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Azzurri Streaking to Title Cup draw out

An immaculate defence, which has conceded only one goal in 540 minutes' football, has placed Azzurri in a commanding position to record their first First Division title victory in 1968.

Against their nearest rivals, Grange Thistle, whom they meet at Lanham Park on Sunday, Azzurri will have the opportunity to break completely clear of the field.

Thistle, following a disappointing display against Latrobe, have a number of key players doubtful, including defenders Whitaker and Dann, and linkmen Kay and Monaghan, and unless they can field their full side, will have little chance of taking the points.

Azzurri's tactics to date have been simple but effective. With stopper Hosie and goalkeeper Kelly in top form, their packed defence has proved virtually impassable, and they have relied greatly on the speed of attackers Sargent, Patterson, Daley and Keen, to score their goals from swift, sudden breakaways.

Thistle's defence is almost as strong, but in attack the Italians have a definite edge.

If Thistle can field anything close to their normal line-up a draw is the most likely result, but Azzurri must be favoured to win narrowly.

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POLONIA v. LATROBE

Two vastly improved combinations should provide an attractive tussle at Prentice Park on Sunday.

Revitalised by their defeat of Grange Thistle, Latrobe have lifted
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The draw for the second round of the \$1000 Queensland Cup was announced on Monday night.

The draw is as follows:—

- GRANGE THISTLE v. GERMANIA
- POLONIA v. COALSTARS
- AZZURRI v. ST. HELENS UNITED
- OXLEY UTD. v. HOLLANDIA-INALA

Lady Luck has again followed Grange Thistle, who will move into the semi-finals without meeting first division opposition if they can defeat second divisioners, Germania.

Dates and venues for these matches have not yet been announced, but it is believed that there is a possibility of evening games being arranged. Bundamba and Maramba Stadium are now fully floodlit, and these grounds might be used in preference to the Exhibition Ground.

Following the success of the first round matches, the Management Committee of the Queensland Soccer Federation has re-affirmed its determination to establish the Queensland Cup as the State's top football competition.

Poor crowds at Mackay and Bundaberg were largely offset by excellent attendances further north at Townsville and Cairns, and the financial success of the entire operation is already assured.



ROSS KELLY (Azzurri)

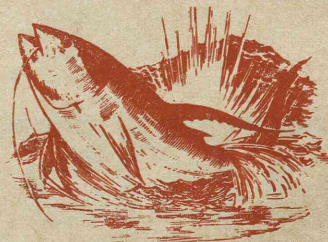
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Second Division . . . with Kevin Milmo

Confidence is the keynote in both camps, as Wynnum and Germania continue to dominate the 1968 second division scene. Both clubs can hang up the 'Excuse my dust' sign to other line-ups if they continue the pace they have set in the opening six rounds of the premiership.

Germania coach Ron Thompson was brimming over with confidence after last week's 4-1 disposal of Dnipro. He has proved his worth to the club, and has the full support and confidence of his side and has some fine material to work on. The experience provided by their recent trip to Canberra where they played the Capital's representative side (and acquitted themselves more than favourably) and their triumph in Bundaberg all combine to make this a formidable line-up. A further bonus is the capture of an as yet unnamed right half from Hakoah Melbourne. With the return from injury of Bob Maxton and Brian Levy, and John Oliver, now serving out the last week of his suspension, they should have a goal hungry pack ready for the coming 'boomer' clash with Wynnum.

Wynnum coach Bill Webb has been responsible for his club's 'new look' football. Gone are the days when enthusiasm and a long ball kept Wyn-

num in the division and he has the team looking as smart as the Maramba Clubhouse and ground. Last weekend at The Gap, their work from the backs through midfield to the forwards looked very tradesmanlike. The English injection has given the home grown boys inspiration, and the only weakness looks a little indecision in the forward line. The big message to other clubs is, don't let the Merrin boys run on the wings and keep a tight rein on centre John Hales, who could do permanent injury to a net if given the chance.

Joe Menadue of The Gap has some talent to work on and a defence system to feel proud of, but wild kicking by the backs when under pressure will have to be curbed. Paul Menadue, the man in the middle, looks extremely dangerous when allowed to run. Most of their attacks in the Wynnum game came down the right side via Paul Hammond, Keith Nicholls and Paul

Menadue. If an upset is in the offing, this is the team that will probably do it.

