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Promotion Giants to Clash

By Kevin Milmoe

As a prelude to the vexed question of whether two teams will be relegated from first division this year, which will be decided on Monday night, the current favourites for promotion, Wynnum and Germania, will meet this Sunday at Memorial Park, Bulimba, in an eagerly awaited test of strength.

OPINION

This season it has become compulsory for all Brisbane first, second and third division coaches to join the Queensland Federation of Soccer Coaches.

To avoid contact with this body, at least one first division club has deliberately refused to appoint a coach, preferring to style the men in charge as "trainer" and "manager" respectively.

Although most other clubs have not been as blatant in their defiance of this ruling, which was handed down by an overwhelming majority at the 1967 Federation Annual General Meeting, they have simply ignored it altogether.

First division clubs whose coaches are not members of their own organisation include Coalstars, Azzurri, Latrobe, Oxley, St. Helens and Merton Rovers.

So bad is the situation, in fact, that only George Pagan (Thistle), Tony Lowndes (Oxley), Henry Brown (Polonia), and Ben Mollee (Hollandia), hold qualification recognised by the State's coaching body.

As is only to be expected, the situation among the lower divisions is no better, and there are, in fact, fewer than half a dozen coaches in Queensland who hold an advanced level coaching certificate.

The Queensland State Director of Coaching, and State Coach, "Rags"
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Germania, quarter finalists in the Queensland Cup, come in a point behind the leaders, having conceded a draw to the Gap, after a hotly disputed goal.

Wynnum, whose progressive policies, including their splendid "lights-and-all" ground, have startled the Brisbane soccer fraternity, have found themselves embarrassed by an overflow of new players flocking to the club.

Officials of line-ups already conquered by the two "giants" vote overwhelmingly for Germania, but methodical Wynnum coach BILL WEBB is determined to prove the tipsters flopsters.

Goalkeeper Eddie Shaw, one of the four Englishmen in the side, stood out in his debut last week, while Arthur Creighton and Mal Hinchliff in defence, and forward Bill Shaw, have helped greatly to the Baysiders' revitalisation.

The attack includes Ian Ball, captain of Queensland's Under 18 XI, and speedy wingers Rod Merrin and George Phillips.

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DARRYL WILKINS

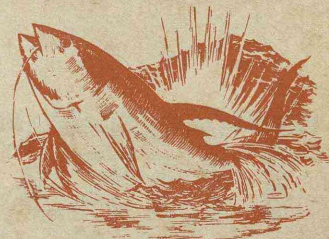
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What's wrong with Budapest?

Second Division with Kevin Milmo

Budapest just scrambling home 5-4 against lowly-placed Bardon? Budapest only 8 points after 7 rounds of the premierships? Incredible you say? Well, settle back while I tell you the hard luck story of the season. This always strong club of many years' standing in the Federation is playing a patchwork quilt of players in a desperate effort to ward off the near fatal effects of injuries to key players.

Tremors of what was to come appeared early, when their agile goalkeeper John Siljac, and left wing Mick Miscovic, after the opening game against Gap Pastimes, packed up for jobs in the North.

Since then the pile-up of injuries reads like a Vietnam battle list. Outstanding half Graham Gillespie (ankle), goalkeeper Steve Polosky (injured hand), captain-coach Alex Siren playing with a heavily strapped knee, and Bob Giles coming off within minutes of the Bardon game with a suspected torn muscle.

But the biggest blow of all came when their secret weapon an (as yet unnamed) inside forward from Canterbury, who showed up well in one night training run, reported with a broken leg, suffered at work.

The wake continues with the news that the return of Carl Gwinner this

week from a month's suspension will be neutralised by the departure of key right wing Noel Wrigley, off on his honeymoon.

The points table may have told a different story if the side had been at full strength for their Germania, Wynnum and Mitchelton clashes. The depressing sequence reads, three losses in five weeks. They have another bottler in Easts this Saturday, but the saving breathing space could be in the following weeks against Mt. Gravatt and Toowong, before they gird up for their inevitable come-back.

