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SOCCER EIGHT

What has Eight to do with Soccer you might ask. Well, just read the following and see what has happened when there is an eight in a year or eight in the last figure in a season!

In 1878 referees used a whistle for the first time, in 1888 the FA Cup was first won by an all-English team — West Bromwich Albion. Also in 1888 (note the three eights!) The Football League, brain-child of its first president,

Mr. William McGregor, was founded.

In 1908 a transfer limit was introduced and a few months later this quickly repented "protective" measure was withdrawn. In that season England won the International Championship without conceding a goal.

The year 1928 was particularly memorable.

Britain left FIFA; David Jack became the first player concerned in a £10,000 transfer of registration—Bolton Wanderers to Arsenal; and William Ralph ("Dixie") Dean set up the present League scoring record of 60 goals in one season.

In 1938 came the Football League Jubilee, and the Football Association's 75th anniversary, **and the laws of the game were re-written!** Arsenal paid another record figure to get Bryn Jones, around £14,000 and a sensation at the time. A Second Division team, East Fife, won the Scottish Cup for the first time and the great Steve Bloomer died.

The 1948 Cup Final — Manchester United 4 Blackpool 2 — went into the annals as one of the finest ever seen. 1958 is a sad year to remember in football: the flower of a great Manchester United team died in the Munich air crash. Wolverhampton Wanderers

DOUBLE-HEADERS HERE TO STAY

The success of the double-headers over the last two weeks has been a hit in the eye to the knockers, who have voted against this type of presentation of the game over the years.

I can recall endeavouring to get the double bill play through Federation in 1962, but the excuse was that it was taking money away from club grounds.

But these people would have changed their minds if they had seen Merton and Latrobe officials laughing all the way to the bank a fortnight ago.

The clubs by electing to play in this style have left the gate open for the Federation and I'm sure they won't miss the boat.

HARRY MOURNEY.

won everything for which they played except the FA Cup.

During this year four divisions were introduced in the Football League, England first played the USSR (in Moscow), Brazil won the World Cup, and the legendary Billy Meredith, of Manchester (City and United) and Wales fame, died.

But one "eight" year so far omitted had more influence on the eventual popularity of soccer where ever it is played than at any other save the League's formation year.

It marked the birth of automatic promotion and relegation. You thought, perhaps, this had been in force from the start of the Second Division, a quite natural assumption? Not so. It was first tried in 1898, in The League's tenth season.



BRUCE PARKES
Ipswich star

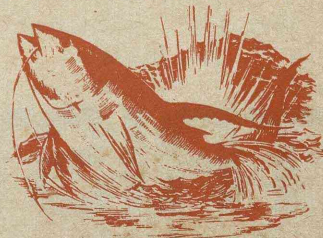
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POSTALS HAD THE WRONG MAIL

Second Division (by Vic. Marshall)

East Astonvilla maintained their winning streak at the expense of Newmarket Postal and at half-time enjoyed a comfortable 3-1 lead.

Although the boys from McCook Park managed another goal in the second half they were decisively beaten five goals to two. The scorers for Easts were Coach Matt Carson two, Ron Millman two and Duncan Abbott.

Confirmation of Kev Milmo's tip earlier in the season that Easts were the team most feared by the opposition must surely create pangs of anxiety in teams higher up on the points table.

After a mediocre beginning they are the only team, apart from Mt. Gravatt, who have faced up to Germania in the second round and being only four points from the lead must rate highly in the promotion stakes.

The next couple of weeks should paint a clearer picture of their prospects as they meet the two teams presently split by Germania on the points table. Wynnum (first) and Mitchelton.

I had a most interesting discussion with Matt Carson after the game on the referees' interpretation of gagging the players. Matt felt his boys fell away

somewhat in the second half because he was unable to exploit his on field vociferous mannerism.

He explained that having a young team, they need guidance, and if he can't infuse the necessary know-how during the actual play it may have a serious detrimental effect on the team's chances.

Top team Wynnum after leading two nil at half-time outclassed Bardon at Bowman Park with a further four goals in the second half to one by Bardon. Brothers Rod and Glen Merrin had one goal apiece at the whistle and half-time right wing replacement Eddie Wilkins showed up well and picked up a brace.

Left full back Wayne Harris was injured and forced to retreat to the left

wing, although hobbling he managed to add one to Wynnum's goal average. Centre forward John Hales scored the remaining goal in the tally of six.

