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## Cup Thrills from Cairns to Brisbane

## CUP COMMENTS

Soccer fans from Cairns to Brisbane will be experiencing the thrills of true Cup-tie football this weekend, as the State's top 16 teams vie for a place in the second round of the inaugural Queensland Ampol Cup.

At last, after years as the State's Cinderella code, Soccer has made a major breakthrough. The introduction of a State-wide competition has, for many years been dreamed about,

particularly in the northern areas, and the Queensland Soccer Federation deserve credit for turning this pipe-dream into an exciting reality.

Competitive, inter-district football could well prove to be the basis on which to build a major revival of the code throughout the State, and with this in mind, all soccer fans will be looking forward eagerly to the performances by our northern neighbours, all of whom have drawn highly-ranked first round opponents.

Mr. Jim Buchanan, the Management Committee member whose initiative was largely responsible for the organisation of the competition, envisages this year's Cup as the forerunner of an even wider competition, which will eventually be open to any club in the State.

Should the first competition prove successful, there is also a good chance that the sponsors, Ampol Petroleum, will increase the present prize money of \$1000.

Meanwhile, football supporters everywhere will join with Soccer News in wishing the Queensland Soccer Federation every success in their venture.

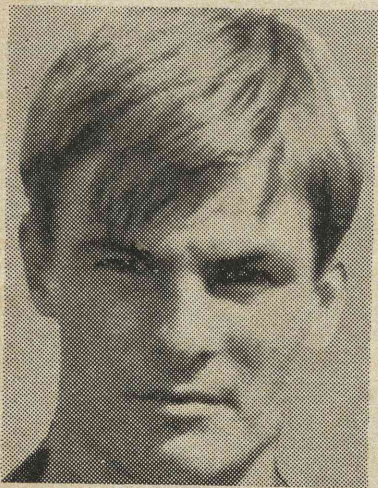
Northern soccer supporters and officials have expressed unreserved support and praise for the introduction of the Queensland Cup competition. Among the comments received by Soccer News, were the following:—

Bundaberg Federation President, Mr. P. Petersen: I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Queensland Cup Committee for going into the matter in such detail, and in bringing to light the scheme we have before us today. I hope their efforts prove as rewarding to them as they will to the code.

The President of the Mackay Federation, Mr. Eric Homan, wrote: "It is with extreme pleasure that I welcome the players and officials of the Grange Thistle club. Our thanks go to the Queensland Federation for giving the country centres the opportunity of seeing first class soccer."

Mr. G. A. Howard, the President of the Far North Queensland Federation, said: "It gives me great pleasure to extend congratulations to the Q.S.F. on the far sighted step which they have taken in inaugurating this State wide competition. This repudiates the often stated opinion that our code is based solely in Brisbane and district."

Mr. Con Palalexion, our Townsville correspondent, who is also the President of the North Queensland Federation, also expressed his delight at the foresight of the Queensland Federation. (See page 5).



GEORGE WHITAKER, Grange Thistle

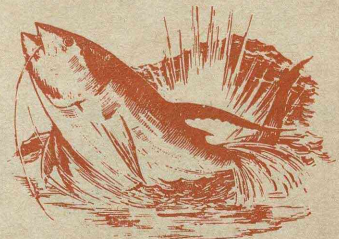
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# Wynnum -- Up, Up and Away

Second Division with Kevin Milmoe

**Wynnum, sporting a goal average of 28 for and 5 against, lead by one point, following Newmarket's loss to Budapest and Germania's draw with The Gap in the fourth round of the Second Division premiership.**

"At the moment I have a nicely balanced side, and I am very confident for this week's clash against Budapest — if we play the same brand of football as in recent matches, and with the advantage of the home ground, we will stay there," reports coach Bill Webb. Wynnum, criticised as the 'Paper Tiger' leaders, because they have not met serious opposition so far, meet their first real test on Sunday at Maramba Stadium when they play Budapest-Grovely. Budapest, hard hit by injury and the loss of Karl Gwinner, serving a four week suspension, will be a little under strength. "We will have to bring up two reserves this week — we played four last week — and I will be quite happy with a draw," commented Budapest President Bill Berka.

Wynnum gave two reasons for their scoreless first half against Toowong, followed by a glut of 9 goals. Being used to their well grassed pitch they disliked the uneven surface at Too-

wong, and secondly, the home club's good first half display! A goalkeeper's mistake in the second half saw the drought broken and goals poured in on an average of one every five minutes. Centre forward John Hales gathered 5, giving him a bag of fourteen goals from four matches. Centre half Allan Hill, a fifteen year stalwart for the club, and left back Wayne Harris, played above themselves.

President Berka was happy with his team's performance in the first half against Newmarket Postal but thought that the side became over-confident in the second. He gave credit to Newmarket's fighting spirit. Outstanding in the Budapest attack was the consistent Gabor Berka, and Jeff Neilsen and Alex Siren strong in defence. "I was very happy with the refereeing and linesmen; this is the sort of thing we would like to see every week," he said.

The Gap, who cut the ground out from under Germania last week, gave

that club the first half from better football. "I had a pep talk to the boys at half time and we came out to take control of the second," commented coach Joe Menadue. "We deserved those two goals — both came from outside left John Menadue, a drive and a header, to level the score." Goalie Ray Costa made many fine saves and it was evident that The Gap were playing as a team in this half, swinging the ball around accurately. Joe is happier with the team since they have changed to the 4-3-3 system.

