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BLUEBIRDS KICK OFF SUNDAY

Cardiff City, Welsh Cup-holders, and European Cup-winners Cup semi-finalists, open their Australian tour against Victoria on Sunday. The Victorians, whose recent record against tourists included a 1-1 draw with Manchester United, have a strong line-up, including Czech World Cup goalkeeper Wilhelm Schroif, and are expected to provide stiff opposition.

Cardiff have a fairly tight itinerary, which included nine matches in their four-week stay in Australia. The full programme is: June 9, v. Victoria; June 10, v. Tasmania; June 15, v. Newcastle; June 19, v. Aust. XI (Melbourne); June 23, v. Queensland; June 26, v. Aust. XI (Sydney); June 29, v. South Australia; July 7, v. Western Australia.

The stars of the side are expected to be skipper Brian Harris, who will be remembered by Australians as Everton's "Beagle" type on their 1964 tour, and Cardiff-born inside forward, John Toshack, recently the subject of a \$70,000 offer from Fulham.

Cardiff will be accompanied by their manager, Jimmy Scoular, who took over the post in 1964 after a distinguished playing career, including two League Championship medals with Portsmouth and an F.A. Cup-winners' medal with Newcastle United.

The entire party will be under the charge of Mr. V. Dewe, son of the club's Chairman.



Hugh Montgomery

OPINION

By rejecting a motion from the Wynnum club that a system of 2-up and 2-down apply to promotion to and relegation from, first Division, the Queensland Soccer Federation clubs made a wise decision last Monday evening.

The merits or otherwise of this proposal are not in question. In effect, the clubs ruled quite firmly that it is morally unjustifiable to tamper with this question in mid-season, when the benefits and dangers to certain clubs are already sufficiently apparent from their League positions to colour their voting.

By an ironic co-incidence, the club moving the motion are currently in second position in second Division. It is, perhaps, pertinent to ask how their Delegate would have felt on the subject had his club been in ninth position in first Division.

At the commencement of this season, it was clearly understood that one team would be relegated at the end of the 1968 season.

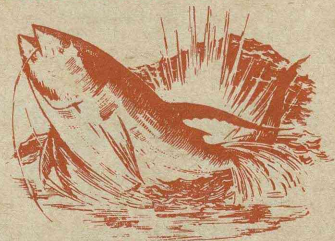
The matter has now been, in effect, deferred to the next Annual Meeting of the Federation, and will doubtless reappear then. By ensuring in this manner that all clubs will have a full season's notice of any proposed changes, we feel that the Queensland Federation has protected the interests of all concerned.

Clubs desiring the change will still have the opportunity of proposing it; those opposing will know exactly where they stand should it be successful.

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Tension, Trumpet and 2 goals

Second Division with Kevin Milmo

Tension of big match calibre was evident in players when Germania tipped Wynnum from the Table Top last Sunday. The rallying call of a supporter's trumpet and the spectacular display of forward Siggie Wehner who opened the scoring in the 37th minute and clinched the game in the 84th, lent colour to an exciting clash that displayed Second Division football at its best.

Fireworks from an adjoining field set the mood of the match as warnings and a nametaking by referee Mick Novakovic highlighted the opening minutes. Flaring tempers were never far from the surface throughout the game as 22 fit players rallied time after time in an all-out effort to provide an early pointer for Promotion honours. Germania always had slightly more of the play, but Wynnum's deadly foraging raids spearheaded by the always dangerous Bill Shaw and Arthur Creighton came within an ace of fruition. Wehner was Mr. Spectacular for Germania as his crossplay across the net had keeper Eddie Staw scrambling.

Sorcerer Bert Mohr was the ultra cool captain of the middle, combining well with outstanding ball player Gordon Kaddie and the Sorcerer's Apprentice at centre half, Bill Zimmerman, who continues to grow in maturity with every

game.

In contrast Wynnum's linkmen often left the middle unguarded. The paucity of follow through by the halves denied depth to the forward attack and led to a word of criticism from State selector and coach Rags Tatters. "They're getting the ball and giving it — and that's the end of it!" he said. The ultimate result of the match came from the Germania capture of the midfield.

