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AZZURRI!

A Cup Final atmosphere should be the order of the day at Bundamba on Saturday when Hollandia meets Azzurri in the match of the season, writes Ron Mitchell.

the top of the points table through a goal premiership tally. superior goal average.

Azzurri beat Hollandia 1-0 in the opening match of the premiership competition at Spencer Park, but the Dutchsponsored team has improved vastly since then while Azzurri have managed to remain at the head of the premiership table without having done anything spectacular.

team has conceded only four goals in John Manolatas and Bill Jamieson. their 10 premiership matches. However, it is well to remember that three of those four goals against Azzurri have been scored in the last five matches and in the same five fixtures, Azzurri have managed to find the net themselves on only four occasions.

And it is well to note that in those last five matches, Azzurri obtained only five points out of ten, winning one Azzurri's attacking game seems to match, losing one and playing three be built around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch, losing one and playing three be built around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch, losing one and playing three be built around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch, losing one and playing three be built around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch, losing one and playing three be built around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch, losing one and playing three beautiful around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch, losing one and playing three beautiful around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch, losing one and playing three beautiful around a 3-3-4 or a 3-2-5 formatch. draws.

On the other hand, Hollandia have notched full points (10) from their last five premiership matches during which they scored 22 goals against three.

On the subject of goals, while Hollandia's Ray Richards has been the

Both have 15 points from their 10 chief goalscorer, nine other players premiership matches, but Azzurri are at have scored for Hollandia in their 31-

However in goalscoring, Azzurri have been a two-man band, all their 14 goals having been netted by David Keen and

With Ross Kelly in good touch in Azzurri's goal, it is in the goalkeeping department that Azzurri have a marked

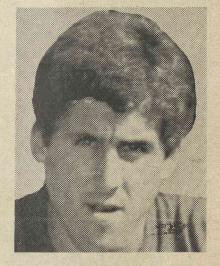
ectacular.

Hollandia have tried three goalAzzurri fans might point out that their keepers this season — Tom Tobin,

Jamieson played against Latrobe in Hollandia's 1-0 win last Sunday but he did not have enough work to allow anyone to form an opinion on his ability. In fact, a goalkeeper needs to be on show for about a dozen matches before a firm opinion as to his prowess can be given with reasonable safety.

mation while Hollandia favour 4-3-3 and while Hollandia had up to five and six men on attack against Latrobe last match at different periods, this is not likely to be repeated against Azzurri who will concentrate greater strength in midfield.

If Azzurri's rearguard of Ron Clark, a low-scoring match.



RAY RICHARDS Hollandia's Hope.

Matt. Hosie and Bruno Pinti with help from Peter Nielsen and Eddie Patterson, can tame Richards, Mortimer, Voutilainen and co., Azzurri still have a tough job up front of breaking through the tight Hollandia defence in which Gary Wilkins, Peter Steen, Phil Sunderland and John Van Klaveren combine skill with experience.

All in all this is a forecast well suited to a pin, but I have foresaken that easy way out and plump for Azzurri to win

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Congratulations to Germania on their sterling effort in ousting one of First Division's "qun" teams, Grange Thistle from the Queensland Cup.

Both Ron Thompson coach and at the end of the previous year. Curno doubt supporters) were ecstatic year's First Division points table. with the result. Ron would not nominate a best player. "There were eleven," he said. "They rose splendidly to the occa-

the game Grange Thistle, with one man the novice team in the division. short for part of the second half due to an infringement, had to sweat it

on the crest of Germania's wave and competitive football. resurrect our thinking on that gap between First and Second Division. It honour of being the first club to have ond Division club. their name inscribed on what will surely become to Queensland Soccer The result should be most gratifying †New/Postal v. Mt. Gravatt. Australia - The Queensland Cup.

