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## CARDIFF HERE NEXT WEEK

By ALAN FOUCHE

**Cardiff City, the Welsh Cup-holders, arrive in Brisbane next week to play Queensland at the Exhibition Grounds on Sunday week -- and the State team's chances of causing an upset have never been brighter.**

Not since 1959, when they drew 3-3 with Hearts, in a match which prompted Hearts manager Tommy Walker to describe the Queensland team as "of Scottish first division

standard on the day," have Queensland come close to victory against a top-class touring side.

Cardiff's defeat in New Zealand by Central League, and their 1-1 draw with Victoria has given the State team new heart for their clash next Sunday. In recent years it has been the attack which has let Queensland down, but the great form of Ray Richards and newcomer Keijo Voutilainen should ensure a busy day for the Welsh defenders.

Ross Kelly, currently vying with Sydney's Ron Corry for the Australian goalkeeping spot, will again be the key figure for Queensland, and an unmistakable air of optimism has been evident among players and officials generally that Queensland will repeat their fine performance of 1965, when they held the Russians, Torpedo Moscow, to a narrow 1-0 win under floodlight.

The State's full results against touring teams over the past decade are:—

- 1958 v Blackpool, 0-9.
- 1959 v Hearts, 3-3.
- 1961 v Fiji, 13-2
- 1964 v Everton, 0-5.
- 1965 v Torpedo Moscow, 0-1.
- 1965 v Chelsea, 0-4.
- 1966 v Roma, 0-6.
- 1967 v Manchester United, 0-7



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## CARDIFF IN BRIEF

- ★ **Founded:** 1899, as Riverside, becoming a professional club in 1910.
- ★ **Ground:** Ninian Park, Cardiff.
- ★ **Record Crowd:** 57,893.
- ★ **Colours:** Royal blue shirts, white shorts.
- ★ **Highest League Score:** 7-0, v. Burnley, 1928-29.
- ★ **Highest Scorer:** 31 (S. Richards, 1946-47).
- ★ **Most in match:** 5, W. Robins, v. Thames, 1931-32.
- ★ **Highest Positions:** Division I: Runners-up 1923-24; 4th 1921-22; Division II: Runners-up 1920-21 and 1951-52. Division III South Champions, 1946-47.
- ★ **Internationals include:**
  - Wales:** I. Allchurch, J. Charles, M. Charles, R. Clarke, L. Davies, T. Ford, F. Keenor, A. Sherwood, B. Hole, J. Evans, G. Lathom.
  - Scotland:** J. Blair, D. Murray.
  - Ireland:** T. Farquharson, T. Sloan, J. McCambridge.
  - England:** C. Rutter, W. Grabt, G. Hitchens.
- ★ **Manager:** Jimmy Scoular (Bradford and Portsmouth).
- ★ **League Career:** Division II, 1920-21; Division I, 1921-29; Division II, 1929-31; Division III (South), 1931-39, 1946-47; Division II, 1947-52; Division I, 1952-57; Division II, 1957-60; Division I, 1960-62; Division II, 1962-68.
- ★ **Welsh Cup winners on 13 occasions, and current holders; F.A. Cup winners 1927; League Cup West winners 1945; F.A. Charity Shield winners 1928.**

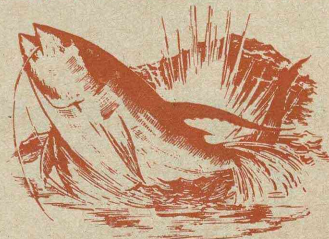
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# Where have all the forwards gone

Second Division with Kevin Milmo

**Pardon the pun on Dietrich but that burning question must be on the lips of many coaches this season. Defence is no problem -- there are some really outstanding players. Germania and Wynnum were certainly asking that question after they dropped points to Mitchelton and Postal last weekend.**

"We were impressed with the Mitchelton defence", said Germania President Guenther Pieplow. "They had an 8-man defence — when we attacked they just fell back and crowded the goalmouth," said Wynnum coach Bill Webb. With the attacks that Germania and Wynnum are capable of launching, this shows up the most glaring weakness evident in second division football this season.