Wynnum, though, never looked a beaten team and Hincliff, Creighton and Shaw were tryers to the death. John Hales, Wynnum's man in the middle, was cut off capably by Zimmerman and Co. Brian Lees, last year's captain-coach and now playing in Townsville, made a surprise one match comeback.

Wynnum will continue to improve. In the rundown of games before the return match, the inexperience of a few of the younger players will be curtailed by

the example of Webb and the English squad. The shutters have almost come down on the Germania compliment, and last week's line-up could be the squad that will sweep the club into First Division.

\$550 is a lot to outlay for a player but Mitchelton believe that the Allen Bain investment is reaping a rich reward. He has proved an excellent coach and captain and his top Division experience has guided the side comfortably into third position. The Annerley clash last weekend was not all Allen would have wanted as a preview to meeting Germania this Sunday. There were anxious moments aplenty before a penalty in the dying minutes of the game was netted by Tom Devine. Fast end to end football kept reliable custodian Brian Parker continually on the move. Neville Jones replaced John Schmith at left wing. Annerley proved the downfall of the Mitchie fourths when a second half accident list left 9 men and the team tumbled 3-1. Bruce Jones suffered a badly bruised back and Paul Tedman concussion. David Stubbs earned the best and fairest award.

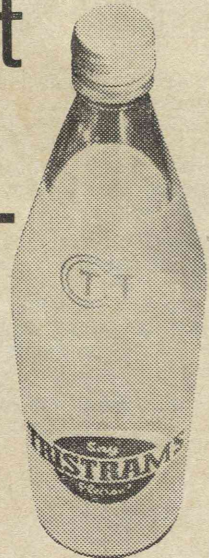
There has been another injury in the Budapest-Grovely lineup. Master tactician Alex Bata who has been running in the forwards due to the shocking injury list has sustained a broken wrist and will be out for at least four weeks. Budapest, last weekend against Easts, again staged a last minute recovery after facing a 3-0 deficit at the half. They had to be patient until a nail biting final fifteen minutes brought 4 goals and ultimate victory.

President Bill Berka was impressed with Easts but mentioned his sides' near misses. "Easts are a young team with a future. We were unlucky in that first half though, as we must have hit the post six times." Carl Gwinner celebrated his return from suspension with a dazzler, aided and abetted by Graham Gillespie in defence. "I was very impressed with referee Arthur Harper's handling of the match", Bill added.

Dnipro advanced another step from the relegation zone when they beat Newmarket 2-0 last weekend. Coach Fred Kingshott is concentrating on constructive football and tactic talks play a major part in the training schedule. A point of weakness, the midfield, has

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Full House Expected Again

The Lanham Park ground at The Grange is again likely to be bursting at the seams when Grange Thistle play Hollandia there on Sunday, writes RON MITCHELL.

Last Sunday week, the Thistle-Azzurri crowd at Lanham Park created a record for the ground and Thistle are fortunate in having another stellar attraction so soon after.

The Thistle-Hollandia match is undoubtedly one of the most vital of the premiership, and whichever team drops two points, or even one point on Sunday could, even at this relatively early stage, possibly kiss their premiership hopes goodbye.

The home team, Grange Thistle are second, two points behind Azzurri, but they can feel the hot, eager breath of Hollandia on the backs of their necks as the Dutch-sponsored team is only another point behind in third place.

Home ground atmosphere has meant little to Thistle this season. They beat Merton 3-0 on Lanham in the first match of the premiership, and since have drawn 1-all with both Oxley and Azzurri in their other two Lanham Park fixtures.

Like Thistle, Hollandia have lost only one match, the single point difference between the teams being due to Hollandia having played three draws to Thistle's two.

In the forward line, Hollandia seem to be superior. Hollandia's raiding quartet of Ray Richards, Keijo Voutilainen, Mel Swindells and Dale Mortimer, will run into some stiff opposition from the Thistle rearguard, which could be composed of Andy Griffiths, Alex Keenan, George Whitaker and Barrie Allison.

But Hollandia are likely to capitalise on any errors and Richards particularly could be the huge danger.

Richards is in sparkling form as he forages far and wide, starts the goalwards thrusts, and crashes in those powerhouse shots.

Vic Wyer, Barry Jardine, Roger Clark and Ritchie Smith, who are likely to form the Thistle attack, will not be idle if John McDonald and Jim Bell can give them good and consistent support from midfield.