Gunther Pipelow Club President (and rent leaders on goal averages in this

Hollandia. Their second year in top division and co-leaders with Azzurri at the head of the table. Let's not forget their remarkable 5-0 win over seasoned Wherein as Germania scored early in Hellenic in last year's grand final as

Polonia. Runners-up to Azzurri in last out until the danger period to equalize. Year's Second Division. A saloon ride Lanham Park into top company by virtue of the two up It must have been a bitter pill to lose two down system. Presently holding Dunlop Park on the corner count. However, let's ride their own in their first season of top

Germania: "The Mouse That Ebbw Vale seems most prevalent if you happen Roared." Apart from the German Club to have an interest in Second Division supporters there would not have been The Gap football, and yet, let's check the his- many voices heralding a win over tory of the semi-finalists vieing for the highly rated Grange Thistle by a Sec- Bulimba

what the Melbourne Cup means to and encouraging to all Second Divi- Mitchelton sioners.

Azzurri, winners of last year's Sec- Again the lighting at Bundamba ond Division premiership after demotion ground came in for the highest praise.

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WHO'S PLAYING NEXT

Saturday, July 13: Spencer Park *Azzurri v. Hellenic. Annerley

*Annerley v. Budapest. Hemmant .

†Wynnum v. Easts. Sunday, July 14:

*Thistle v. Coalstars.

*Oxley v. Polonia. Exhibition *Latrobe v. Merton.

*St. Helens v. Hollandia.

†Gap v. Dnipro.

†Germania v. Towoong. McCook Park -

†Mitchelton v. Bardon.

*First Division. †Second Division.

PRIZE WORTH HAVING!

Here's a marvellous prize for the Soccer Kids, big and small. Yes, it's a ball autographed in red by the famous Manchester United team -Bobby Charlton - Dennis Law, the lot.

But that's not all. In blue you will find the autographs of the Cardiff City team that has just left us.

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Already they have spent thousands of dollars on their ground and have installed their own sprinkler on the playing area.

For tickets in this benefit please contact your Club Secretary, or ring Mr. Keith McKay at 39 1178.

SOCCER'S LOSS

Brisbane soccer suffered a loss when Alan Fouche accepted a position with the Gladstone Observer. Alan, a 20year-old migrant from South Africa, spent a tremendous amount of time and energy in making this Soccer News a success. He also did yeoman service as Secretary of the Thistle Club.

I'm sure all soccer fans will join Soccer News in wishing Alan every success in his new venture.

Easts Led Parade

Second Division by Vic Marshall

This week's fixtures saw the beginning of the down hill run as the teams who did battle with each other last week again opposed each other, this time in the first game of the second round.

been an upset or two.

with a resounding 3-1 defeat of previously all-conquering Germania. Bill Cheyne, club secretary, had nothing Park, although he also applauded Ger- 2-all. mania's gallant effort in defeat.

Seventeen-year-old Gary Clelland at right back had all the answers to the brilliant Ziggy Wehner and this no doubt upset the works of the German Club's scoring mechanism.

Coach Ron Thompson offered no excuses for his team's defeat. "Easts repeatedly beat us to the ball," he said. 'They played the more constructive football and deserved to win." Germania had some luck they could well have done without in so much as they hit the uprights on several occasions. Mike Melbergs on the right wing played well for the losers.

Greg Amos set the pattern for Easts, followed by evergreen Gerry Shiner back in his old position on the right wing to give them a comfortable 2-0 half-time lead.

two clear goals to spare.

pride of place over Second Division's home ground. glamour team.

Mitchelton and three minutes later a a wind assisted second half. breakaway by inside left George Phillips to equalize for Wynnum.

first half and repeatedly beat Mitchelton mounted by the opposition.

There was no further score prior to the half-time break and although not aware of it then the spectactors were only ten minutes from a series of sensations.