The problem is not restricted to the top echelon. Every coach is wrestling with the problem. I put it down to the abundance of youngsters (and surely this must be a record) playing this term, and playing the 4-3-3 or 4-2-4 system as against the more orthodox brand of football to which they have been accustomed.

Whether the coaches are not capable of passing on the basics of these intricate manoeuvres or whether the basic talent is not available is a debatable

point, but I do know this that whatever team wins the division this year, whether it be Germania, Wynnum, Budapest or Mitchelton, they will be assured of a return ticket if they take up their present inexperienced attacks. Mitchelton and Newmarket pricked the bubble of invincibility last weekend and PROJECT FORWARD seems to me to be the major objective before the final cry of checkmate! can be made before the door of promotion.

Wynnum came in slightly under strength against Newmarket. Centre John Hales (ankle injury) and George Phillips (torn ligaments) reported unfit. Right wing Rod Merrin was the man of the moment when he equalised in the closing minutes. "We're having our bad spell at the moment," said Bill Webb, "Everyone has one, but I just hope we drop fewer points in ours."

Apart from the disappointment of a dropped point, Germania President

Guenther Pieplow said that the match provided entertaining (but not technical) football, due to the state of the ground. High, long balls were a feature of the game. Gordon Keddie was outstanding, capably backed up by Bill Zimmerman. Stan Sander was confident and tradesmanlike in goals.

Even at this early stage, the relegation battle is on in full swing. Fascinating to watch from a distance, but heart-tearing for the teams involved. Mt. Gravatt are the bunnies at the moment with Toowong hopping over Bardon from a shared point against Dnipro. Bardon went down heavily to Annerley by 6-2.

Mt. Gravatt, in 9 games, have conceded more goals than last year's full season. A dearth of experienced players has seen key men playing out of position.

Penetration is almost non-existent. Centre forward John Williams, the only scorer last week, chased a ball in late. 28814 is the number for all intending players.

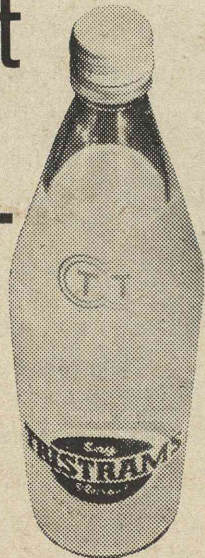
Toowong captured their third point in 4 games when they almost beat Dnipro last weekend. They failed to take advantage of a penalty in the first half. A strong second half ally and a late goal when left wing Terry Fuller fastened onto a down-wing pass, swivelled and turned to goal to deliver it high, saved the day. Budapest could have a terrier of a team to tame this week.

Coach Fred Kingshott bemoaned the vagaries of football when he discussed the shared point. "I thought we had a feast in front of us when the side settled down to good football early," he said. But the storm back was the teller. After a scoreless first half, Dnipro were first up when left wing Ray Smith let go with a 25 yarder. Captain and centre forward John McLean was not available for the match. Back Ian Anderson was a cool defender. Fred threw out a tip to Budapest when he said "No team should underestimate this Toowong line-up!"

The talk of the week was the Bain's Boys shared point with Germania. Brian Parker was the star in this fast match. He received kudos from both the Germania and Mitchelton sides. Pressure was relieved on two occasions

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# Polonia Reaching for the "Four"

By ALAN FOUCHE

**Polonia will be striking out for a possible position in the top four this weekend against Coalstars at Prentice Park on Sunday.**

Even in this remarkable season of upsets, Polonia are probably the most inconsistent team in Brisbane, mixing the brilliant with the mediocre in bewildering fashion.

Built around rock-hard Henry Brown and Derek Robson, both former Latrobe men, their defence has more than held its own, and with Coalstars' shot-shy forwards unable to penetrate Merton's rearguard, it should again give a good account of itself.

Denis Lister, a ball playing inside forward, has been in grand form in attack, and if Wayne Walker and Syd Tucker strike their best, Polonia should record another victory.

Coalstars' form has proved a complete enigma, following their all-conquering pre-season string of wins.

Ian Johnston apart, they have never quite "clicked", and frequent team changes over the past couple of months have had the opposite effect to that intended.