Several times last match against Oxley, the Hollandia rearguard looked shaky under pressure when there was a lack of understanding between goalkeeper John Manolatos and the field defence.

The midfield players who could be Darryl Wilkins and Hugh Montgomery for Hollandia, and McDonald and Bell for Thistle, will have a big say in the result of the match.

The midfield linkmen have a big responsibility. They must be fit, exercise tidy ball control, make their passes count, vary the direction of attacks, and support both the strikers and the defence.

Thistle and Hollandia are capable of an extremely entertaining match, provided they sacrifice a little of their speed in the interests of control and accuracy.

I tip Hollandia to win a close match, but in view of my atrocious record as a forecaster this season, most people will probably expect Thistle to win.

But remember, while some of our teams can fool me some of the time, they can't all fool me all of the time (or something like that).

COALSTARS v. MERTON

With the confidence of their first League victory under their belts, Coalstars should prove too strong for Merton Rovers at Bundamba.

Their only win previous to last week's defeat of Hellenic, was, in fact, a 4-2 Queensland Cup victory over Merton, and with the prospect of a top four place still within their grasp, Coalstars are unlikely to allow the visitors to return to Brisbane with the points.

Merton, after their worst start to the season in many years, have made a partial recovery, and now hang poised with Polonia and Latrobe just outside the top four — but also in relegation danger unless they can maintain their improvement.

The Rovers biggest problem has been their attack, where matchwinner Eric Pattison has been in indifferent form, and has not been receiving adequate support.

Coalstars, after a bleak spell, have scored eleven goals in their last four matches, thanks largely to a timely return to his best by Ian Johnston.

With both teams possessing potential matchwinners in Pattison (Merton) and Johnston (Coalstars), a highscoring duel could result.

OXLEY v. HELLENIC

In the doldrums after three successive defeats, Oxley United have the opportunity to regain momentum against Hellenic at Dunlop Park.

Neither team was anywhere near their best last week, both surrendering the points through second-half collapses after holding the lead. Oxley were outclassed by Hollandia in the closing stages after making a spirited fight of the first seventy minutes, and their reliance on key men Haigh, Lee, and Dwyer makes them extremely vulnerable to any team capable of subduing this trio.

It appears as if Hellenic will have to struggle to maintain their proud record

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of appearing in the Premiership semi-finals every year since their inception in 1959.

McMillan, Tsombaras and Taylor form a viable and steady attack, but in midfield, and particularly in defence, the aura of invincibility that once surrounded Hellenic teams has disappeared.

The key to the result will probably be the ability of Bill Haigh and Mick Lee to gain midfield mastery, as Hellenic's attack will win the match if given the chances.

Hellenic should win narrowly, but a draw would not surprise.

LATROBE v. ST. HELENS

St. Helens, unlike their neighbours, Coalstars, have still held firm to their traditional "steamroller" tactics. Wild, high kicks down the centre of the field furiously chased by tearaway forwards, scarcely provide an attractive spectacle, but have proved fairly successful for the Saints to date.

Against the methodical Latrobe defence, on the reliable Exhibition Ground surface, where skill is as important as pace, they are likely to find the going rather rough.

Skipper Ron Walton has moulded the remnants of Latrobe's 1967 combination into an effective defensive unit, but without greater penetration in attack, the Premiers will find it difficult to escape the relegation zone.

Individually, St. Helens appear stronger, but with much more discipline in their play, Latrobe should provide stiff opposition.

There is no doubt also that the Exhibition Ground brings the best from Latrobe, who have won both their matches there this season, beating Coalstars 1-0 and Grange-Thistle 3-1.

Walker in goal, and the solid McIntosh at centre half are the kindpins of the

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Summing Up With SIDELINER

Weeks of frustration and near-agony were swept away for Coalstars players and fans at the Exhibition Ground last Sunday. Not only did they finally crash through to their first, desperately-awaited victory of the season, but the old Ipswich fire and spirit was again in full cry.

Down 2-1 at half-time, Stars were inspired to a second-half revival by their Terrible Twins — brothers Frank and Ian Johnston. International Ian has now struck top form after a long spell in the wilderness, and Hellenic will not be the last to fall victim to this goal-hungry duo.