"If you don't improve this week, you just won't play at all. Don't think you will automatically go down to fifth division, I am not going to have you demoralise that side as well." The Iron Hand slipped from the Velvet Glove at Raymond Park as Coach Fred Kingshott bawled out Dnipro for

their scrappy display against Mt. Gravatt. A lecture at half time also helped to pull the defence together when they panicked and crumbled under the kick and rush onslaught of their opponents. "They must keep cool when faced with stuff like this," said Fred. Keeper Norman Sangster was invaluable as the side picked up a precious two points. Four goals in a fifth division game gave Rowland Drury promotion and he gave tribute with a duo. Fred believes fitness is no problem, so lapping is out and concentrated ball control is the order of the night at Raymond Park.

The old saying, from little acorns do big oaks grow, could become as bright as a new pin with the news that Toowong had picked up their first point in their uphill battle from relegation, against Easts last weekend.

Toowong secretary Les Hewitt was happy with his team's performance, but he said, "We should have wrapped the game up in the first half when we hit 1-0. The composition of the team is more settled, leading to a greater understanding". Fine performances came from both backs Kev. Titterell and Col Atkinson, with Darryl Thorp pulling out all the stoppers to save some near certainties.

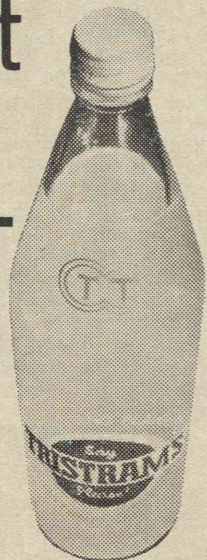
Budapest's hotch potch defence allowed Bardon's forwards a free rein last Sunday. The loosing of the fetters gave 16 year olds Barry Anderson and Warren Austin a chance to kick up the traces. They figured in a combination first half goal when a header from Warren to Barry sent him hurrying to the net. Bardon's wingers tended to veer towards the middle in the second half and choked the youngsters game trail.

Six goals in the first 30 minutes action sent the scoreboard attendant scurrying and Bardon looked certainties with a 4-2 lead at the breather. A netted penalty by Alex Siren opened the door of the winner's circle for Budapest. Left back Ivan Douglas was a terrier in a defence that could not stop the Fazakes four goal onslaught.

Annerley were in a cartload of trouble in their disappointing 5-0 loss to Wynnum last Saturday. A crack in the defensive dam continuously spilled a stream of Yellow tigers to harry cus-

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THESE "SAINTS" SPELL DANGER

St. Helens United will be aiming for the fourth successive victory against Grange Thistle at Ebbw Vale on Sunday. Speed and fitness have been the cornerstones on which Saints have built their impressive record over the past month, and early worries that they could prove relegation bait have been laid to rest.

In Kev Rose, Ken McLean, John Haswell and John Verral, they have a lively attack, which has scored nine times in its last three outings, while transfer listed goalkeeper Mark Walker and skipper John McIntosh have held the defence together excellently.

Although they suffered a surprise reverse at home to Polonia, Saints will be a handful for anyone on their tiny ground at Ebbw Vale, but the Thistle defence will be the strongest which they have struck so far.

Thistle, for whom St. Helens were a hoodoo team in 1967 (Saints won three of their four encounters), could be strengthened by the return of Barry Dann and Owen Monaghan from the team which drew with League leaders Azzurri last Sunday, but will probably have Mal Hovell in goals for the injured Keith Rigby.

In the past, a resolute Saints defence has usually managed to cope with Thistle's technically superior, but powder puff, attack, and the result will again hinge on this factor.

If both sides can reproduce their best, the match should prove the highlight of the weekend's round, with Thistle slightly favoured.

HELLENIC v. COALSTARS

Coalstars' poor early season form led inevitably to a spate of jokes concerning their relegation chances. Now, with one third of the season over, and two teams possibly due for the axe, the jokes have turned sour.

Frantic team changes have been wrung to no avail, and could in fact, have further unsettled the side after a 1-1 draw with Oxley was followed by a catastrophic 6-1 drubbing from Thistle.

Essentially a team which relies on fitness and "go" rather than on pure skill, Coalstars nevertheless have sufficient talent to ensure a recovery. Their biggest problem now must be the flagging team morale, a subtle influence which can undermine the best of clubs.

Hellenic are unlikely to provide the opportunity for Coalstars to commence their long haul back to the top.

Steadiness and experience has snatched many points for Hellenic in the past few seasons, and with Azzurri still threatening to bolt away to an unbeatable position, the match will be vital for the Greeks also.

The chances of an upset will de-

pend entirely on Coalstars' ability to revive the fighting spirit for which they are famed, but Hellenic should win, despite their loss of a point to Merton last week.

