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## It's the cup that cheers

Disappointing crowds in northern centres were unable to detract from the resounding success of the first round of the Queensland Cup, played last weekend.

Country sides generally played above themselves to hold their Brisbane opponents to reasonably narrow victories, and a Central Queensland side which was without several of its top players came within a disputed

penalty of forcing a draw with Grange Thistle.

As expected, most of the first division "giants" came through unscathed, and the only minnow among the whales in the draw for the quarter-finals will be second divisioners Germania.

The publicity extended the northern matches was first class, and included a full radio coverage of the Azzurri-Cairns game, as well as a radio summary of all games, through 4BK, sponsored by Golden Circle Soft Drinks.

Soccer's prestige throughout the State has been immeasurably lifted by the events of last weekend, and Ampol Petroleum Ltd. are to be congratulated for their foresight in making funds available to sponsor the competition.

The foundations have now been laid securely for the Queensland Cup to become one of Australia's most glamorous Soccer competitions, and it could well be that the prize moneys will be further lifted for 1968.

State selectors Graham Kathage, Rags Tatters and Derek Clarke attended the northern matches, and it is expected that the Queensland squad to commence training for the match against Cardiff City next month will be announced on Sunday.

## OPINION

The news that Merton Rovers may be moving out to play their home matches at Wynnum's Maramba Stadium has again highlighted the anomalous position of club grounds in Brisbane.

As the position stands, three first division clubs, Hellenic, Latrobe, and Merton Rovers, are homeless, while Azzurri have a sub-standard field at Spencer Park. Meanwhile, Brisbane's two best grounds are in the hands of second division clubs Easts United, who lease Heath Park, and Wynnum, who own Maramba Stadium.

This situation has arisen because of the relegation-promotion system used by soccer, in which playing strength alone determines the division in which a club shall play — facilities mean nothing.

While this system is in force, there is nothing that can be done to force any club into attempting to find, or to improve, suitable playing fields.

Irrespective of the clubs involved, it can hardly benefit the code in general if our best playing arenas are to be used for lower division matches while top grade games are decided on fields where chance and luck mean more than skill and ability.

The Queensland Soccer Federation cannot do anything about clubs without suitable grounds who are already in first division. However, to prevent the situation from worsening, they might do well to consider the action

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Ian Johnston of Coalstars

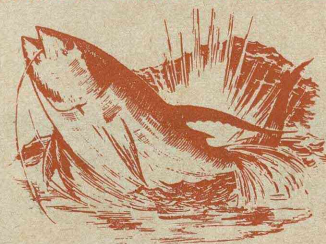
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# JUNIOR NEWS

Following repeated requests for Junior news, a trickle has finally begun to flow. Elsewhere in this issue is a report from the Queensland Junior Association on the recent trip to NSW by an Under-18 State team. We regret that only one club, Grange Thistle, have so far supplied news of their Junior doings, and this is appended.

Thistle's "Little Nippers", the Under 7 'A' side, were off to a flying start with wins over Zillmere and Taringa, and draws with Mount Gravatt and Annerley. Left half Ross Lennox and full backs Mal Shean and Aeron Kooymans have been outstanding to date.

The Under 7 'B's', although they have yet to win their first match, have shown definite improvement and closer results. A unique feature of this team is that they wear tangerine caps on the field in order to find their team mates more easily!

After a promising pre-season start, the Under 8's were unfortunate to have been defeated 1-0 on three occasions. They staged an encouraging fight back against Annerley, after being two goals down in the second half, they fought back strongly to equalise in the last minute.

A bye in the first round and a 2-1 win over Oxley has given Thistle Under 9's four early points and plenty of con-

confidence. This team has also been entertaining spectators at half time of Thistle's home first division matches.

"Allison's Angels", as Thistle's Under 10 team were known last season, the reference being to coach Barrie Allison, have made a solid start by defeating Mount Gravatt and drawing with Redcliffe and Acacia Ridge. Manager Parry Scott feels that they were "robbed" at Zillmere, so perhaps the position could have been even rosier.