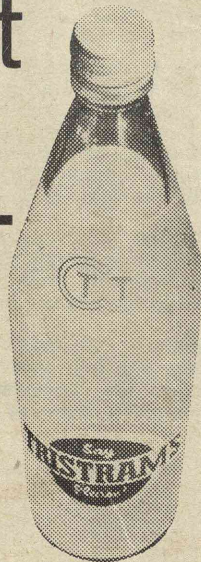
Dnipro coach Fred Kingshott paid a 007 visit to an Annerley game before last week's clash and came back with what proved to be some valuable information. "I could see that the danger would come through the middle so I delegated the job of stoppers to the backs Mick Matula and Ian Anderson, and they came through winners," said Fred. "The game developed into a torrid defensive duel and free forward play was almost non-existent." Annerley struck midway through the first half but Dnipro replied quickly with the equaliser, cutting off any Annerley chance at domination. "I am not going to pick an outstanding player, but I was very happy with Allan Dutton's display. Given time to get acclimatised, he will not see fifth division again this season," said Fred.

Annerley coach Ron White said that the team were lucky to gain a point. "The side seemed to lapse into a false sense of security for this game. A drive by striker Bob Marshall from outside the penalty box gave us our only goal. I thought the Dnipro backs really played well, blocking off our wingers." Ron also said that the Annerley team would be at full strength this week and that Germania should not take them too easily.

Newmarket Postal were knocked from the top of the tree by Budapest, but coach Eddie Masters thinks they could have drawn or won in the last twenty minutes. "We were never out of their half in that period, and their goalkeeper won them the game. He was plucking them out of the air everywhere!" Eddie feels that the team has been welded into a fighting unit by this game. "We've been stung into action!" he said. Newmarket goalkeeper Allan Gibson, who is no slouch in the air, had a bad break, owing to the condition of

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## Personality Parade No. 1 RAY RICHARDS

At the age of 24, Hollandia-Inhala's burly centre forward RAY RICHARDS has already had experience of football in three continents, and is one of three Queenslanders who have gained international honours since the formation of the Australian Soccer Federation six years ago.

Richards started his career with English amateur side, Croydon, where he played as a centre forward on Saturday and goalkeeper on Sundays. When Bernie Brenna, the former Latrobe half back, and an erstwhile team mate, wrote to Richards in 1963, he had little hesitation in coming to Australia to join Latrobe, and it was not long before he hit the headlines with his consistent ability to find the net.

A colourful and controversial figure, Richards has seldom been out of the news for long. Quite apart from the goalscoring ability which marked him a worthy successor to such 'greats' as Bunny Nunn and Col Kitching, his outspoken views on the game provided plenty of copy for sports writers.

He made his State debut against Everton in 1964, and has now made eight appearances for the State, scoring twice.

The highlight of his career came last year with his selection in the Australian team to play in Vietnam's National Day tournament in Saigon. The Australian party remained undefeated in their 10 matches, and Richards played in five matches, getting full caps against New Zealand, South Vietnam and Singapore, as well as appearing in unofficial matches against Combined Services and a Djakarta XI.

This year, Ray was inexplicably overlooked by the Australian selectors for the matches against Japan, but showed his enthusiasm for the game by driving to Sydney to see the first of the three matches played by the Japanese.

His remarkable consistency is emphasised by the fact that, since 1966, he has scored 74 goals for club, State and country.

Although he feels that the stronger southern competition would benefit any promising young player, Richards is happily settled in Brisbane, and has no intention of moving south.

He found that the Sydney players generally were fitter and faster than their Queensland counterparts, and feels that not enough time is devoted by our players to training.

Under Australian coach Joe Vlasits, the national squad trained three times a day, and Richards maintains that if local players could spend more time training together, standards would rise dramatically.

"Better competition is essential if we are to raise our level of play in Brisbane," he says. "I feel that the Queensland Cup is an encouraging start in this direction, and we should make every effort to lift the level of the game in the country areas to the stage where regular inter-city competition will be possible.



## GROUND REPORT

Last weekend, Soccer News paid a call to Polonia's headquarters at Prentice Park, and here is the result: **PLAYING SURFACE:** The playing surface was a revelation to those who had not seen the ground for some time. It is level and well grassed, with the exception of a cricket pitch area which is beyond the control of the club. Polonia have obviously worked hard, with the result that they now have the best suburban first division field. Rating 85%.

**SEATING ACCOMMODATION:** There is no seating accommodation of any description. Rating 0%.

**PARKING:** Facilities are adequate to cope with a reasonable influx of cars, but a large attendance could cause some problems. Rating 60%.

**DRESSING ROOMS:** Reasonably clean, and spacious. Rating 75%.

**CANTEEN and P.A. SYSTEM:** No P.A. system was operated last week, and the makeshift canteen proved inadequate at half time. Rating 25%.

**TOILETS:** Council toilets are provided. Rating 75%.

**OTHER COMMENTS:** Polonia deserve credit for their efforts in improving the surface, but spectator facilities are poor, and a public address system is needed in the absence of a scoreboard.

## Wynnum-Up, Up & Away

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the ground and fumbled an awkward bounce into the net. Consistent centre forward Ray White nodded in another two for the side.