AZZURRI v. LATROBE

Latrobe's hopes of a position in the middle of the table received a jolt when they were beaten by Polonia, and against Azzurri they are unlikely to make much impression.

The infusion of John Darlington into Latrobe's attack has injected a little more life into the side, but they are still rather longer on enthusiasm than skill.

The Premiers, who have not appointed a coach this season, cannot be too happy about the fact that only Coalstars and Merton prop up the table below them — both teams which possess the potential to force their way out of trouble.

Azzurri's limitations in attack were again exposed at Lanham Park, where it was once again their superb defence which saved them a point.

However, the Italians should be spurred on by their army of supporters to another victory, unless Latrobe's attack can succeed where all others have failed.

MERTON v. POLONIA

Although playing attractive football, Polonia have found inconsistency a major problem, and this is the only reason that they are not considerably better placed.

Merton Rovers, who have made their worst start to the season since their promotion in 1962, finally snapped out of the doldrums last week against Hellenic.

The acquisition of forwards Syd Tucker and Alan James, added to the experience of stopper Henry Brown, has considerably improved the balance of Polonia's side, and they now appear likely to hold a respectable position near the middle of the table.

Merton have shown signs of a coming slide for two or three seasons, and with key men Pattison and Gary Catchpole in indifferent form, are faced with the prospect of rebuilding.

Polonia can play the more attractive football, Merton have the more dangerous attack, and the match could go either way. However, we think that the more polished Polonia will just edge home.

HOLLANDIA v. OXLEY

Both teams are going for the hat-trick in the Hollandia-Inala - Oxley game at the Exhibition on Saturday, writes HARRY MOURNEY.

Hollandia are in line for 3 wins in a row after beating Merton and Coalstars, while Oxley face 3 losses, being downed by Azzurri and St. Helens.

On paper the Inala boys should romp home after Oxley's half-hearted affair last week but the Dunlop Park lads are a very unpredictable bunch.

With Hugh Montgomery and Keijo Voutilainen adding thrust to the attack and Ray Richards once again looking for goals, Hollandia pose a real threat to the Oxley defence.

Oxley's last line of defence, Gordon Arrowsmith, Rex Evans and Don Dwyer are up to the task, but their mid-field men, especially Billy Haigh, will have to improve 100% over last week's display.

St. Helens speed to the ball made Oxley look bad last week and if Hollandia can repeat the dose then Oxley will be in more trouble than Flash Gordon.

Hollandia's strength lies in their defence, in which Gary Wilkins, Phyl Sunderland and Ben Mollee have a big hand (pardon — "foot"), while their link men John Van Klaveren and Peter Steen, never stop working.

This is a match which either side could win, but I will venture to forecast that Hollandia will take the two points via the boot of "bustling Ray".

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Summing Up With SIDELINER

Without State stars Barry Dann and Owen Monaghan, Grange Thistle were given little chance against Azzurri at Lanham Park last week.

However, in a match marred by the high wind, Thistle surprised the leaders with a workmanlike display which earned them the honour of ending the Italians' 100% record. Thistle youngsters Whitaker and Clark both came back to their best, while Matt Hosie and Ross Kelly again gave good performances for Azzurri.

The Coalstars' nightmare continues unabated. Expected to throw out a strong challenge for the title this year, Coalstars have struck a horror patch which has instead made them serious contenders for relegation. Hollandia-Inala, after leading 1-0 at half time, hit top gear in the second half to canter in by four goals to one.

With newcomers Keijo Voutilainen, Hugh Montgomery and Mal Swindells, Hollandia could emerge as Azzurri's strongest challengers for the premiership.

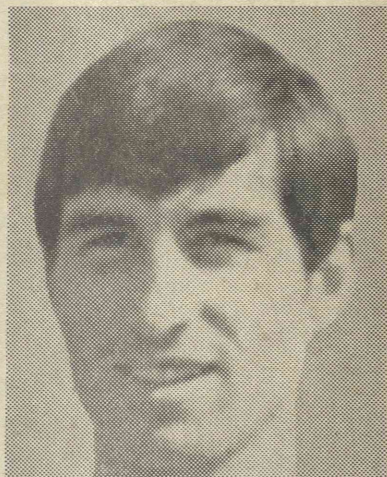
St. Helens United continued to force their way up the table with a convincing defeat of Oxley United. Oxley, after starting the season with renewed gusto, have now returned to their old "bad habits" and have slid back into a middle of the table position.