Wynnum's normal centre half Alan Hill sustained a compound fracture of the right tibia in last week's game and will be out for the remainder of the season. Vic Leggatt took over this important role and showed out quite well. Ray Garner filled the right wing half berth and distributed the ball most satisfactorily.

The win leaves Wynnum still one point ahead of Germania. The fact that the German team play on a different day next week Easts can be assured of plenty of sideline support (cowbells, trumpets and the trimmings) in their extremely important clash with Wynnum at Maramba Park.

The game between Dnipro and Mitchelton at Raymond Park did not reach any great heights. Mitchelton did most of the attacking and their failure to capitalize on territorial advantage was due more to their own ineptness than to any outstanding defence by the opposing team.

Not very long after the commencement of the second half Tom Devine set himself and gave the keeper no chance. This lone goal gave Mitchelton the two points.

Fred Kingshott was not impressed by the performance of either team and Allen Bain was disappointed that the Greens were unable to boost their goal averages with the abundance of chances that went begging.

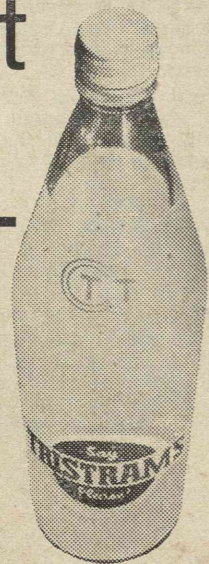
Germania travelled to Mr. Gravatt to do battle with the locals. The first score was registered by Mike Melbergs and due to Mt. Gravatt's exploitation of the off side game they held this top flight team to the odd goal at half-time.

Not long after the intermission Germania struck again through Ziggy Wehner. The locals reduced the leeway again to the odd goal with a placement penalty by Brian Morgan. However it was short lived as Germania stormed back immediately for Box Maxton to finish off a movement that was to put paid to any chance Mt. Gravatt may have had. Three one to Germania and a good effort by Mt. Gravatt.

Opposing centre forwards Norman Hunter and Neil Large apparently got close enough to each other to bring down the wrath of the referee and he dealt the finishing blow, an early cool-off apiece.

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FIRST DIVISION PREVIEW

(by Allen Gibb)

Can the Saints go marching on to greater glories when they meet premiership leaders Hollandia at Ebbw Vale next Sunday?

Frankly, I doubt it, despite their excellent record against Azzurri and other teams near the top of the table.

I think that the team to beat Hollandia must be well-balanced in attack as well as in defence, and as much as I admire the defence of Walker, McIntosh, Dann, and Bell, I have my doubts about their forward line.

It must be admitted that Saints have done well lately to climb high on the points ladder with 11 points from 11 games, but their record of 19 goals for and 18 against does not seem impressive enough alongside Hollandia's 32 for and 12 against.

In addition, Saints have not had much success at home this season. Their last win at Ebbw Vale was back in mid-May when they defeated Coalstars 3-1.

Hollandia's superior forward line may well prove to be the match-winner. Richards, Voutilainen, Mortimer, and Swindells make a quartet that has scored an average of just under three goals per match in premiership games.

Behind them, the Wilkins brothers, Sunderland, Steen, and van Klaveren are sound in defence and have the ability to turn swiftly from a defensive role into an attacking one.

Only in the goalkeeping department does Hollandia seem suspect, but their third keeper of the season, Bill Jamieson, now has two games under his belt and has kept his goal intact on both occasions.

Saints will probably look to their previous 2-2 draw in the first round and claim they have improved enough since then. Furthermore Hollandia is a team that does not relish being hustled and Saints could well cause an upset by adopting these tactics.

In what promises to be a game brimming over with interest, I'm going for Hollandia to win narrowly. I think their attack will break through and score more often than their opponents.

GRANGE-THISTLE v. COALSTARS (by Arthur Bevin)

When Coalstars defeated Polonia 4-0 at Bundamba a fortnight ago they gave indications that they were going to get right into the premiership competition. Last Sunday on the same ground they went back into the rut they have been occupying all season when they turned on one of their worst performances against Oxley and were fortunate to share the points for the fixture.

