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## Cardiff—The Giantkillers

By Alan Fouche

Cardiff City, the Welsh Second Division club to play Queensland on June 23rd, have earned the reputation as Europe's greatest giant-killers this season. Already they have half a leg into the final of the glamorous European Cup-winners Cup, previously won by only two British clubs, Tottenham and West Ham United.

## OPINION

For many years, the criticism has been levelled at the Azzurri Sporting Association that they have not attempted to establish a headquarters ground, or to promote junior football.

Soccer News joins all football officials and supporters in congratulating the Italian club on the opening of their new ground at Spencer Park, and wishes them the best of luck in their venture.

Their canteen, scoreboard and dressing rooms are first class, and plans are believed to be in hand for floodlighting.

Unfortunately, however, for a number of reasons, the club has not yet been able to bring the playing field to an acceptable standard, and while the Exhibition Ground is available, as was the case last Sunday, there appears to be little justification for the use of Spencer Park.

Not only are spectator facilities below even the minimum provided by most other grounds, but the actual playing surface is not fit for any grade of football in its present state, and could well cause serious injury to players. After paying 40 cents admission fee, spectators are entitled to see a proper football match, and we would defy Manchester United to play attractive soccer under such appalling conditions as exist at Spencer Park at the moment.



Peter Steen — one of Brisbane's stars against Ipswich. See page 5.

After defeating the top Soviet team, Torpedo Moscow, who toured Australia in 1965, they drew 1-1 with Hamburg in Germany in the first leg of their semi-final, and are favoured to win the return match at home.

For Cardiff, although they are struggling in second division, Cup glory is nothing new, however — as long ago as 1927 they became the first, and still the only, club to take the F.A. Cup out of England, when they defeated Arsenal 1-0.

They lost their first division place five seasons ago, and last season finishing in 20th position, only narrowly escaped relegation to third division, but their Cup exploits have led to a minor League revival also, and at the time of writing, they seemed assured of retaining their second division status this term.

Cardiff's manager is Jimmy Scoular, a wing half with Portsmouth and Newcastle United in his playing days, and his successful run against top over-

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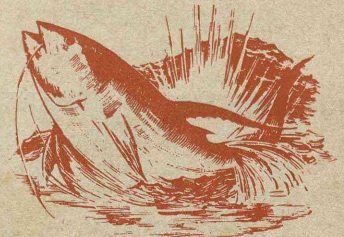
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# POSTAL BID TO STAY WITH LEADERS

"We need 90 minutes of football to beat Budapest -- we'll be there for the full 90 minutes -- we won't give it away! We know we will have our work cut out, but they only ousted us by the odd goal in the Queensland Cup," reports coach Eddie Masters on Newmarket's bid this weekend to remain equal leaders with Germania and Wynnum in the Second Division promotion stakes.

"We have some confidence boosters from this game. Centre forward Ray White did well with a trio last week, giving him 7 premierships goals so far, and goalkeeper Allan Gibson, sorely missed for two games, will return from the under 18 tour. We should be at full strength for this game. Last weekend, the team played Toowong on their record and took it too easy. We are conceding too many goals so I have come up with a plan to tighten the defence. This is the plan we played to last season with great success and I think we have the right men to do it again this year."

Budapest President Bill Berka says **Germania played the better football, but oh! those missed chances.** The refereeing was not all I would have expected, but apart from that we just had no combination in the opening half. The second half saw us settling down, and we looked and played better. Carl Gwynner was outstanding in

defence with Gabor Berka impressive in attack. We missed right half Graham Gillespie, out with an ankle injury. Newmarket, our opponents this week, have not met a really hard side yet. I am sure that every team in this second division will lose games before promotion is decided this year.

Germania President Gunther Pieplow: **The spirit is with us at last — this is a team — we will definitely be in the first three.** In our defeat of Budapest last weekend, the first name that springs to my mind is Bert Mohr, but then I must say that all of my boys played well. Neil Large, the Woolongong boy, is fitting in well at centre forward, and the two wingers are playing competently with Ralph Clark coming back into the game with a vengeance. The Gap will be hard this week, but good combination in the midfield should give us a slight edge.