The early season bubbles of hope have been pricked for both Polonia and Merton Rovers, and their tense relegation-zone clash at Lanham Park was a dour, rugged affair. Merton, after trailing for most of the first half, struck in the second to collect a 3-1 victory which could have a considerable bearing on relegation later in the season.

Shock merchants Latrobe struck a hammer-blow at Spencer Park, where Azzurri almost went the same way as Grange-Thistle did two weeks ago. Ross Kelly, fast repaying his \$1,800.00 transfer tag, was all that stood between the Italians and defeat. The impotency of both forward lines must have set selectors worrying, however.

Grange-Thistle twice came from behind to snatch a 3-2 win at Ebbw Vale, where St. Helens inside forward Ken McLean was ordered off by referee McDougall. Thistle, fielding three reserves, always had the edge, and deserved the points.

An astonishing second-half collapse by Oxley United enabled Hollandia-Inala to record a deceptively convincing 5-1 victory at the Exhibition Ground on Saturday. Oxley took the lead through Mick Lee, and with Hollandia well below their best, were well in the match until the closing stages. The Dutchmen ran riot towards the end, however, and finally won as they pleased.

FIFTH DIVISION

Annerley shared a point with Dnipro last weekend, to retain their undefeated record. Wing half "Ango" Catalano, who had never kicked a football until last year, won the best and fairest award. Kevin Casey has been a tiger for the team, playing at centre forward, and has 9 goals to his credit from two matches.

Team manager Bill Johns is looking forward eagerly to the coming clash with The Gap, which he believes will be the real tester.

In 6th Division, leaders Acacia Ridge continued to impress with a 16-0 win over Teachers.

Ground Report

Last weekend Soccer News paid a visit to St. Helen's headquarters at Ebbw Vale. Here is our assessment:—

SEATING ACCOMMODATION: Adequate for a small crowd, but would be severely strained by a large attendance. Rating: 60%.

DRESSING ROOMS & TOILETS: Dressing rooms are old, but reasonably clean. The toilets are primitive. Rating 50%.

CANTEEN & P.A. SYSTEM: An efficient canteen operates, and a P.A. system gave satisfactory service last week. Rating 75%.

GENERAL COMMENTS: Ebbw Vale is neither among the best nor the worst of our grounds. Its principal drawback is the lack of general development rather than in any particular aspect. Rating 60%.

WHO'S PLAYING NEXT?

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th—

- * Exhibition Ground HELLENIC v. GRANGE-THISTLE
- * Ebbw Vale ST. HELENS UTD. v. AZZURRI
- † Ekibin ANNERLEY v. EASTS UNITED
- † Memorial Park GERMANIA v. BARDON

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th—

- * Prentice Park POLONIA v. COALSTARS
- * Venue to be announced MERTON ROVERS v. OXLEY UTD.
- * Exhibition Ground HOLLANDIA v. LATROBE
- † Grovely BUDAPEST v. TOOWONG
- † Gap GAP v. MT. GRAVATT
- † McCook Park POSTAL INSTITUTE v. MITCHELTON
- † Raymond Park DNIPRO v. WYNNUM

*—First Division †—Second Division

HE GOT LOST!

Keijo Voutilainen replaced Alec Karbonowicz at outside right for Hollandia at half-time last week — and thereby hangs a tale. It was the first time that the Finnish speedster had travelled to Brisbane alone by car — and he couldn't find the Exhibition Ground! An out-of-breath "Kayo" came rushing into the ground almost as Hollandia officials were preparing to give him up "for lost"

Junior Roundup, with Squareball— Annerley's Close Shaves

A feature of Annerley's results in Junior grades last weekend was the general tightness of matches, with the result that five matches were won by the slender margin of 1-0.

Annerley's 11B's, 1-0 victors against Redcliffe, have made an excellent recovery this season, after being pointless in 1967. This was their fifth successive win, with Geoff Doyle gaining the Best and Fairest Award.

In both the 11A and 12A Divisions, last-minute goals secured both points for Annerley, scorers being Neil Hodge (11A) and John McArthur (12A).

Wynnum's pride and joy have been their Under-9 team. Several of these lads are only seven years of age, but the team has been performing very well, and have lost only once this season. The Under-15 side is the last remaining unbeaten team in the club.