Grange-Thistle started the season well but have gone into a decline as their

6-3 defeat by Merton demonstrated. So who will win Sunday's game at Lanham Park is anybody's guess. One thing is certain — Coalstars cannot play worse than they did against Oxley. Any change must be for the better. Their position on the points table is a serious one and a defeat on this occasion with the premiership fast drawing to a close could prove disastrous. This will be Ross Hallett's last game this season as he has received his National Service call-up. One of Coalstars' most consistent players he will be hard to replace.

I have not seen much of Grange-Thistle this season. They impressed me early in the piece and I am at a loss to understand what can have gone wrong with them.

I consider they have a better forward-line than the Ipswich team and this could be the deciding factor on Sunday. So, after a lot of deliberation, I have decided to select the Scotties to win by a narrow margin.

AZZURRI v. HELLENIC

This meeting between these old rivals could be the most important game in which they have played for a long time and we are certain of a packed crowd at Spencer Park today.

A much improved Hellenic side in recent weeks has given them a very definite chance of regaining the premier title which they lost last year to Hollandia after the first game had been drawn. They are now closely on the heels of the leading clubs and a victory today would enhance their chances of becoming champions once again.

Azzurri for so long league leaders, and who have already captured the Brusasco Cup for the first round of the tournament, have slipped up in recent weeks by dropping valuable points to lower placed clubs. Last week's defeat by Hollandia lost them their lofty position at the head of the league table and a win today is vital if they wish to attain their aspirations of winning the second and first division titles in successive years.

Today's game is not one in which either team will parade any of their younger players as coolness under pressure will play an important role in settling the issue of who shall gain the points. Tactical play will be a special factor of the game and the manouevres of the experienced players will, no doubt, play a major part in the final result of the game.

One goal may decide this match and

as I cannot pick the winner here I will settle for a draw after what should be ninety minutes of exciting play.

MERTON ROVERS v. LATROBE (by Bruce Waddell)

What used to be a real red-letter clash between former topline Merton Rovers and Latrobe-Wests will be a less significant event when the two meet next Sunday at the Exhibition Ground.

In the past, the easiest way to pick a result was to toss a coin, but this time only the very optimistic would tip the struggling "Redlegs" to spring a surprise and down the consistent and improving Merton side.

New acquisition Len Willett has rejuvenated the team with his productive displays lately and in so doing has infused new life into Merton's previously tepid forward line.

Much underrated inside forward Trevor Catchpole, with one of the best shots in Brisbane, can be a matchwinner with support, and has a friend in "unpredictable Eric".

Even Trevor's brother Gary has lifted his play and, combined with reliable defenders Lief Peterson, Geoff Green and Col Bain, should have little or no trouble with Lat's forward line.

We all realize that Latrobe's defence is not the worst around with stalwarts Ron Walton, Ron Webber and Gino

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Referees Advance

Queensland referees were represented at the inaugural meeting of the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation by President Mr. Vince Dobinson and Secretary Mr. Arthur Harper.

Foundation Members of the new Federation are Northern/N.S.W., N.S.W., A.C.T., Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.

The meeting was chaired very ably by Mr. Ian McAndrew and officials elected were: President, George Pedler (Vic.); Sect./Treasurer, Alan Halls (N.S.W.) and Registrar, W. Bates (Vic.).

The first congress of the A.S.R.F. will be held in Sydney in October, and at this meeting the constitution will be adopted.

Each State has been levied to get the Federation on its feet and approaches have been made to the A.S.F.

LETTER TO EDITOR

In the past few weeks, two opinions have gone to print. These have been directed mainly at Wynnum District Soccer Club (Second Division). This we feel must not be let go unanswered.

In Soccer News (7/6/68) Opinion should get his facts right. Wynnum had always been at the top of the premiership up till the Germania game and this motion of 2-up and 2-down was first moved long before this clash. It was a bet of shillings to gooseberries that if Wynnum had won this match they would win the motion. I wonder!

After reading the second opinion headed "Into the Vet" (C.M. 31/7/68) we the members of Wynnum Club are more than ever determined to make our stadium — Maramba!

We feel that from the opening of our ground, 3rd March, 1967, we have made a "Move Forward". Who knows that when our ground reaches the age of the Exhibition, we may have more than the facilities provided, rental a lot cheaper and spectators a great deal larger?

— LIFE MEMBER, Wynnum District Soccer Club.

[Soccer News regrets the delay in publishing this letter, but in future please have the courage to sign your name. —Ed.]