It must be depressing for one of the most likeable and hard working coaches in Dnipro's Fred Kingshott, to see his team missing that elusive click that could bring long overdue wins. Fred would give a million to see his top side with the record of their fifth division, which has not lost a match. Although guardian to some interesting players, he is having trouble with mid-field cohesion and the attack. "I have to get the boys out of the habit of looking at the ball instead of watching the man on the ball," he said.

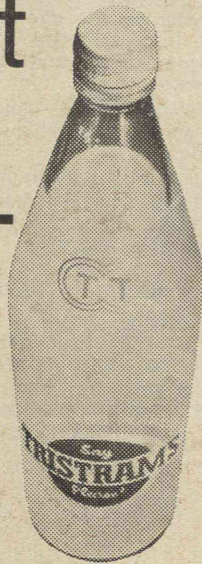
Newmarket's Eddie Masters feels that his boys played their worst football of the season in their 2-1 loss to Annerley last weekend. "There was no teamwork, they were just a lot of individuals," he said. There was no score at half time but disaster struck just before the breather when halves Ken Osborne and Bobby Millis departed with injuries. "We looked like gaining control when this happened." The lesson learned from this game will be evident this week when they make their comeback against Germania.

Annerley coach Ron White was also only reasonably happy with his team's performance last week. Running with a strong wind in a poverty stricken first half they came back to record a quick two goals. "I am very pleased with striker Jeff Cornford's display, both in the night game and last weekend. Winger Mike Armstrong lost his nervousness to return to the goal lists, while Terry Carey played well in defence," he said. Annerley are going all out this weekend to snatch a point, at least, and he feels that over confidence on Wynnum's part could lead to their downfall.

Toowong look like regaining their feet after a disastrous start to the season as Bardon could only scramble home by the odd goal last weekend. "We deserved at least one point," commented secretary Les Hewitt, "we pressed strongly in the last 20 minutes and came within an ace of scoring on many occasions." Teamwork is improving and the conditioning by coach Hugh Miller looks like paying off. Right half Syd Johnson had a fine game last weekend, Eddie Barrett at left half added fire and played good football. Diminutive 18 year old, Darryl

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Azzurri Streaking to Title (Cont. from page 1)

their game immensely in the past fortnight, and Bob Buchanan's switch from centre forward to linkman has proved a master stroke.

The re-appearance of Gordon Cuddeford in Latrobe's goal has given new stability to a defence which had been as leaky as a machine gunned billycan, and several others have belatedly struck form. The fine displays given by Peter Clemitson, Ron Walton and John Darlington last week could herald the beginning of a Latrobe revival.

Polonia, despite glaring weaknesses in attack, cannot be taken lightly. The experience of Henry Brown has steadied their defence, their approach work needs only a little of the same treatment to gain effectiveness.

The match could swing either way but on their home ground Polonia just get the nod.

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OXLEY v. ST. HELENS

St. Helens have made an exciting new find in centre forward John Verral, and his combination with inside forward Haswell has been the main factor in Saints' reasonable start to the Premiership.

St. Helens are, in fact, the most under-rated side in Queensland, and even after their Ampol Cup win in 1967, are widely regarded as "easy meat". Their draw with Hollandia, and decisive defeat of Coalstars may finally have changed this, and Oxley will be approaching this game with caution.

Following an encouraging start, Oxley collapsed badly last week, and at no stage posed a threat to Azzurri's supremacy.

The principal fact to emerge from their defeat was that unless linkmen Bill Haigh and Mick Lee can assume charge in midfield, Oxley have little chance of success. Both are essentially attackers, and if they can be contained, St. Helens should enjoy a relatively easy passage.

However, both are in top form, and Oxley's chances will greatly depend on their ability to carve out sufficient chances for the home side's forwards. We think Oxley will get home by the odd goal.

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MERTON v. HELLENIC

Can Merton uphold this season's trend of upsets by knocking over Hellenic at Heath Park on Saturday, asks HARRY MOURNEY.

Any team that can score 2 goals in 15 minutes against Hollandia's defence as they did last week should win a lot of matches and must be a hard nut for Hellenic to crack.

Provided the Merton boys concentrate on football, control the "hot-headed stuff", and maintain greater

team harmony they will cause surprises this season.