Defeat for Coalstars here would all but place Polonia out of the Ipswich club's reach, and on the principle that needs must when the devil drives, we think that Coalstars will get up to victory.

## GRANGE THISTLE v. HELLENIC

A fortnight ago, Grange Thistle might have approached this match with confidence. However, the probable suspension of full back Bell, and injuries to several other players could enable Hellenic to get back to the winning trail after a lean trot.

Hellenic have been the season's disappointment. Despite possessing several "name" players, their form has always been shaky, and a consistent attack has been neutralised by a number of uncharacteristic defensive mistakes.

For both sides, victory is vital in order to stay in touch with the leaders. Thistle, who were unfortunate to strike Hollandia in devastating form last week, must be favoured if their injured men all recover, but the likeliest result is a draw.

## HOLLANDIA v. LATROBE

By sheer determination, and aided largely by the magnificent example of skipper Ron Walton, Latrobe have so far managed to keep their heads just above water.

Their dogged defence will be tested to the full at Bundamba against the

best forward line in the State, and a draw would represent a triumph for the men from Milton. Richards, Voutilainen, Swindells and Mortimer, superbly backed by Montgomery and Darryl Wilkins from midfield, represent an attack to rank with the best in Queensland for some seasons, and the Dutchmen have, in fact, scored 14 goals in their last three matches.

Latrobe, with a few top-class performers in Walton, Darlington, Clemitson and Cuddaford, appear unlikely to cause any surprises. However, as against Azzurri, we have a feeling that they might rise to the occasion, and could force another draw.

## MERTON v. OXLEY

Merton Rovers, very much in the doldrums, will be out to force their way back into the middle of the table against Oxley on Sunday.

Merton, while not a great footballing side, have shown signs of recovery in the past few weeks, and although Eric Pattison is still struggling to find touch, the midfield play of the Rovers has shown more promise of late.

Oxley's dynamic midfield duo, Mick Lee and Billy Haigh, with support from Gordon Arrowsmith in attack, may prove the matchwinners for Oxley, however.

With both sides relying greatly on bustling, upsetting tactics in defence, the match is unlikely to produce spectacular soccer, but there should be no shortage of excitement.

## ST. HELENS v. AZZURRI

**On this season's results, home ground influence will not help St. Helens in their match with Azzurri at Ebbw Vale on Saturday.**

Saints have lost three of their four home matches, while having a clean "away" record with two wins and two draws.

St. Helens are fifth on the points table, only a single point behind the No. 4 team, Hellenic, and cannot afford a slip with both Oxley and Polonia only one point behind Saints.

The absence of Ken McLean for the second match of his two-match suspension, and inside forward John Haswell's absence for his wedding have posed problems for the selectors.

Kevin Rose seemed out of touch in his right wing spot last match, and will have wily opponents in Azzurri's defence on Saturday.

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**Rose, Norm Podlich (who shows plenty of promise), Ray Dann, and John Verrall, who are Saints' likely forwards, will find the route to the Azzurri goal one of the toughest they have yet encountered.**

Even if they succeed by finding a way through Ron Clark, Matt Hosie and Bruno Pinti, St. Helens' forwards then will have to beat goalkeeper Ross Kelly, who has let in only three goals in nine matches, including one that was a penalty kick.

But, at the other end, Saints' defence may be efficient enough to blot out Azzurri's attack, which has been so tame that it has scored only one goal in the last three matches.

St. Helens' goalkeeper, Mark Walker, and centre half John McIntosh are key men, but their enterprise is rubbing off on full backs Kev Dann and Greg Bell, while the wing half pair of Glen McKeand and Tony Gregg usually turn in sound efforts without any spectacular frills.

John Daley, David Keen and co., in the Azzurri attack, can expect spirited opposition from Saints' defence and a low scoring match is definitely on the cards.

There were three draws from last week-end's five first division matches and perhaps the St. Helens-Azzurri match may end with a point to each team.

Incidentally, Saturday's meeting is the first of three in a row between St. Helens and Azzurri.

They meet again on Wednesday night in the Queensland Cup second round at Maramba Stadium, Hemmant, and again on Saturday, June 29 in the next round of the premiership.

