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MERTON'S LATE RUN

Merton joined in the premiership semi final race with a 7-3 lacing of Grange Thistle at Heath Park last Sunday.

They now have 17 points but could have left their run just a bit too late as St. Helens, Thistle and Polonia must all lose this week-end if Merton are to make the final four.

Here Merton keeper Ross Melville has the situation under control in the face of Thistle centre forward Ken McLean, at right is Merton full-back Graham Meagher and behind McLean is Thistle's Ritchie Smith



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FEATURE PAGE

By RON MITCHELL

JUST LIKE OL' MAN RIVER

"They just keep roolin', they keep on rollin' along." You will note I have summed up HELLENIC by borrowing and altering slightly some words from that famous song "Ol' Man River." Along with others, I often had said in recent years that Hellenic were a spent force and could no longer be classed as Soccer's glamour team.

And along with others, I have been forced to eat those words as the Hellenic machine, just like 'Ol' Man River,' kept rolling along as a major power in Soccer.

After a quiet entry into local Soccer exactly 20 years ago, Hellenic soon made a big impact after joining first division in 1958.

Hellenic could have begun their first division career in 1953, following their second division premierships success the year before. But they felt they were not then ready for the big time.

However, they won second division honours again in 1957, and accepted first division status the next season.

An early step was the signing of St. Helens' international centre forward, Col Kitching, and this was the forerunner of a mass exodus of star Ipswich players to Hellenic (and to Azzurri who entered first division in 1960).

Kitching was followed to Hellenic by Brian Vogler, Les McCrea, Graham

Kitching, Lance Petie and Duncan McKenna (all of Ipswich) and Grahame McMillan, 'Nobby' Clark, Jim McCarthy, Andy Tsoumbaras, Guyla Vincze and Brian Topfer (all of Brisbane).

The experience of Pat Woods (ex-Queens Park Rangers of England) was added for a season to Hellenic, who then dominated the local Soccer scene between 1960 and 1963, when they won four successive premierships with a total goal average of 302 to 83.

(It is interesting to recall that Hellenic were undefeated in 46 successive premierships matches between the start of the 1960 season, and June 17, 1962, when Oxley ended the run with a 1-0 victory at the Exhibition Ground.)

Hellenic also strung together a run of five successive Ampol Cup victories between 1960 and 1964.

After winning their fourth straight premierships, Hellenic slipped to fourth place in 1964, and when Col Kitching,

McCrea, McKenna and Topfer moved to St. Helens for the next season, one felt that Hellenic were on the down grade. But, just like 'Ol' Man River', they kept rolling along. The 1965 first division premierships went Hellenic's way, with Latrobe runners-up four points behind.

By now, goalkeeper Ron Ross, Chas. Matters and John Taylor, had become familiar names in the Hellenic team. Then in 1966, Hellenic gained more strength when Matt Jackson and Gordon Mackie transferred from Thistle, and Jim Cairns and Allan May were other newcomers. Con Petridis was another signing of recent years.

In 1966, Hellenic were third in the premierships and ran second in 1967, when Latrobe pipped them by a point.

In 1968, Hellenic missed a place in the semi finals for the first time in first division. They were equal fourth with St. Helens, but were placed fifth through an inferior goal average.

This year, following last week-end's defeat of Polonia, Hellenic moved one point ahead of Hollandia, who drew with Azzurri, and the Greek-sponsored team now is the leader, and we will know at 4.25 p.m. on Sunday, whether Hellenic have done it again by clinching yet another premierships.

Other notable Hellenic successes included the Tristram Shield and Wills Tournament in 1961, second placing in the Australia-wide 1960 Ampol Cup, and a meritorious 2-1 win over leading Sydney team, Prague, in Sydney in 1961.

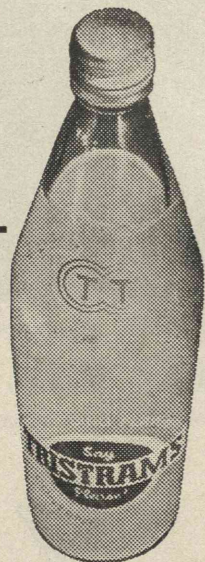
Hellenic have not set the world on fire with their performances in grand finals. They have won only two of the seven they contested since 1959.

Col Kitching, who came back to Hellenic from St. Helens, Brian Vogler and Lance Petie are now with other clubs, and there are new names in the Hellenic team as shown in 'Soccer '69'. Goalkeeper Angus McLean, Mick Papasavas, Tony Murtagh, and Bill Fagan have joined the hard core of Petridis, Matters, Mackie, Jackson, May, Tsoumbaras and McMillan.

On the debit side of Hellenic was the failure to foster junior Soccer. But in recent years this important facet of the game has begun to receive recognition from the club.

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2nd DIVISION



Ryan's Hat-trick in Debut

By Vic. Marshall

South Coast had the home game to Willowburn and again the local team won by the odd goal. Coach Jim Watson punted the odds by playing three U18's in Anthony Ryan, Barry Mears and John Smith, and Anthony celebrated his debut into second division with a hat trick in his team's 3-2 victory.

No mean feat for a kid up against the tough Toowoomba boys in his pipe opener.

The game was good and hard and both these teams in their first year in this division have acquitted themselves quite well and should improve even further next season.

Jim Simpson got his usual couple for the Downlanders, however it was one short of the number required to register points and South Coast have now joined them on 16 points, although Willowburn have played one less game.

Dave Bernard in goals for Willowburn gave another good display and the youngsters played their part in South Coast's victory.

Willowburn next week play host to Wynnum and South Coast visit Mitchelton.