Mitchelton publicity officer, Ken O'Donnell, said that the side showed improvement after the Easts debacle, but that mistakes were still evident in their 5-1 defeat of Mt. Gravatt. "Although the boys played 90 minutes of football, there were some bad lapses resulting from negative clearing tactics by the backs, and consequently gaps were left in the middle and from this several goal chances went begging," he said. Coach Allan Bain will eliminate these faults before the St. Helens clash this weekend. "The boys are going to pull out the best for the club in this one!" He mentioned the excellent record of their undefeated fourth division side, which has an average of 18 goals for, to their one against.

After 14 years in the wilderness, having been promoted to second division this year, Toowong had a 9-0 drubbing administered to them by Wynnum last week. "The game was a repeat of the Germania fiasco, as we were scoreless at half time and the result came up 5-0," commented Toowong secretary, Les Hewitt. There was no excuse for the missed penalty in the first half when Wynnum were pressing and playing the better football. "Their own mistakes and our bustling tactics in that period kept our goal intact," he said. Toowong became completely disorganised during the goal deluge, and the lack of fitness, which has been the side's bane this season, was again evident. Skipper Bob Maynard gave a sound display at left full back. Toowong take a step in the right direction this week with the engagement of coach Hugh Miller.

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# Germania to test youthful "Bundy"

**Germania, who are favoured to win the Brisbane Second Division, and are unbeaten at the time of writing, will test a young Bundaberg side at Bundaberg on Sunday in their first round Queensland Cup match.**

Founded in 1959, Germania found an instant success formula by winning the sixth division in 1960, and the fifth division the following year.

Their goal average in 1961 was a stunning 137 for and 17 against, with the result that, with the changeover to Federation in 1962, they were placed in second division. Again, they swept the field, and gained promotion to the top flight for 1963.

Their triumph was shortlived, as they were relegated in their first season, but since 1964 they have consistently finished in the top four in second division.

A team that revels in on-the-carpet football, they can test any first division side if allowed to play at their own pace, the team being essentially a young one, with a leavening of experience.

Some of Germania's top players are — goalkeeper Stan Sander, a veteran of five seasons with the club, and one of the most spectacular keepers in the division. 23 year old centre half Bert Zimmerman is enjoying a good season, and will lead the defence competently, while Bert Mohr, at 31 the real veteran of the side, is the pivot of most of Germania's attacking moves, and is regarded as one of the outstanding players in second division.

Youthful wingers Ralph Clark (20) and Mike Melbergs (18), will prove a worry for the home defence, and penetration will also come from Ziggy Wehner, the former Juventus (Melbourne) forward, and centre forward Neil Large, in his first season from Belgany Woollongong.

Youth is also to the fore in Bundaberg's team, with 18 year old goalkeeper John Lizzi (Corinthians), rated the best local find for years. Right back John Miller (19) played for a leading Scottish amateur club before emigrating to Queensland last year, while his fellow full back, Ian Webb (18), is a consistent defender who has already earned many representative honours.

Right half Rudy Hebel (Diggers), who excels in the air, is one of the

side's fittest men, and is expected to do well in his debut for the representative side, while skipper and centre half Gordon Finsen (Diggers), has played in every Bundaberg team since his debut at the age of 15 in 1956.

Eighteen year old left half Len Howe (Corinthians), represented Bundaberg and Mackay in the Gino Paris School-boy tournament, and played for Queensland Schools in both 1963 and 1964.

The attack is also expected to acquit itself well, with the danger man for the visitors being outside right Billy Donison (Corinthians), a good ball player with a powerful shot in both feet, who was voted "Player of the Year" in 1967.

Mick Turner, the veteran inside right (Across the Waves club), and free scoring centre forward Barry Naumann (Diggers), who at 20 has already reaped a number of representative honours, and was second leading scorer last season, will lend support as well.

Inside left Ray Amos (Corinthians) at 24, is a fast mover who revels in the long pass and played a major part in Corinthians' premiership win in 1967, while outside left Brian Naumann (Diggers), twin brother of centre forward Barry, was last season's top goalscorer, and once again leads the way this year.

## CUP RESULTS TO DATE

Preliminary round matches of the Queensland Cup, played among Brisbane second division clubs, in March, resulted as follows:—

The Gap	7	East's United	1
Budapest	1	Postal Inst.	0
Wynnum	8	Toowong	0
Mitchelton	5	Mt. Gravatt	0
Germania	3	Dnipro	2
South Coast	4	Bardon	2
The Gap	2	Budapest	6
Wynnum	0	Mitchelton	4
Germania	3	South Coast	2
Budapest	1	Mitchelton	3

QUALIFIERS: Germania and Mitchelton

# Interest High in North

From CON PAPALEXION

The inauguration of the State wide Queensland Cup has aroused tremendous interest in northern centres, and North Queensland officials have welcomed the opportunity to compete against other centres, and particularly against the top Brisbane clubs.

This is the long-awaited breakthrough, as district clubs generally have felt that they have been denied the chance to match their talents against those of southern first division clubs, and the Queensland Federation are to be congratulated on this major step forward.

Local players will now have the chance to show how good (or bad!) they really are, and several could be eligible for selection in the Queensland team to meet Cardiff if they catch the eye of the State selectors.

Ampol Petroleum Ltd., always a staunch supporter of soccer, has again showed its willingness to assist in the progress of the game, and soccer followers throughout Queensland can be proud of their contribution.

The North Queensland representative side is undismayed at drawing Hollandia-Inala in their first game, and have buckled down to hard training. If nothing else, they will be fit for their match at the Townsville Sports Reserve on May 12th.