Latrobe supporters hoped for sunnier days following their side's defeat of Grange Thistle, but it was back to the doldrums at Prentice Park. Polonia rattled in a goal in just ten seconds, and held the initiative comfortably to win 4-1. Syd Tucker made a welcome return to the goalscoring department with a couple.

After several weeks in the wilderness, Merton Rovers scored a late equaliser to share the points with Hellenic. Following a narrow defeat to Hollandia, Merton may have turned the corner to success, while Hellenic turned in their usual consistent effort.

'OLD TIMERS' THROW OUT CHALLENGE

Any "Old Buffers" looking for a challenge will find themselves quickly taken up by Germania's "Elder Statesmen". Any club interested in arranging such a match (the only condition is that players must be over 30 years of age) should contact Rudolf Gerhard at 36 2159.



BRYAN WILLIS Merton Rovers' custodian

WHO'S PLAYING NEXT?

SATURDAY, JUNE 8—

- * Bundamba COALSTARS v. MERTON ROVERS
- * Exhibition Ground LATROBE v. ST. HELENS UTD.
- † Heath Park EASTS UNITED v. THE GAP
- † Maramba Stadium WYNNUM v. POSTAL INSTITUTE
- † Bowman Park BARDON v. ANNERLEY

SUNDAY, JUNE 9—

- * Prentice Park POLONIA v. AZZURRI
- * Dunlop Park OXLEY UNITED v. HELLENIC
- * Lanham Park GRANGE THISTLE v. HOLLANDIA
- † Mt. Gravatt MT. GRAVATT v. BUDAPEST
- † Mitchelton MITCHELTON v. GERMANIA
- † Toowong TOOWONG v. DNIPRO
- * First Div. † Second Div.

LEADING SCORERS

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

	Q	I	L	C	Tot.
R. Richards	5	1	5	2	13
D. Keen	—	—	8	—	8
G. McMillan	—	—	5	1	6
E. Pattison	—	—	4	2	6
D. Mortimer	—	1	3	2	6
J. Bell	—	—	5	—	5
V. Wyer	—	—	5	—	5
J. Verrall	—	—	3	2	5
M. Lee	—	—	3	2	5
J. Haswell	—	—	3	2	5

An Eye-Popper for Mitchie

MITCHELTON'S Under 13B's recorded their best win of the season by trouncing Southside-Belmont by the eye-popping margin of 17-0. J. Wolfe, who led the way with eleven net-bulgers, has now scored 19 goals this year.

Mitchelton Juniors extend a cordial invitation to all soccer lovers to attend their club fete at Mitchelton Oval on the Queen's Birthday (June 10th). The highlight of the day will be an under 14 knockout Carnival.

Friendly rivalry among seniors coaching the Junior teams has made for added interest in their team's performances by supporters of ANNERLEY. Players whose proteges are well placed at this stage include Wayne Offer (7A's), Merv Acres (8A's), Kev Casey (11A's) and Terry Kerry (12A's).

Annerley's Under 10A side went to the top of the table last week by defeating Oxley United 1-0, and the Under 8A's gave a fine display to hold Coalstars to a 2-2 draw, after losing 0-3 at their previous meeting.

The Under 16's, undefeated premiership leaders, were given a fright by Postal Institute, but after a grim struggle, emerged victorious by three goals to two.

The GAP PASTIME enjoyed a fairly successful weekend, with seven wins and four draws being recorded. A pleasing feature was the improved form of the Under 7E's, whose draw with Annerley gave them their first points of the season.

The 10A's also regained form, moving from fourth position in the ladder to equal second, following a 1-0 win over Hollandia-Inala. Following a number of scoreless draws, the Under 9B forwards have suddenly hit top gear, and have now slammed in seven goals in their last three matches, with left half Greg Healy proving the mainstay of the team.

For The Gap Under 12's, who defeated Oxley United 3-0, centre half John Chivers, Barry McCarthy and John Peters were best.

Promotion giants to clash

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Centre forward John Hales is also proving extremely dangerous, and his "bullock's boot" is supplemented by an agile football brain.

