final against Roma by 2 goals to nil.

Sunday's first quarter final match between Rips and Dimbulah produced hard and exciting soccer with the result see-sawing, and at full time the scores were 2 all. In the extra time period, with corner kicks playing a crucial part, Dimbulah led by the odd corner until a beautiful cross by Sullivan found the head of Douglas to score the vital and winning goal for Rips.

Olympic were expected to start favourites for the carnival and it seemed certain they would knock Roma out of calculations. With the appearance of star forward O'Callaghan from Brisbane in Olympic's attacking line, Roma were given little chance of victory, but they shocked Olympic, winning 2-1. Any chance Stevenson had of scoring for Olympic was nullified by the fine strategy adopted by Roma in putting Keseg to mark him and Stevenson could do very little. Olympic could have fielded a stronger team and it was surprising that their selectors preferred to play Hall for the full match, with Sarinas playing half a game and the enterprising McPherson "cooling his heels" on the sideline. Olympic possibly took Roma too lightly, expecting little resistance from their "misfit" team, but full honours to Roma for a gallant display of strategic football.

Having beaten Rangers 2-1 in a fixture last week, and with the luck of the draw, Estates were expected to have little trouble in repeating the result. Rangers, strengthened by the addition of Zanella, a former Home Hill player, were too good for Estates, winning 5-1. Estates didn't play to expectations, but full credit to Rangers for a fine win.

Roma met Rips in the first semi final and went to the lead from a penalty taken by Keseg for a "hand ball" in the penalty area by centre half Farrell. Rips tried desperately to bridge the gap and chances to equalise went begging. Craperi put the issue beyond doubt when, with the Rips defence out-positioned and with goalie Bowie yards out of his goalmouth in a desperate attempt to snatch the ball from Craperi's feet, scored the final and winning goal of the match.

Dimbulah were in complete control of their match against Rangers in the

second semi final and ran out easy winners 3-0.

In the play off to decide third place-getter between Rips and Rangers, better condition and superior play resulted in a comfortable 5-2 victory for Rips.

The final between Dimbulah and Roma was possibly the most exciting match played in Ingham for many years. Roma, undefeated in the Carnival, were expected to start favourites. Dimbulah's strength was lessened by injuries in earlier matches and the better physical condition of Roma was expected to play a major role.

Starting at a furious rate, Dimbulah went into the attack with long passing movements and the Roma goal was constantly hammered. Magnificent saves by Valvasori kept Roma in the match, but 80 per cent. of play was dominated by Dimbulah in Roma's territory.

Right full back Cabrero with a solo 80 yards dash, passed the ball to Demis, the Dimbulah winger who from the narrowest of angles, slammed home an impossible goal.

Playing under the cool leadership of Terry Hartley, a former Sheffield Wednesday player, Dimbulah continued their fast methodical attack and centre forward Poppa put the issue beyond doubt to score their second goal. Minutes from full time, Roma staged a remarkable comeback and with Keseg switched to the forward line, were unlucky not to score on several occasions. Dimbulah's defence was magnificent until the final whistle, winning the match 2-0.

Rips must be regarded as the unlucky side in the competition, having defeated Dimbulah, the ultimate winners.

PITHY PAR

The 8-1 lacing handed out to Grange Thistle's Reserves by Coalstars on Saturday, was the Scotsmen's first defeat for 23 matches, and their biggest hiding since the 1950's. Later on, however, the first eleven reversed the dose, hammering Coalstars 6-1.

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"We are determined to beat Budapest. We will be going flat out — this will bring out the best in us! We know this is a good side, we do not underestimate them — we will be looking after Mr. Fazakes very closely," commented Germania president Gunther Pieplow on their important Sunday clash at Memorial Park, Bulimba.

"Our long trip to Canberra jaded us a little and this was apparent in our 5-0 win over Toowong. The state of the ground apart, we gave a shocking display, and the only heartening football was the 25 minute period late in the match, when all our goals were scored. There was hardly any teamwork, the only player I could mention doing anywhere near his job was the goalie Stan Sanders. This will not happen this weekend! The forward line looks good. Ziggy Wehner is coming along well, centre forward Neil Large, our new capture from Woollongong, will be turning out, with of course Bill Maxton right on the job. Good news also with Bob Maxton and Brian Levy back from injury.