The players are "chewing at the bit" to clash with Brisbane's glamorous 1967 champions, and have gained heart at the mediocre premiership start by Hollandia this season, despite the presence of 'big guns', Richards, Wilkins and Mortimer.

With a sprinkling of former Brisbane players in the North Queensland side, aided by local talent, the home team is confident of extending Hollandia fully, and possibly scoring the greatest upset of the competition.

In conjunction with the Townsville Junior Association, a gala day has been organised. A series of Junior representative matches will be played among the Townsville, Ayr, and Ingham centres as a prelude to the main match, and gates will be opened at 8.30 a.m., with the first match kicking off at 9.00 a.m.

Officials are pooling their resources, and every effort is being made to give the utmost publicity to the game. With hundreds of Junior parents and supporters expected for the early games to watch the 'Mighty Midgets' in action, there is every chance of a capacity crowd.

Fortunately, the Rugby League Foley

Shield match between Townsville and Mackay is being played in Mackay, and a large number of League supporters are expected to attend the match.

An all-out Press, radio and television drive has been launched, and if sufficient pre-match publicity can be arranged, the North Queensland Federation hope to be able to hang up a 'Full House' sign at the Sports Reserve, Townsville, on Sunday.

The North Queensland team will be selected from the following:

**HARRY STEVENSON** (player coach). A former Melbourne George Cross man, who played in their 1964 Australian cup-winning side. Now playing for Olympic, and is a fitness fanatic. A clever player and a deadly scorer, Stevenson is expected to lift his team to great heights.

**BOB BERTOCCHI**. An excellent goalkeeper. He has not been really extended as yet, but has great potential and a safe pair of hands. Club: Rangers.

**ALBERT BLUCHER**. A fine full back, and player coach of R.I.P.S. club, and is a fine all round sportsman, playing first grade cricket in addition to representing Townsville and North Queensland several times at football.

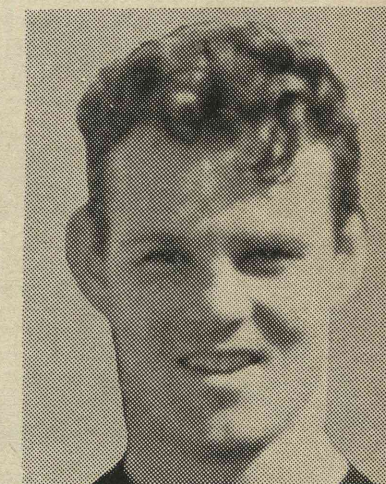
**MIKE MOISIDIS**. This former Home Hill goalkeeper, now with Olympic, is particularly good in the air, and never gets flustered.

**NORM MEARNIS**. One of the fittest men in the team, Mearns is a good (Continued on page 8)

# Quick Quiz

- Who scored Queensland's winning goal against Dallas Tornado in January — (a) Graham McMillan, (b) Ian Davis, (c) Barry Dann?
- A penalty kick has to be re-taken. Does it have to be taken by the same player who took the first kick?
- Cardiff City were knocked out of the European Cup-Winners Cup last week by (a) Hamburg, (b) Benfica, (c) Vasas?
- West Bromwich Albion, finalists in tomorrow's F.A. Cup, last reached the final in 1954. On that occasion they took the Cup, beating (a) Blackpool, (b) Newcastle United, (c) Preston North End?
- What is the highest first division score recorded since the formation of the Queensland Soccer Federation?

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**MARK WALKER**  
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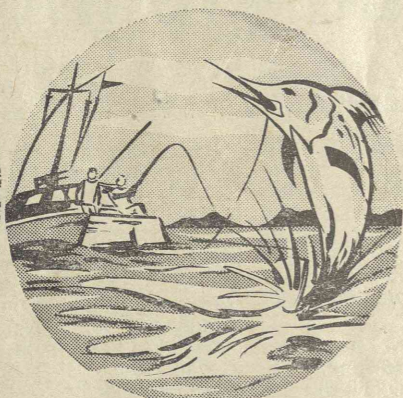
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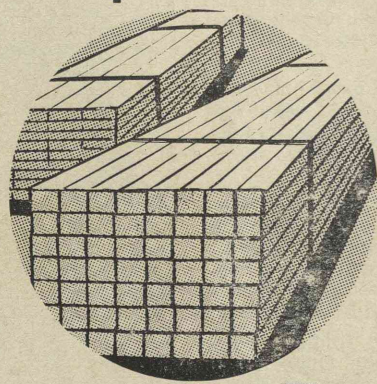
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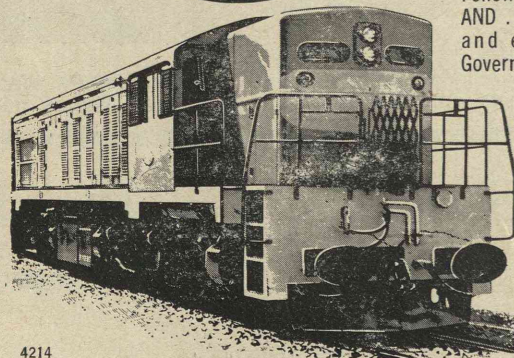


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# NORTHERNERS GET THE CREAM

The three Brisbane first division teams travelling north for the Queensland Cup this weekend should all provide local fans with open, exciting football. For the benefit of country readers, we append brief pen-pictures of these teams.