Germania have captured an ace in former Melbourne Hakoah full back George Kaddie. He will add strength to their fine defence, in which goalkeeper Stan Sander is enjoying his best season. Others to shine under the generalship of Bert Mohr include Bob Maxton, back from injury, and Bill Zimmerman.

Wynnum could streak away to a three point lead if the mystifying lapses evident at times in Germania's play again re-appear, and Wynnum coach Bill Webb will be quick to pounce if this happens.

I'm tipping Germania, but . . .

SOME HOLIDAY!

Former Q.S.F. committeeman Ernie Brusasco, is at present "holidaying" in Vietnam. Ernie, the brother of A.S.F. Executive member Ian Brusasco, has recently taken up a new business appointment in this strife-torn land.

Personality Parade

No. 4 GRAHAM KATHAGE

Soccer plays a large part in the life of 33 year old Graham Kathage, for in addition to holding the job of player-coach for Coalstars, he is a State first ever major trophy, when they won the 1965 Ampol Cup.

Australian born, Kathage is a product of Ipswich football, and first broke into senior soccer at the age of sixteen. After playing with Dinmore Bush Rats and Bundamba, he had a three year stint with Azzurri, displaying sufficient ability as a full back or half back to represent Australia three times against Hearts in 1959.

In addition, Kathage made over 30 appearances for Queensland, and his striking loyalty to his team mates is

shown in a question put to him after he had rejoined Coalstars in 1965.

He was asked what was his greatest thrill in football. Was it playing for Australia, captaining Queensland, his State debut? No, simply having led Coalstars' team of "Babes" to their first ever major trophy, when they won the 1965 Ampol Cup.

After spending a season away from the game in 1967, Kathage returned this season as coach to Coalstars, and following the side's poor start to the season, has again donned boots in an effort to revive their fortunes.

A grand sportsman, Kathage is one of the most popular figures at Queensland football grounds, and one of the most respected, both for his ability and for his knowledge of the game.

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National Names - Will they Go?

If the Queensland Soccer Federation enforces a motion passed by its clubs last year, all nationalistic club names in Brisbane must be abolished by the end of next season.

At present, Brisbane club names are a hotch potch mixture of the openly foreign (Germania, Polonia, etc.), the meaningless (Latrobe, Merton Rovers, etc.), and the purely local (Oxley United, Easts United, etc.).

A significant fact is that a large proportion of national names now appear in the first division, a fact which makes the abolition of these names all the more urgent.

Several clubs, such as Hollandia and Budapest, have tacked on suburban names as an afterthought — but these have had no appreciable impact on either their predominantly migrant support or club membership.

Surely it should be the task of immigrants to assimilate themselves into Australian clubs rather than that of Australians to support European-based clubs with which they are unable to identify themselves?

The fact that the overwhelming majority of Brisbane soccer players are of Australian or British stock underlines the shortsightedness of basing club support on names with which only a minute percentage of the city's population can readily identify themselves.

Many of these clubs have striven hard to promote local and junior football. Yet, in the nine years since the introduction of professionalism to Queensland soccer, virtually no progress has been made in the field of attendances.

Whatever the reasons, it has become clear that the average Australian is simply not prepared to support teams built around a closely-knit migrant community.

Writing as a migrant myself, I find

the attitude of most migrants to football in Queensland hard to understand. They are, for the most part, willing to work and make tremendous sacrifices for their own clubs, and for their own people — yet no effort is made by the greater part to cater in any way for Australians!

A misplaced sense of national pride is probably largely responsible. Ultimately, the only way in which soccer can break the grip of Rugby League in Queensland will be to gain a large local following. Unfortunately, most migrant groups here, as elsewhere, tend to place the interests of their own clubs considerably above those of district teams with immensely greater poten-

tial support. Whether the Federation intends to enforce its resolution banning national names remains to be seen. The real problem, however, goes deeper — it is not to change the names of the clubs, but to change their structure and thinking.

Are we, you may be asking, placing too much emphasis on club names and not enough on the standard of play? Should this be the case, it is pertinent to ask why three of our leading first division clubs (all unashamedly 'foreign') cannot field a single Junior team among them? An object lesson, indeed, in the promotion of AUSTRALIAN football . . .

OPINION (Continued from page 1)

Tatters, has been staggered by the incredible apathy shown by practically all first division coaches towards an organisation which is designed exclusively to assist them in their work.

A meeting was arranged some time ago to explain to the 34 coaches who had been instructed to join the Coaching Federation, the objects and aims of the coaching courses. Apart from the Executive of the Coaching Federation, four persons appeared.