The Under 12 team, although they have enjoyed only moderate success to date, have defeated South Coast United and drawn with Mitchelton. However, Andy Anderson has taken over as manager, and is assisting the Seniors' Graham Beale in coaching these lads to better results.

The most successful of Thistle's Junior sides to date has been the Under 13 team, which has six premierships points on the board, and full marks must go to coach, A-grader

Ritchie Smith, under whom they have shown a vast improvement in passing and positional play. A really good season is expected.

A very high standard of play in the Under 14 Division has allowed Thistle's premiership winning Under 13 team of 1967 to win only one match to date. Brisbane representative Silvano Sarri is the key to Thistle's defence at full back, and the team expects to return to the winning list soon.

Junior secretaries are again reminded that clubs wishing to publicise their Junior results should ring Alan Fouche at 62 1037 before 6 p.m. on Sundays. A letter sent in March, and numerous phone calls have so far failed to elicit any official response from the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association.

## Junior Tour Success

The successful tour of NSW by a Queensland Under 18 team last month has given new heart to Junior officials in this State, and has proved that, in this field at least, Queensland standards are comparable with those anywhere in the country.

The side played seven matches in 10 days, winning four, drawing one, and losing two. Full results are: v. Armidale 7-4; v. Tamworth 6-1; v. Hunter Valley 2-6; v. Sydney 5-1; v. Illawarra 1-1; v. NSW 2-4; v. NSW 3-0.

The big "find" of the trip was E. Kearney, who notched 12 of the team's 26 goals, while B. White scored a hat trick against NSW in the second game, won 3-0 by the Queenslanders.

Full scorers were as follows: E. Kearney 12; G. Merrin 4; B. White 4; G. McKeand 2; A. Raymond 2; R. Merrin 1; G. Evans 1.

## LEADING SCORERS

(L — League; Q — Queensland; I — Intercity; C — Queensland Cup)

	C	Q	I	L	Tot.
R. Richards	2	5	1	2	10
D. Keen	—	—	—	5	5
V. Wyer	—	—	—	5	5
M. Lee	2	—	—	3	5
G. McMillan	1	—	—	4	5
E. Pattison	2	—	—	3	5
J. Bell	—	—	—	4	4
D. Mortimer	2	—	1	1	4

# Saints were too good

Mitchelton, beaten 4-0 by St. Helens last Sunday, thus made their exit from the 1968 Queensland Cup.

However the second divisioners were far from disgraced, and their defeat can be attributed in part to an extremely suspect goal scored in the first half, when three St. Helens players appeared to be well offside.

St. Helens' solid defence paved the way for their win, but even so Mitchelton were unfortunate not to have scored at least once, as a fine effort by Alan Bain was cleared after hitting the crossbar.

Skipper Bain, Ian Perry, Ron Prid-eaux and Maurie Shea were the pick of the Brisbane boys, with Les Fury getting through plenty of work in attack.

Postal Institute coach Eddie Masters was pleased with his lads' return to the winning trail in their 2-0 defeat of The Gap. The side, consisting largely of youngsters brought up from Junior ranks only this season, are all Australians with one exception.

Under 18 Brisbane representative Ken Osborne has been promoted to join Bob Millis as a double centre-half, and the result was a heartening tightening in defence, while goals came from Dave Millis and Mike Woolmer.

Defences predominated throughout the match, and both goals came in the second session.

Wynnum coach, Bill Webb, was delighted with their 4-2 defeat of Budapest. "This has killed the 'Paper Tiger' rumours which followed our easy wins in the early rounds," he said. Superior fitness played a large part in Wynnum's success, as Budapest, after drawing level at 2-2 early in the second half, faded under pressure in the closing stages. Goalkeeper Dick Foss, and outside left Glen Merrin, one of the team's 'Babes', at 18, enjoyed good games.