It was expected there may have Immediately on resumption Mitcheton forced the play and were awarded a East Astonvilla led the grand parade goal per medium of the head of Les Jones. This was hotly disputed by marked after the game, "It could have Wynnum who argued the ball had not crossed the line. However the referee it up but praise for the boys from Heath awarded the goal and the score was

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ton's right full back Morris Shea was shown the short cut to the showers. Twenty minutes from the end saw dame fortune again thumb her nose at the green shirts and their ranks were reduced to nine by virtue of the sudden departure of their right wing Drew MacDonald along the same lonely track as that taken by the full back some quarter of an hour earlier.

his stalwarts and showed his indomit- Hewitt's word, "A gem" able fighting spirit by virtually running himself into the ground still in attack as well as defence. Ian Perry stood out also in this last torrid 20 minutes. The score remained 2-all and a very tired 20 left the field.

A rather disconsolate Bill Webb bemoaned the loss of a point; however Matt Carson knocked another spoke took consolation in the fact that his out of Germania's wheel of fortune by team had again hit the front. Allen leaving them four to score for a win. Bain under the circumstances gladly A consolation goal ten minutes from clutched the point offering, "You can't the end for the German Club and the expect to win with only nine men, final whistle found Easts home with was his comment. "But we almost running into the westerly on the pulled it off.'

and Mitchelton took on an air of ex- ground it seemed Saturday's match at the Postal boys and in the words of pectancy due to Germania's aforemen- Grovely would be a case of survival tioned defeat. A win or a draw to of the fittest. The two missed penalties they played the football we know they Wynnum and they would again take by Dnipro nullified by the advantage of are capable of." They ran out eventual

Neither team had gained ascendency Six minutes from the start saw new- at oranges and possibly Dnipro held a comer Graham John find the net for slight edge by virtue of the promise of

Half-way through the second stanza Ross Miller found the spot and gave In the thirty-second minute another the home team the slender lead they breakaway this time by centre forward were to maintain to the end. Garbo Johnny Hales and Wynnum had one in Berkeer fell back in solid defence and reserve. They showed a ton of speed the Grovely boys repulsed all attacks

> Dnipro coach Fred Kingshott gave special mention to left half John Mc-Lean ably supported by his contemporary back John Tobin.

Grovely President Billy Berka re-

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gone either way," and that about sums

As a result of Mitchelton's drawn game Budapest, although well behind This was only the beginning. Ten on goal averages, have now matched minutes after the resumption Mitchel- them on 17 points, three from the lead.

In The Gap versus Toowong tussle, the boys from The Gap after their 4-2 away victory last week ran on to their home field today commanding favouritism and true to form they eventually steam rolled the opposition to the tune of 8-1 but only after a very torrid first half where the whistle found them with the very slender margin of the odd goal uarter of an hour earlier.

in three. Toowong's goal was a solo
Allen Bain rallied the remnants of effort by Keith Miller and in Les

John Menadue helped himself to half the Gap's bag bringing his personal tally for the last three weeks to ten a fine performance.

Also at home after a comfortable 3-0 win last week at Bardon's expense were the lads from Newmarket, having won five matches to Bardon's one they had every reason to foster complacency, even if only subconsciously. How quickly this must have turned to dilemma when within 20 minutes of the running into the westerly on this east west field notched a hat trick. This The Sunday clash between Wynnum After last week's draw on Dnipro's apparently shook the confidence of Jim McColl, "It was all Bardon, at last victors 7-1.

> More important this allowed the red shirts to pass the wooden spoon over to Mt. Gravatt in the baton change of the relegation stakes.

> President Dieter Klose agrees with Jim McColl and says the boys have clicked at last and hands down the message, "Watch out opposition"

Mt. Gravatt were unable to fulfil the prophecy of publicity officer Bill Matthews that they would go one better than last week's draw. Although a goal in the first five minutes by 90-minute player Brian Morgan they were unable to maintain superiority and a hat trick

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It Happened on our ground

This incident took place in the early post war period. The game Mitchelton versus Caledonians. The grade second division.

Caledonians had in their line-up an English importation who no doubt would well remember this day. His name --- Rags Tatters.