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## Summing Up Bluebirds held

By ALAN FOUCHE

From our Melbourne correspondent

Hollandia-Inala, out thinking and out manoeuvring their opponents in every phase of the game, played champagne football to trounce Grange Thistle 5-1 at Lanham Park. Nippy Dale Mortimer cashed in on several surprising defensive errors to record a hat-trick, while winger Voutilainen tore constant holes in the home rearguard.

Thistle most untypically resorted to questionable tactics in the second half, and these resulted in the expulsion of full back Bell, another Thistle defender was fortunate not to join him on the sideline, after two shocking tackles on Ray Richards.

Unfancied Oxley United, with goalkeeper Gordon Arrowsmith back in the forward line, kept their final four hopes flickering with a 2-2 draw against Hellenic. Oxley, twice in the lead, were robbed of victory only by a last minute equaliser by Andy Tsombaras.

Azzurri's indomitable defence was again let down by the attack at Prentice Park, enabling the gallant Polonia to lower their colours for the first time this season. Inside forward Denis Lister, a close-season signing from Grange Thistle, clinched the game seconds from time with a snap shot which gave goalkeeper Kelly the slip. The fates were unkind to the Italians a little earlier, when Daley slammed a sizzler just over the top, but Polonia have definitely "arrived" in first division.

Coalstars and Merton Rovers battled to a scoreless draw which left both in acute relegation trouble. Neither side has been able to lift themselves from their horror patches, and with the premiership now at the half way stage, Coalstars cannot afford a single slip.

Latrobe supporters needed nerves of steel to watch the closing stages of the Reds' 2-2 draw against St. Helens United at the Exhibition Ground. Skipper Ron Walton was the calmest man on the ground as he coolly slammed home a last-gasp penalty to split the spoils.

Latrobe, after leading 1-0, fell behind in the second session, and were eventually grateful to salvage a point.

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Victorian soccer prestige, never higher than after their 1-1 draw with Manchester United last year, soared anew last Sunday when the home side played a 1-1 draw with Cardiff City.

Sterling defence in the first half by Australian internationals George Keith, Billy Cook and Dick van Alphen, assisted by the uncannily safe Schroif in goal, were the pillars on which Cardiff's attacks foundered.

Victoria took a shock lead almost on half time. Breaking out of defence, winger Zadecki collected a long pass, eluded two Cardiff defenders, and pushed the ball home off defender Carver.

In the second half, the match developed into one-way traffic, with Czech international goalkeeper Wilhelm Schroif virtually playing Cardiff's attack single-handed.

Although King saved face for Cardiff by equalising in this session, the Welsh side generally were disappointing. Apart from the flying wingers, Jones, and the experienced Lea, the attack missed many chances, and John Toshack was unimpressive at centre forward.

Cardiff City: Davies, Carver, Ferguson, Clark, Murray, Harris, Jones, Dean, Toshack, King, Lea.

On Monday, Cardiff defeated Tasmania 5-1 in Tasmania.

Footnote: Cardiff completed a five-match tour of New Zealand before coming to Australia, results being: v. Auckland 2-0; v. Central League 2-3; v. Northern League 2-0; v. New Zealand 3-0; v. Tasmania 5-1.

## WHO'S PLAYING NEXT?

Saturday, June 22nd—

Raymond Park:  
DNIPRO v. BUDAPEST

Toowong:  
TOOWONG v. THE GAP PASTIME

Mt. Gravatt:  
MT. GRAVATT v. ANNERLEY

Heath Park:  
EASTS UNITED v. GERMANIA

Bardon:  
BARDON v. POSTAL INSTITUTE

Mitchelton:  
MITCHELTON v. WYNNUM

Sunday, June 23rd—

Exhibition Grounds:  
QUEENSLAND v. CARDIFF CITY  
(WALES)

## I WAS THERE!

By RON MITCHELL

(FIRST OF A SERIES)

At a recent sporting function, the talk got around to Soccer (I wonder who was responsible for that), and I was asked to nominate a best Queensland team from players of the 1958-68 era.