Wynnum Coach Bill Webb:— **The**

**team is playing excellent football at the moment.** We have a few minor weaknesses, mainly through inexperience, but we will overcome them. Our attacking system is paying off. Our new players are coming out tops. Scottish inside forward Bill Shaw is proving an excellent schemer. The inclusion of Englishmen Arthur Creighton and Mac Hinchliffe who are both playing excellent football, has tightened the defence. Ray Moore came up with his first goal this week and looks like settling down at last. I am very happy with the whole side. We have not played the top teams yet, so we know we will have to face pressure, but I cannot see them getting through — they won't beat us.

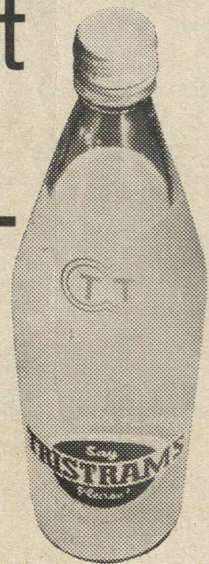
Bardon Club Captain Jim McColl:— **The whole team gave a much improved showing last weekend.** We drew with Dnipro but the general opinion of spectators was that we deserved the full points. The whole affair was a team effort although I must mention captain coach Joe Besenyei who had a particularly sound game at centre half. We face Easts this weekend but we have usually been able to pull that little extra out at Heath Park and we hope next week won't be any exception. This season we are looking for a position in the middle of the table.

Mt. Gravatt Publicity Officer Bill Matthews: **Circumstances were against us last weekend.** We have three players fighting for the custodian position, but the fight had to be called off last weekend due to injuries and holidays, etc., conspiring against us. This had a lot to do with our defeat. Reliable Des Smith turned out, but what can you do without match practice? Veteran Mark Bohan gave us our only goal from the outside forward position. We have seven players awaiting clearances. We are bound to win a game soon — these boys are all second division material. You cannot keep a team down that lost only three games in third division last year. Don't write us off!

Annerley Coach Ron White:— **I thought the team played well — the score would have been much higher but for missed chances.** I thought the fittest team won it. Bob Marshall, now

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# TRISTRAMS

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# New zest for Oxley - Latrobe

**Latrobe's shock (to me anyway, and to some at least of their staunch supporters) 1-0 win over Coalstars gives extra significance to the Oxley-Latrobe clash at Dunlop Park on Sunday, writes Ron Mitchell.**

There, we'll have Latrobe, who finished at the top of the 1967 points table, and Oxley, who ended right at the bottom.

Oxley certainly are justifying their pre-season claims of a revival, with an unbeaten record of a win and two draws.

Yet for the most part, Oxley's team is identical with last season, suggesting a big Oxley improvement or a falling-off in the opposition.

Latrobe, with several new faces, fared poorly when losing to Hellenic and Merton, and did not impress — despite their win against Coalstars.

Coalstars were almost incessantly on the attack and lost because their forwards generally were poor and because Latrobe's quick tackling defence often forced Coalstars to hurry their shots and fire at goal from long range.

**Against Oxley, Latrobe will need more thrust in attack or Oxley's Gordon Arrowsmith in goal, and strong defenders like Rex Evans, Don Dwyer and Kev. Fredline will have a quiet afternoon.**

Ron Walton's talents seem to be wasted in his present centre-half-back spot. He could inject life into the attack and also give Latrobe the benefits of those super corner kicks.

By the same token, Oxley have scored only four goals in their three matches, indicating this may be a low scoring match.

## POLONIA v. GRANGE THISTLE

Soccer fans can look forward to a bright match at Prentice Park on Sunday when Polonia line up against the undefeated Grange Thistle, writes Harry Mourney.

Polonia are playing good attacking football and will give most teams a headache in this their first season in the big time.

But oh, for one enterprising shooting forward who can finish off the excellent ground work by their mid-field trio of Derek Robson, Ron Piper and Syd Tucker.

Thistle, who almost blotted their copy book last week with a draw against Oxley, appear to have the stronger attack with their 6'4" newcomer Vic Wyer nodding them in from all angles.

To this add the booming right foot of Ritchie Smith and the 90 minute non-stop bustling John McDonald and

you get the ingredients that spells hot stuff for the Polonia defence.

But don't sell Polonia short in this department as their rearguard trio of Aitwood, Musial and Brown, backed up by custodian Frank Romanowski, are combining well and all tackle like tigers.