Hellenic certainly put "Pie in the Eye" to their critics who claim they are over the hill, when they outplayed, out-run and outlasted the younger Polonia team last week.

With shrewd heads like Jackson, McMillan, Petie and Tsombaras roaming the mid-field their Merton counterparts Geoff Green, John Anthony and Leif Petersen will have the job ahead, although they are playing well.

In an effort to bolster their penetration Merton played Graham Meager in attack last week, and although Graham played well he has never impressed me as a flashing dashing winger.

The ever busy John Anthony and Geoff Green should give the Merton attack a fair share of the ball, but can Eric Pattison and Trevor Catchpole break through Gordon Mackie and company?

Hellenic, with their snappy passing and better team spirit, should have the edge and win a close, hard fought match.

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COALSTARS v. HOLLANDIA

Coalstars, pre-season favourites for premiership honours, will be sweating it out until what must be one of their vital matches this weekend against Hollandia, writes BRUCE WADDELL.

Having gained only one point from their first five matches, they lie dead last in the competition and need drastic action to disperse the nagging fear of relegation even at this early stage. After a sparkling win over Merton Rovers in the Ampol Cup critics predicted a change, but saw them back in the doldrums against the eager St. Helens last week.

Opponents Hollandia clicked for the first time last Saturday and stormed back from a two goal deficit with Ray Richards and co. in full flight to down Merton. This is where their advantage lies as they are the "form horse" of the two at present.

New acquisitions Hugh Montgomery (ex Coalstars) and tiny winger Voutilaansen have put the finishing touch on Hollandia's improvement and continued indecision by the Coalstars defence (with or without Kathage) will provide the current champions with a further two points.

Constant team changes by the Coalstars selectors have as yet failed to bring goals but once a combination is found, Ian Johnston, Kitching, Davis and Hallett must taste some success.

Richards is at last near his best, and match-winner that he is, should get his share to give Hollandia a win, but because of Coalstars' predicament, an Ipswich win would not really surprise.

Second Division

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Thorp is performing capably between the sticks. "Things are looking up, and we will crack a victory shortly," said Les.

Mitchelton played the better football to record a 3-1 win over Budapest. Fourth division players figured prominently in the match. Goalie "Bronco" Radenovic who had already played an earlier game, which included a blocked penalty, came in when Brian Parker reported ill. Peter Morey who had also been blooded earlier joined him, following a leg injury to Alwyn Jones. "The 3 goals — 2 by right wing Gary Green with Drew McDonald completing the trio — were all the result of good teamwork," said Mitchelton publicity officer Ken O'Donnell. Budapest's netter came from forward Gabor Berka. Allan Bain inspired his team in what was a great team effort. "The biggest upset in the club was the defeat of our 4th division side, which went down to Queensland Newspapers 3-2 after being up 2-1 at lemons," said Ken. "The boys played well in this hard and sometimes fiery match and a win would have given them the top of the table."

"The team gave a sound display of team work last weekend," said Bardon club captain Jim McColl. "The only disappointment was the number of 'bombed' goals, with only the keeper to beat." Custodian Peter Heath, backs Ivan Douglas and Robby Kiss, and in his second comeback game, Gerry Nahuysen at half back, came through well. A fit Merv Parmentier at inside forward was a harassment to the Toowong defence. Bardon have a difficult one this week in Budapest, but the return of Greg Davenport and Ian Brady will give them a strong line-up.

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Summing Up

with SIDELINER

There's no stopping Azzurri these days. With another comfortable 3-0 win over Oxley United last week, the Italians have made their best ever start to the season. Most of the credit for the general tightening of the defence can go to sweeper MATT HOSIE. On this form, his \$700 transfer tag from Latrobe-Wests must make him the bargain of the year, and new men Dave Sargent, Eddie Patterson and John Daley have revitalised Azzurri's attack.

Merton Rovers seemed to have hit the jackpot at last when they raced away to a 2-0 lead over Hollandia-Inala, but a penalty conceded by goalkeeper Willis set them back on the slide. Hollandia, inspired by two more goals from deadly "R.R.", hit back to win 3-2.

The shock of the week was Latrobe's meritorious 3-1 defeat of Grange Thistle at the Exhibition Ground. Peter Clementson emerged from the doldrums with a splendid performance, and skipper Ron Walton was again the driving force behind the premiers. But the real difference was provided up front, where Thistle had no-one to match the opportunism of John Darlington. To complete a bad day for "Thistles" they emerged from the game with an injury list reading like Saturday morning's shopping list.