Undoubtedly the glamour team of the moment in Brisbane are the Italian outfit, Azzurri. However, despite their predominantly Italian supporters, the actual team consists mainly of Anglo-Saxon stock. Azzurri, who won second division in a canter last season, have considerably strengthened their side since then, and large fees were paid out to Coalstars for Australian goalkeeper Ross Kelly (\$1800) and to Latrobe for former State captain, Matt Hosie (\$700).

Other personalities in the team include the giant John Daley, signed this season from Germania, and David Keen, a hard-running centre forward,

who played for Brisbane against Ipswich recently.

Grange Thistle, who will meet Central Queensland at Mackay, are also unbeaten, having scored 14 goals from their matches to date. Thistle, who have never been out of first division since their formation in 1919, have a reputation as being one of Brisbane's most attractive teams to watch, and their brilliant linkman, Owen Monaghan, should delight the Mackay crowd with his scintillating ball control and passing.

Another Thistle man to catch the eye will probably be Jim Bell, an adventurous full back, whose attacking forays

have made him the scourge of many Brisbane defenders. As with Azzurri, Thistle's strongest point is their defence, in which goalkeeper Rigby has played for the State Youth side, and Barry Dann, George Whitaker and Barrie Allison have full State caps. In addition, Whitaker went to New Caledonia with the Australian Under 23 side last year.

Hollandia-Inala, despite their relatively poor start to the Brisbane League season, showed great improvement in their last outing against Hellenic, and are another side packed with "name" players.

Most Townsville folk will be familiar with the names of inside forward Ray Richards, and full back Gary Wilkins, who both toured Asia with the unbeaten Australian side last November. In addition, linkmen John van Klaveren and Peter Steen have represented Queensland.

## LIKELY LINE-UPS

### GRANGE THISTLE (v. Central Queensland)

1. K. Rigby
2. A. Keenan
3. J. Bell
4. B. Dann
5. G. Whitaker
6. O. Monaghan
7. R. Smith
8. B. Allison
9. V. Wyer
10. A. Griffiths
11. J. McDonald

### CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

1. M. vanden Bosch
2. B. van Eldik
3. K. Benson
4. K. Kattatz
5. R. Locke
6. W. Craig
7. D. Bateman
8. G. Langeries
9. J. Hokins
10. C. van Eldik
11. L. Benson

### AZZURRI

(v. Far North Queensland)

1. R. Kelly
2. R. Clark
3. B. Pinti
4. J. Mengotti
5. M. Hosie
6. P. Nielsen
7. G. Schoendorfer
8. D. Keen
9. E. Patterson
10. J. Daley
11. E. Sargent

### FAR NORTH Q'LAND

1. H. Alexander
2. E. Cabrero
3. G. Beziak
4. B. Shroj
5. G. Bortoli
6. I. Hudson
7. M. Papa
8. F. Manier
9. I. McCulloch
10. T. Hartley
11. V. Rolstone

### HOLLANDIA

(v. North Queensland)

1. T. Tobin
2. G. Wilkins
3. B. Mollee
4. D. Wilkins
5. P. Sunderland
6. P. Steen
7. K. Voutilainen
8. R. Richards
9. D. Mortimer
10. M. Swindells
11. J. van Klaveren

### NORTH QUEENSLAND

1. R. Bertocchi
2. A. Blucher
3. M. Moisidis
4. N. Mearns
5. D. Farrell
6. D. Heron
7. G. O'Callaghan
8. B. Lees
9. H. Stevenson
10. M. Keseg
11. C. Fleming

## INTEREST HIGH IN NORTH

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utility player who gives 90 minutes for his club, Olympic, each week.

**DAVID DORLING.** Perhaps the only player-president in Queensland football. Is president of the Estates club, and despite his slow, long gait, possesses a tremendous shot and is always dangerous near goal, although primarily a defender.

**DAVE FARRELL.** This centre half who joined R.I.P.S. from Brisbane's Grange Thistle early this season, is seldom ruffled in defence, and can use his brains as well as his boots.

**DES HERON.** A hard working linkman, who is another of the side's hardest runners, and can always be relied upon for a good performance.

**MICK FROST.** Captain of RIPS, and is a clever and industrious half back, who has represented Townsville and North Queensland on many occasions.

**CRAIG FLEMING.** Frost's predecessor, who was captain coach of RIPS' premiership winning 1967 team. An unorthodox linkman, he is now playing for Ingham club Roma.

**BRIAN LEES.** A member of top Brisbane club, Latrobe, some seasons ago, Lees has fine ball control and seldom does unnecessary work. Club: Olympic.

**GRAHAM O'CALLAGHAN.** Another ex-Brisbaneite, hailing from second division club, Wynnum. Has excellent ball control and produces some enterprising shots, and when fully fit is a dangerous striker.

**IAN CRICHTON.** Has represented Townsville and N.Q. as a schoolboy and as a junior. Joined Roma after

several seasons with RIPS, and could be one of the North's brightest stars on Sunday.

**MIKE KESEG.** Yet another former Brisbane player, Keseg, although nearing the veteran stage, has the ability to lift his game to the occasion. A splendid header, who can play anywhere in attack.

**JOHN LISTER.** The youngest member of the squad, whose highest honour to date was his appearance for Queensland Schoolboys against N.S.W. Club: Estates.

### WE LIKED . . .

- ★ The improvement in first division attendances last week.
- ★ The exciting Hellenic-Hollandia match on Monday, which drew a number of interested onlookers from the Queensland Industries Fair which was staged in adjacent grounds.

★ The strict policing of goalmouth areas by first division clubs, which prevented possible trouble before it could start.