But I feel that the Polonia forwards will be ineffective against the solid defence of the Lanham Park boys, in which Barry Dann, Alex Kennan and Jim Bell stand out like nudes in Queen Street.

But the player to watch in the match is Owen Monaghan, who is at his top. He could give Derek Robson a really tough tussle for mid field supremacy.

On paper the Scotties look the team more likely to penetrate and should win a close and entertaining game and thereby hold their undefeated record for yet another week.

## HELLENIC v. HOLLANDIA

**A fine debut by diminutive Finnish winger Keijo Voutilainen last week was insufficient to raise sagging Dutch hopes — a gloom caused by the lean trot being experienced by international centre forward Ray Richards.**

Hellenic, also, are having trouble in their attack. New acquisitions Col Kitching and Trevor Long have proved disappointing to date, and as neither team is playing well, a close, low-scoring battle is likely.

In defenders Ross, Mackie and the rugged Vogler, Hellenic appear to have a sound rearguard, which could be further strengthened by the debut of Greek full back Petridis, but they have weaknesses in key positions which Hollandia should be able to exploit.

Hollandia's defence is also reliable, and in young linkman Peter Steen they have made an exciting "find". Whether acting coach Ben Mollee will continue to use the 4-3-3 system used successfully last season by his predecessor, "Rags" Tatters, is unknown, but if Richards, Mortimer and Voutilainen can strike form, Hollandia should win.

## COALSTARS v. AZZURRI

Coalstars as wooden spooners? Incredible you say. Yet figures don't lie and the Ipswich hopes have managed only a point from their first game, writes Bruce Waddell.

For their clash against Azzurri with the 100% record, at Bundamba on Saturday, it looks as if coach Graham Kathage will have to produce a magic wand in order to get a better performance from his boys.

Azzurri are certainly not playing world beating football, but forceful stuff from John Daley, in particular, and David Keen, so far has justified their position on top.

Coalstars' woeful effort last week was due mainly to a "4th division" display by their forward line, although brothers Ian and Frank Johnstone ensured that they had plenty of the ball.

More steadiness in front of goal, or in the box where it counts, could enable them to spring a mild upset, but Ron Clark, Matt Hosie, Graham Kruger and Nereo Sajtich comprise a match winning defence.

With more all round strength I think Azzurri will keep their record intact, but don't be surprised if Coalstars take at least one point.

## MERTON ROVERS v. ST. HELENS

Both badly in need of points after three premierships rounds, Merton and St. Helens United will provide the entertainment at Heath Park on Saturday and the result could go either way.

Merton have registered only two goals so far and conceded five. Saints' tally is two for and five against.

Merton have two points on the board as a result of their 2-0 defeat of Latrobe, whilst Saints' one and only was gained in their 2-all draw with Hollandia.

Saints did not deserve to be beaten by Hellenic. Lady Luck was not on their side on that occasion.

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North Queensland News

**Olympic March On**

From Con Papalexion in Townsville

A classic 2-nil win over traditional rivals R.I.P.S. at Victoria Park last Sunday, 21st April, gave Olympic their third consecutive win in as many matches and their first against R.I.P.S. in three years. Player coach Harry Stevenson played a sterling match, scoring both goals and combined beautifully with former Brisbane players Brian Lees and Graham O'Callaghan in the forward line, to make up one of the best attacking front lines for several seasons.

RIPS, premiership winners in 1967 and North Queensland champions, has lost several of its top players to other clubs and as a result, with a mediocre forward line, are finding it difficult to penetrate, lessening their chances of victory.

Estates are playing consistently and their match against Roma was a "bottler". After leading 4-1 at half-time, their lead was reduced to 4-3. With minutes remaining, they missed a golden opportunity to make it 5-3 and score a major upset, but on the 'death' Roma scored the equaliser to draw the match.

Rangers scored their first points of the series when they convincingly beat Idalia Rovers at Oonoomba Park, 7-nil, but will find the task a lot harder against the likes of Rips and Olympic.

Roma excelled in the recently staged Grotelli Memorial Carnival in Ingham and shared second placing to winners, Dimbulah. They marred their record with scratchy play against Estates and just managed to force a draw.