One can't help but admire the spirit of the Toowoomba boys in their bi-weekly trek to Brisbane. It must take a lot of heart after tea and bikkies to leave for home pointless. We'll look forward to seeing these fellows back here in second divvy next year.

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COSTLY LOSS TO MITCHEY

Budapest had this week's home game against Mitchelton and after only three minutes Barry Anderson cleverly cut out two defenders and slipped the ball to Drew McDonald who made no mistake to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. Budapest were very uneasy for the next 10 minutes and all but let the greens in again.

However at the 17th minute Ritchie Giles equalised for the home team and this was to be the eventual half time score.

Only four minutes into the second half Willie Berka took a corner which Ian Wilson despatched into the net. With 17 minutes left the ball swung across the goalmouth to Ian Kesson who crossed from right to left wing for Warren Austin to level once more.

With only a few minutes left it looked odds on a draw until Noel Wrigley from point blank range could not get a kick in so fell to the ground and headed the ball in for a win to the Budapest boys 3-2.

As the loser of this one appears certain to drop out of the final four, with only one game remaining, tension was running high and the finish was a spectacular one for the spectators.

MORE FOR CARPENTER

Latrobe, opposed to Easts Astonvilla at the latter's home ground, took only 10 minutes to open their account and after a short lull score twice again in succession, the three goals all crosses from Scotty Jamieson to dangerman Derek Carpenter. Peter Parog then scored and Derek Carpenter scored his fourth for a 5-0 half time lead.

In the second period Ray Thaw boomed in a first timer and Eddie Carrigan and Scotty Jamieson also had their names recorded as goal scorers for a final tally of 8-0.

Gibby Rowan turned in another fine performance in the half back line.

An interesting feature of Lats per-narrow 2-1 defeat of Wynnum they have scored 40 goals in their last four outings without a reply from the opposition. With Derek Carpenter's personal tally 4, 4, 3, 4 (it reads like par for the course). What an asset he has been in Lat's re-entry programme with over 50 goals, I doubt if a player has ever scored more goals in a second division premierships season, and he missed three matches due to a dispute's tribunal invitation to rest the tired old legs. A truly great performance.

WYNNUM'S CAKEWALK

Wynnum, fielding the same team as last week, were at home to Toowong, and just for an encore Johnny Hales again opened the scoring. Not to be outdone Frank Sowden scored the next two also a repeat of last week, and then a goal from Rod Merrin (and a beauty), separated Frank from his hat trick for a 5-0 half time lead.

Immediately on the resumption Eddie Wilkins opened his account and there was a lusty cheer from the bayside supporters when the 7th goal was credited to one James Thornton. Eddie Wilkins went in again followed by Franuk Sowden and eventually Brian Lees, for a total of 11.

Toowong remained scoreless due to a missed penalty late in the first half.

Toowong keeper Dick Gowty let 11 through, but that wasn't even close to the number he saved.

The Toowong boys were clapped off the field for a truly stout hearted display and now that their relegation has been ratified, I for one hope to see them do well, rebuild their team and come back to the fold with better results than dame fortune has seen fit to mete out to them this year.

RELEGATION LIKELY

Annerley, with a win over the Gap, would run into third place as Budapest had toppled Mitchelton in their encounter. The first score came after 27 minutes when Mike Armstrong coolly drove the ball across the keeper into the corner of the net. Five minutes later he repeated the performance for a 2-0 lead to the blues.

Geoff Gault then converted a penalty and it looked all over for the Gap, however John Menadue lessened the score for Annerley to lead 3-1 at half time.

In the second period the Gap attacked from the whistle and at the 25th minute Bill Allen snapped up a cross bar rebound and left the Gap just one goal behind. They kept the pressure up and really fought on-in desperate efforts to avoid relegation threat, but it was all in vain, and Annerley were home and hosed in third position.

For the losers Peter Napier and Trev Boyle showed real courage in their efforts and Graham Simpson was again in the thick of it.

Congratulations to Barry Rogers on attaining his majority on the day prior to this match and I certainly would not discredit the performance of the Walton Bridge boys by suggesting that the Annerley boys may have drunk a toast or two to Barry. Heard on the grapevine a few of them were a little late to bed though.

Annerley should hold Toowong next week and provide their best showing, points wise, for some considerable time.

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3rd DIVISION



TARINGA TRICK-A-TREAT

By BOB HOGG

If ever I saw 22 'dirty' players, it was last Saturday when TARINGA won against REDCLIFFE 2-1 — in the mud, and Taringa never scored a goal.

Let me tell you how it happened — Taringa could feel their 'muddy' fingers grasping that premiership flag (if there is such a flag) and went out there determined to make certain of getting it — they played the best footie I have seen them play in many weeks, particularly in defence.

The forwards, 'Speare' headed by Big Frank (boy does this bloke hate goalkeepers) did their best to score but were always beaten to it by the ever alert but over anxious Redcliffe defence who, sad to say, had Taringa leading 2-0 at half time, when I shot through — this was no place for me.

Reports indicate however that in the second half Redcliffe rallied somewhat and gave the Blues defence (and supporters) some anxious moments — you see, Taringa sideliners had to figure out if the Reds could score two for them — how many could they score for themselves.

Then it came, Brian Manley was feloniously fouled (I'm only joking Clive) in the penalty box and Fearless Fred stepped up and belted the ball past keeper Col Neville with all the contempt he could muster — fancy tackling his skipper in the P.A. like that.

At 2-1 Redcliffe could now see the flag — or was it a Red rag — they tried, Taringa tried, everybody tried — but nobody converted — and Taringa were the only premiership team I know to win 2-1 and never score a goal — bless 'em.