Now, this was a curly one to answer on the spur of the moment. In fact, it's still a tough one, even after quiet reflection.

But, if I were asked my views on the finest display by Queensland in those 10 years, I would have to weigh the pros and cons of four specific matches before choosing one of them as Queensland's finest.

And having weighed the pros and cons, I'm sure I would have to select that match at Olympic Park, Melbourne, between Queensland and New South Wales on a cold, dull afternoon on Monday, 13th June, 1960, on a ground soft, but improving.

The match appears in the records as a 4-all draw, but this cold statistic doesn't indicate the drama, tension, excitement, and emotion experienced by the Queensland supporters, particularly during the tremendous second half fight back which made one proud to be a Queenslander.

The match was the third in three days played by Queensland in the four-State round robin interstate carnival.

Queensland drew 1-all with South Australia on Saturday, lost 3-5 to Victoria on Sunday, and then came out on Monday to do battle with one of the most accomplished New South Wales' teams I have seen in action.

Notable personalities in the New South Wales team were the Austrian international quartet Leo Baumgartner, Walter Tamandl, Karl Jaros and Herbert Ninaus, and an Australian all-time great Joe Marston.

The Queensland team was: Alan Rigby, Graham Kathage, Duncan McKenna, Norm. Rule,

Les McCrae, Cliff Sander, 'Bunny' Nunn (captain-coach), Spencer Kitching, Col Kitching, Guyla Vincze, Graham McMillan.

The great experience of the Austrians and Joe Marston paved the way for New South Wales to lead 1-0 at half time after a closely contested quick tackling session.

But Queensland struck quickly to equalise at 1-all from the kick-off. McMillan had the ball in the net in 25 seconds after a Queensland move in which no New South Wales player managed to get a foot to the ball.

However, New South Wales fought back with a penalty, and a goal, to scoot to a 3-1 lead after 11 minutes of the second half.

And then the 'Red Shirts' began to show their Queensland fighting spirit and an almost fanatical will to win. The red tide flowed strongly, ebbed, then flower powerfully again, after some last-ditch saves by New South Wales field defenders and goalkeeper.

Within minutes, McMillan rounded off a fine move, then 'Bunny' Nunn scored the goal of the carnival. He beat the entire New South Wales defence cutting from the right wing, almost over to the left flank, before pivoting and feinting to pass to McMillan. Nunn then crashed in a shot from 15 yards which the goalkeeper never sighted. (NSW 3, Queensland 3).

Two minutes later Queensland were ahead 4-3 (three Queensland goals in 11 minutes) after Nunn had scored from a rebound from the goalkeeper.

None of the players and none of us just inside the fence — co-manager Bill Williams, and reserves (who had

## Cardiff City

v.

## Queensland

EXHIBITION  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Don't Miss It!

earned a just rest after earlier matches) Brian Topfer, 'Nobby' Clark, Lance Petie and Brian Vogler — will ever forget those harrowing final 18 minutes as the play see-sawed with New South Wales fighting back and Queensland out after more goals to make sure of the match.

But eight minutes from the end, the match was square at 4-all. A really perfect New South Wales free kick from the right-hand touchline near halfway was headed in by Herbert Ninaus from the opposite corner of the goal.

Thistle's Alan Rigby had a great State debut in this match, which confirmed the then new switch of Graham McMillan from the inside position to the left wing.

The match was the most exciting of a keen carnival, and the 10,000 crowd gave the Queenslanders a standing ovation which they long will remember.

New South Wales 4 (L. Baumgartner 2, H. Ninaus 2) v. Queensland 4 (G. Nunn 2, G. McMillan 2).

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Following a recent article in Soccer News on national names for Brisbane soccer teams, our mailbag has been bulging. A clearcut division has emerged -- virtually all our Australian correspondents favour the abolition of such names, while immigrants generally want their retention. Below is a selection from some of the letters received:--

### PART OF THE SCENE

Sir,  
In reply to your article, may I ask what is wrong with national names? The clubs concerned were founded by migrants years ago, and although Australianised in many respects, these names have become part of the soccer scene, and have a lot of meaning and sentimental value to their supporters. How would it be changing the name of Manchester United, for example?