A coaching course scheduled to commence on May 19th, was cancelled last week, the reason being that there were no applicants.

In the case of non-paid lower division coaches, this lack of interest is deplorable, but perhaps excusable. However, for allegedly first rate coaches, holding the responsibility of preparing first division teams, to display such apathy towards their jobs is

almost incredible.

There are a handful of dedicated coaches in Queensland who have earned every penny of their income from the game, but unfortunately it would appear as if these are outnumbered greatly by an apathetic majority.

Rags Tatters intends taking action through the Queensland Soccer Federation to ensure that these recalcitrants are brought into line. For the sake of football in this State, we hope that he is successful.

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TOUCHLINE TITBITS

The futility of the new policy of using only one ball for first division matches was underlined by the gusty conditions at last week's matches. At both Lanham Park and Bundamba play was constantly held up while ball boys scampered here and there.

The Coalstars - St. Helens reserve grade clash a fortnight ago produced an unusual case of "substitution". St. Helens' goalkeeper was injured, and replaced. However, complication arose when the substitute was himself hurt, and replaced by a field player. Moving out to the wing, the man originally chosen as reserve goalkeeper, then scored one of his side's goals in their 5-2 defeat.

Last week Merton Rovers received our weekly Publicity Award, as the most publicity-conscious club of the week. This week the accolade goes to Polonia, who equalled Merton's feat of not having supplied a single news item for publication in eight weeks.

The Australian Soccer Federation, after much prompting from Sydney's Soccer World, has agreed to offer the post of Australian Director of Coaching to FIFA Instructor Dettmar Cramer. However, Cramer's contract has just been renewed for a further 12 months by FIFA, and it appears unlikely that Australian coaches will again have the

opportunity of studying under the West German wizard.

The attendance at Lanham Park last week for the Azzurri-Thistle clash was a record for the ground. A near capacity crowd showed exemplary behaviour throughout. In Sydney, matters have not been quite as calm, with trouble occurring at almost every round of first division fixtures.



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YANKS WANT A BED

The Pike City Massachusetts school-boys side arrive in Brisbane on Sunday morning, July 7th, and Federation Schoolboys spokesman, John Clarke, has appealed to Brisbane families to provide for the boys over their three day stay.

"I would ask anyone interested to contact Federation Secretary, Bill Malcolm, at 29210. I know that the famed Brisbane hospitality will not let us down," he said.

The 18 Americans will play two

matches, leaving Brisbane on 10th July. If the boys arrive in time on the Sunday a curtain raiser will be arranged before the main games at the Exhibition. They will meet the Under 18 Queensland side under floodlights at Maramba Stadium on Tuesday, July 9.

Names of boys wishing to trial for the Queensland side should be forwarded to the Q.S.F. Secretary or to High Schools President, John Clarke, at Wynnum High School. The team will be chosen from present and ex-High School students.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Grange Thistle (0) 1	Azzurri (1) 1
(Bell, pen.)	(Keen, pen.)
Oxley United (1) 1	St. Helens (2) 4
(Passmore)	(Dann, Rose, Verral, Haswell)
Merton Rovers (0) 2	Hellenic (1) 2
(Melville, T. Catchpole)	(Petridis, Long)
Polonia (1) 4	Latrobe-Wests (0) 1
(Tucker 2, James, Walker)	(Darlington)
Hollandia (1) 4	Coalstars (0) 1
(Mortimer 2, Richards, Mollee)	(T. Payne)

RESERVE DIVISION	
Grange Thistle 3	Azzurri 0
Oxley United 0	St. Helens Utd. 6
Merton Rovers 3	Hellenic 3
Polonia 2	Latrobe-Wests 4
Hollandia-Inala 1	Coalstars 5

SECOND DIVISION	
Bardon 4	Budapest 5
Mitchelton 1	The Gap Pastime 1
Wynnum 5	Annerley 0
Postal Inst. 1	Germania 4
Easts United 1	Toowong 1
Mount Gravatt 2	Dnipro 3

FIRST DIVISION	
Coalstars 6	5 1 — 27 7 11
Grange Thistle 6	5 — 1 22 13 10
St. Helens Utd. 6	4 — 2 21 12 8
Azzurri 6	3 1 2 17 10 7
Merton Rovers 6	3 1 2 17 17 7
Latrobe-Wests 6	3 1 2 17 19 7
Polonia 6	2 1 3 10 10 5
Hellenic 6	1 1 4 11 25 3
Oxley United 6	— 2 4 5 23 2
Hollandia-Inala 6	— — 6 9 20 0

Tipster's Corner

Progress Points: Mourney 21; Steel 20; Waddell 20; Milmo 20; Fouche 19; Bevin 17; Mitchell 13.