Six Wynnum players have secured representation in the Brisbane teams chosen recently. They are: D. Thompson and J. Williamson (U15); R. Wishart and D. Lewis (U16); and M. Lea and G. Port (U18).

Six victories and seven defeats came the way of Mitchelton Juniors, with the 14A and 12A teams retaining their unbeaten records. This week, both clash with their respective premierships leaders Mt. Gravatt (14A) and Coalstars (12A).

Entries for Mitchelton's Under-14 Carnival at the club Fete on Monday have been received from Easts, Hollandia, Annerley, South Coast, Zillmere, and Mitchelton, in addition to a visiting side from N.S.W.

FIRST DIVISION PREVIEW (continued from page 3)— typically hard-tackling Saints defence, and another low-scoring match is likely, with Latrobe slightly favoured.

POLONIA v. AZZURRI

Despite some good successes at times this season, Polonia seem to have little chance against powerful Premiership leaders, Azzurri at Prentice Park on Sunday.

Cardiff's Chequered Career

Cardiff City, who arrive in Australia this week, have had a chequered career in English League Football over the past 48 years, throughout which they have held the position of Wales' Premier club.

Originally formed as an amateur club called Riverside in 1899, the present club was formed as a professional organisation in 1910, and moved to their present headquarters, Ninian Park.

Elected to the English League second Division, Cardiff achieved fame by winning promotion at their first attempt, missing the Championship on goal average.

Goal averages again played a crucial part in 1924, when 0.01 of a goal gave the first Division title to Huddersfield Town. In 1927 Cardiff became the only club to take the F.A. Cup out of England, defeating Arsenal 1-0 at Wembley.

By 1934, their fortunes had slumped dramatically, and a series of reverses found them bottom of the third Division. A further blow was the destruction of the centre stand at Ninian Park in a fire in 1937.

In 1947, thanks to the club scoring record of 31 goals in 34 matches by Stan Richards, Cardiff commenced the long climb back, and by 1953 were back in first Division. By 1957 they were back in Division Two, and after gaining promotion in 1960, have since slid back to hold a middle-of-the-table second Division position since.

Any team inclined to under-rate Cardiff City will be in for a surprise, despite their relatively low standing in English

circles. In the past three years, their European Cup-winners Cup scalps include Sporting Lisbon (2-1, away); Shamrock Rovers (Eire, 2-0) and Moscow Torpedo, whom they twice defeated 1-0 in this season's competition.

Some of the top names in the touring party will be:—

Brian Harris, one of the stars of Everton's 1964 tour. A clever half-back with an irresistible sense of humour which endeared him to Australians.

John Toshack, Cardiff born and currently a major attraction as an inside forward. Stoke City and Fulham have both expressed their interest in this 6-footer, but he has decided to remain with City.

Barrie Jones, former Swansea winger, who joined Cardiff from Plymouth Argyle. Brother of the famous Spurs' winger, Cliff Jones.

Cardiff City v. Queensland

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The referee gives a doubtful decision in the box, with a resultant penalty, and a player or two let off steam. A skirmish follows, and a threatened punch almost leads to a booking. Any more of this and a short excursion is ahead — destination dressing room.

Things are going badly, and there is a frantic signal from the sidelines to the skipper. A change is ordered, and a smart goal follows. Just the ticket!

The tempo heats up as the teams get all steamed up. After an injury, a player is shunted to the wing, but his leg is too tender for him to continue. A substitute is called for, as no team can afford to carry a passenger.

There is a free kick on the edge of the area. The defenders guard the goal, but the home side score with an express drive. It's one the fans have been waiting for — a special from the newly signed star. The fans acclaim this one as the goods. In fact, it's first class.

More goals wanted, the fans are all for this type of fare. Suddenly the worst happens. The home goalkeeper let through a soft shot. The verdict is obvious — "Call him a keeper — more like a sleeper!"

The home crowd has really gone

Notes from the North

Townsville's Premiership leaders, Olympics, received a fright at the hands of Estates last week.

After 30 minutes, Rowlinson finished off a good move to open the scoring for Estates, and with Olympic playing raggedly, Estates' bustling tactics had the leaders off balance.

In the second session, Estates tried similar tactics. Olympic, however, now settled down, and Stevenson cleverly engineered the equaliser when Borrell scored from his pass.