Idalia Rovers have yet to win a match but are to be admired for their enthusiasm and tenacity.

After three matches of the first round played, Olympic lead with 6 points for 3 wins, Roma 4 points for 1 win and 2 draws, Estates and Rips with 3 points for 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss, Rangers with 2 points for 1 win and 2 losses and Idalia Rovers yet to score.

**MERTON ROVERS v. ST. HELENS**  
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There is potential in this team which contains youthful players of ability and once the combination clicks they are going to win matches.

Merton have not been playing at all well and look like having a lean season unless they improve their side.

If the green forwards do not leave their shooting boots at home, they should be able to gain a couple of valuable points in this game and so move off the bottom rung of the premiership ladder.

**GROUND REPORT**

Last weekend, Soccer News visited Azzurri's new ground at Spencer Park, and here is our assessment:

**PLAYING SURFACE.** At present unfit for any grade of football. Ungrassed, and extremely uneven, the present playing area would defy the attempts of any team to play constructive football. Rating 5%.

**SEATING ACCOMMODATION.** Inadequate. One small stand exists, and there is little provision for cars, with the result that approximately 80% of last week's spectators stood throughout the match. Rating 40%.

**PARKING.** Parking facilities would be severely strained by a large crowd, but this is not the fault of the club. Rating 50%.

**DRESSING ROOMS.** Dressing rooms are new, and clean. Facilities are excellent. Rating 90%.

**CANTEEN AND P.A. SYSTEM.** A small but efficient canteen is run. Last weekend there was no P.A. system. Rating 40%.

**TOILETS.** Excellent. Rating 90%.

**OTHER COMMENTS.** The ground in its present state is unfit for football, and could cause injury to players. Spectator facilities generally are poor, but the club deserves credit for their excellent scoreboard, the first of its kind in Brisbane.

**LEADING SCORERS**  
(Premiership)

- 5—D. Keen (Azzurri)
- 4—V. Wyer (Thistle)
- 3—J. McDonald (Thistle)
- 2—G. McMillan (Hellenic), R. Hallett (Coalstars), E. Pattison (Merton), P. Passmore (Oxley), T. Long (Hellenic)

**Gallant Ipswich Rally**

BRISBANE (Tsombaras 22; Richards 71) (1) 2 IPSWICH (Johnston 41; Mortimer 43; Burren pen. 61) (2) 3

After conceding an early goal, and being more or less outplayed for most of the match, Ipswich's dogged determination enabled them to record a narrow 3-2 victory over Brisbane on Anzac Day.

Brisbane, revelling on the perfect Exhibition Ground surface, were quickly into stride, and when Tsombaras left Kelly standing with a fine drive, appeared on the victory road.

Throughout the first half, Brisbane, controlling the midfield, thrilled the crowd with a number of fine movements, but it was Ipswich who struck two vital blows shortly before half-time which swung the match in their favour. Two snap goals sent the visitors in to half-time with a lead they scarcely deserved.

Ipswich held the ascendancy for the opening few minutes of the second session, and capitalised on their advantage

after 61 minutes when Johnston was impeded a few yards from goal, and Burren scored from the spot.

Brisbane, playing beautifully coordinated midfield football, virtually camped in Ipswich territory after this, but were unable to penetrate until 19 minutes from the end. The hitherto resolute Ipswich defence surprisingly allowed Brisbane captain Haigh to make ground well into their penalty area, and his pass was slammed home by a splendid drive from Richards.

Ipswich relied greatly on their fine defence, in which McIntosh and Burren were outstanding, while for Brisbane, who played the best football of the day, half-back Monaghan was the outstanding player on the field, and he was well supported by Haigh, Tsombaras and Steen.

Brisbane: Ross 3, Robson 3, Steen 4, Mackie 4, Bell 4, MONAGHAN 5, Haigh 4, Tsombaras 4, Tucker 2, Richards 3, Pattison 2, (Keen 3).

Ipswich: Kelly 4, Wilkins 4, McINTOSH 5, Sunderland 3, Burren 4, Parkes 3, (Hughes 3), Smith 3, Haswell 3, Mortimer 3, Johnston 4, Davis 3.

Referee: Mr. V. Dobinson.