P.S. Just to top it all off — during all the excitement skipper Brian Manley's wife Sandra gave birth to a daughter — not at the field silly — in the hospital. Clive Dinsdale nearly had heart failure because the Redcliffe sideliners kept yelling out "It's a girl!" — Clive thought they said "It's a goal." Ho-hum — Congratulations to Brian and Sandra — Suzanne has just gotta be a Redhead.

REDLANDS 2nd DIVVY FOR '70

The second game of the week-end on which so much hung was with REDLANDS and UNI. — you see on Saturday Redlands were hoping Redcliffe would win — had they — on Sunday Redcliffe would have been hoping Redlands lost, whilst Bardon were hoping, even praying, Redlands would win, and they did 3-1, to give them a position in the top four.

Gee it gets real complicated doesn't it? — only ones hoping Uni. would win, were Uni.

The Reds were a bit scratchy for the first 10 minutes and with a little misunderstanding in defence Uni. were first to draw blood, when Bob Bona shot a beauty.

The Reds really pressed on for the next 15 minutes but were not able to alter 1-1 before half time.

Uni, who up to this stage had been holding their own — came out marking man for man, but Redlands were not having any 'Menace, put over a cross to Harry Zuidam, from Harry to Bert Hone's head and in for 2-1.

Not long after Alan Morris did his own thing and with a solo run, weaving and puffing, he pushed No. 3 past Uni's keeper, Brian McCulloch.

One more game to go in the premiership battle and only 1 point separates Taringa and Redlands, and you bet your life the head gypsy, coach Arthur Morris, has got something nuttered out for the Redlands-Gold Coast game this Sunday — just in case Taringa fall by the way-side against Forrest this Saturday — may the best team win.

BARDON NOW FOURTH

BARDON snuck into No. 4 berth last week-end when they downed 5-1 a very unimpressive GAP side — that, plus the help given, when the Gypsies took two points off Uni. on Sunday.

Before the Bardon boys get too elated

remember you're only there by one point and Uni. have a two point bye this week-end — which means you've got to get out and win this Saturday.

Gets complicated doesn't it — last week Uni. were 4th, this week Bardon — next week maybe Redcliffe — who knows?

Anyway — back to the game — the Gap lads started off well in the first half and even looked possibilities during this period, but they fell away in front of goals.

Twenty-five minutes were gone when Bardons 'Boof' Booth decided to let one go at keeper Billy Simpson — hit the bar and from the rebound old reliable 'Pud' Parmenter headed in No. 1.

Eighteen minutes later Gordon Arrow-smith set Robby Twist up with a nice cross and Twisty made no mistake — the Arrow then got one for himself for a 3-0 half time lead.

Just as I arrived back from the Taringa game, these blokes were five minutes into the second half and Ian Woods had just caught Bardon keeper 'Chops' Heath out of position with a high ball, to give Gap their only goal of the match.

Bardon got into the game again and No. 1 son — put over a neat chip curling ball, which I reckon (and you know what dad's are like on the sideline) would have curled in the net — how-

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JUNIOR SNIPPETS

The U7A from Gap and Redcliffe had to play into extra time before a result could be obtained. Both sets of little fellows seemed to be suffering from holiday-itis, but the Redcliffe defence was playing the better game and kept the Gappies out, and Redcliffe's goalie made some great saves.

With only one minute of the extra time to go, Ross Swann breached the Redcliffe defence to give the game to the Gap by the lone goal. Mark Pickup, playing in goal for the Gappies, cleared his line well, and the little blokes from the Gap are all set to tackle the other semi final winners, St. Helens.

U8A: Mt. Gravatt drew with Hollandia after extra time had been played and it's another playoff. Andy Vanbrugh netted the goal, and the defence of Andy Pattinson, Tommy Steel, Glen Chambers and goalie Bradley Taylor, kept the Hollandia boys at bay.

U9C: Result, another play-off, after a 1-1 draw with South Coast United. Steven Cross scored the goal for the Mt. Gravatt to bring his tally to 50 for the season.

U11A: A 2-0 win for the Gap against Annerley, and Scott Petrie collected both goals, the second one just dribbling through the legs of Annerley's goalie and over the line.

Taringa's U14 were beaten in their play-off against Latrobe 4-1. Goalie Mark Brady and Ray Armitage stood out in the Taringa defence whilst Lloyd Barber was the pick of the forwards. The U9 face another play-off with Zillmere, after a scoreless draw.

Mt. Gravatt's 'Green Ants' still a go going. In this game against Wynnum, both sets of boys played well, and the result was 1-1, and yet another play-off. Left winger crossed the ball to Mark

Jamieson who scored Mt. Gravatt's goal, and although the draw was a team effort, those rating a mention were Tony Sparks, 'The Terrible twins' Mark and Glen Jamieson, Geoffrey Pye, Tony Moore, Evan Woodruffe, Bruce Davidson and Tony Bennets. In the replay next week, these little blokes are going to get more 'ants in their pants.'

The ladies committee from Mt. Gravatt are holding a Mystery Car Tour on 14th September, with a Barbecue at an unknown destination, the entry fee is 50c per person, with children and students free, and the first steak burger is included in the admission fee. Anyone interested, can ring 49 4060 for entry forms. Then on Wednesday, 24th September, at 10 a.m., the ladies are holding a fashion parade, and a Devonshire morning at the Big Top Drive-In, in the Waratah Rooms, admission is 50c, and all items in the parade will be for sale. So ladies, now that the barracking is over for this year, come along and relax with the ladies of Mt. Gravatt.