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for a grant to build up a library for referees.

Affiliation fees are payable in proportion to the number of referees in each State and the following is the score payable:

N.S.W. (\$180), Vic. (\$180), S.A. (\$150), W.A. (\$100), Qld. (\$70), A.C.T. (\$40), Tas. (\$40).

The aim of the Federation is to set a standard for referees throughout the Commonwealth.

"Excellent idea," said Qld. President Vince Dobinson. With a standard examination and qualifications throughout the land there can be no problem in the exchange of referees for vital matches between States.

Queensland will run their own affairs but will have a new badge (yet to be designed) and will be known as Aust. Soccer Referees' Federation (Queensland Branch), and have two delegates on the A.S.R.F.

SOCCER NEWS DISTRIBUTION

All clubs please take note. Soccer News will be distributed through the Q.S.F. office for duration of the season. Please contact Bill Malcolm 2-9210 or Harry Mourney 364233 for further particulars. — Ed.



GORDON MACKIE Queensland's centre half

I WAS THERE

(by Ron Mitchell final of a series) Queensland's 4-3 defeat of Victoria in 1964 was one of their finest efforts of the 1958-1968 era.

At this time, Victoria were playing confident soccer. The Victorian team was predominantly of migrant vintage and they had some talented players who had gained their experience in the tough competition of European soccer.

Some weeks earlier, in losing 1-3 to the crack English team, Everton, Victoria had created a strong impression. And this had been confirmed by Victoria's top placng on goal average over New South Wales in the then unfinished Australian State championships.

The day they met Queensland, Victoria had played four of their six championship matches and had gained six points, the same number as New South Wales, from their four matches.

(The defeat by Queensland ruined Victoria's hopes of being the Australian champion soccer State and New South Wales eventually won the title. Unfortunately, Queensland slipped down the points table later in the year by drawing 3-3 with Western Australia in Perth, and losing 1-2 to South Australia in Adelaide.)

Around this time, a new era in Queensland soccer was starting.

There were 10 relative newcomers as the passing of time had begun to catch up (in some cases had caught up) with players like Brian Topfer, Graham Kathage, "Nobby" Clark, Duncan McKenna, Les. McCrea, Al. Warren, Norm Rule, "Bunny" Nunn, Col. Kitching, Spencer Kitching, Malcolm Malcolm Wild, and Brian Vogler.

These had formed the "hard core" of Queensland stalwarts over a number of years.

The Queensland team for the match was: Goal: Graham Kruger; full-

backs: Derek Robson, Hamid Gani; halves: Allen Bain, Gary Catchpole, Cliff. Sander (capt.); forwards: Ken Rush, Ray Richards, Eric Pattison, Peter Scott, Andy Tsoumbaras. "Coach: "Bunny" Nunn.)

Feature of the match was a sensational second-half rally by Queensland after Victoria's polished soccer had given the visitors a fully-merited 3-1 half-time lead.

Victoria's superior positional play repeatedly nonplussed the Queenslanders, who never settled down in the first half. Even Queensland's most optimistic supporters must have envisaged a 6-1 or 7-1 win for Victoria when they kicked off in the second half.

But the usually staid Queensland spectators began to urge the Queenslanders on, and the increasing roars of encouragement spurred the Red Shirts on to one of the most sustained onslaughts ever seen on the Exhibition Ground.

The Victorians just could not cope with the non-stop Queenslanders who scored three times for a dramatic 4-3 win. A demoralised Victorian team left the field dazed, while the Queensland team received a prolonged ovation from the exhilarated crowd.

Queensland's win was a triumph of teamwork and was the third successive win over Victoria. It also was our last meeting with Victoria owing to the unavailability of New South Wales and Victoria for national State championships these days.

Queensland 4 (E. Pattison 3, P. Scott) d. Victoria 3 (J. Malloy 3).

Referee: T. Boscovic (New South Wales); Linesmen: V. Dobinson, W. Witcherley.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Includes Hollandia, St. Helens, Latrobe, Merton, Coalstars.

Table with 11 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Includes Hollandia, Azzurri, Merton, Thistle, Hellenic, St. Helens, Polonia, Oxley, Coalstars, Latrobe.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Includes Gap Pastime, Annerley, Germania, Easts, Wynnum, Mitchelton.