Mitchie had a left half by name of Eddie Laird known to all and sundry as Meggsie whose ambition on the football field was always to get from Point A (himself) to Point B (the ball) by the shortest possible route. If there happened to be an opposition player in the chosen line, friendship could often tend to become strained.

out and had elected a fellow named Calles apparently had had their spies Smithy to guieten Megasie down early in the match. Smithy was doing a pretty good job too, plenty of elbow, plenty of push, until he came in at the wrong angle and somehow or another managed to run into Meggsie's closed fist. He was running hard too because it flattened him.

> The story could have finished there - because Meggsie had taken his ticket of leave per medium of a little positive advice from the referee - except for one lone barracker. He wore suit and looked quite dapper and

he decided that being sent off was not own little persistent heckling war on he side line at Meggsie's expense.

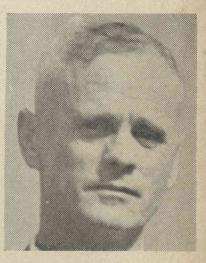
This went on for some considerable time until he found himself in exactly Meggsie and the policeman were the Smithy, despatched needless to say, in like manner.

At this same moment Meggsie was beleagued by a well-dressed young lady with a flailing handbag.

not out and his strident plea to the uniformed policeman (still in the aforementioned horizontal position) was loud and clear "Officer I wish to lay an assault charge against this man.

The policeman (name withheld for security reasons) called Meggsie aside and with finger wagging was laying the law down in no uncertain manner.

The charge was never laid, the reason being the policeman correctly Very poor show by Hollandia last deduced the lady with the handbag was Sunday at the Ekka when they kept the wife of the offended one and whilst their opponents, referee and crowd waitappearing to be dressing Meggsie down ing for them to appear, to start the he was actually "giving him the drum" second half of play.



he decided that being sent off was not to counter charge the wife with assault. Dunishment enough so he began his The husband of course was horrified when the policeman advised him of ie counter charge.

pest of mates?

SOCCER GOSSIP

Easts-Aston Villa invites all to a Bar-B-Q at Heath Park on 20th July. Soccer Our suited friend although down was films and dancing will be the highlight of the evening - 50 cents including

> Good to see Hugh Montgomery fitting in so well with Hollandia. Apparently Coalstars' type of play didn't suit him. ---0-

Have you noticed the difference in the play of the Merton attack since the He then came back and had a few arrival of Len Willett? It's amazing the words with our now perpendicular suited confidence now being displayed by Catchpole, Pattison and company. ____

I WAS THERE

by Ron Mitchell (No. 3 of a series)

The outstanding Soccer displayed by Queensland against New South Wales in the 4-all draw in 1960 and in the 3-all draw against Heart of Midlothian the next year, which have been dealt with in earlier articles, was repeated the next year against Victoria.

Queensland met a strong Victorian fence and blotted the Victorian forteam at the Brisbane Cricket Ground wards out of the match. on the Queen's Birthday holiday on Monday, 12th June, 1961, after Vic-

And what a hiding Queensland handed out to the Victorians!

splurge to crush Victoria 7-1 to the Wales and South Australia. delight of a deliriously (almost) excited

with Victoria taking an early 1-0 lead.

Then Queensland exploded into

The speed, control and backing-up of the Queenslanders nonplussed Vic- Brisbane in 1964. toria after Col. Kitching had brought the scores level at 1-all after 18 min-

By half-time, Queensland were ahead 4-1, and by full-time with the score around in circles.

and stamina of the Queenslanders. The maroon outfit. teamwork and determination of the home team were object lessons as they swept through the Victorian de- their grandchildren in years to come dard. He'll play for Queensland for sure.

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The 7-1 result was the greatest wintoria had beaten Queensland 2-1 at ning margin recorded by Queensland the Exhibition Ground the day before. since the competition against other Australian States had begun in 1890.