Budapest president Bill Berka: — **The match this weekend should be a beauty** — the match of the year! This one is going to be close, real close, no big scores in this one. Both teams play too much to the same style. If we can beat Germania, we are going to feel real comfortable. I don't see any changes in our line-up for this one. We beat a very fast team in Annerley, 2-0, last weekend, but it was our game from start to finish. John Fazakes provided us with a great goal with a penalty coming from Alex Siren. Alex has his defence coming along splendidly but will have to be a little patient with Alex Bata, who is struggling to find form at the moment.

Toowong supporter Chip Murphy: — We were beaten in the last 20 minutes. Germania ran out 5-0 winners and the whole bag was scored in this period.

The first half saw us with a slight edge so our defeat comes down to lack of condition. You could also add that we lacked penetration. Keith Miller had another excellent game, Darryl Thorp looked quite capable between the posts, well supported by left half Wayne Williams. All things equal, we should record our first points of the season against Newmarket this weekend.

Annerley coach Ron White: — **We fell down in the forward line — we missed some chances.** Budapest are a good side, I have no excuses about the result. I am very pleased with defender Jeff Robinson and Billy Busby is playing well between the sticks. We have another hard game this weekend against The Gap, but we are quietly confident, playing on our home ground. I am very happy with the defence; we had two goals scored against us last week, but one was a penalty. We are playing 4-2-4, the boys are coming along well and at the present I have some good 90 minute players.

Newmarket coach Eddie Masters: — I'm happy with our 17 year old centre forward Ray White — he just keeps putting them in! Two in the opening game and another double last week. This score of 4-3 seems to haunt us, counting trial games, this is the fourth time this season — I don't care — as long as it's our way. We took a while to get used to Dittmer Park but the second half saw us gain control and cut them to ribbons. And the boys that helped us do it were linkmen Mike Woolmer (captain) and Peter Millis. Score two all at half time with the decider coming just on the whistle. We missed our goalkeeper Alan Gibson, but it gave us a chance to blood young John Davie — he settled down in the second half.

Mt. Gravatt publicity officer, Bill Matthews: — **We should have won this one!** We played some good football in the first half but after the break, play

degenerated from both sides. Some of our boys are showing signs of settling down. Half back John Quinn had a good game, rounding it off with a long floater goal. Player coach Morris McNamara continues to give the boys inspiration, while we have a good 'un in left back Davey Pearson, ex schoolboy international for Ireland. A mention also of inside left Charlie Tymon, who captured two good goals.

Bardon Club captain Jim McColl: — I was very impressed with Mitchelton, who have a vastly different line-up from last year. Their new players have really smartened them up. The big factor contributing to our showing was the leg injury to our young forward hope Barry Anderson and one absentee that necessitated vital positional changes. One bright feature of the game, though, was some intelligent play by Warren Austin, just up from the under 16 ranks. Fitness is still a major problem, but we will beat this. We have a string of victories in store this year, and our first points of the season should come this weekend when we meet Dnipro at home.

The Gap coach Joe Menadue: — **3-0 was a poor indication of the Dnipro match** — 6-0 would have been much closer. Fitness was the essence of our victory, but boy! did our forwards miss some chances. Being beaten 2-0 in the Budapest game was a disappointment, but those goals came through our own mistakes. If we can win the next two against Annerley and Germania, we will be a force to be reckoned with this year. Some changes from the Budapest team fitted very well into the general pattern of things, Paul Hammond from full back to half and John McCallum promoted from third division to full back. I am very happy with our backs and wingers, Rex Matthews, John Menadue and Keith Nicholls.

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FACE TO FACE

ALAN FOUCHE

ALLEN BAIN

When Mitchelton's 27 year old captain coach, ALLEN BAIN, joined his present club from first division premiers Latrobe-Wests recently, he was at the time the last Australian-born first team player in a club once renowned for its local talent.

Not unnaturally, having joined one of Brisbane's strongest Junior clubs, Allen feels fairly strongly on this subject. "Far too few young lads are getting a chance to show their worth," he says. "Rather than spend a couple of hundred dollars to encourage a local youngster who shows promise in the lower grades, most first division clubs are spending money on importing players from overseas."

"A nucleus of experienced men is certainly essential, but this can be taken too far," he says. "Unless clubs are prepared to take a few chances by promoting Juniors, many talented boys are lost to soccer simply because they are not given the opportunity to prove themselves in top company."