The reason soccer doesn't progress is not because of the names, but the standard. In Queensland the so-called national clubs have poured more money into the game than anyone else.

The writer also mentions that the majority of players are Australians.

This does not work out if you take country of birth, e.g. Hollandia's first team squad comprises 4 Australians, 1 Greek, 2 Dutch, 1 Indonesian, 3 English, 1 Irish, 1 Russian and 1 Finn. (Editor's Note: The article stated "of Australian OR BRITISH stock, which thus includes eight of the fourteen players named above.)

Another important point to remember is that these national clubs are not only soccer clubs. They are also social clubs to their members and supporters, who like to get together. Even though integration is most important, migrants still like to get together from time to time and enjoy their old cultural and social life.

From all this I think you will find where clubs have adopted district names, nationalities still play a large part, e.g. Grange Thistle, which I believe is largely Scottish, and Oxley,

which has a large Polish following. Finally, most national clubs bring colour to the soccer scene. In last year's Grand Final (Hellenic and Hollandia) there were two national teams drawing one of the biggest crowds ever with the best coverage and the most colourful cheering squads ever witnessed in Brisbane.

Yours faithfully,  
Simon L. Boegheim,  
Secretary,  
Hollandia Soccer Club.

### GREATS ARE GONE

Sir,  
I am writing to commend your publication on its stand over national teams in Queensland soccer.

I have been living in Brisbane for 25 years, having come originally from the 'Old Dart', and the standard of soccer has never, to my mind, been lower than at the present.

Where are the Lex Gibbs, Bunny Nunn, Bob Lawries, and the many other players of the past today? I cannot think of a single Queensland-born player today whom I would rate in the same class as men like these, and I have not even mentioned names like Cliff Sander, Graham Kathage and Alec Duncan.

While I do not agree with the concept of district football as practised by Rugby League, I feel that until we get names with a more direct appeal to Australians, soccer here will never advance.

We have more juniors playing the game than ever before in the lower grades, but how many of them ever reach the top? Practically none, be-

cause they simply give the game away when they enter high school.

I think this is where the Federation should concentrate their efforts if they ever wish to make our code the number one sport in Queensland.

Most migrants are not interested in soccer but in their own clubs. The classic example of this is Azzurri, because their crowds when relegated in 1966 were the worst in first division. Now, because they are winning, all the Italians follow them, but they are not interested in Australians. I am not picking on this club only, because they are only one of many.

Yours faithfully,  
R. Carter,  
Carina.

### FACTS ARE WRONG

Sir,  
In your article on National names, your correspondent got his facts wrong. If it had not been for the migrants, soccer in Australia would still be in the doldrums.

These names are used all over Australia, for the simple reason that when migrants came out here they found that there was very little interest in soccer among Australians.

If the average Australian was interested in soccer, why don't they start their own clubs? If they did, they should not have any trouble disposing of the National clubs, with their minute percentage of the city's population.

In my humble opinion, the fault lies with the parents and the schools for soccer's lack of progress. On their birthdays kids are not given a ROUND

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# OUR MEN TO MEET CARDIFF

The Queensland State squad to meet Cardiff City next Sunday is a mixture of youth and experience, with few surprises.

Chief among these is the inclusion of Merton centre forward Eric Pattison, who has been in mediocre form, while several players were unlucky not to gain admission to the squad, including Mick Lee (Oxley); Jim Bell (Grange Thistle), John McIntosh (St. Helens), and Ron Walton (Latrobe).

and Voutilainen (Hollandia), Johnston (Coalstars).

The team could line-up like this: Kelly, Wilkins, Hosie, Mackie, Robson, Haigh, Tsombaras, McMillan, Voutilainen, Richards, Johnston.

### BRISBANE SCRAMBLE IN

This match never reached the standard of Ipswich's 3-2 win in Brisbane earlier this year, and Graham McMillan's 36th minute goal, after being put in the clear by David Keen, evened the Kruger Cup series for Brisbane.