St. Helen's United drove Coalstars' supporters to the edge of utter despair by recovering from an early deficit to ram home three goals without further reply from their Ipswich neighbours. Young centre forward John Verral snatched two more for his bag, and is starting to make knowledgeable tongues wag with his performances this season. Coalstars for second division? Surely not, but who can tell after this . . .

Every season Hellenic are written off, yet invariably the Greeks bounce back with an above average performance, and their 1-0 defeat of Polonia reversed the tables following their Queensland Cup defeat by the same side.

Granted, that this is not quite the Hellenic of days gone by, but 'tis no mean feat to toss the Polonia lads these days, and Hellenic have now moved into joint second position with Grange Thistle.

NEGATIVE FOOTBALL

Sad news from Italy for those who like their football to be attacking and positive. It came when AC Milan suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Varese. Varese are such a negative side that, in their first 15 matches they scored 15 goals and took 19 points!



TREVOR CATCHPOLE (Merton Rovers)

WHO'S PLAYING NEXT?

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st—

- * Exhibition Ground HOLLANDIA-INALA v. OXLEY UTD.
- † Grovely BUDAPEST-GROVELY v. EASTS UTD.
- † Gap THE GAP PASTIME v. BARDON
- † Raymond Park DNIPRO v. POSTAL INSTITUTE
- † Toowong TOOWONG v. MOUNT GRAVATT

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd—

- * Exhibition Ground HELLENIC v. COALSTARS
- * Ebbw Vale ST. HELENS v. GRANGE THISTLE
- * Spencer Park AZZURRI v. LATROBE-WESTS
- * Heath Park MERTON ROVERS v. POLONIA
- † Ekibin ANNERLEY v. MITCHELTON
- † Memorial Park GERMANY v. WYNNUM DISTRICT
- * First Division
- † Second Division

LEADING SCORERS

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

	Q	I	L	C	Tot.
R. Richards	5	1	4	2	12
D. Keen	—	—	7	—	7
G. McMillan	—	—	5	1	6
E. Pattison	—	—	4	2	6
V. Wyer	—	—	5	—	5
J. Verral	—	—	3	2	5
M. Lee	—	—	3	2	5
J. Bell	—	—	4	—	4
D. Mortimer	—	1	1	2	4
J. Haswell	—	—	2	2	4

First Defeat Since 1965

By "Squareball"

The Gap Pastime's Under-10 team came to the end of a magnificent run with their defeat by 1-0 by St. Helens on May 4. Since the team's formation in the Under 7 Division in 1965, this was their first defeat! Half back Mike Castrisis has been the side's outstanding player this year.

Generally, the Gap's best results have come from their lower age groups, which is not really surprising, for the Under-7's, with 5 teams, and the Under-8's, with 3, supply almost half of the club's total junior strength of 19 teams.

Other teams which have done well to date are George Harrison's Under 7A side, who lead the premiership with the loss of only one point, and Gordon Preston's 1967 Under 7 premiers, who again show the way in the Under-8 division.

Azzurri full back Ron Clark has been looking after the Under-11 lads, and after drawing with Redcliffe and losing

to Annerley, they hit top form to down St. Helens last week.

On Sunday, June 30th, The Gap will be staging their second Under-7 Carnival, and applications are wanted from teams willing to compete. It is hoped that 16 teams will vie for a trophy presented by Federation Life Member IAN BRUSASCO, who has two sons playing in the Gap's ranks.

A splendid second half rally earned LATROBE-WESTS two points in Under-15 Division against Southside-Belmont. Running with the wind, the home side led 3-0 at half time, but the Latrobe lads turned the tables after the break. After a fine recovery, Latrobe finished well on top, winning 6-4.

From 11 matches played last weekend, MITCHELTON JUNIORS recorded two wins, two draws, and seven defeats. The highlight of the round was the Under 8 side's first point of the season, secured against Thistle in a 0-0 draw.

In other matches, Mitchelton's Under-11 B's defeated Acacia Ridge 1-0 and the Under-12 side, unbeaten this season, forced a 1-1 draw with Mount Gravatt, thanks largely to good work by the full back pair.