Table with 11 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Includes Wynnum, Germania, Mitchelton, Easts, Budapest, Annerley, Gap Pastime, Postal Inst., Dnipro, Bardon, Toowong, Mt. Gravatt.

Think What You Say!

Concern has arisen over the bad language at present being expressed by many players on the field of play. It should be noted that deliberate "violence of the tongue" is a punishable offence against the laws of the game and it could mean a dismissal for the offender concerned. Just remember, gentlemen, when your colleague makes a mistake on the field, think what you say — don't say what you think!



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Try them with your friends before today's game and then check your ratings to see who is the top of the class. Give yourself 2 points for each correct answer.

1. A full back taking a direct free kick from outside his own penalty area decides to pass back to his goalkeeper who misses the ball completely and it goes over the goal line between the posts. Is it (a) a goal? (b) a corner kick? (c) kick is retaken?

2. A member of the attacking team takes a corner kick from outside the arc and the ball enters the opposing goal. It is (a) a goal? (b) kick is retaken? (c) indirect free kick against the attacking team?

3. At the kick-off the centre forward kicks the ball direct towards the opposing goal and it enters the net without being played by another player. Is it (a) goal? (b) goal-kick? (c) kick is retaken?

4. The regular goalkeeper is late for the kick-off so the captain of the team concerned informs the referee they will start the game without a goalkeeper. Can the game (a) start without a goalkeeper? (b) be held up until he arrives? (c) commence when an outfield player takes over the position?

5. A substitute enters the field of play without the knowledge of the referee and he is tripped within the penalty area, he then scores with the resulting penalty kick. Before the game is restarted the captain of the opposing team advises that the player concerned was a substitute. Would the referee (a) still award a goal? (b) retake the penalty kick? (c) nullify the goal and restart with a dropped ball?

RATING

10 points: Your wasting your time in the stands!

8 points: Okay, big mouth, even referees can make one mistake too!

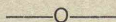
6 points: Keep your bias for the bowling green from now on!

4 points: You don't even know half of what you're shouting about!

2 points: You better say nothing about the referee today!

0 points: Buy a rule book (available from Bill Malcolm).

(Answers on page 7)

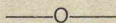


OFFENDERS' CORNER

As promised, Soccer News will publish the rulings of the Disciplinary Committee and here are their decisions from minutes of meeting, held July 3.

Players M. Shea and J. McDonald: suspended for 2 playing fixtures.

Player R. Pickard: 3 playing fixtures.



WHO'S PLAYING NEXT

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Grovely:

†Budapest v. Germania.

The Gap:

†Gap v. Annerley.

Toowong:

†Toowong v. New/Postal.

Mt. Gravatt:

†Mt. Gravatt v. Wynnum.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Bundamba (Queensland Cup):

Azzurri v. Germania.

Hollandia v. Polonia.

Heath Park:

†Easts v. Mitchelton.

Raymond Park:

†Dnipro v. Easts.

SECOND DIVISION

(from page 2)

Ron Thompson reports Germania are missing the injured Bert Moore and looks forward to his return.

Bill Matthews reports that Captain Coach Morris McNamara was quite pleased with the backs new tactics and predicts better things for the future.

Joe Menadue's version of The Gap versus Budapest Grovely.

A game which swung from one end of the field to the other saw The Gap emerge victors by the odd goal in five after a level one all at half-time.

Keeper Ray Costa played brilliantly in the second half to save three penalties and this became the turning point and the advantage was lost to the Budapest boys.

John Taylor continues to improve in the backs and has considerably speeded up the defence. The Gap goals were divided between Graham Simpson, Paul Hammond and John Menadue with great support from Tom Wood.

Toowong met Annerley at home and opened the scoring in the match. Annerley retaliated by evening up with a goal from near the half-way mark.

The score remained at one all until quarter of an hour from the final whistle when Annerley piled on a further three goals to a penalty by Toowong in the last minute.

Toowong were satisfied with the four-two result as they had to concede their fourth division match and play with no less than seven substitutes in their second division line up. They were led on by coach Hugh Miller who will attain a young forty-two in September.

Keeper Darryl Thorpe played well again for the losers and although lacking just a little in height he certainly makes up for it in other departments.

Terry Fuller and Andy Leebody scored for Toowong.

Secretary Les Hewitt advises the Toowong boys are taking positive action to eliminate the relegation threat and expect to get definite action in the near future with a few upset wins.

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