Defeated 2-1 by Easts United, Dnipro plunged into serious relegation trouble, despite a defence which has conceded only 8 goals in 5 matches. 'Boss' Fred Kingshott is still not satisfied with the level of teamwork, and was adamant that his lads would have to learn to play off the ball. The poor form of the attack has placed considerable pressure on the rearguard, but this has been partly due to injuries, which has prevented him from fielding a settled combination.

Dnipro should be back at full strength for their clash with Germania this weekend, and are hoping for at least one point.

## Personality Parade

No. 2

Graham McMillan

Thirty-two year old Hellenic forward Graham McMillan is probably the most experienced player still active in Queensland football.

Since his first division debut for the now defunct YMCA club in 1955, he has added several full Australian caps to his 35 State appearances, and his current form is still good enough to warrant consideration for the clash between Queensland and Cardiff City next month.

One of the highlights of his 16 years in the game was his meteoric rise to fame in 1956. From an obscure youngster making his way in Brisbane, he rose to national prominence overnight by gaining selection in the Australian Olympic side, and scoring Australia's first goal — against Japan.

In 1957-58 McMillan spent a 4-month stint in England with Leyton Orient, but cartilage trouble kept him out of the first team, and he was soon back in the sun in Brisbane.

Since 1959, he has played in six premierships winning teams, first with Annerley, then with the mighty Hellenic team which swept all opposition aside from 1960 to 1963.

McMillan is chiefly known nowadays for his grafting in midfield, but although Father Time is gradually beginning to catch up, he is still popping in the goals for Hellenic at an average of 15 per season over the last few years.

Hellenic officials cannot speak too highly of McMillan's sportsmanship. Although he had never played on the wing before being selected there for Queensland in 1957, McMillan has played at outside left on and off since then, despite a preference for an inside position.

McMillan is married, with a young family, and works for the PMG Department.

# AROUND AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE. South Australian supporters were disappointed recently when their State side lost 1-2 at home to Victoria on Anzac Day. Several controversial selections came in for strong criticism after the match.

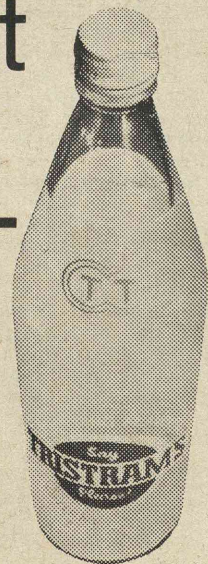
SYDNEY. Over 50,000 Juniors will be playing soccer in Sydney this season. Fourteen Sydney district Associations have registered a record 3390 teams, containing 51,000 players. The Gladesville district accounts for the phenomenal number of 314 teams.

SYDNEY. APIA, Australia's glamour team for the past few seasons, are racked by strife. Coach Mike Mazzine has resigned, and APIA have lost several top players and executives this year. The team has made a mediocre start in the Sydney first division, and were sensationally knocked out by Pan Hellenic in the first round of the Australia Cup.

ADELAIDE. A plan may shortly be implemented to ensure that first division teams encourage local talent. The S.A. Federation Board has submitted a proposal to the Executive that all clubs should field a number of players who have played soccer in Australia prior to their 18th birthday. A similar ruling in NSW was recently abolished after some clubs found 'difficulty' in maintaining their quota.

MACKAY. Well known Mackay soccer personality Hughie Barbour has just celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of service to the game. Barbour is a life member of the current Mackay premiers, Wanderers.

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# Bundaberg storm back

**Bundaberg (0) 2    Germania (3) 3**

After snatching three goals in the opening quarter of an hour, Germania emerged victorious in their first round Queensland Cup match against Bundaberg, but not before the local team had staged a tremendous second-half rally.

Germania scored first in the opening minutes, when inside forward Wehner netted a cross by winger Maxton. Wehner figured prominently in Germania's second goal also, when he laid on the pass from which Melbergs scored.

Outside right Clarke notched the third, and it seemed as if Germania were steadily moving towards an overwhelming win.

However, Germania were finding it difficult to play constructive football against their bustling, non-stop hosts, whose energetic tackling constantly harassed them when in possession.