Another undefeated side, Mitchelton Under-14A, defeated Acacia Ridge comfortably by five clear goals. This team will play host to other Brisbane Under-14 sides in a knockout competition at a Carnival to be held at the club's Annual Fete at Mitchelton on the Queen's Birthday holiday.

SIXTH DIVISION

A 2-0 win over the Gap Pastime was the best yet recorded this season by ACACIA RIDGE, despite the difficulty of controlling the ball in the gusty conditions.

A bye this weekend will provide a welcome opportunity for several injured players to recover, and "The Ridge" are steadily building an impressive team.

Well-known players include R. Yore (ex-Latrobe), M. Wynne (ex-Easts and Merton), and N. Kulik (ex-Dnipro), who have been supplying most of the mid-field drive.

AROUND AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY. The Australian Soccer Federation has announced that a 26-man national squad will be selected for Australia's World Cup qualifying round matches. The squad will not train together, however, but players will train under local coaches in their own States. The squad will be announced at the completion of next month's Cardiff City tour.

ADELAIDE. South Australian premiers, Juventus, have made a mediocre start to the 1968 campaign. The result is that the coaching "hot seat" has already been held by four men in the first four weeks of the season. Current occupant (at least, until Juventus' next defeat) is Mario Corti.

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"RAGS" TATTERS

Queensland's State coach, C. "Rags" Tatters needs no introduction to soccer lovers in this State. He has had a brilliant record in soccer since he was capped for Durham Schoolboys in 1929, right through to the present day.

During his career, he played with many well-known teams, including Durham City, Everton, and the RAF, for whom he was centre forward from 1940 to 1944, when he gained the distinction of scoring 85 goals in one season.

Although he had offers to coach in the USA, Rags chose Queensland for his future home and became coach of Caledonians when he emigrated here in 1949. Callies won promotion to first division within two years under his guidance, but unfortunately he was lost to the game for some seasons for personal reasons.

Upon re-entering the soccer scene, he coached Oxley United in 1961, moving on to Newmarket Postal Institute, and finally to Hollandia-Inala, with whom he remained as the club rose from total obscurity to become first division champions within five years.

Over the past year or so, he has held the position of State coach, and was responsible for the preparation of the State side which performed so well against Manchester United last year.

"Rags" was instrumental in the foundation, in 1966, of the Queensland Federation of Soccer Coaches, and has also been active in coaching at the national level. Towards the end of last year, his efforts were justly rewarded when he took charge of the



"RAGS" TATTERS

Australian Under-23 party which toured New Caledonia.

He has recently resigned his appointment as Hollandia's coach, but will continue to take a vital part in the code's expansion at the State level.

SPONSORS GALORE . . .

Sponsorship of teams is becoming rife in South Africa's National League. Already the Ford Motor Co. sponsors a full-time professional team, Port Elizabeth City, and recently, Coca-Cola Ltd. announced a grant of \$A37,500 to leading Johannesburg club, Highlands Park.

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GROUND REPORT

Soccer News paid a visit last week to Wynnum District's ground, Maramba Stadium, to which the club holds the freehold. Here is our verdict:—

PLAYING SURFACE. Level and well grassed. Certainly the best playing area of any Brisbane suburban ground. Rating: 90%.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION. Little seating accommodation exists, but at present adequate room exists for a relatively large crowd.

PARKING. Excellent parking facilities are available adjacent to the ground, and parking causes no problems. Rating 90%.

DRESSING ROOMS. Although the present clubhouse and dressing rooms were built on a temporary basis, they are among the best in Brisbane. Clean and roomy throughout. Rating: 90%.

FLOODLIGHTS. Floodlighting of a standard suitable for full-scale matches has been installed, and Wynnum led the way for all other clubs in the State in this regard. Rating: 100%.

GENERAL COMMENT: Maramba Stadium is one of the few grounds in Brisbane which can adequately stage first division football, and it is a credit to the Wynnum club. Plans for further improvements are in hand, and the ground could eventually become the showpiece of Queensland Soccer.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- Messrs. C. Tatters, G. Kathage and D. Clarke.
- Hellenic and Latrobe (3 times each).
- Keith Jones (Hakoah).
- None.
- 95, at an average of 4.52 per match.