The year before (1960), Victoria had won the four-State carnival in Melin an almost non-stop onslaught, bourne with an undefeated record. Queensland went on a goal-scoring with wins over Queensland, New South it's not the colour of the shirt — it's

And Victoria had won the previous The game opened somewhat quietly tween 1957 and 1960, so there was Victorian team.

> Since their 7-1 win, Queensland have played Victoria twice and won both -3-2 in Melbourne in 1962 and 4-3 in

However, since 1964 there has been a seeming reluctance on the part of Victoria to play Queensland again.

Feature of Queensland's 7-1 win was board reading: Queensland 7, Victoria the decking-out of the home team with 1, the Victorians were literally running green (Ipswch representative) shirts, which were new and of a light material, in preference to the then Victoria had no answer to the speed heavier material of the traditional

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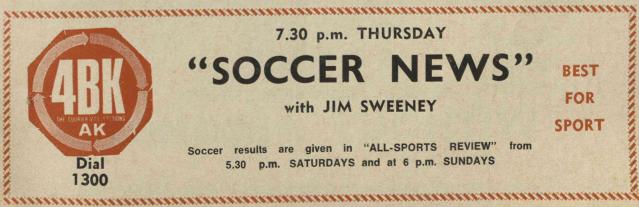
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The team: Goal, Brian Topfer; fullsix matches against Queensland be- backs, "Nobby" Clark, Duncan Mc-Kenna; halves, Graham Kathage, Les. no doubt as to the high quality of the McCrea, Lance Petie; forwards "Bunny" Nunn, Spencer Kitching, Col. Kitching (capt.), Cliff. Sander, Brian Vogler. Coach: "Bunny" Nunn.

> Queensland 7 (S. Kitching 3, C. Kitching 3, G. Nunn 1) d. Victoria 1 (M. de Bruyckere).

Referee: Vince Dobinson. Linesmen: Pat. Feld, Colin Tudge.

What a bottler last Sunday by Latrobe's keeper, Martin Coe. This voungster with normal progress must So the Queensland players can tell develop into a player of national stan-



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COALSTARS v. OXLEY (by Allan Gibb)

With the confidence regained by their Coalstars should prove too strong for Oxley could earn them a point. Oxley at Bundamba on Sunday.

Those who saw the Coalstar attack in full cry in the final ten minutes of ther home match aganst Polonia went away with the impression that the Bundamba side is at last at the end of its season. This is the only excuse I have points and a draw each week will help

Their only premiershp win previous sters' Corner to last week's was, in fact, a 4-2 victory over Hellenic, and with the chance of a top four berth still within their grasp, Coalstars are unlikely to allow the visitors to return to Oxley with the points.

What was significant about their defeat of Polonia was the fact that they won at home - a thing they have not done since they beat Mertons in a Queensland Cup match way back in early May.

But despite the improvement, Coalstars are still in a precarious position. sharing with Latrobe the bottom rung of the premiership ladder, and any letup now could spell disaster.

In the doldrums after two heavy defeats in succession, Oxley wll have to pull something extra special out of the bag if they are to improve their points

With only seven points Oxley must also face the prospect of being among the wooden-spooners, and those 14 goals that Merton put into their net must have been a bitter pill for their fol-

to the full in the Queensland Cup flood- ploited where possible. light match at Bundamba recently, and there's plenty of determination and never-say-die attitude to pull them

No doubt Oxley will go into this Lister. match with the memory of their pre-

game that could have easily gone row margin. their way.

second premiership win of the season, another robust, determined display by Coalstars should win narrowly; but

---0---POLONIA v. ST. HELENS (By Arthur Bevin)

to offer for my lowly position in Tip- them out of the relegation quagmire.

spooners" Coalstars.

Although Saints were beaten on two will be hard to beat. successive occasions by Azzurri I tipa scoreless draw.