It was Stevenson again who burst through the centre to slam a fine header home to put Olympic in front, and Estates staged an all-out attack in a desperate bid to equalise, but they lacked the finishing touches which could have gained them at least three goals.

Minutes from the end, Olympic put the issue beyond doubt, when Stevenson headed in a third goal from a

corner, but Estates were glorious in defeat. They played the better soccer and the match could easily have gone their way.

Olympic were saved by the brilliance of Stevenson, who was ably assisted by Lees and O'Callaghan.

RIPS dominated the first half of their match against Idalia Rovers to lead 3-0 at the break, and the 1967 Champions were never in danger of defeat, while Rangers and Roma played a scoreless draw.

Points: Olympic 11; Roma 7; RIPS 7; Rangers 6; Estates 5; Idalia Rovers 0.

A club trophy donated by the Mackay Referees' Association has aroused considerable interest in Central Queensland areas. Rockhampton are the organisers for this year's competition, which will be run on a Carnival basis. The inaugural competition last year was won by Lions (Mackay) from Wanderers and Wests (Mackay), Bundaberg and Railway Recreation (Rockhampton).

To date, seven nominations have been received for the 1968 trophy from Bundaberg Diggers, Mackay Wests, Mount Morgan, Railway Recreation, Nerimbera, Frenchville and Waratah (the last four from Rockhampton). Nominations are also expected from Lions and Wanderers in Mackay and from Bundaberg Corinthians.

Play will be conducted in two or three groups with the Final to be played on Monday, June 10th. The presence of many of the stars of the recent Queensland Cup matches should ensure interesting matches, and a high standard is expected. It will be the first time that so many club matches of this calibre have been arranged in the Central District.

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off the rails by this time, and they need a couple of goals to make the game safe. Their team sees the need to close the doors in defence. In the true modern style of the game they do a little overloading and seal the gaps. They feel a single goal would suffice, but fail to get it despite a return to the attack.

As the minutes tick away, there is nothing to add to the goals time-table. The referee blows, and put the brakes on the game for the last time. (Football League Review).

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JUNIOR FEAST AT EKIBIN

There will be a real feast of soccer at Ekibin Oval, Annerley, on Sunday, with the commencement of the season's Junior Inter-district fixtures, while Toowoomba will play host to Ipswich in Toowoomba.

Gold Coast Juniors, who formed their own Association this season after previously playing in BJSa competitions, will oppose Brisbane in five grades — Under 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16.

In addition, matches have been arranged for the Under 9, 1, 13, 15 and 18 divisions against teams from the Annerley club. The club sides will comprise boys one year older than their representative opponents, with a composite XI to play the under 18 team.

Kick-off times are: U10, 10.30 a.m.; U12, 11.20 a.m.; U14, 12.30 p.m.; and U16, 1.45 p.m. The Under 8's will kick off at 2 p.m. on the Junior field.

Players who have been selected to play for Brisbane are as follows:

- UNDER 8—S. Cook, G. Beavers, K. Jenkinson, B. Skyring, G. Rigby, C. Mathison, W. Williams, M. Mitno, G. Campbell, T. Jones, M. Brusasco. Reserves: L. McGrath and S. Lacey.
- UNDER 10—D. McGowan, K. Adriansen, K. Copley, M. Kastriosis, G. Jones, B. Stutz, I. Heywood, B. Brockhurst, J. Burns, M. J. McNamee, S. Macklin. Reserves: B. Riley and G. Thiesfield.
- UNDER 12—G. Lowien, J. Davis, I. Smith, L. Seabrook, G. Bohan, W. Cook, T. Dobber, T. Bailey, L. Banks, R. Thomas, J. Campbell. Reserves: R. Holzheiner and W. Drysdale.
- UNDER 14—R. Terry, S. Sarri, C. Dickson, G. Lovell, P. Ross, J. Parkes, W. Connors, J. Farren, M. Drew, G. Porter, J. Bedford. Reserves: G. Petersen and I. Boyce.
- UNDER 16—G. Haylock, Waite, Brown, Lewis, Burton, Wishart, Gillespie, Lindeman, Stubbs, Hay, Stewart. Reserves: Garring and Ritchie.