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

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OFFSIDE

By JACK CLOUGH (World famous Referee)

In an article last season, I discussed the offside law and outlined particularly the "Played On" section. It would appear, that in the main, general understanding has been secured over this portion of the law.

Many supporters, however, are inclined to think much too frequently about this "played on" business, and give the impression that it is occurring in all games. Rarely does it happen, and it is seldom that any injustice arises from it. In the majority of cases the incident is magnified out of all proportion to the situation.

All referees are familiar with the importance of the law and assess the situation, not only on the position of the player, but more important: "Is the player interfering with a movement?" The latter is of utmost importance and assessed correctly, it permits the referee to exercise a smoothness of control, which would be completely ruined if he "blew" for each and every player lying in an "out of play" position during the course of all games. I cannot emphasise too strongly that a player in an "out of play" position must not be considered offside — unless he is **interfering with play**.

There does, however, seem to be considerable confusion over various features of the general law, and it would be interesting to examine some of the problems which are in the readers' minds. I have been asked many questions regarding the treatment of certain teams, who, with constant deliberation, play the offside game as a major part of their play.

Occasions most certainly arise when it is sensible to employ it, but to use it with frequency as a general pattern of play, defeats the objects of the game and invites criticism and ridicule from the true spectator, who seeks enjoyment and entertainment. It puzzles me why these few clubs persist with this unimaginative and distressing style of play. They gain little from it; perhaps at times the winning of a game, when

they little deserve it, but alternatively they play in front of dwindling crowds and establish a bad reputation. But there is little that a referee can do about it. He doesn't control the skills and pattern of the game, nor dictate the playing policy. One can only hope that costly failure, due to goals being scored against them, can bring these few clubs to their senses and make them realise what true entertainment means.

I have also been asked about the action of a forward who steps outside the field of play to prevent being penalised, when an attacking movement, by his own side, is in progress. This is a good question, and it does occasionally happen that a forward, sensing the danger that his presence may provoke in an "out of play" position, uses his common sense and takes this action. Providing he makes it clear to all (players and the referee) that he is doing this quite openly and not intending to confuse the opposition, it would be allowed, and play permitted to proceed.

If, however, the defenders are attracted by his presence, or alternatively, after leaving the field, he decides to return and drift into the attack, he would be penalised for offside — the free-kick being taken, by the defenders at the point where he re-entered the field. It could also happen, but fortunately it seldom does, that a defender may notice a player to whom the ball is about to be passed, in a good position for scoring. He may think, if he alone is keeping the player onside, that to step over his own goal-line, would leave the player with only the "keeper" in front of him, and assume that he will be penalised for offside. This would not be the case, and the

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today Bill Busby. The attacks by the Blues petered out repeatedly after some promising ground football from two or three players only to see a pass or long ball go completely awry.

There is no doubt about Annerley's fitness as Wynnum keeper Eddie Shaw sweated out some worried minutes in the game's dying throes. Coach Ron White is working on the middle muddle. Like Jack in the Boxes, Annerley will continually bob up to worry other combinations.

"We had them chewing their fingernails into the second half." Newmarket's Eddie Masters was talking of their 1-0 first half lead over Germania last week. "Unfortunately, experience told," he said, as Germania settled down to a 4-1 win. Newmarket took a body blow midway through the second half. 18 year old Ken Osborne sustained an ankle injury and then there were ten. Eddie said the boys returned to teamwork. "I won't praise anyone," he said, "they were a unit!" With the team's chances for promotion looking slightly tattered, he intends giving the 16 and 17 year olds a taste of second division football in preparation for an all out assault next year.

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referee would allow play to proceed, and at the end of the movement should warn or preferably caution the player for "ungentlemanly conduct". It is sharp practice of a very high degree. Many of you may think that there is a degree of parallel between the two cases, but after careful thought, you will appreciate the wide difference between them. It is a question of tact and above all common sense, being applied to football law.

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