In the second half, Bundaberg virtually took complete control, and consistent pressure brought its rewards when they were able to reduce the leeway to 3-2, scorers being the twins Barry and Brian Naumann.

Tidy goalkipping from John Lizzi, and penetrative runs by inside forward George Drinnen were a feature of Bundaberg's game, and Brisbane referee John Adams handled the game competently.

### OPINION

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taken by the South Australian Federation at the end of 1966.

A "Screening Committee" was set up to investigate the facilities and administration of second division winners, Birkalla. The result was that Port Adelaide, who had finished four points in arrears of Birkalla, were promoted in their stead. If a similar system could be adopted in Brisbane, clubs might give a little more thought to their long-suffering spectators and a little less to paying higher and higher fees for players.

### SIXTH DIVISION

Sixth division leaders, Acacia Ridge, continued their unbeaten run by defeating Redlands 7-1 at Cleveland Point last Sunday. The team played very good football, with a special mention for Ross Nevill, the young goalkeeper, and W. McBurnie who netted three goals.

Acacia Ridge are confident of continuing their winning streak when they play Gap at Acacia Ridge on Saturday, 18th May.

### BRIEFLY SPEAKING

Last week's opening round of the Queensland Cup produced no surprise results, but of the expected "underdogs", none was disgraced.

Biggest shock of all was Central Queensland's magnificent effort in holding Grange Thistle to an orphan goal defeat in Mackay. Rockhampton wing halves Craig and Hill would walk into local first division on their form, and although the waterlogged ground was a leveller, the northern boys covered themselves in glory as well as mud. A special mention must go to Mackay goalkeeper van den Bosch, another who was well up to Brisbane standards.

Further north, Hollandia - Inala battled for 45 minutes to hold a narrow 1-0 lead until North Queensland collapsed later to go down 6-2, in Townsville. This was Hollandia's first victory of the season.

In Cairns, Azzurri thrilled a large crowd by defeating Cairns 4-0. Cairns, reported to be the strongest country centre in the State, never looked like getting on top but were able to give Azzurri a run for their money, to the delight of the crowd.

Local games produced an extra-time thriller between Polonia and Hellenic, as well as morale boosting victories for Coalstars and St. Helens — the first time this year that both Ipswich teams had a winning weekend.

As expected, Oxley United moved smoothly through at the expense of Latrobe, and in Bundaberg two evenly matched sides fought a stirring battle before Germania beat Bundaberg 3-2.

Attendances generally were a little below the level anticipated, but gave sufficient indication that the potentialities are there to be developed, particularly in Cairns and Townsville.

Overall, finances apart, Messrs. Bill Waddell and Co. can sit back and view their effort with pride. The organisation of the competition was generally sound, and the Cup quarter finals will now be eagerly awaited.

# Acid test for leaders

Five weeks of fixtures have been played, and three teams remain unconquered in first division, but the situation could change at Spencer Park tomorrow when League leaders Azzurri face Oxley United.

Oxley, whose resolute defence, pivoting around stopper Don Dwyer, will be the first team Azzurri have met who will be capable of extending them to their full in midfield.

With linkmen Bill Haigh and Mick Lee in good form, Oxley have steam-rolled Coalstars, Polonia and Latrobe (twice) to defeat already, and on the unpredictable surface of Spencer Park, their robust methods, allied to the undoubted skill of Haigh and Lee, will form a formidable barrier.

Passmore and Tuson, together with coach Lowndes, form a reliable, if not a brilliant attack, and Oxley's chances are considerably higher than would have been the case a month ago, when their trial form was wretched.

Azzurri's defence is also their strongest point, with one goal having been scored against them in five matches. Their opponents have included Hellenic, Merton and Hollandia, all of whom can boast above average attacks.

The basic ingredients for Azzurri's success this term have been their teamwork, which has been excellent, and their overall solidarity. They are one of the few clubs who are at present capable of putting eleven footballers of genuine first division standard onto the field each week, and this is sufficient to account for most Brisbane teams.