Mitchelton's U12A nearly dipped out against Southside Belmont, who had a 1-0 lead until the last minute of the game, when Michael O'Brien, who stole a cheeky goal to make the full time score 1-1, and the game went into extra time, and only in the second part of the extra time, Daryl Cook, after good lead up work by Graham Anderson, Ron Ladru and Michael O'Brien, put in two goals, to put the issue beyond doubt.

GRAVATT 'PRIDDY' GOOD

MT. GRAVATT surprised the tipster with a 5-2 win over GOLD COAST — all goals coming up in the first half.

Gary Priddy got away after one minute and within five minutes had two good goals to his credit — and the Greens were on the way.

Dave Earwicker narrowed the lead for Gold Coast with a smart goal, only to have Laurie Cush send Mt. Gravatt further ahead with a scramble in goal.

Coast again reduced the leeway to 3-2 but the Mt. Gravatt boys were determined to pull this one off and before half time George Phillips and Peter Lipinski had brought off two more for 5-2.

Second half saw the game get out of control somewhat, lot of rough and tough play, on both sides, and I believe at one stage Gold Coast were going to pick up their marbles and go home however sanity prevailed and when the game got going again Coast found they were one man short — courtesy of the ref.

For Coast anyway, the damage had been done, they were down 5-2 with no hope of recovery.

For Mt. Gravatt, Ken Slater, Mike Quinn and Syd marked hard in defending, whilst up front 'Cushy' and Lipinski were worn out wingers and it was considered Gary had had a 'Priddy' good day.

Mt. Gravatt said farewell to another of their long standing players last week-end — Jimmy Johnson has been transferred to Townsville. Jim, I believe, was one of the first lads to sign on when the club was formed 10 years ago and now he goes North to join his ex-team mate Steve Pollard.

Best of luck Jim, your club is certainly going to miss your radar boots.

Predictions . . .

Short — but perhaps not so sweet. Expect Bardon to get two points from Wynnum.

Taringa likewise against Forrest. Gap should beat Easts. Redcliffe and Mt. Gravatt could draw. Redlands v. Gold Coast — all the way with Redland Bay.

And Happy Fathers Day to those of you who forgot to remember.

6th DIVISION

'GATTA DOWN TO RIDGE

COOLANGATTA suffered a 1-0 defeat against the more robust ACACIA RIDGE side last Saturday.

This was a cleanly played game, without being spectacular.

Whilst Ridge only came out one goal in credit, I believe they missed two penalties — shocking.

Or was it just good keeping on the part of Roger Ledger.

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Action at half time of the Thistle - Merton match at Heath Park on Sunday — the two Under 9 Junior teams battled out a beauty while the older boys were "having their lemons."

HELLENIC — BETTER BALANCE



"Chooky" Vogler, St. Helens' great cover-defender.

ST. HELENS v. HELLENIC

By Allan Gibb

St. Helens' last ditch effort to make the final four should founder against the premiership leaders Hellenic when they meet at Ebbw Vale on Saturday.

Hellenic are having an amazing run of successes and have not been beaten since the end of May. Their fine 3-0 win over Polonia sent them to the top of the table after last week's games, and it is not likely that they are going to let the premiership slip from their grasp in the very last round.

Saints however have a big stake in this week's clash as a point or two could give them the fourth spot. On equal place with Polonia and Thistle, Saints with 18 points, could yet be the dark horse.

The highlight of the afternoon should be the clash between Vogler and Hellenic's chief striker and leading goalscorer, Andy Tsoumbaras. Vogler is still one of the best cover defenders in the game and should restrict Andy's efforts to increase his season's tally.

Saints defence have more than a handful in curbing the strong running wingers McMillan and May, and with Fagan and Murtagh inside them the Greens will need an error free performance from Bell, Inskip and Walker.

I think the game will be decided in midfield where Hellenic have that human dynamo Matt Jackson in the fetch and carry role he excels in. What a palate pleasing game it should be with Sander for Saints and Jackson for Hellenic matching wits in the middle lines.

However Hellenic should have the edge in attack. Saints forwards have played well only in patches. Last week against Coalstars much good lead-up work went astray inside their opponents' box. Youngsters Bruce Dobbie and Lex Gibb had good periods of smart play and John Haswell and John Verrall each notched a good goal.

But on form I must go for Hellenic despite a brave showing from Saints. I think their better balanced attack will just give them the edge.

Referee: Vince Dobinson.

Hellenic	St. Helens
1. A. McLean	1. M. Walker
2. C. Petridis	2. G. Bell
3. C. Matters	3. R. Inskip
4. M. Papisavas	4. G. McKeand
5. G. Mackie	5. B. Vogler
6. M. Jackson	6. C. Sander
7. G. Davenport	7. B. Dobbie
8. A. Murtagh	8. J. Haswell
9. B. Fagan	9. C. Kitching
10. A. Tsoumbaras	10. L. Gibb
11. G. McMillan	11. J. Verrall

SHOCK WIN NOT LIKELY



Azzurri v. Germania
By Ron Mitchell

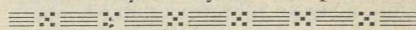
The relegation issue will be decided this week-end and the candidates are Germania, who play Azzurri at Spencer Park on Saturday, and Oxley, who meet Grange Thistle at Dunlop Park on Sunday.

Germania must defeat Azzurri and then hope for a Thistle victory over Oxley to be certain of escaping relegation.

Germania are last on nine points, one behind Oxley, and there is, of course, a possibility that Germania and Oxley could finish equal on points, in which case goal average would determine relegation. There is very little between them on current goal average, with Oxley having just a slight edge.

On Germania's display against Oxley last Sunday, Azzurri must be red hot favourites to defeat Germania in this vital match. While Germania showed persistence in attack first half, their forwards frittered away enough scoring chances to have given them the match.