A TEAM TO BEAT THEM ALL

By Vernon Woods

Picking representative teams from the past is an idle pastime. It is also one that has fascinated armchair critics and players alike since time immemorial.

Judging players and teams of one era against those of another is something like playing Russian Roulette with an unloaded gun — one simply can't lose, for the fascination of the game is enhanced by the fact that your verdicts cannot be proved wrong. And since any two people seldom see eye to eye in this kind of "contest" arguments and discussions are rife whenever some bold soul ventures forth to say that "So and so is the best left winger that ever played for England."

I am not going to be so brave as to attempt to pick the best side ever to don the maroon and white jersey of Queensland. However, I venture to suggest that the following team picked entirely of players who have played since the advent of Federation in 1962, and entirely on their best form SINCE THEN, would take a power of beating (The line-up is arranged in 4-2-4):

- R. Kelly (Coalstars & Azzurri)
- G. Kathage (Azzurri & Coalstars)
- R. Thorpe (Latrobe)
- M. Hosie (Latrobe & Azzurri)
- P. Woods (Hellenic)
- T. Bewick (Grange Thistle)
- C. Sander (Azzurri)
- R. Richards (Latrobe & Hollandia)
- N. Tran (Grange Thistle)
- C. Kitching (Hellenic) or P. Scott (Latrobe)
- G. McMillan (Hellenic)

Obviously, there are several players included in this line-up who are no longer active in Brisbane, and a fur-

ther few who would not come into consideration on their present form. However, in each case I have chosen the individual on his best form since 1962.

The goalkeeping position presented a challenge, with strong contenders also being Brian Topfer (Hellenic), Alan Rigby (Thistle) and Graham Kruger (Azzurri), all of whom have played for the State in this period.

Others who came into strong consideration included E. Pattison (Merton), G. Catchpole (Merton), Bill Haigh (Oxley), M. Wild (Merton and Easts), D. Robson (Latrobe and Polonia), H. Gani (Merton), B. Dann (Thistle), and I. Johnston (Coalstars).

What do YOU think? Readers are invited to submit their teams chosen along the same lines, together with any criticisms of the one above.

IT'S JUST TOO MUCH . . .

Coaches who say that players cannot have too much football will have to think again. In Brazil, footballers have just won for themselves a new law — from now on they must be given 72 hours' rest between matches, and there will be no soccer played in the hot months of January and February, when the temperature, as in Australia, can rise to over the century mark.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION									
St. Helens	(1)	3	Coalstars	(1)	1				
(Verral 2, McLean)			(W. Kitching)						
Latrobe-Wests	(1)	3	Grange Thistle	(0)	1				
(Darlington 2, Buchanan)			(McDonald)						
Azzurri	(1)	3	Oxley Utd.	(0)	0				
(Keen 2, Daley)									
Hellenic	(0)	1	Polonia	(0)	0				
(McMillan)									
Hollandia	(1)	3	Merton Rovers	(2)	2				
(Richards 2, Vuotilainen)			(T. Catchpole, Pattison)						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Azzurri	5	5	—	—	10	1	10		
Grange Thistle	5	3	1	1	15	6	7		
Hellenic	5	3	1	1	9	7	7		
Oxley United	5	2	2	1	10	6	6		
Hollandia-Inala	5	1	3	1	9	5	5		
St. Helens Utd.	5	2	1	2	7	8	5		
Latrobe-Wests	5	2	—	3	6	11	4		
Polonia	5	1	1	3	4	8	3		
Merton Rovers	5	1	—	4	5	10	2		
Coalstars	5	—	1	4	3	12	1		

RESERVE DIVISION									
St. Helens	2	Coalstars	5						
Latrobe-Wests	2	Grange Thistle	6						
Azzurri	5	Oxley Utd.	1						
Hellenic	1	Polonia	4						
Hollandia-Inala	1	Merton Rovers	3						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Coalstars	5	4	1	—	22	6	9		
Grange Thistle	5	4	—	1	19	13	8		
Azzurri	5	3	1	1	17	7	7		
St. Helens United	5	3	—	2	15	12	6		
Merton Rovers	5	3	—	2	14	14	6		
Latrobe-Wests	5	2	1	2	13	17	5		
Polonia	5	2	1	2	8	6	5		
Hellenic	5	1	—	4	8	22	2		
Oxley United	5	—	2	3	5	17	2		
Hollandia-Inala	5	—	—	5	8	15	0		