The purchase of Ross Kelly and Matt Hosie have proved masterstrokes. Hosie is in his best form since his heyday in 1964, and Azzurri must be favoured to record another victory.

### ST. HELENS v. COALSTARS

Fresh from two wins on the trot, Saints will be no pushovers for Coalstars in their local Derby at Ebbw Vale on Sunday.

Saints promise much at times, yet their problems in attack have usually crippled their hopes. The experience of Col Kitching is being missed, and if Coalstars can maintain their improvement of the past fortnight, they should start the long climb towards the top of the table.

Should the proposal by Wynnum that two teams be relegated in 1968 bear fruit, this match could become vital for both sides. If Coalstars lose, they will be in serious trouble, while Saints are also unlikely to be too far away from relegation at the end of the season.

With the steady influence of Graham Kathage at the helm, Coalstars should come away with at least a point, and probably with both.

### HELLENIC v. POLONIA

Can history repeat itself? Those who watched the thrilling Cup-tie staged by these two teams last week will be hoping for another exciting clash at the Exhibition Ground tomorrow.

Polonia, since trouncing Azzurri 5-0 in the 1967 second division Grand Final, have not looked back.

Against Grange Thistle a fortnight ago, they played eye-catching football, and last week repeated the performance — and managed to produce the goals which the solid Thistle defence denied them.

Hellenic, who for so long were surrounded by an aura of invincibility, have finally descended to mortal ranks,

and even their most optimistic supporter would probably settle for a final four place at the end of the season.

Plagued by injuries, wing half Matt Jackson has not been anywhere near his top, and the ageing Chookie Vogler although gaining a measure of success with his robust methods, is also slowing down considerably.

Nevertheless, with Jock Taylor, Graham McMillan and Andy Tsombaras in attack, Hellenic cannot be written off, and with their position in the top four at stake, can be expected to fight for every yard of ground.

### LATROBE v. GRANGE THISTLE

Sunday's Exhibition Ground fare is unlikely to provide a surprise, when Grange Thistle should redeem themselves from their narrow escape against Central Queensland by defeating Latrobe-Wests.

Latrobe, premiers in 1964, 1966 and 1967, have made a disastrous start to the season, and are desperately in need of points to clear themselves from the danger zone at the bottom of the table.

With the exception of skipper Walton, defenders Webber and Clemitson, and centre forward Buchanan, Latrobe have little to offer but enthusiasm and hope.

Grange Thistle, unbeaten after five matches, were made to struggle by Central Queensland, and although the waterlogged Mackay Cricket Ground provides some excuse, weaknesses were apparent in the Thistle attack.

Centre forward Vic Wyer is expected to return to the side, and Thistle's tight defence should enable them to garner the points with relative ease.

### HOLLANDIA v. MERTON

An alarming gap already separates Hollandia and Merton from the top of the ladder, and defeat for either at Darra on Saturday will make the position extremely hard to retrieve.

The poor form of Merton appears to be due largely to internal troubles, which show no signs of abating. Centre half Gary Catchpole attempted unsuccessfully to sign on amateur

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# OLYMPIC WIN SECOND GRAZIOLI

From CON PAPALEXION

With heavy overnight rain turning the pitch into a quagmire, the semi-finals on the second day of the Grazioli soccer carnival, made conditions almost unmanageable, with players sliding all over the playing area in the heavy mud.

Olympic scored a meritorious win over Rips, 3-nil in the first semi-final, in a hard and gruelling match. Possession of the ball was a dominating factor and the long high drive up the middle was played to advantage.

Estates lost 3-1 to Rangers in the second semi-final under similar conditions, and Rangers earned the right to meet Olympic in the final for the second consecutive year.

The play off between Estates and Rips to decide third placegetter resulted in a 2-all draw at full time. In the extra 20 minutes play, Estates, by the only corner kick scored, clinched victory.