Ipswich fought hard in the second half, but despite a few near misses, were unable to equalise. The teams were:

IPSWICH: Kelly, G. Wilkins, McIntosh, Sunderland, Burren, Hallett, Smith, Hughes, Haswell, Johnston (D. Williams), Mortimer.  
BRISBANE: Ross, Robson, Hosie (Steen), Walton, Mackie, Haigh, McMillan, Tsombaras, Keen, Richards, Daley (Walker).  
Referee: B. Troy.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (contd.)

ball, but one of those EGG-SHAPED things. Schools work along similar lines, so as the kid grows older, the odds are against him taking up soccer.

In Holland for instance, such names as Ajax, Sparta and Xerxes are not Dutch, but they have great support. Names do not matter — it is reputations which matter.

Even the Americans have realised that soccer is the greatest game in the world, in membership and attendances, but Australians are still not aware of this. They still keep kicking that big egg around. (\* But if Australians won't put any support and money into the game, it will strictly remain a migrant's game.)

Yours faithfully,  
C. van Kampen,  
Toowong.

### HE'S NOT INTERESTED

Sir,  
Until 1960 I was a regular attender at Brisbane soccer matches for almost fifteen years.

I was on the committee of Corinthians for a while, but I seldom go any more.

The reason is simply that I am not interested in watching Hellenic or Azzurri, for example. If I can't watch my own teams play, I don't see why I should go to watch national teams.

I hope one day when the National League comes that a united 'Brisbane City' side will be formed, then perhaps we may go ahead. In my opinion the game at the moment is not going backwards, but it is not going ahead either.

Yours faithfully,  
S. F. Barlow, Seven Hills.

# LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

### FIRST DIVISION

Coalstars	(0) 0	Merton Rov.	(0) 0
Oxley Utd.	(1) 2	Hellenic	(1) 2
(Arrowsmith, Tuson)		(Long, Tsombaras)	
Grange Thistle	(1) 1	Hollandia	(4) 5
(Jardine)		(Mortimer 3, Richards, Voutilainen)	
Latrobe-Wests	(1) 2	St. Helens	(1) 2
(Darlington, Walton)		(Podlich, McIntosh)	
Polonia	(0) 1	Azzurri	(0) 0
(Lister)			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Azzurri	8	5	2	1	11	3	12
Hollandia-Inala	8	4	3	1	23	12	11
Grange Thistle	8	4	2	2	20	14	10
Hellenic	8	3	3	2	15	15	9
St. Helens	8	3	2	3	15	14	8
Polonia	8	3	1	4	10	12	7
Oxley United	8	2	3	3	14	17	7
Merton Rovers	8	2	2	4	10	13	6
Latrobe-Wests	8	2	2	4	9	17	6
Coalstars	8	1	2	5	8	18	4

### RESERVE DIVISION

Coalstars	3	Merton Rovers	2
Grange Thistle	3	Hollandia	1
Polonia	7	Azzurri	0
Oxley United	1	Hellenic	2
Latrobe-Wests	6	St. Helens	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coalstars	8	7	1	—	34	9	15
Grange Thistle	8	7	—	1	26	14	14
Polonia	8	4	1	3	18	10	9
St. Helens United	8	4	1	3	27	19	9
Azzurri	8	4	1	3	18	17	9
Latrobe-Wests	8	3	2	3	23	26	8
Merton Rovers	8	3	1	4	19	21	7
Hellenic	8	2	1	5	13	30	5
Hollandia-Inala	8	1	—	7	13	23	2
Oxley United	8	—	2	6	6	28	2

### SECOND DIVISION

Mt. Gravatt	1	Budapest	5
Mitchelton	0	Germania	0
East United	5	Gap Pastime	0
Wynnum	2	Postal Inst.	2
Bardon	2	Annerley	6
Toowong	1	Dnipro	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Germania	9	7	2	—	28	7	16
Wynnum District	9	7	1	1	41	13	15
Mitchelton	9	6	2	1	21	7	14
Budapest	9	6	—	3	26	22	12
East United	9	5	1	3	30	17	11
Postal Institute	9	4	1	4	21	22	9
Annerley	9	4	1	4	20	16	9
Dnipro	9	2	3	4	10	15	7
The Gap Pastime	9	2	2	5	11	19	6
Toowong	9	1	2	6	8	34	4
Bardon	9	1	1	7	15	36	3
Mt. Gravatt	9	1	—	8	13	36	2

# Tipster's Corner

Progress points: Mourney 25; Fouche 24; Milmo 24; Steel 22; Waddell 22; Bevin 17; Mitchell 16.