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been strengthened by the inclusion of back from injury Eddie Janczuk and Jim Swift. Forward Simon Rowland has a lot to do with the return to form of their forward line. Some smart interplay was evident last week. Their victorious fifth division side conceded a point last weekend to Annerley but Fred thinks they are still favourites for the title.

Toowong conceded 31 goals in their first five matches but have had their line crossed only twice in the last 3 games. A whirlwind series of defeats earlier in the season when they faced the three big guns left the side bewildered but the confidence gained from the 3 precious points of the last two weeks have spurred the team on. "We'll cause upsets and draw away from relegation", commented secretary Les Hewitt. Mt. Gravatt were the prey last up as a 2-0 dumper sent that side to the bottom of the table. Fine goals came from Terry Fuller in the 15th minute and Wayne Williams in the 80th. A good allround team performance was marred by a 20 minute lapse immediately after half time when Mt. Gravatt pressed repeatedly. Darryl Thorp, with another competent display, continues to put a mortgage on the net position.

IPSWICH HOLD THE CARDS

Having won the first leg of the 1968 Kruger Cup 3-2, Ipswich need only a draw at Bundamba on Monday to regain the trophy for the first time for several years.

Brisbane's team shows several changes. Linkman Owen Monaghan has withdrawn through injury, being replaced by Graham McMillan (Hellenic), and others to come into the side are defender Matt Hosie (replacing

Peter Steen) and Azzurri's inside forward John Daley (Eric Pattison).

Expected line-ups:
IPSWICH: (from) R. Kelly, B. Burren, C. Smith, J. McIntosh, G. Wilkins, P. Sunderland, K. Dann, F. Johnston, G. Lawrie, R. Hallett, D. Wilkins, J. Haswell, D. Mortimer, I. Johnston, R. Hughes.
BRISBANE: R. Ross, D. Robson, M. Hosie, R. Walton, G. Mackie, W. Haigh, G. McMillan, A. Tsombaras, J. Daley, R. Richards, W. Walker.
The curtain-raiser, at 1.15 p.m. will be between Brisbane and Ipswich Under-13 sides.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

| FIRST DIVISION | |
|---|-------|
| Merton Rovers (Vincze, Petersen, Pattison) | (1) 3 |
| Hellenic (McMillan, May) | (2) 2 |
| Azzurri | (0) 0 |
| Hollandia (Richards 2, Montgomery, D. Wilkins, Swindells) | (1) 5 |
| St. Helens (Verrall, Rose) | (1) 2 |
| Polonia (Walker) | (1) 1 |
| Coalstars (Johnston 2, Hallett, Lawrie) | (1) 4 |
| Latrobe-Wests | (0) 0 |
| Oxley Utd. (Lee) | (1) 1 |
| Grange Thistle (Wyer 2, Jardine) | (1) 3 |

| P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Azzurri | 7 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 12 |
| Grange Thistle | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 9 |
| Hollandia-Inala | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 11 |
| Hellenic | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8 |
| St. Helens United | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 7 |
| Oxley United | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 6 |
| Merton Rovers | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 5 |
| Polonia | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 5 |
| Latrobe-Wests | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| Coalstars | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 |

| RESERVE DIVISION | |
|------------------|---|
| Merton Rovers | 0 |
| Hellenic | 0 |
| Hollandia | 3 |
| Azzurri | 1 |
| St. Helens | 0 |
| Polonia | 1 |
| Coalstars | 4 |
| Oxley United | 0 |
| Latrobe | 0 |
| Grange Thistle | 1 |

| P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Coalstars | 7 | 6 | 1 | 31 | 7 | 13 |
| Grange Thistle | 7 | 6 | 1 | 23 | 13 | 12 |
| Azzurri | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 10 |
| St. Helens United | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 8 |
| Polonia | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 7 |
| Merton Rovers | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 7 |
| Latrobe-Wests | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 7 |
| Hellenic | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 29 |
| Hollandia-Inala | 7 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 20 |
| Oxley United | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 26 |

| SECOND DIVISION | |
|-----------------|---|
| Budapest | 4 |
| Gap Pastime | 3 |
| Annerley | 0 |
| Germania | 2 |
| Dnipro | 2 |
| Toowong | 2 |
| Easts United | 3 |
| Bardon | 1 |
| Mitchelton | 1 |
| Wynnum | 0 |
| Postal Inst. | 0 |
| Mt. Gravatt | 0 |