## WHO'S PLAYING NEXT?

**SATURDAY, MAY 25th**

- \* Dunlop Park  
OXLEY v. ST. HELENS
- \* Heath Park  
MERTON v. HELLENIC

- † Mitchelton  
MITCHELTON v. GAP
- † Maramba Stadium  
WYNNUM v. ANNERLEY
- † McCook Park  
POSTAL v. GERMANIA

- † Mt. Gravatt  
MT. GRAVATT v. DNIPRO

**SUNDAY, MAY 26th**

- \* Lanham Park  
GRANGE THISTLE v. AZZURRI
- \* Bundamba  
COALSTARS v. HOLLANDIA
- \* Prentice Park  
POLONIA v. LATROBE

- † Bowman Park  
BARDON v. BUDAPEST
- † Heath Park  
EASTS v. TOOWONG

The final between Olympic and Rangers, a repetition of the 1967 final, saw Olympic go to a narrow one goal lead, in what was to be the only score of the match.

Goalie Bertocchi (his only mistake in the match) took more than the required four steps and from an indirect free kick from Davidson, inside forward Lees scored a neat goal.

The second half was scoreless, although Rangers hammered the Olympic goal and Moisisdis played a magnificent match, saving numerous 'unstoppable' shots.

The three placegetters in this year's final were the same as in 1967 with Olympic the champion team, Rangers second, and Estates third.

Olympic has created a record, being the only team ever to have won two Grazioli carnivals on consecutive occasions.

## Quick Quiz

1. Winners of the first Australia Cup, played in 1962, were (a) Brisbane Hellenic, (b) Melbourne Hungaria, (c) Yugal Sydney?
2. Queensland's greatest victory since the war was against Fiji in 1961. The score was (a) 8-0, (b) 13-2, (c) 12-1?
3. Which countries have won the Jules Rimet World Cup more than once?
4. Which two teams gained promotion to English first division this season?
5. Name the Brisbane referee who is on the full international list of FIFA, making him eligible to referee any international match?  
(Answers on page 7)

## GROUND REPORT

Last week "Soccer News" visited Grange Thistle's headquarters at Lanham Park, and here is our assessment:—

**PLAYING SURFACE:** Well grassed, and reasonably level, and probably second only to Prentice Park of Brisbane's first division grounds. Rating: 75%.

**SEATING ACCOMMODATION:** At present seating accommodation is poor, and the majority of spectators without cars are expected to stand. Rating 50%.

**PARKING:** Parking facilities are excellent, and present no problem, with ample space available behind the actual playing field. Rating 90%.

**DRESSING ROOMS:** Grange Thistle have by far the best dressing rooms and clubhouse in Brisbane, reflecting a great deal of labour by club members. Dressing rooms are clean and spacious, and new showers and toilets have been installed. Rating 95%.

**CANTEEN and P.A. SYSTEM:** These again are the best in operation at the present time, and normally function efficiently. Rating 90%.

**TOILETS:** Council toilets are available, and new toilets have been installed recently in the dressing rooms. Rating 85%.

**GENERAL COMMENT:** Spectator accommodation is poor, and the playing surface is in need of some improvement, but on most other counts, Lanham Park is the best first division ground. The public address system is the most efficient operating in Brisbane at present.

General rating 70%.

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# CHARLTON IS MY FAVOURITE PLAYER

By PAUL DEAN ("Soccer World")

Seeing Bobby Charlton play is an unforgettable experience. He is one of the most dynamic yet graceful footballers in the world today. An a great shot. And a tireless worker. And a man without a temper. Ah, what a player!

During the 1966 World Cup I watched Charlton in four matches. Against Uruguay and Argentina he was below his best — but even then one of the best English players on view. Against Portugal he produced some of his astonishing brilliance, scoring two magnificent goals. In the final against Germany he was the spirit of defiance, the engine that never stopped purring, who, in the critical moments of the game took proceedings into his bare hands and lifted England's performance.

Charlton is strong but not robust. I don't think they gave one foul free kick against him in the whole World Cup, and when pushed, dragged, and shouldered by defenders, he is still able to keep the ball — and his temper.