But in the second half, Germania allowed Oxley to dictate the terms, and Germania fell away in all departments



LEADING GOALSCORERS

16 Andy Tsoumbaras (Hellenic)
12 Keijo Voutilainen (Hollandia)
11 Eric Pattison (Merton)
11 Ritchie Smith (Thistle)
10 Roger Clarke (Polonia)
10 Ian Johnston (Azzurri)
9 Bill Fagan (Hellenic)
9 Nigel McGuckin (Hollandia)
9 John Verrall (St. Helens)

THAN ST. HELENS

Although Azzurri (third) are assured of a semi final berth (their superior goal average would keep them safe, even if Thistle, St. Helens and Polonia all managed to draw level with Azzurri on points, in the event of Germania beating Azzurri) Azzurri are certain to go into the match with a strong will to win.

It seems Germania's only chance of remaining in first division hinges on a shock defeat of Azzurri, and to achieve this Germania would need to show remarkable improvement.

Azzurri must get the nod for this match.

Referee: Bernie Troy.

AZZURRI	Germania
1. D. Neal	1. S. Sander
2. C. Dyson	2. W. Maxton
3. B. Pinti	3. D. Bowers
4. J. Mengotti	4. K. Swindells
5. P. Nielson	5. W. Zimmerman
6. D. Sargent	6. G. Keddie
7. G. Schoendorfer	7. L. Willett
8. W. Haigh	8. J. Hughes
9. D. Keen	9. M. Melburg
10. M. Anthony	10. Z. Wehner
11. I. Johnston	11. M. Swindells

A DRAW TIPPED Merton v. Coalstars

By Arthur Bevin

The game between Merton and Coalstars at Heath Park on Sunday is sure to be a real crowd pleaser and is certain to be contested keenly and the result could go either way.

This has been a season of Soccer shocks but surely there has been none to equal Merton's 7-3 trouncing of Grange Thistle last Sunday. Few if any of Merton's most ardent supporters could have anticipated such a result.

Thistle looked almost certain to make the final four by a victory in this encounter but bit the dust in no uncertain fashion to make the fourth position still undecided.

In the danger area for most of the season, Coalstars are finishing in fine style. If they could have displayed this form earlier, there is no doubt they

would have been up amongst the leading contenders.

Certain it is that Lance Petie, with psarkling midfield play, has added the touch that was sadly lacking — steadiness and combination.

Coalstars have developed a solid defence that has not conceded many goals in recent matches. However, they still lack a dynamic goal scoring forward. Ian Davis and Rob Hughes provide good lead-up work which more often than not is wasted.

Still young enough to be playing in an under 18 junior team, Barry Shreiweis has demonstrated that he is Queensland's up and coming goalkeeper. Fearless and as cool as a cucumber under pressure, he is safe in the air and on the ground.

Merton also have a solid defence and, as they proved against Thistle, goal-scoring forwards.

Pattison, Millman and Catchpole are all speed merchants who will severely test Coalstars defence.

Despite Merton's big win last week, they will not want to underestimate the



Andy Tsoumbaras, Hellenic's leading goal scorer and chief striker.

young Coalstars side. My anticipation is that this game will finish in a draw.

Referee: Angus McDougal.

MERTON	Coalstars
1. R. Melville	1. B. Schreiweis
2. G. Meagher	2. B. Burren
3. K. Melville	3. J. Bell
4. G. Green	4. F. Johnston
5. G. Catchpole	5. B. Ahearn
6. C. Bain	6. L. Petie
7. T. Catchpole	7. R. Hughes
8. T. Barber	8. R. Hallett
9. E. Pattison	9. W. Kitching
10. H. Stewart	10. A. Cumming
11. R. Millman	11. I. Davis

THISTLE MUST IMPROVE



Oxley v. Gr. Thistle

By Harry Mourney

The Thistle boys will have to pull up their socks if they are to win this one and make the final four.

They completely blotted their copy books last week with an ineffective display against Merton, when all and sundry had them the winners and in the fourth spot.

On the other hand Oxley must be full of confidence now that they appear to have another year in top company, thanks to their win over Germania.

On paper the Scotties appear to have the more constructive unit with Barry Dann, Keith Rigby, Alan Smith and Barry Allison a tough 90 minute combination.

But most of the excellent work by Peter Clemitson and Mike Mulhana usually goes to waste when the leather gets to the strikers, with Ritchie Smith the only 'most likely to succeed'.

Oxley have reinstated Jim Bennett over the last few weeks and he crashed home a beauty last week against Germania and this proves that Oxley can win matches if they decide to have a go.

Trevor Payne has a shot equal to none but must get into the frame of mind that

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goals win matches, to give Oxley a chance against the hard running Thistle which relies mainly on team work.

A hard tough game that could go either way, but I'm going to forecast a draw, so that either team can have a chance to win. Referee: John Gibb.

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| OXLEY | THISTLE |
| 1. J. Pizzev | 1. K. Rigby |
| 2. K. Breen | 2. A. Smith |
| 3. L. Jones | 3. B. Dann |
| 4. R. Evans | 4. J. Cornford |
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| 6. E. Hillier | 6. P. Clemitson |
| 7. R. Dobinson | 7. M. Mulhana |
| 8. J. Taylor | 8. J. McDonald |
| 9. T. Payne | 9. K. McLean |
| 10. J. Bennett | 10. V. Wyer |
| 11. N. Peut | 11. R. Smith |



Syd Tucker, Polonia's main hope for a win.