**WE LIKED . . .**

- ★ Azzurri's new scoreboard at Spencer Park.
- ★ Grange Thistle's excellent P.A. system, and promotion at Lanham Park.
- ★ The high standard of last week's Brisbane-Ipswich match, and the splendid midfield play of the Brisbane side.
- ★ The excellent exhibition of refereeing given by Mr. B. Troy in the rugged Azzurri-Merton clash on Sunday.
- ★ The decision by the Management Committee to order clubs to patrol the area behind the goalmouths at first division matches.

**WE DID NOT LIKE . . .**

- ★ The appalling condition of Spencer Park, and the failure to use the Exhibition Ground on Sunday.
- ★ The innumerable petty fouls perpetrated by both Merton Rovers and Azzurri at Spencer Park, and Azzurri's failure to provide a P.A. system.
- ★ The defensive tactics employed by most first division clubs to such effect that the five matches last weekend produced a total of a mere nine goals.

**Cardiff — The Giantkillers**

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seas clubs has been largely achieved on a shoestring budget. Among Cardiff's leading players are Leslie Lea, Blackpool's first team left winger secured last Christmas, and Welsh international Barrie Jones, a dangerous winger who arrived via Swansea Town and Plymouth Argyle.

Scoular has great faith in Brian Harris, his midfield general, whose finest performance was in the 1966 F.A. Cup Final, when it was largely due to his inspiration from wing half that Everton overcame a 0-2 deficit to defeat Sheffield Wednesday. Nevertheless, Cardiff secured him at a reason-

able fee last season, and Queenslanders who saw him in action during the Everton tour in 1964 will look forward eagerly to seeing this clever ball-player once again.

Known as the "Bluebirds", from their royal blue shirts, Cardiff were formed in 1899, and elected to the Football League in 1919. The record crowd at their ground, Ninian Park, is 57,893, and honours won by the Club include the F.A. Cup in 1927, and the third division championship in 1946-47. A detailed history of the club and its personalities will be given in a special edition of Soccer News on June 21st.



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# HOW IT ALL STARTED

As very few supporters of Soccer in Australia know how the game originated here, the following account will doubtless be of interest. It is taken from a great sporting paper of the period, "Bell's Life in London", the issue being that of 1st January, 1881.

"We have received the following letter from the Secretary of the Football Association:—

'My Dear Sir,

I do not know whether your attention has been drawn to football in the Antipodes, but the following account may prove interesting.

Until the present season, the rules of the Rugby Union have been in force here, without an active opposition, and the Southern Rugby Union includes a large number of clubs.

During the past two seasons, however, a movement has been gaining ground in favour of the introduction of the Victorian game (Australian Rules—Ed.), which, about six weeks ago, took definite form in the forming of an Association and clubs, and one or two games have been played. **The mass of football players, whatever they may think of Rugby Union, are, I believe, decidedly averse to this game, considering it was neither flesh nor fish.**

Under these circumstances, two or three old English and Scottish Association men, having mooted the idea in the papers, and gaining the favourable consideration of Rugby football players, convened a meeting which was well attended and at which the matter was well considered.

A club was immediately formed, with the following committee: A. P. Savage, M. Barlow, J. Todd, W. Baker, C. Hewlett and Secretary J. Fletcher.

Promises of support continued, and the club in about 3 weeks had a creditable number of members, though it was almost the end of the season. As

the fixtures for the season were already made under the Rugby Rules, it was somewhat difficult to arrange matters and get teams together.

The first Association match in Australia was played by the club against the King's School, Parramatta, on 14th August, 1880, the club winning by 5 goals to nil, the game being very promising.

At a meeting this week, it was resolved to call our club the Wanderers, or 'NSW Wanderers', rather, and further, that the club should be enrolled in the British Association, and that an account should be sent Home for publication. The colours of the club are white jersey, cap and knickerbockers with badge Southern Cross and blue stockings.

Today the second match was played between the newly named Wanderers and Redfern Club, a Rugby club who did not know the rules. After a very keen game, Wanderers won by 2-1.