| P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Germania | 8 | 7 | 1 | 28 | 7 | 15 |
| Wynnum District | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 11 |
| Mitchelton | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 7 |
| Budapest | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 10 |
| Easts United | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 25 | 17 |
| Postal Institute | 8 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 20 |
| Annerley | 8 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 14 |
| The Gap | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 14 |
| Dnipro | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 14 |
| Bardon | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 30 |
| Wynnum | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 33 |
| Toowong | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 33 |
| Mount Gravatt | 8 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 31 |

Tipster's Corner

Progress points: Mourney 24; Fouche 23; Milmo 23; Steel 22; Waddell 22; Bevin 17; Mitchell 14.

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

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PERSONALITY PARADE

No. 5 BOB LAWRIE

BOB LAWRIE, now the President of the Queensland State Primary Schools Soccer Association, is widely regarded as the greatest footballer produced in Queensland.

Lawrie is the only Queensland since the war to have captained Australia, leading the side in ten successive matches, and playing fourteen consecutive internationals between 1947 and 1951.

Lawrie learned his soccer in the West Moreton district, but the war came and he was soon to be found in the ranks of the RAAF. Fortunately, perhaps, for soccer in Queensland and Australia service duties took him to England, where he was stationed for some time, and seized the opportunity to brush up on football.

During this period, he played as a guest player with English League club Brentford. Coming home, he settled in South Australia, and was soon a regular member of the State side, gaining selection for the Australian tour of New Zealand in 1948, and appearing in all four internationals.

Moving to NSW he joined Leichhardt-Annandale, and was instrumental in assisting that side to the NSW premiership.

A teaching appointment then brought him back to his home State, and he linked up with Bundamba Rangers, with whom he spent several seasons before moving to Bulimba as captain coach.

Against Hakjuk (Yugoslavia) in 1949, Lawrie equalled the record of Lex Gibb by becoming only the second Queensland to play in all five 'Tests' against the visitors.

In 1950, Lawrie captained the Australian team which shared a series away to South Africa, and became only the second soccer player ever to win the Telegraph "Blue of Blues".

Came 1951 and the English F.A. tour,

TOUCHLINE TITBITS

Grange Thistle have been hard hit by injuries in recent weeks. Halfback Sandy Kay is out for the rest of the season with knee trouble, and last



Sandy Kay

week goalkeeper Keith Rigby, Barry Dann and Owen Monaghan were also sidelined.

Few players can have as much enthusiasm for the game as Latrobe forward "Scottie" Jamiesen, the son of Federation Treasurer George Jamiesen. Jamiesen, now teaching at Wondai

and once again Lawrie was in the lead in all five matches. He has the unique 'distinction', therefore, of being the captain of the Australian side which was beaten 17-0 by the F.A. team — then held the Englishmen to a 4-1 victory just a week later.

Today Lawrie is a school teacher at Silkstone State School, and has played a major role in the fostering of the game at primary school level.

High School, drives to Brisbane each week for his game of football — a round trip of almost 350 miles. And he's one of the few true-blue amateurs in first division football into the bargain!

Famous fathers department . . . playing side by side in St. Helens' Under 9 team's forward line are Ross Kitching and Graham Sander, sons of internationals Col Kitching and Cliff Sander.

Oxley United have broken new ground for a Brisbane club by sending President Ted Potter to Britain to scout for new players. He will spend some time in both England and Scotland.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK (addressed to former QSF President Ian Brusasco by a second division delegate, commenting on last Monday's decision to reject a move for two-up and two-down from first division): "I don't know who you are, sir, but you've just put soccer in this State back 12 months!"

QSF President BILL WADDELL dropped an unannounced bombshell at Monday's Council Meeting which passed virtually unnoticed. He stated that from 1969, the Brisbane City Council would direct all ground leases to the Federation, and would terminate club leases.

State coach Rags Tatters has been taking a peep at second division talent in recent weeks, and was impressed with the standard of the top of the table clash between Wynnum and Germania last week. The last time a player outside first division appeared for Queensland was as recently as last June, when Azzurri's John Snaith played against Manchester United.

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