His acceleration is incredible. Time and again he picks up the ball deep in his own half, looks around languidly, caresses the ball once or twice — then explodes into a breath-taking burst. When the opportunity comes, Charlton is a feared shot with either foot, although he seems to prefer the left, and he hits from anywhere up to 30 yards.

In this modern type of football he is a rrae type of professional: he never complains. Full backs chop him down, goalkeepers grab his ankle, referees stop him mistakenly for offside — and Charlton merely trots away. It just isn't in his make-up to retaliate.

His face, during most matches, is in painful grimaces and contortions. It

is basically a sad face, crowned by thinning blond hair. I will never forget the expression on his face during the World Cup final when West Germany scored their equaliser in the 90th minute. He looked stunned, like an ox felled to the ground. But it did not take him long to realise that England still had hope to win in extra time. So he grinned and bore it — and they won.

I saw almost all the great stars of the World Cup — Eusebio, Coluna, Beckenbauer, Albert, Voronin, Pele, etc. — but none impressed me quite so deeply and so continuously as Charlton. True, Eusebio may have a more powerful shot, Beckenbauer may have more natural grace, and Albert may have more natural flair — but none played at such a high standard so consistently with so much sportsmanship and the same determination as Charlton.

And when, towards the end of 1966, Europe's Sporting Press elected Bobby Charlton "Player of the Year", I felt like standing up and applauding him again.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Yugal.
2. 13-2.
3. Brazil and Italy have both won the Cup twice.
4. Queens Park Rangers and Ipswich Town.
5. Vince Dobinson.

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

QUEENSLAND CUP	
Polonia (1) (2) 4	Hellenic (0) (2) 2 (Walker 2, Tucker, James) (Long, McMillan)
Cent. Queensland (0) 0	Grange Thistle (1) 1 (Clark)
Nth. Queensland (0) 2	Hollandia (2) 6 (Stephenson, Lees) (Richards 2, Wilkins G., Mortimer 2, Voutilainen)
St. Helens (3) 4	Mitchelton (0) 0 (Verral 2, Haswell 2)
Oxley Utd. (2) 3	Latrobe-Wests (0) 1 (Lee 2, Patrana og.) (Velsby)
Coalstars (3) 4	Merton Rovers (2) 2 (Davis, Lawrie, Johnston, I. Davidson o.g.)
Bundaberg (0) 2	Germania Bris. (3) 3 (Barry Naumann, Brian Naumann) Azzurri
Far Nth. Qld. (0) 0	Clack (2) 4 (Daley, Schoendorfer, Sargent 2)

SECOND DIVISION								
Wynnum	4	Budapest	2					
Postal Inst.	2	The Gap	0					
Bardon	3	Mt. Gravatt	2					
East United	2	Dnipro	2					
P W D L F A P								
Wynnum District	5	5	—	31	8	10		
Postal Institute	5	4	—	17	12	8		
Germania	4	3	1	—	15	5	7	
Mitchelton	4	3	—	1	12	4	6	
East United	5	3	—	2	16	11	6	
Budapest-Grovely	5	3	—	2	11	11	6	
Annerley	4	2	1	—	12	4	5	
The Gap	5	1	1	—	3	6	9	3
Bardon	5	1	1	—	3	8	21	3
Dnipro	5	—	2	—	3	3	8	2
Mount Gravatt	5	—	—	—	5	8	22	0
Toowong	4	—	—	—	4	3	27	0

## ACID TEST FOR LEADERS

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forms for Mount Gravatt recently, and with Gordon, Pattison and Trevor Catchpole having a lean spell, Merton are not functioning well.

Hollandia, after a poor start, have improved in the past few weeks, and draws against Hellenic and Polonia, followed by a comfortable 6-2 win over North Queensland, suggest that they are beginning to strike their true form.

Hollandia are faced with the perennial problem of Brisbane clubs. They are barely able to field eleven players of top division calibre every week, and injuries are a constant fear.

However, provided that they are at full strength, the Dutchmen will probably have sufficient composure and ability to win.