After his five year stay in first division with Latrobe, Allen was pleasantly surprised at the high standard of play he has found in the lower grade. "Not only is the football more scientific than I had expected, but the wealth of talent and enthusiasm among the youngsters has amazed me," he says. "Support also, is forthcoming, and the crowds at Mitchelton's two matches so far were greater than those Latrobe used to attract in first division."

In many ways, Mitchelton are eminently suited for the promotion that they will be chasing this season, after a lean trot last term. They have a fine clubhouse, and improvements in the playing surface of the ground are planned. Allen, as senior coach, is also proud of the fact that with thirteen Junior teams being fielded, Mitchelton can show the way to most first division clubs.

New lighting has been installed recently, and Mitchelton could in fact be able to play floodlight fixtures in the

foreseeable future.

With a first team average age of only 19 years, Allen will have plenty of time to achieve first division status. At present, he is concentrating on developing teamwork and a playing style. "Of course, we hope to be in at the kill this season, but my main aim is to consolidate with a view to really launching an all-out promotion bid next year."

What does he envisage will happen in the way of team building should Mitchelton move up at the end of this season? "Well, naturally we will have to examine the position carefully, but we have a fine bunch of youngsters here, and I am confident that they have the ability to develop into a really good combination."

Allen is fairly happy with his team's draw in the Queensland Cup, where Mitchelton will meet St. Helens in the first round next month. "This will be the acid test for our boys, and if they do well, as I am sure they will, the experience will be of tremendous psychological value."

Allen, who now expects to end his playing days with Mitchelton, has had a varied career since he first donned boots as a junior for the same club almost 14 years ago. After spending some time with Postal Institute, he joined Mitchelton, and was given a free transfer to Melbourne first division club Hakoah when his firm transferred him to Victoria in 1960. After making the first team, Allen was in for a disappointment when work commitments prevented him from taking his place in the side.

Back in Brisbane in July, 1961, Allen joined Latrobe, and was a key member of the great red and white outfit

that scooped up two premierships and two grand finals between 1964 and 1966.

Representative honours came his way in 1964, when he played at right half for Queensland against Victoria in Brisbane. Veteran Brisbane experts rated Queensland's 4-3 victory, after the visitors had led 3-1, as the finest since the war.

Allen feels that he owes much of his success to his father, who devoted many hours to coaching both him and his brother Colin, who has graduated into a fine attacking wing half with Merton Rovers.

He agreed with the view that there was not enough incentive for youngsters in the game today. "I realise that it is not Queensland's fault, but it is nevertheless a tragedy that interstate competition has virtually ended," he says. "The glamour attached to a visit from a NSW or Victorian club or State side would add immensely to the prestige of the game in Queensland."

On the local scene, Allen is one of the growing adherents of the scheme of district football. "We have far too many clubs, with the result that our resources and players are spread over such a wide field that we do not appear to be making any measurable progress. I think that a centralisation of our playing strength and finances would bring about a higher standard of play and create more interest in the game, although I realise of course that this would create a number of problems in the initial stages."

Editor's footnote: At 27 years of age, and still almost in his prime, Allen Bain has many seasons of first division football ahead. That he has chosen

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We'll win this one

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Mitchelton coach Allen Bain: For a team that has been predicted not to reach the final four, we certainly showed up well in our 5-0 win over Bardonia. The players came through as a team but these forwards of mine are a little off target. We played on the ground football and as a result openings were made from midfield and this was a very pleasing factor. Bardonia deserves a mention — a good clean game and they never gave up. Easts will be hard this weekend but with the forwards coming in with more concentrated shooting practice under their belts, we should run out winners. As I say, I will not mention individual players, the side last week was a team. That's what we want!

No reports were received from Easts and Wynnum.

Dnipro coach Fred Kingshott: I must congratulate The Gap, they have a workmanlike side there and will have to be watched. It's a little early for predictions, but I will say — keep your eye on the clubs left at the barrier, they are going to click soon and hand out some surprises. We have problems at the moment. Mike Elliott's ankle injury would not allow him to give of his best and our two imports have to get acclimatised. Gordon Letford went down with heatstroke but once captain right half John McLean gets settled he will lend inspiration to the side and he could probably end up in the State squad. I have the overall plan but things are not coming my way at the moment. Training is excellent with an average of 22 players every Tuesday and Thursday nights.