★ The decision to use the Exhibition Ground for Brisbane's Queensland Cup matches.

### WE DID NOT LIKE . . .

- ★ Polonia's failure to provide a P.A. system at Prentice Park.
- ★ The lack of publicity which the Brisbane daily newspapers have meted out to soccer again this year.

## CUP SHAMBLES

The 1968 Australia Cup has turned into a complete shambles. The Australian Soccer Federation left the arranging of fixtures to competing clubs, with the result that complete chaos has arisen, with clubs unable to agree on suitable dates. Crowds at Australia Cup matches have remained disappointing, due largely to the inept handling of the competition since its inception in 1962.

### COACHING SCHOOL

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# QUEENSLAND AMPOL CUP

SUNDAY, MAY 12:

FIRST ROUND, 1968

Bundamba	1.00 p.m.	ST. HELENS v. MITCHELTON
Bundamba	2.45 p.m.	COALSTARS v. MERTON ROVERS
Exhibition Ground	1.00 p.m.	OXLEY UNITED v. LATROBE
Exhibition Ground	2.45 p.m.	HELLENIC v. POLONIA
Bundaberg	3.00 p.m.	BUNDABERG v. GERMANIA
Mackay	3.00 p.m.	CENTRAL Q'LAND v. GRANGE THISTLE
Townsville	3.00 p.m.	NORTH QUEENSLAND v. HOLLANDIA
Cairns	3.00 p.m.	FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND v. AZZURRI

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# CUP SHOCKS ARE POSSIBLE

By ALAN FOUCHE

Three interesting pairings in the Brisbane section of the Queensland Cup first round games could provide a few Cup-tie shocks this weekend. Double headers will be played at the Exhibition Ground on Saturday and Sunday, and exciting clashes are expected in all four matches.

### ST. HELENS v. MITCHELTON

The early game on Saturday, which will have the honour of being the first to be played in the competition, should provide promotion chasing Mitchelton with a chance to assess their prospects against first division opposition.

St. Helens, who play an orthodox direct brand of football, should not have too much trouble in subduing Mitchelton's attack, but their own vanguard has not been clicking either, and neither side is likely to win by more than two goals.

In 1966 Mitchelton held Latrobe scoreless for most of the first half in an Ampol Cup match, but ran out of steam in the second, and were well beaten.

Since then, they have enjoyed only moderate success in second division, and lack of experience could prove the decisive factor against the Brisbane lads.

### POLONIA v. HELLENIC

The main game on Sunday should, on paper, belong to the Greeks. However, Polonia's excellent performance against Thistle last week could enable them to turn the tables on Hellenic, who won the last encounter between these two, in 1963, by 6-1.

The skill and combination of Polonia's youngsters, combined with the experience of Henry Brown and Forrest Cleeton, will surprise many a confident "giant" this year. But for conceding two unnecessary penalties, Polonia would have run Thistle much closer than last week's 4-1 scoreline would

suggest.

Hellenic, without any reserve strength, have wing half Matt Jackson injured, and are struggling to find touch. In recent weeks, Andy Tsombaras has been filling Jackson's role effectively, but newcomers Trevor Long and Constantinos Petridis, who made his debut at left back last week, have not yet settled down, and Polonia will never get a better chance of victory against the Greeks.

### OXLEY v. LATROBE

The advent of Bill Haigh, apart from lifting the entire Oxley team's performances this season, has enabled Mick Lee, on whom so much of Oxley's defensive burden fell last year, to give free rein to his attacking talents.

The resulting improvement in the United's performances and morale has been staggering. Their 6-1 victory last week proved conclusively that Oxley will again be a force to reckon with this year, and even a draw would be an upset at the Exhibition Ground on Saturday.

Latrobe, elated after their defeat of Coalstars, once again collapsed last week, and against the same opposition, a recovery would represent a minor miracle.

### COALSTARS v. MERTON

Despite their defeat last week, Coalstars gave a vastly improved display against League leaders Azzurri, and the return of Graham Kathage may be just the fillip needed to set them back on the victory trail.



**MATT JACKSON**  
Hellenic's injured wing-half

Merton Rovers are definitely in the doldrums, and a number of their key players are out of form. Centre forward Eric Pattison and inside left Trevor Catchpole, who represent their entire firing power, have both been in poor form, and Coalstars are favoured to record their first win of the season.

### ODDS AND ENDS

Coalstars have never beaten Latrobe in a premiership match. Since 1964, when Coalstars were formed, the clubs have met on 11 occasions, resulting in 10 wins for Latrobe and a draw. Goals favour Latrobe by the remarkable tally of 36 to 10.

Interstate football continues to flourish in southern States. In recent weeks NSW drew 0-0 with Victoria in Melbourne and won 2-0 in Sydney, and Victoria defeated South Australia 2-1 in Adelaide.



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# Queensland Pin Hopes on Youth

If the pre-season State matches can be taken as a guide, Queensland's team to play Cardiff City next month will again be a predominantly youthful one. The only players virtually certain of selection, barring the totally unforeseen, are goalkeeper Ross Kelly, linkman Bill Haigh, and striker Ray Richards. Seldom, in fact, can there have been so many contestants for the remaining positions.

Already, in only three State matches, 19 players have donned the maroon shirt, and most of these will again be in the running.

Kelly will obviously have a mortgage on the goalkeeping spot, but a keen battle could develop for the reserve spot, with Keith Rigby (Thistle), Ron Ross (Hellenic) and Mark Walker (St. Helens) all well in line.