HOPES ON ROBSON

Polonia v. Hollandia

By Bruce Waddell



Polonia's fading hopes of reaching the final four depend on another lion hearted performance from right half Derek Robson.

Along with centre half George Whitaker and full back Derek Attwood, he's been a lifesaver on too many occasions this year.

Alan James will be back this week and this will allow Owen Monaghan to get back into a most unproductive forward line. The only one posing any sort of threat to opposing defences lately is inside forward Syd Tucker.

Tony Lowndes and Wayne Walker are not living up to their early promise and are not getting much support from Robert Danford and Dennis Lister. Polonia may have to recall their top goalscorer Roger Clark back into the attack for this do-or-die effort.

Hollandia's crippled forward line did not perform too badly last week where Alan Villers and Hans Peterson appear to be the main hopes.

Hugh Montgomery is always one to watch and should be supported again midfield by Gary and Darryl Wilkins.

The Hollandia backline should have little trouble with the Polonia advance. Fortunately for the premiers, their strong quartet of Ernie Deavin, Peter Steen, Ben Mollee and John Van Klaveren.

If Steen can blot Tucker out of the game, Hollandia should be untroubled and notch a comfortable win.

Referee: John Adams.

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| POLONIA | HOLLANDIA |
| 1. F. Romanowski | 1. K. Renfers |
| 2. E. Musial | 2. K. Deavin |
| 3. D. Attwood | 3. P. Steen |
| 4. D. Robson | 4. J. van Klaveren |
| 5. G. Whittaker | 5. B. Mollee |
| 6. A. James | 6. D. Wilkins |
| 7. W. Walker | 7. G. Wilkins |
| 8. O. Monaghan | 8. A. Villers |
| 9. D. Lister | 9. H. Petersen |
| 10. S. Tucker | 10. H. Montgomery |
| 11. R. Danford | 11. S. Andersen |



Peter Steen, Hollandia's half-back to mark Syd Tucker.

POINTS TABLES

FIRST DIVISION									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.		
Hellenic	17	10	4	3	41	28	24		
Hollandia	17	9	5	3	50	20	23		
Azzurri	17	8	4	5	36	24	20		
Polonia	17	8	2	7	34	29	18		
Thistle	17	8	2	7	31	35	18		
St. Helens	17	5	8	4	31	26	18		
Merton	17	7	3	7	33	37	17		
Coastals	17	5	3	9	31	37	13		
Oxley	17	4	2	11	20	45	10		
Germania	17	4	1	12	18	44	9		
RESERVE GRADE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.		
Coastals	17	13	2	2	64	17	28		
St. Helens	17	10	4	3	57	30	24		
Merton	16	11	1	4	53	25	23		
Hellenic	17	8	4	5	40	36	20		
Thistle	17	7	3	7	37	38	17		
Polonia	17	6	5	6	29	36	17		
Germania	17	7	3	7	28	39	17		
Azzurri	16	3	2	11	29	42	8		
Hollandia	17	3	2	12	21	59	8		
Oxley	17	3	—	14	19	55	6		
SECOND DIVISION									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.		
Latrobe	21	19	1	1	115	17	39		
Wynnum	20	16	1	3	95	19	33		
Annerley	21	13	3	5	50	40	29		
Mitchelton	21	13	2	6	59	40	28		
Budapest	21	13	2	6	66	31	28		
Dnipro	21	9	5	7	40	35	23		
Easts	21	7	4	10	54	46	18		
Willowburn	20	6	4	10	38	47	16		
South Coast	21	7	2	12	46	81	16		
Newmarket	21	4	2	15	29	68	10		
Gap	21	2	5	14	28	76	9		
Toowong	21	0	1	20	9	129	1		
THIRD DIVISION									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.		
Taringa	21	15	3	3	47	22	33		
Redlands	21	14	4	3	61	25	32		
Redcliffe	21	12	3	6	53	37	27		
Bardon	21	9	8	4	41	31	26		
University	21	10	5	6	45	38	25		
Go'd Coast	20	8	5	7	49	50	21		
Mt. Gravatt	21	10	1	10	54	40	21		
Forest	21	7	3	11	29	55	17		
Gap	20	7	3	10	29	53	17		
Wynnum	21	7	2	12	41	61	16		
Easts	21	7	1	13	33	70	15		
FOURTH DIVISION									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.		
Annerley	21	20	0	1	94	15	40		
Latrobe	20	16	0	4	92	30	32		
Taringa	21	15	3	3	58	29	32		
Mitchelton	21	14	2	5	85	35	30		
Dnipro	21	11	3	7	43	44	25		
Budapest	21	10	1	10	72	69	21		
Newspapers	21	9	2	10	60	58	20		
Gap	21	6	3	12	37	76	15		
South Coast	21	7	0	14	56	68	14		
Thistle	21	4	2	15	33	80	10		
University	20	2	1	17	21	63	5		
Wynnum	21	2	1	18	28	112	5		

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4th DIVISION

ALL OVER BAR THE SHOUTING

by Ken O'Donnell



It's all over bar the shouting — with the exception of Latrobe and University, who have still one game to play, this week-end will see the finish of the Premiership race, and the top four positions are sewn up between Annerley, Taringa, Latrobe and Mitchelton, and it's even money betting that there will be some upsets when these four clash in the play offs.

Annerley scrappy but collected the pickings

Annerley ran onto the field against Newspapers, perhaps a little over confident, and Newspapers got under their guard, and were the first to post a score. Annerley's attack was very scrappy, and seemed to take the first half as a recreation period.

Dave Ritchie was unlucky, as he had some very near misses, but finally Peter Williams crossed a beauty to Garth Wilson, who made no mistake in posting the equaliser. Dave Ritchie's persistence was rewarded when he managed to push one in to make it 2-1 at the break.