SECOND DIVISION									
Germania	3	Annerley	0						
Mitchelton	4	Toowong	1						
The Gap	1	Wynnum	3						
Budapest	1	Mitchelton	3						
Annerley	2	Postal Inst.	1						
Dnipro	0	Germania	4						
Toowong	1	Bardon	1						
Mt. Gravatt	1	Easts Utd.	5						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Wynnum District	6	6	—	—	34	9	12		
Germania	6	5	1	—	22	6	11		
Mitchelton	6	5	—	1	18	5	10		
Easts United	6	4	—	2	21	12	8		
Postal Institute	6	4	—	2	18	14	8		
Annerley	6	3	1	2	14	8	7		
Budapest-Grovely	6	3	—	3	12	14	6		
The Gap	6	1	1	4	7	12	3		
Bardon	6	1	1	4	8	22	3		
Mount Gravatt	6	1	—	5	10	26	2		
Dnipro	6	—	2	4	4	12	2		
Toowong	6	—	—	6	4	32	0		

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Progress Points: Mourniey 19; Steel 18; Milmoie 18; Waddell 17; Fouche 17; Bevin 16; Mitchell 12.

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

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TOUCHLINE TITBITS

Mount Gravatt Football Club will be holding a barbecue at the Mt. Gravatt Showgrounds on Saturday, June 1st, at 5.30 p.m. All are welcome, and admission is 40 cents (adults).

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It was not a good week for visitors in first division. All five home clubs won last weekend, whereas five away teams emerged victorious in second division, Annerley providing the only home winner in this grade.

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Latrobe-Wests have secured the services of their former striker, John Darlington, who returned to the club last Friday after several seasons with Azzurri. Two days later the signing paid rich dividends when Darlington netted a brace in Latrobe's shock defeat of Grange Thistle.

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There could be a surprise merger in the news soon, involving clubs from first and second division. Plans are still in the early stages, but swift developments may follow shortly.

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Several new signings were made last week, with Hollandia-Inala and Latrobe figuring prominently in transfer 'deals'. Latrobe paid Azzurri an undisclosed fee for their former centre forward John Darlington, and Hollandia signed Ron Wilson, Oxley's former half back, making a comeback after a year's absence through a knee injury. However, the biggest move was that of Coalstars' skipper, Hugh Montgomery, who moved to Hollandia. As Montgomery is one of the few amateurs left in first division football, no transfer fees were applicable, but a hefty signing on fee will probably change hands at the end of the season.

Easts United have made a remarkable comeback to reach the top four in second division. Since losing their two opening matches, they have won four games in a row, and edged Postal Institute out of fourth spot on the weekend.

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"So conservative is the Brisbane Soccer club official that to suggest a scheme of district football to him is tantamount to holding a red rag to a bull. The chief objection to district football is that the existing clubs would, in name, if not in fact, lose their identity. How much better from a public viewpoint though, it would be to replace the meaningless names of Thistle, Latrobe, etc., with more convincing appellations, such as Eastern Suburbs, South Brisbane, Western Suburbs, etc. Second Division clubs could then assume the titles of first division clubs and be run as reserves." No, that quote is not from yesterday's newspaper. It comes from the Brisbane Soccer Record of July 24, 1926, and it holds as true today, perhaps even more so, than it did in those days.

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Merton Rovers receive our award as the most publicity-conscious club of the week. Since Soccer News commenced production seven weeks ago, not one word of information has "leaked" from the club.

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The crowd for the clash of unbeaten giants Azzurri and Oxley at Spencer Park last Saturday was poor even for a Saturday. Proves conclusively that no matter who is playing the public will NOT pay to see sub-standard football, which is inevitable on the ground in its present condition.

Application of the four-step rule for goalkeepers provided interesting sidelight in the F.A. Cup Final shown on ABC TV on Monday evening. Although neither goalkeeper was penalised throughout the 90 minutes, there were numerous instances when, technically, the law was infringed. As long as the 'keeper got rid of the leather promptly, the referee turned a blind eye.

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An interesting point of the quarter finals of the Queensland Cup is that the last three winners of the Ampol Cup have all reached the quarter-finals. They are Coalstars (1965), Thistle (1966) and St. Helens (1967).



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