If coach Rags Tatters persists with the 4-3-3 formation which he has consistently favoured in the past, there will be a battle royal for the four defensive positions. The present incumbents, Gordon Mackie, Peter Steen, Barry Burren and Gary Wilkins, will face strong challenges from Barry Dann, John McIntosh, Jim Bell and Derek Robson, particularly as Steen has been the only member of this quartet to strike convincing form in club matches so far.

In midfield, the brilliant display by Thistle linkman Owen Monaghan in the inter-city match between Brisbane and Ipswich must have made him a short-price favourite to displace either Matt Jackson, who is still suffering from a troublesome ankle injury, or Graham McMillan. Others in the picture will be John van Klaveren (Hollandia), Mick Lee (Oxley), and Andy Tsombaras (Hellenic).

It is in attack that the selectors' problem will be most acute, however. They must have heaved a sigh of relief at Ray Richards' fine brace last week against Hellenic, following a lean

trot, but no-one has yet shown sufficient fire and dash to clinch either of the remaining striker positions.

Ian Davis and Eric Pattison, at outside left for Queensland against Newcastle and Brisbane against Ipswich respectively, are both in wretched form, and Alan May and Rob Hughes also failed to make use of their opportunities against Dallas Tornado and New Guinea.

Inconsistency has also plagued Coalstars' Ian Johnston, and the selectors might well take a bold plunge and promote Azzurri's hard-running inside forward, David Keen, who has been scoring consistently in club matches.

The attack looks, to put it plainly, threadbare, and unless several 'name' players can lift their games considerably in the next few weeks, Queensland's hopes of a good performance against the Welshmen will be dashed.

Our team, selected on current form, would be (In 4-3-3): R. Kelly, B. Burren, J. Bell, P. Steen, B. Dann, O. Monaghan, W. Haigh, A. Tsombaras, J. Daley, R. Richards, G. McMillan.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Barry Dann.
2. No.
3. Hamburg.
4. Preston North End.
5. Merton Rovers 13 St. Helens 2.



**PETER STEEN**  
showing up well in club matches

## LEADING SCORERS

(L—League; Q—Queensland; I—Intercity)

	Q	I	L	Total
R. Richards	5	1	2	8
D. Keen	—	—	5	5
V. Wyr	—	—	5	5
J. Bell	—	—	4	4
G. McMillan	—	—	4	4
J. McDonald	—	—	3	3
P. Passmore	—	—	3	3
M. Lee	—	—	3	3
E. Pattison	—	—	3	3

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# Experience Keynote for Cairns

The Far North Queensland side to meet Azzurri at Cairns on Sunday will be selected from the following players. The average age of the side is 29.

**HARRY ALEXANDER.** Goalkeeper. Represented Ireland at the age of 19, and came to Cairns 3 years ago. Has represented Cairns in every inter-district match since his arrival. Age: 32.

**EDUARDO CABRERO.** Full back. Spanish born, and has represented Dimbulah since 1963. A hard and rugged defender. Age: 30.

**GORDON BEZIAK.** Full back. Played in Cairns through the School-boy and Senior ranks before joining Stratford several years ago. A strong, fast defender. Age: 26.

**BERTO SHROJ.** Half back. A fine half back with excellent ball control. Now with South Johnstone, and was a member of Stratford's 1966 North Queensland Cup-winning side. Age: 27.

**GUIDO BORTOLI.** Half back. Has represented Dimbulah for the past eight years, and was a member of the Far North Queensland side against Australia in 1965, being chosen by Australian coach Tiko Jelisavcic as his team's best player. Age: 35.

**IAN HUDSON.** Half back. Has played for South Johnstone since his arrival from the south three years ago. A fine attacking wing half. Age: 27.

**MARIO PAPA.** Winger. Has represented Dimbulah for the past eight years, and is a fast and dangerous winger specialising in corner kicks. Age: 30.

**FRANK MANIER.** Inside forward. Represented Cairns for five years, and

now plays for the Dimbulah side which is undefeated in 1968. Age: 28.

**IAN McCULLOCH.** Centre forward. A well-built, powerful striker, who represented Cairns in every schoolboy grade. A member of the Stratford club, he is one of the north's best local finds in recent times. Age: 18.

**TERRY HARTLEY.** Inside forward. The most experienced player in the squad, having played with Sheffield Wednesday (England) and Juventus Melbourne. Was with Stratford's 1966 Cup-winning side, but has since joined Dimbulah. The master tactician of the side. Age: 32.

**DAVE SALLIS.** Inside forward. Represented North Queensland against Mt. Isa and has captained Cairns for several years. His accurate shooting could prove the matchwinner. Age: 30.

**V. ROLSTONE.** Left wing. Has just arrived in the north after a 2-year spell from football. Has forced his way into the team with good displays, and has experience of Melbourne first division soccer. Age: 26.

## LIKELY RESERVES

**JACK DOAK.** Half back. Represented Cairns in Junior and Senior football and now plays for Stratford. Age: 20.

**G. POSSELT.** Goalkeeper. Has represented Dimbulah for the past three years, and there will be little to choose between him and Harry Alexander.