## Tipster's Corner

Progress Points: Mourney 17; Steel 16; Fouche 16; Milmoie 15; Waddell 15; Bevin 14; Mitchell 10.

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

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## TOUCHLINE TITBITS

Mount Gravatt are searching for new players for both their second division and fifth division teams. Prospective players are invited to come down for a trial to Dittmer Park, Logan Road, Mount Gravatt, on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries may be made at either 49 1433 (business hours) or 49 6573 (after hours).

The Central Queenslanders who gave Grange Thistle a fright last week are certainly enthusiastic. Outside right Barry Coomes combines playing with the Presidency of the Rockhampton Association, while centre forward Roger Green is the Secretary of the Mackay Federation. A broadly grinning Coomes said afterwards, "You've never seen such a happy beaten team!"

State coach Rags Tatters seized the opportunity, while in Mackay, to pass on a few tips to the local youngsters. About 50 lads ranging in age from 8 to 18 were present to hear his lecture, after a practical demonstration was unfortunately interrupted by rain.

Australia's 1965 World Cup skipper Les Scheinflug, who is still playing in the national team, celebrated a rare jubilee last Sunday — he played his 300th first team match for Prague in Sydney. Originally a left winger, Scheinflug is now acclaimed as Sydney's finest left half.

With the opening of their new shower rooms and toilets recently, Grange Thistle now have the finest clubhouse in Brisbane. Much credit is due to an extremely active social committee, led by players Barry Dann and Barrie Allison.

Grange Thistle, fielding three Senior and eight Junior teams this season, have fully qualified Federation coaches in charge of all but one. Seniors Barrie Allison and Roger Clark, among others, have been doing a sterling job among the "littlies".

Wynnum District have submitted an interesting Notice of Motion to provide for two-up and two-down from first division each year. Could be some lively discussion on this move, which has strong reasons both in favour and against. Clubs who stand to benefit this season include Germania, Wynnum, Mitchelton and Postal Institute.

The F.A. Cup Final between West Bromwich Albion and Everton will be broadcast direct from Wembley Stadium through 4QR tomorrow night. (For times of transmission, see the daily Press.) Everton last won the Cup by defeating Sheffield Wednesday two years ago, but the Throstles, as Albion are known, have not appeared in a final since they defeated Preston 3-2 in 1954. Australia's greatest ever player, Joe Marston, now the full time coach of Sydney second division club Western Suburbs, was Preston's centre half on that occasion.

Soccer fan Charles Bentley is in his SEVENTIETH consecutive year as a dedicated follower of English fourth division club, Barnsley. A former mayor of the Yorkshire mining town, Charles has occupied the same grandstand seat at Oakwell for 36 seasons, and he can remember cycling to London as a young man to watch Barnsley beat West Bromwich in the Cup Final.

The one-ball policy being enforced by the Management Committee at first division matches this year is not meeting with much success. At most first division grounds, valuable time is often lost while the ball is retrieved from the "bush", and a potent new weapon has been presented to any side leading narrowly with time running out — simply boot the leather as hard and as far out of play as possible.

Italian sportswriters gave the Prix de Citroen, literally the "lemon prize" of soccer, to Inter Milan manager Helenio Herrera, as the most uncooperative character in football last season. Only a month before, HH was fined \$250 by his club for gossiping to the Press!

Coalstars, Latrobe, Wynnum and Hellenic are believed to have made new signings in the past few weeks. No further details have been supplied.

The itinerary for Cardiff City's nine-match Australian tour has been announced. This is the schedule of the trip (all dates in June): June 9 v. Victoria; 10 v. Tasmania; 15 v. Newcastle; 16 v. NSW; 19 v. Australian XI; 23 v. QUEENSLAND; 26 v. Australian XI; 29 v. South Australia; July 7 v. Western Australia.

Latrobe have secured the services of Englishman, Harry Gleeson. A former professional with English third division club Watford, Gleeson spent a number of years scouting for Wolverhampton Wanderers. Negotiations for Latrobe to bring out players from England are already in progress.

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