FACE TO FACE

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instead to devote himself to the task of assisting to foster a youthful side such as Mitchelton is indicative of the spirit of a player who has built up an enviable reputation for skill and sportsmanship. The first division's loss has most decidedly been the second division's gain.

Cup Kick-off in May

Sixteen teams, representing the cream of the State's soccer talent, will be clashing from Cairns to Brisbane on May 11 and 12 for the right to enter the quarter-finals of Queensland's richest competition — the \$1000 Queensland Ampol Cup.

The inauguration of this competition, originally the brainchild of Management Committee member, Mr. JIM BUCHANAN, will mark a major step forward in Queensland football. It is hoped, that by establishing the Cup on a firm basis, the overall strength and prestige of the code will be lifted throughout the State, and that it could mark the beginning of a new era of consolidation and co-operation between Brisbane and the country areas.

The ten Brisbane first division clubs will be joined by Mitchelton and Germania, winners of the preliminary rounds, and representative sides from Bundaberg, Central Queensland, North Queensland, and Far North Queensland.

The full draw for the first round is as follows (* Home club): Mitchelton v. St. Helens; Hellenic v. Polonia; *North Queensland v. Hollandia, in Townsville; *Central Queensland v. Grange Thistle, in Rockhampton; *Far

QUEENSLAND CUP										
The following players have been chosen in the North Queensland representative squad to participate in the Queensland Cup competition and North Queensland matches this season:										
M. Moisis, D. Heron, H. Stevenson (official coach), N. Mearns, G. O'Callaghan, B. Lees, B. McPherson (from Olympic Club); R. Bertocchi, M. Casmartino (from Rangers Club); M. Keseg, I. Crichton, J. Harries, C. Fleming (from Roma Club); D. Farrell, M. Frost, R. Stone, A. Blucher, C. Debney, R. Sullivan (from Rips Club); J. Lister, B. Rowlinson, D. Dorling, B. Rooney (from Estates Club).										

The above named squad will train for the Queensland Cup match, at Dean Park, Townsville, on Saturday, April 30. Training will commence at .00 p.m.

North Queensland v. Azzurri, in Cairns; *Bundaberg v. Germania; Latrobe v. Oxley; Coalstars v. Merton.

It is expected that the later rounds will be played at the Exhibition Grounds as double headers. Club treasurers will doubtless greet this news with dismay, but the long-suffering public will certainly appreciate the move.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION										
P W D L F A P										
Coalstars (Hallett)	(0)	1	Grange Thistle	(3)	6					
Hellenic (Long)	(0)	1	Azzurri (Keen 3)	(1)	3					
Hollandia (Mortimer, Doevedans)	(1)	2	St. Helens (Verrall J., Haswell)	(1)	2					
Merton Rov. (Pattison 2)	(0)	2	Latrobe-Wests	(0)	0					
Polonia	(0)	0	Oxley Utd. (P. Passmore, Peut)	(2)	2					
Grange Thistle	2	2	—	9	1	4				
Azzurri	2	2	—	4	1	4				
Oxley United	2	1	1	—	3	1	3			
Polonia	2	1	—	1	2	2	2			
Hellenic	2	1	—	1	3	4	2			
Merton Rovers	2	1	—	1	2	3	2			
Hollandia-Inala	2	—	1	1	2	3	1			
St. Helens United	2	—	1	1	2	4	1			
Coalstars	2	—	1	1	2	7	1			
Latrobe	2	—	—	2	1	4	0			

SECOND DIVISION										
P W D L F A P										
Budapest	2	Annerley	0							
Dnipro	0	The Gap	3							
Toowong	0	Germania	5							
Mt. Gravatt	3	Postal	4							
Easts Un.	2	Wynnum	4							
Bardonia	0	Mitchelton	5							
Mitchelton	2	—	6	0	4					
Budapest-Grovely	2	—	4	0	4					
Germania	2	—	8	1	4					
Wynnum	2	—	11	5	4					
Postal Institute	2	—	8	6	4					
Annerley	2	1	—	1	8	2	2			
The Gap	2	1	—	1	3	2	2			
Easts United	2	—	—	2	5	8	0			
Mount Gravatt	2	—	—	2	4	7	0			
Bardonia	2	—	—	2	3	12	0			
Dnipro	2	—	—	2	0	4	0			
Toowong	2	—	—	2	0	13	0			

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FIRST DIVISION:

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

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AZZURRI v. MERTON ROVERS

Bravo, Azzurri! In reducing Hellenic's expensive array of stars to impotency at the Exhibition Ground last Sunday, they played the kind of football that will bring the fans streaming back in their thousands.