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	
Coalstars (0)	Latrobe-Wests (0) 1 (Buchanan)
Merton Rovers (0) 1	Polonia (1) 1 (Lister)
Hellenic (2) 3	Azzurri (0) 1 (Daley)
(McMillan 2, Sunderland own goal)	
Oxley United (3) 6	St. Helens (0) 2 (McIntosh, pen., Haswell)
(Passmore, Lee 3, Tuson, Lowndes)	
Grange Thistle (1) 4	Hollandia-Inala (3) 3 (van Klaveren, Richards 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Azzurri	4	4	—	—	7	1	8
Grange Thistle	4	3	1	—	14	3	7
Oxley United	4	2	2	—	10	3	6
Hellenic	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
Hollandia-Inala	4	—	3	1	6	7	3
St. Helens	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Polonia	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Merton Rovers	4	1	—	3	3	7	2
Latrobe-Wests	4	1	—	3	3	10	2
Coalstars	4	—	1	3	2	9	1

SECOND DIVISION	
Budapest 3	Postal Inst. 2
The Gap 2	Germania 2
Dnipro 1	Annerley 1
Toowong 0	Wynnum Dist. 9
Mount Gravatt 1	Mitchelton 5
East United 6	Bardon 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wynnum District	4	4	—	—	27	6	8
Germania	4	3	1	—	15	5	7
Mitchelton	4	3	—	1	12	4	6
Budapest-Grovely	4	3	—	1	9	7	6
Postal Institute	4	3	—	1	15	12	6
Annerley	4	2	1	1	12	4	5
East United	4	2	—	2	14	10	4
The Gap	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Dnipro	4	—	2	2	6	2	2
Bardon	4	—	1	3	5	19	1
Mount Gravatt	4	—	—	4	6	19	0
Toowong	4	—	—	4	3	27	0

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### QUEENSLAND CUP

	Alan Fouche	Bruce Waddell	Ron Mitchell	John Steel	Harry Mournay	Kevin Milmo	Arthur Bevin	Most Favoured
Mitchelton v. St. Helens Utd.	2	2	2	X	2	2	2	2
Central Q'ld. v. Grange Thistle	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Polonia v. Hellenic	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
North Qld. v. Hollandia	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2
Far North Qld. v. Azzurri	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Latrobe-Wests v. Oxley Utd.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bundaberg v. Germania	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2
Coalstars v. Merton Rovers	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1

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Two second division fixtures which were cancelled because of the Queensland Cup, will be played at Wynnum's Maramba Stadium on Wednesday, May 15th. Mitchelton will meet Toowong, and Germania play Annerley.

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Budapest-Grovely are still on the lookout for young goalkeepers. Youngsters should ring 23810 during working hours, and ask for Mr. Tony Hinterdorfer.

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Brisbane referees heading north to control Cup matches this weekend include John Adams (Bundaberg), Bernie Troy (Mackay), Arthur Harper (Townsville), and Vince Dobinson (Cairns). Linesmen will be appointed locally for each game.

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Northerners' claims (fully justified) that they are always neglected in State team selections have been silenced for the Cardiff visit. State selectors will be viewing the games in Mackay (C. Tatters), Townsville (Graham Kathage), and Cairns (Derek Clark).

Is Graham Kathage the first player-selector in Queensland history? The likeable Kathage, who is in his first season as a State selector, turned out for Coalstars, and could be making a comeback.

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Coalstars have invited the Mayor of Ipswich, Alderman Finimore, to open their new floodlights at Bundamba on May 29th. A match will be staged between two elevens consisting of local and overseas-born players, and a barbecue will be held afterwards.

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Mal Swindells, Hollandia's nippy English inside forward, has made a re-appearance in their first eleven this season after a year's absence. Swindell was one of the key figures in Hollandia's promotion winning side in 1966, but retired temporarily last season.

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Ross Kelly, Azzurri's international goalkeeper, has settled his differences with the club, and will be staying in Queensland. Kelly, whose itchy feet wanted to lead him to Pan Hellenic in Sydney, was one of the few Australian players who impressed the critics in the recent international against Japan in Adelaide. We quote from the S.A. Soccer Review: "The crowd appeared eager to applaud any worthwhile effort on the part of the Australian team, but were given little reason to do so."

Goalkeeper Ross Kelly provided the main exception when he made some fine saves. The crowd acclaimed the Queenslander warmly, despite the fact that he replaced local goalkeeper Romanowicz in the national team."

Former Latrobe star Red Edmunds is still hitting the headlines in Sydney. He was voted the best player on the field in Hakoah's 4-3 defeat of Prague, and Hakoah, who are still unbeaten, share the lead in the Sydney first division with Pan Hellenic.

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A pleasing feature at last weekend's first division matches was the general increase in attendance. Coalstars officials estimated that almost 2000 were present at Bundamba for their match against Azzurri, and Hellenic and Hollandia were also able to attract a better than average crowd for their Labor Day clash at the Exhibition Ground.

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Whistler Angus McDougall had an unenviable task in refereeing his first top grade fixture last weekend. He had to award Grange Thistle two penalties against Polonia at vital stages of the match, and although his decisions met with plenty of abuse from Polonia supporters, they were clear-cut on each occasion.

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Azzurri captain coach, Nereo Saffich, was dropped last week — but not for the obvious reason. Saffich, who had been playing well, dropped out to allow Bruno Pinti to show his paces, and also to have a good look from the sideline at his team's performance.

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Jim Bell, Grange Thistle's enterprising full back, scored an unusual hat-trick against Polonia last weekend. After notching two penalties, he collected the third with a speculative 45 yard lob from the left wing which deceived Polonia goalkeeper Frank Romanowski.

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