In the second half Annerley produced patches of their real form, and pinned the Newspaper side in their own half, but it was midway through this period before Annerley put the lid on the game, when a drive from Ian Melville went into the net like a bullet, and the boys in blue posted their additional two points.

Taringa get theirs the easy way

Taringa did not even have to lace up the boots to receive a gift of two points from Dnipro, who were forced to forfeit because of a social event.

Latrobe just scrape in

No report received on this game, but from the result, Grange nearly caused an upset, going down by the only goal of the match.

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Mitchelton knock their neighbours

Mitchelton had only a short distance to travel to do battle with next door neighbours Budapest Grovely. Mitchie were quickly into their stride, and two quick goals from the foot of Johnny Schmith put his team in a strong position.

Nev Jones was the next to score, when he latched onto a through ball from Alwyn Jones, and drove past Grovely's keeper, and lemon time came up with the score 3-0 in favour of the greens.

Five minutes into the second stanza and John Fazekas was away with the ball, and drawing Mick Carter out of goal, put in a good placement to reduce the leeway.

Fifteen minutes later Alex Csipster picked up a rebound from the crossbar and Mitchie were only one in front.

In the dying minutes of the game, Nev Jones put a ball through to Johnny Schmith, and he made sure of his hat trick, and the two points for Mitchie.

Big Charlie Botos was a tower of strength at centre half for Grovely, and when John Fazekas had the ball, he was always the danger man, whilst Keith Barlow and Gary Green, were always in the thick of things for the Greens.

South Coast consolidate

South Coast United removed all threats of relegation by defeating University 6-1 and moved well out of the relegation zone. The first half was very scrappy with Uni. posting the first points inside five minutes, but from then until the 35th minute, neither side could penetrate, but Glen Campbell managed the equaliser before the half time bell.

Second half and the youthful South Coast side got on top of the Uni boys, and outplayed them in all departments. Raymond Briedis belted in four goals, and he was ably supported by David Austin who posted the other goal to make the final score 6-1.

Raymond Briedis and Kevin Williams ran well in the forwards, and Ken Monaghan, ably assisted by Glen Campbell, got through a lot of work for South Coast.

The Mountains go down to the sea

The boys from the hills at the Gap made the trip to the Bayside camp at Wynnum, and they not only brought home the two points, but left Wynnum at the bottom of the ladder.

Gap opened their account when left winger John Hammond drove a ball from the penalty box and deceived the goalie.

Wynnum equalised when they utilised a hole in the middle of the Gap's defence to score their first goal, and the half time score was 1-1.

Gap controlled the midfield in the second half and Richard Dann made it 2-1 for the Gap, and then John Longhurst from six yards out pushed one more in, and John Hammond repeated his first round performance by notching the fourth goal.

Gap were playing well, and the lead up work was good, but Wynnum reduced the leeway in the last few minutes of the game to make the final score 4-2.

Goalkeeper Bill McGinn played an excellent game for the victors, including the saving of a penalty kick by cagey Henry Brown, whilst right winger Ian Wright and centre half John Brown turned in good performances.

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5th Division

BARDON TAKE OLYMPIC

Following a 0-0 half time score, BARDON ran out winners 1-0 over a slightly reorganised (or disorganised) OLYMPIC 11.

Bardon had the better of the play during the first 45, but were unable to score, even when favoured with a penalty.

Defence combinations of Richie Ellis, Peter Ross, Glen Ellevson and Jock Taylor proved not only a stonewall but their intelligent play and distribution repeatedly turned defence into attack.

Eight minutes into the second half Derek Plant opened the Bardon account with a well executed head placement following a bit of a scramble in front of the net. (Continued next page)

Craven Filter Award



The award was won at Heath Park last Sunday where Merton trounced Thistle 7-3.

It was a losing day all round for the Thistle club as two of their reserves, Barry Jardine and Roger Paget, were standing in between our two winners and were unlucky to miss out.

The two winners can collect their cigarettes from the Federation Office, Perry House, Elizabeth Street.

Olympic attacks were fairly constant towards the end of a hard game, but it was not to be their day.

Keeper Terry Stamatou, Jim Dolan and Marino Avella worked hard in defence and Andy Economou played outstanding football in defence and attack and with a bit of luck with his hard, long shots at goal the game result could have gone the other way.

The Bardon forwards generally lacked enterprise and seemed timid in front of goals, but best of a trying (very trying) bunch would be Derek Plant, Logan Miller and at times 'Spasm' Skelton.

Don't think Olympic were over happy with the refereeing, but I can't say I heard Bardon complain.

ANNERLEY SLIPPING

ANNERLEY, second top team, only managed a 1-0 defeat over REDLANDS down the Bay last week-end.

Scoring early in the game, the Blues forwards put up a pathetic performance when it came to adding any more.

Redlands, well down the points table, were no doubt helped by Annerley's weaknesses up front, but managed to hold the 'once bustling' Blues out.

Credit to Redlands keeper Rini Zuidam, Andy Chatterton, Rodney Mick, and up in the forwards 'Grubber' Tomlins.

TARINGA TROUNCED

The ACACIA RIDGE lads really got stuck into TARINGA last Sunday and boosted their goal average further with an 8-0 win.

Norm Hunter, they call him 'thunder foot', pounded in four during the first half, one in the first minute and was top scorer of the day.

This left Johnny Williams somewhat in the shade as he only managed to net a goal in each half, followed by a single each from Jim Bentley and Dave Ellis.

Say who missed the penalty? Taringa weren't having one of their good days, I believe they were one man short and again called on the services of young Robert Stinson and Alan Armistage, who each gave good accounts.