We have of course, an uphill game to fight (we are still fighting it! Ed.) but you will see we have made a splendid commencement, and feel sanguine of success in spite of the Victorian game. **I fancy our modest commencement is only the introduction to a brilliant future for Association football here, and we wish to work in concert with the English Association.**

Yours, etc.,

J. W. Fletcher,  
Secretary, NSW Wanderers."

## Postal bid to stay with leaders

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that the captaincy has been removed from his shoulders — at his own request — really settled down today. Left back Sacha Murenko played well, combining with linkmen Bruce Wilson and Cliff Winnett, who both gave impressive displays. We will go out this weekend against Dnipro full of confidence.

Dnipro Coach, Fred Kingshott, although disappointed that his side wasted many first half scoring chances against Bardon, felt that in the end he was happy to settle for a draw. Dnipro have unearthed a splendid discovery in 19 year old Eddie Janczuk, who once again proved their best player, and Kingshott hopes shortly to overcome the goal famine which has beset his attack so far. He mentioned also the fine performances of the club's fifth division side, which is still unbeaten, and feels that there is no need to panic, despite Dnipro's shaky start.

Toowong once again found fitness a problem against Postal Institute, and after matching the Newmarket lads in football ability, three defensive errors cost them dearly. A pleasing feature of the match was the added penetration shown by the forwards, and good performances were turned in by Vic Dewson, and Bob Marsh, on his return to the first team. Club officials and players are determined that they will give Wynnum a much harder battle than in their Queensland Cup match, won 7-0 by the Baysiders.

# No Easy Pickings in 1968

Three rounds of League fixtures are over, and already it is apparent that whichever team emerges at the top of the 1968 first division table will have earned the honour.

Seldom can a season have started with so many upsets. New boys Azzurri, strengthened by a number of imports and costly "buys", have shot straight to the top of the table, early favourites Coalstars have crashed dramatically to the bottom, and 1967 champions Hollandia-Inala have yet to win their first match.

The other promoted side, Polonia, have also been active in bolstering their team, and have also made a satisfactory debut in first division, while Oxley United and Grange Thistle, without many changes from their 1967 line-ups, have both displayed greatly improved form so far.

The 1967 premiers, Latrobe, all but written off following the wholesale collapse of their team, came back strongly last week to topple Coalstars, and even in second division early form reversals were the order of the day when lowly Postal Institute, relegation cliffhangers throughout 1967, shot away to three wins on the trot.

Form is a topsy-turvy thing, but Azzurri and Grange Thistle have so far stamped themselves as early favourites for the title. Both have iron-cast defences, but are a little unpredictable up front, and their meeting on May 26 should prove a battle royal.

Germania established themselves as clear favourites in second division with a 5-2 defeat of Budapest-Grovely, and although strong challenges could come from any of half a dozen teams, the Germans will be hard to topple from top perch.

"Soccer News" gazed into its crystal ball this week, and this is what emerged for September, 1968:—

**First Division: Grange Thistle 1; Azzurri 2; Hellenic 3; Hollandia 4; Coalstars 5; Oxley United 6; Merton Rovers 7; Polonia 8; St. Helens United 9; Latrobe 10.**

**Second Division: Germania 1; Wynnum 2; Mitchelton 3; Budapest 4; Annerley 5; The Gap 6; Easts United 7; Postal Institute 8; Bardon 9; Dnipro 10; Mount Gravatt 11; Toowong 12.**



John Van Klaveren of Hollandia.

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## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

### FIRST DIVISION

Grange Thistle (Smith)	(1) 1	Oxley U. (Passmore)	(1) 1
Latrobe-West (Stewart)	(0) 1	Coalstars	(0) 0
Azzurri (Daley, Keen)	(2) 2	Merton R.	(0) 0
Hollandia (Wilkins, G.)	(0) 1	Polonia (Lister)	(0) 1
St. Helens	(0) 0	Hellenic (Tsombaras, Long)	(1) 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Azzurri	3	3	—	6	1	6	
Grange Thistle	3	2	1	—	10	2	5
Oxley United	3	1	2	—	4	2	4
Hellenic	3	2	—	1	5	4	4
Polonia	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Hollandia-Inala	3	—	2	1	3	4	2
Latrobe-West	3	1	—	2	2	4	2
Merton Rovers	3	1	—	2	2	5	2
St. Helens U.	3	—	1	2	2	6	1
Coalstars	3	—	1	2	2	8	1