Their defence, with new signings Kelly and Hosie in great touch, was further reinforced last week by the impressive reappearance, after a lengthy absence, of half back John Daley, but it was in attack that the Italians proved a revelation.

Outside left Eddie Sargent, a newcomer from New Zealand, showed some excellent touches, but undoubtedly the architects of Azzurri's victory were the hard-running John Daley, a close-season capture from Germania, and David Keen, whose hat trick was a just reward for a fine display.

Azzurri's fluid, short-passing style began to rewind one of their halcyon days of the early sixties, when Cliff Sander, Bunny Nunn and company made them a team to be feared throughout the land.

It is going to take a fine team to lower Azzurri's colours at the Exhibition Ground this season — but it could be a very different story at their Spencer Park dustbowl.

The hard, uneven surface will be better suited to the robust style of the visitors, and their solid defence, with Gary Catchpole back in the middle, will prove a harder stumbling block than Hellenic's.

If Merton are to regain their position at the top of the local football tree, it is evident that some serious rebuilding will have to take place, and even a draw would be a pleasant surprise for a realistic Rovers supporter.

1967 record: Nil.

LATROBE v. COALSTARS

Forget last week's dismal collapse by Coalstars, who were hit unawares by

a superb Grange Thistle side. Thistle, with almost mechanical precision, dissected Coalstars into a myriad of tiny pieces, but against Latrobe, the Ipswich lads should be able to take ample revenge.

What can be said of Latrobe? Utterly devoid of talent, with the shining exception of skipper Ron Walton, their powder-puff forward line appears to be in for a long drought following their 46-goal harvest last year, and the Premiers, who currently prop up the table, cannot be ruled out of the relegation stakes.

Coalstars, following their unbroken march of friendly victories, may have been suffering a little from over-confidence, and this is one fault that has certainly been ironed out by Oxley and Thistle. There is far too much talent in the side for their horror stretch to continue much longer, and if their trial form, as I suspect, was their true form, Latrobe cannot hold out much hope for a point.

1967 record: Latrobe 6-0, 3-0; Coalstars 4-3.

ST. HELENS v. HELLENIC

Hellenic are bound to start warm favourites in their match against St. Helens United at Ebbw Vale on Sunday, but the home team could cause an upset, writes Arthur Bevin.

Saints showed vastly improved form to draw with Hollandia and gave indications that they could develop into a combination to be reckoned with as the season progresses.

One advantage the Greens have is that they have youth on their side. Once regarded as the "Eventide" team, Saints' present line-up's average age is 22.

They have a fast forward line who showed an unusual willingness to shoot against Hollandia.

Captain John McIntosh at centre-half appears to be back to his best

form. When the defence stand up close to the opposition they give very little away.

Hellenic have the more experienced side with players of proven ability who can still be match winners.

It will be interesting to see Col Kitching playing against the club he led to victory in the Ampol Cup last year.

It is doubtful if playing on their home ground gives a team any advantage, but if it does, Saints have this in their favour.

HOLLANDIA v. POLONIA

The dynamic Ray Richards should be the deciding factor in Hollandia's hopes for their first win of the season at the expense of Polonia at Darra on Saturday, writes Harry Mourney.

Richards is having a lean trot and is still a maiden in the goal scoring field, and this naturally is the reason for Hollandia's lonely one point so far this season.

Polonia, who never looked like beating Oxley last week, will have to add more thrust to their attack to penetrate Hollandia's trio of Peter Steen, Gary Wilkins and Ben Mollee.

Syd Tucker and Wayne Walker appear their best chance provided Derek Robson and company can keep up their usually good ball distribution.

Both sides are reasonably strong in defence but lack the necessary variety in attack that makes the difference between an average and a good team.

If the Hollandia wingers concentrate on a winger's true function in a game, then "bustling" Ray Richards should get enough room through the backs to give the Inala boys their first win.

But he will find Frank Romonowski a very hard last line of defence for Polonia, as this lad is never beaten until the ball is in the net.

Another asset for Hollandia is the home ground atmosphere with their most energetic supporters wildly cheering their boys on to greater efforts.

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