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

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## SECOND DIVISION (contd. from p. 2)

ions when left back Ron Prideaux swept the ball of the goal-line with inches to spare.

Budapest kept fourth position when they played well within themselves to defeat Mt. Gravatt 5-1. Centre John Fazakes notched a trio. In his third second division game, Wilfred Berka fastened on a left wing dropper and first timed. A Mt. Gravatt own goal closed the bag. Three vital players are still sidelined. Alec Juasz (broken wrist), captain coach Alex Siden (leg trouble, who has not played since the Bardon clash 3 weeks ago) and Noel Wrigley, recently married.

"We love that ground," said Newmarket coach Eddie Masters, "We have not been beaten down there since the Stadium has been erected!" Newmarket delivered the first blow just before the breather, when some excellent team work gave Peter Millis a delivery to the net. 18 year old Peter Donovan came from sixth division to left back to share in the glory day.

17 year old Eddie Carney 2 goals, Armstrong 2, Gault a penalty and Bruce Wilson 1 (his first in the division) were the scorer when Annerley put paid to Bardon 6-2. Coach Ron White believes that the centre problem has been solved by the movement of Jeff Gault from the forwards.

Here's a last minute par. The majority of teams quizzed on the most dangerous team to play, all picked Easts.

## BIG THREE DOMINATE JUNIOR SCENE

Three second division clubs have secured a remarkable domination in Brisbane Junior representative teams in 1968. The three, Mitchelton, Mt. Gravatt and Annerley, provide 49 of the total of 130 players selected.

Mitchelton lead the way with 19, followed by Mt. Gravatt (18), and Annerley (12). Of the 10 teams picked, Mitchelton are represented in all but the Under-10 division. For those interested in analysing the strength of Brisbane Junior clubs, we are indebted to Mitchelton official Tom Jones for the following table:—

Club	Under- 8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	Total
Mitchelton	1	2	—	2	5	2	1	4	1	1	19
Mt. Gravatt	1	—	—	—	2	3	4	2	2	4	18
Annerley	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	4	2	12
Redcliffe	2	4	1	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	12
Merton Police Youth	2	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	9
The Gap Pastime	2	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	8

### LOWER DIVISIONS

Mitchelton Reserves continued their run of outs when they lost 4-2 to Redcliffe last weekend. The side missed many opportunities after holding the Seagulls to 2-all at the breather. Goalie 'Bronco' Radevovic won the best and fairest.

Coach Fred Kingshott and Manager Ron Proud turned out for Dnipro's fifth division team when the side defeated Wynnum 3-2. Ken Schofield, a former forward, is shaping up well in defence. Another good display came from Peter Court.

Annerley continued their unbeaten trot with a 2-1 defeat of the Gap. Kevin Casey provided another two goals, and halves Ango Catalano and Frank Robertson gave fine displays. If Frank continues in this vein he could be second division material.

### CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

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## Around the Clubs

Goalkeepers on the move  
Oxley's Gordon Arrowsmith was back in their attack against Hellenic on Sunday, and Coalstars' Irish import, Jim Sloan, played centre half in Reserve Grade against Merton Rovers.

A bouquet to Hollandia's Ray Richards for his exemplary behaviour at Lanham Park last weekend. Richards, who was twice scythed down by blatant play-the-man tactics, was forced to leave the field, but came back to play a large part in his side's defeat of Grange Thistle.

Hollandia - Inala's home match against Latrobe on Sunday will be played at Bundamba. Hollandia, who are playing their home matches at the Exhibition Ground whenever possible, deserve praise for their initiative in presenting the code in the best light possible, irrespective of expense.

Coalstars could soon be fielding another new signing, but no word has officially been released. He is believed to be a prolific goalscorer in Junior football, with another local club. Ipswich scribe Arthur Bevin predicts that the lad concerned could develop into another Bunny Nunn.

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