One pertinent thing these various results prove - Azzurri are very fortu-

What of Polona's and St. Helen's chances of making the top four? Saints have a better chance of doing so than their adversaries at Prentice Park on Saturday and should improve their position with a win on this occa-

The one thing really wrong with Saints at present is their selectors.

line needs a reshuffle and new blood.

field players Henry Brown and Dennis play-offs very much in jeopardy.

The game should be a close one but

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vious 1-1 draw in the first round — a Saints are expected to win by a nar-

HELLENIC V. LATROBE (by Harry Mourney)

Will Latrobe adopt the same defensive tactics against Hellenic as they did with Hollandia last week?

If so, then it will be a dreary old Form has been hard to follow this match to watch, but Lats are after

Hellenic fresh from their win over A short time ago Polonia defeated Grange-Thistle must be full of conpremiership laeders Azzurri but last fidence and with the old firm of Col Sunday were thrashed by "wooden Kitching and Brian Vogler adding experience to the shooting section they

The Red Legs are a 30% better ped them to turn the tables last week. team at the Ekka and have played their The best they could manage was best matches there and will provide tough defence with Ron Webber and Martin Coe in form.

I feel that Latrobe will match Hellenic nate to be joint leaders at present with in defence and should they decide to play attacking football and look for points they will gather the major share of the points.

___0__ MERTON v. THISTLES

Two weeks ago Merton Rovers were struggling precariously near the foot of the league table but after the 7-3 and and 7-1 victories over Oxley we find The defence is good but the forward- them right up there among the leaders.

Grange Thistle on the other hand Any player who turns in a poor or have been plagued with injuries and mediocre performance game after game they hit their worst patch of form when should be dropped. There is talent in they made their exit from the Queens-However I saw Oxley extend Hollandia the reserves and this should be ex- land Cup with a shocking display against lower division opponents Ger-Polonia did nothing impressive mania. Following this, their defeat last against Coalstars. Only players worthy week by Hellenic has now placed their of mention are goalie Romanowski and chances of making the champioinship

> Earlier in the season Thistle proved Cont'd on page 7.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS

by Ken O'Donnell

The Gap Past-time Club staged their second U7 Car-present form it is not expected that the nival on Sunday last to decide the holders of the lan Brusasco Shield for the next 12 months, and 16 teams doubt Thistle will rely on their players from 11 clubs entered the competition.

in the other semi Gap A defeated Hol- any time after 5 p.m. on Saturdays. landia Inala 2-1, and in the grand final Gap A defeated Redcliffe A 3 goals to 1 and ran out winners of the trophy.

Redcliffe received the runner-up trophy. A special competition for the teams eliminated in the first round was also conducted and Redcliffe C and Gap C were successful in this competition. The match winner for the Gap A team was without a doubt Michael Mercer who scored 10 goals in his team's four matches. A marked improvement in the play of the boys in this division was noticed, and the referees under the guidance of George Stewart, handled the games extremely

On Sunday 7/7/68 the Mitchelton Club are staging their annual ambulance day and as curtain raisers to the main game, Second Division Mitchelton versus First Division Azzurri, for the "Mick Downey" Trophy, the Mitchelton U10B team will play Redcliffe U10, at 12 noon. At 12.45 p.m. the Mitchelton U9 team will play a trial against Mt. Gravatt, and at 1.30 p.m. Grange Thistle U14's will play Hollandia Inala to decide the holder of the "Curly Gilbertson" Trophy. This will be a good day and as all proceeds go to the Q.A.T.B. your patronage would be greatly appreciated.