### SECOND DIVISION

Postal Institute	5	Toowong	3
Wynnum D.	7	Mt. Gravatt	1
Mitchelton	7	Easts U.	3
Bardon	1	Dnipro	1
Germania	5	Budapest	2
Annerley	3	The Gap	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Germania	3	3	—	13	3	6	
Wynnum District	3	3	—	18	6	6	
Postal Institute	3	3	—	13	9	6	
Annerley	3	2	—	1	11	3	4
Mitchelton	3	2	—	1	7	3	4
Budapest-Grovely	3	2	—	1	6	5	4
Easts United	3	1	—	2	8	9	2
The Gap	3	1	—	2	4	5	2
Bardon	3	—	1	2	4	14	1
Dnipro	3	—	1	2	1	5	1
Mount Gravatt	3	—	—	3	5	14	0
Toowong	3	—	—	3	3	18	0

## Tipster's Corner

Progress Points: Waddell 7, Milmo 7, Mourny 7, Fouche 6, Steel 6, Bevin 4, Mitchell 3.

### FIRST DIVISION:

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

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## OPINION

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We realise fully that Azzurri have many plans for the improvement of the ground, but until these have been implemented at least to the stage where the playing surface is fit for football, the club is employing a vast confidence trick by taking gate money, however willing the "victims".

If the Azzurri club is prepared to use the Exhibition Ground for the remainder of this season (the ground would be available for almost all its home fixtures) Spencer Park could well become the showpiece of Brisbane soccer by 1969. If the club is not prepared to do so, we feel that the Queensland Federation should ensure that steps are taken to bring the playing surface to an acceptable level.

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# In Defence of Coaching

By R. Thomas, in "Australian Coaching Review"

It is often said that coaching produces stereotyped players, who play the game mechanically and along set lines as prescribed by their particular coach, leaving nothing to the imagination and depriving the spectator of a fluent game to watch.

In rebuttal of such claims, I feel that certain factors, examined logically, will dispel any such thoughts from the minds of the anti-coaching brigade.

As with many other sports, the game of soccer is being approached in a scientific manner. Thousands of managers and coaches are searching for means to beat opposing teams with players of similar abilities and fitness.

Consequently various patterns of play have emerged from the shuffling of team formations in an effort to win those precious points in the jungle of competitive soccer.

If we remove the digits of 4-2-4, 4-3-3, etc., from before our eyes, we should be pleasantly surprised to find that the game is still being played in the usual manner and the same skills are employed to overcome the various situations.

Most players will agree that the easiest way to beat an opponent with the ball arises in a 2 v. 1 or 3 v. 2 situation, i.e. when two attackers interpass to beat one defender.

Theoretically, therefore, it would be ideal for the team in possession to create a series of such situations and race through to score the perfect goal. We all know, however, that this rarely happens, owing to the hundred and one reasons that can arise to prevent such play.

The point to be considered at this stage is that part that the modern coach is playing in the game. The job of the coach is to analyse the strengths and the weaknesses of both his own team and of the opposition, and to advise his players accordingly. In doing this, he is passing on his observations from a vantage point, and relying on the ability of his players to interpret his instructions and use their own skills

and individual abilities to create and make the best scoring chances.

The use of the words INDIVIDUAL ABILITY will probably surprise the sceptics who believe that all individualism is stamped out by modern methods of team play. On the contrary, each player should be encouraged to master the skills of the game, and to utilise his sense of imagination in order to create situations of advantage, or to turn defence into attack by clever thinking and execution of his skills.

Such players have the ability to change the course of a game and should be given every encouragement to improvise whenever necessary. To summarise, I would say that the evaluation of the game of soccer over the last ten years calls for much deeper thinking and a higher standard of skill to outwit and outplay the opposition.

This demands a deep understanding of the game by all coaches, who, irrespective of Third Backs, Sweeper-up, Motor Men, etc., will still be able to view the game in perspective and pass on their knowledge and understanding to their players.

### TEN YEARS AGO . . .

First division team personnel have undergone vast changes in the last decade. Of the teams listed in the programme for the weekend of April 26-27, 1958, only a handful of the 110 players named are still active in the top grade.

With their previous and current clubs in brackets, they include Brian Vogler (Blackstone — now Hellenic); Mal Hovell (Thistle — Thistle); Lex McMillan (YMCA — Polonia), and ex-Thistle full back Bernie Troy is now a first division referee.

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