MT. GRAVATT ONE SHY

MT. GRAVATT were one shy of a dozen when they scattered GOLD COAST 11-0 last Sunday.

The game was claimed to be not as bas as the score indicates — but I don't know — that's a lot of goals.

One thing is for sure — without the game display of Gold Coast keeper (I think his name is Gary Wilkie) — the score would have been higher — I believe Gary turned out again in the 3rd division match.

The Greens had it all figured out that if they were to make top four position they would need 15 goals to boost goal vaerage — so Keith Forrest settled down and rattled up 7½ goals, with John Quinn netting 1½ and Mike Martin had to be satisfied with just two.

TIPSTER'S CORNER

	A. Bevin	A. Gibb	I. Brusasco	K. Milmo	R. Mitchell	J. Steel	B. Waddell	R. Hogg	Most Favoured
Oxley v. Grange Thistle	2	2	2	2	x	2	2	2	2
Merton v. Coalstars	x	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
St. Helens v. Hellenic	x	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Polonia v. Hollandia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Azzurri v. Germania	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

Progressive Points: Brusasco 55, Milmo 54, Mitchell 52, Steel 49, Bevin 48, Hogg 48, Waddell 47, Gibb 44.

While these blokes were getting their half goals keeper Geoff Lane and Bill Matthews were seeing to it that the average was being kept intact at the other end.

REDCLIFFE RUBBISHED?

POSTALS made the final four when they defeated REDCLIFFE 5-3.

Prior to the game, both teams were level on points for No. 4 berth but Postals handled the quagmire conditions well and after 15 minutes were two goals up.

Not to be outdone Redcliffe found their mud-legs and John Lockett let fly with a 30 yard boomer to open the account.

Soon after Dennis Pink got away for a good solo run down the left flank and found Malcolm 'Charlton' Neate waiting to send in his perfect cross to put Redcliffe on equal terms.

They went to the 3-2 half time lead when Malcolm again scored with a good shot.

Predictions . . .

Bardon over Toowong this time.
Olympic v. Acacia Ridge — Go Go Olympic.
Redcliffe v. Mt. Gravatt
Gold Coast v. Redlands — Redlands

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2nd DIVISION

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TARREN'S DISPUTED GOAL

Newmarket had the home game against Dnipro on a pitch most players were unused to this season. A shower in the morning made playing conditions extremely slippery.

In a scoreless first half the local boys missed a couple of absolute 'sitters' and Dnipro too found a way to skew the ball beyond an open inviting goal.

Postals badly needed a win to ensure their second division status, however with only five minutes to go their hopes were dashed when Brian Tarren raced through and scored a hotly disputed goal.

Although the Postals supporters were strong for offside ref. John Adams and one of Postals own backs were both of the opinion that this was not the case and that was the margin by which Dnipro collected their two points.

The backs all round played good football, the most constructive being Dnipro's Jim Swift, who, in my opinion, played a 'ripper'.

Postals still cling to their one point advantage over the Gap and as they play Lats in the last round it appears inevitable that Easts hold the key to relegation as they play the Gap.

VIC'S PICKS

For the last week's predictions, No. 1 team Lats to take No. 10 team Postals. No. 2 team Wynnum to overcome No. 8 team Wilowburn. No. 3 team Annerley to dispose of No. 12 team Toowong. No. 4 team Budapest in a close one against No. 6 team Dnipro. The pressure will be on Budapest here as it will in No. 5 team Mitchelton's clash with No. 9 team South Coast, as the final four depends on who wins these two matches.

There will also be pressure in No. 7 team Easts and opponents No. 11 team Gap. If the Gap can overcome the Astonvilla boys Newmarket Postals will take the plunge. (unless they defeat Lats.). I'll play the last match safe with split points.

6th Division

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RANGERS BUSH ANNERLEY

ANNERLEY in a desperate bid to get amongst the top four, went down 2-4 to PARK RANGERS last Saturday.

The Rangers got away to a goal lead early, due to an Annerley defence misunderstanding, but they were not wearing their scoring boots for the rest of this half.

Gary Offer scored from a beautiful shot to make things even 1-1 at lemons.

The second half brought on quick results for within seven minutes from the start Rangers ran to a healthy lead of 3-1, which Annerley narrowed down to 3-2 with a well placed penalty kick.

Play was fairly even from then until 10 minutes from the end, when Rangers brought off the winning 4-2 goal.

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3rd DIVISION

(Continued from page 4)

ever 'Tiger' Taylor got his big skull to it and pushed it in further — just to be sure.

The lads had it made now at 4-1 — I suppose I should mention that the Arrow missed two penalties — but he made up for it when Hoggey put over a nice pass from the left wing, which the Arrow snapped up and with the shot of the match made it 5-1.

Watch Wynnum this week, and Gap — watch Easts.

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NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

1ST DIVISION SEMI FINALS:

SUNDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER—

1.00—Azzurri v. ?

(Exhibition)

2.45—Hellenic v. Hollandia

(Exhibition)

2ND DIVISION SEMI FINALS:

1st Semi—Latrobe v. Wynnum

2nd Semi—Annerley v. ?

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Coalstars 2 v. St. Helens 2
 Hellenic 3 v. Polonia 0 (1-0)
 Hollandia 1 v. Azzurri (1-0)
 Germania 1 v. Oxley 2 (1-1)
 Merton 7 v. Thistle 3 (3-1)

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Hellenic 2 v. St. Helens 2
 Thistle 2 d. Oxley 0
 Merton 2 d. Coalstars 1
 Hollandia 4 d. Polonia 1
 Azzurri 7 d. Germania 2

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