The presentation of the Junior Soccer News cannot be accomplished without the wholehearted support of the clubs supporting Juniors and with this in mind I would greatly appreciate any help in the offing in the way

In the first semi-final Redcliffe A of results and unsual news items that ing point of view is concerned. defeated Mt. Gravatt on corners after would be of interest to all readers. I the score being 1-all at full time, and can be contacted by ringing 55 1102

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

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Germania			8	3	1	34	12	19					
Mitchelton			7	3	2	27	10	17					
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Easts United			7	2	3	34	20	16					
Annerley			5	2	5	27	19	12					
Gap Pastime			5	2	5	28	22	12					
Postal Institute			5	1	6	25	33	11					
Dnipro		12	2	4	6	14	24	8					
Bardon		12	2	1	9	23	44	5					
Toowong		12	1	2	9	11	49	4					
Mt Gravatt			1	1	10	16	47	3					

FIRST DIVISION

(from page 6)

the superior squad by notching a 3-0 victory over today's opponents but on

In this era of systematic play no to continue with their variation of the 4-3-3 policy which had until recently proved successful from the point gather-

Merton Rovers will undoubtedly make little changes, if any, from their routine which has been based on the old - fashioned formation of six defenders and a forward line full of net bulging ambitions!

With the welcome return of Jim Bell the visitors' defence the composure which has been lacking will no doubt be restored to the team and a big improvement is expected for the Thistle

After watching both sides last weekend it seems that we will have a very intriguing match and a keen struggle for the points can be expected. The game hinges on the ability of the Thistle defence to withhold the onslaught of attack from hig scoring forwards T. Catchpole, Pattison, and Willett as against the hope that the "Scotties" can find their shooting boots again and capitalise on the openings made by their schemer-in-chief Owen Monaghan, who missed out on the recent Cardiff match through injury.

To keep in touch with the leading clubs a victory is a must for both teams but the balance of recent form favours Merton so I go along with them for a narrow victory. It will be very close indeed and an exciting game is fore-

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Tipster's Corner

Progress points: B. Waddell 32; H. Mourney 31; I. Brusasco 30; K. Milmoe 30; J. Steel 29; R. Mitchell 24; A. Bevin 24.	rus	Bruce Waddell	Ron Mitchell	John Steel	Harry Mourney	Kevin Milmoe	Arthur Bevin	Most Favoure
Coalstars v. Oxley	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Merton v. Thistle	1	1	X	1	2	2	2	X
Hellenic v. Latrobe	1	X	1	1	2	1	1	1
Hollandia v. Azzurri	×	X	2	1	2	1	1	1
Polonia v. St. Helens	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1

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Things They Say . .

"We have been disgusted and disappointed at the attitude of many clubs towards the Queensland Federation of Soccer Coaches.

-State Coach, RAGS TATTERS

"If Sydney Olympic played Leichardt-Annandale last week instead of Pan Hellenic playing APIA, do you really think that there would be fewer Greek or Italian-born folk egging on their teams. I may be naive with a capital N, but for the life of me I simply can't see it. I can see, however, that in the process, the migrants would have moved a little closer to the descendants of the Which would have been "convicts". good for soccer and for the country as a whole."

-KEITH GILMOUR

"Queensland, considered by many as a backwater of Australian soccer, stole a march on all the other States with the introduction of the first State-wide Cup competition in Austalia. NSW could certainly take a leaf from Queensland's

-LOU GAUTIER (Soccer World)

SECOND DIVISION

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from ex-Merton player Jim Barnes playing only his second game for Annerley, with the help of one from Cliff Winnett and Annerley ran out comfortable winners 4-1

Coach Ron White is extremely happy with the way Jim is fitting into the forwards but was not over impressed with his team's win. "They should have scored more goals," he said.

Annerley had a clean sweep with their three senior teams. Fifth Division recording a 4-0 wn and the fourths 6-1.

Still Second Division is clouded with the cloak of uncertainty only four points now separating the top five teams.

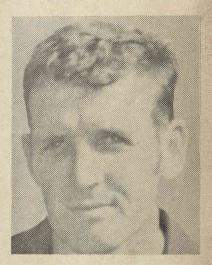
QUEENSLAND SQUAD MEN

Three local players recently selected in the Queensland squad to play Cardiff City.

Right: O. Monaghan.

Bottom left: R. Ross.

Bottom right: W. Haigh.







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