

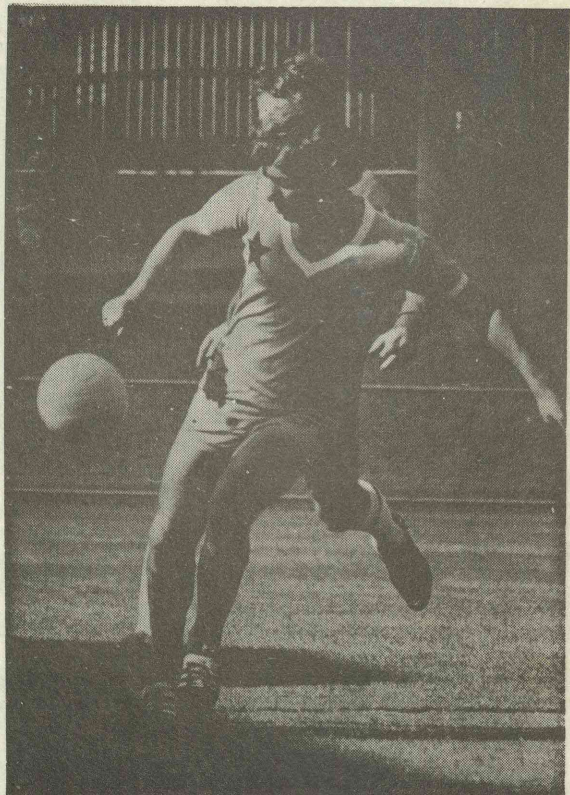
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Hellenic V Coalstars
MURTAGH CALDWELL



Key men from Sunday's premiership clash between Hellenic and Coalstars will be State players Tony Murtagh (left) and Kevin Caldwell, seen in action during recent club matches. Hellenic will be out to increase their premiership lead while Coalstars will be attempting to salvage some faith with their disappointed supporters.

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FEATURE PAGE -

GIVE QUEENSLAND A GO!

By George Pagan

Don't knock those Qld. boys or Qld. Soccer. Sure we got beaten 9 - 0, but I am confident we are on the right track for developing our standard here, and last Sunday's game again consolidated this to me.

Let's give credit to the Qld. team for where they lacked would surely be developed with stronger keener competition than they are playing here in Qld.

Let's have a close look at the aspects where Dundee were superior and assess whether we could reach Dundee's superior standard.

(A) They were much sharper, their reflexes were needle sharp and gave them a two yards advantage in thought and movement;

(B) Their dominance in the air which they used religiously, was a major asset;

(C) Their greater understanding and experience which naturally gives them a superior confidence;

The old hue and cry will be sounding out again! Qld. will never be any good. Hog-wash! that's what I say. All those pointers I have mentioned can, and will be developed if all departments of this Soccer organisation face up to our shortcomings and stop running away from them.

It was proved once again, the public will turn up if good promotions are staged.

In concluding, let me again congratulate the Qld. boys for facing up to the struggle they had on Sunday, and even in defeat they emerged with credit, something that has been a failing in the past. They had endurance and it gave me

pleasure to see them still trying in vain at the end.

Overall it was a wonderfully organised promotion which proved what can be done if we all get our heads together. Let's have more.

HOW WE SAW THEM

Here is how GO SOCCER saw the performance of the State players against Dundee last Sunday.

MARTIN COE - In some respects Coe's display was disappointing. At least three mistakes resulted in goals, although by no stretch of the imagination could he be blamed for all of them. In fact, several certainties he saved by diving at the feet of Wilson, Duncan and Ian Scott in the second half were all courage. His main problem was that uncertainty about when to stay at home or venture out of the goalmouth.

GARY WILKINS - A good honest match although he never really had the opportunity to display his attacking ability. Many of his tackles were right on the mark and Duncan Lambie knew he was in the game on a number of occasions. Like most of his team-mates his passing was astray on too many occasions.

CHAS MATTERS - Bad passing also marred Matters' performance, although he had the unenviable task of trying to contain Wilson on the right wing and later in the match attacking fullback Bobby Ford.

ALEX SENJUSCHENKO - Did not play as efficiently as we know he can and often had trouble heading away some of the Dundee crosses, a fault which Alex is conscious of and one which he plans to work on.

GARY CLIFFORD - The best defender on the day. Some of his first time tackles were object lessons to the others. But again like the other men, many of his clearances went straight to Dundee players, always on the spot to bang the ball right back into the home side's penalty area.

PETER NIELSEN - A most disappointing match from the State skipper. Normally a strong 90 minute player in club football, Nielsen's tackling power was almost non-existent and his passing was by far the worst feature of his game. Unlikely though to repeat that performance against Wolves.

BILLY FAGAN - Although none of the forwards really got a good sight of the ball, Fagan was kept right out of the game by left fullback Johnston and

coach Pagan's decision to rest the little winger at halftime was the right decision.

JOHN HUDSON - Came out of the match with plenty of credit and with team-mate Carrigan was one of the few capable on the day of taking Dundee players on and beating them effectively.

EDDIE CARRIGAN - Similar performance to Hudson's and some great defence-splitting passes sent Caldwell away on strong runs. Maintained his reputation as the most intelligent midfielder player in the State.

KEVIN CALDWELL - Showed plenty of promise in his limited opportunities but a few times after finding a way through the Dundee defence found no one up in support. The best forward on the day, well worth sticking with and was definitely unlucky to have that shot roll just past the upright late in the first half.

JIM ANCLIFFE - Our top forward was disappointing. Did not have the punch up front which has him a leader in the premiership goalscoring department. But here too some of the blame must be accredited to lack of possession. Like Nielsen is hardly likely to reproduce such a disappointing display.

TONY MURTAGH - Only played for half a match and was fairly consistent and should have scored with his lob shot past Mike Hewitt in the second half. Later just failed to cut a pass back to Carrigan who was unmarked and only feet from the net.

CHARLIE DENCH - Certainly put plenty of punch into the attack when he came on late to replace Caldwell. His size, enthusiasm and expected freshness gave the Dundee defence a few hectic moments late in the match.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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same way. Sir, McGinlay's suggestion is based on the situation now in existence at Lang Park where players engaged in match of the day enjoy herd membership for that day, a situation obviously enjoyed by the R.L. members.

You may or may not like the ironic tone contained in my letter so far, but I would now like to get serious. All through your letter you hinted at McGinlay's mercenarism, money taking, being paid, etc. Sir, you seem to have a great talent for "putting your foot in it".

J. McGinlay is 28 years of age. In an organised soccer career spanning 15 years he has played at a Boy's Guild level, junior with Shettleston, a premier junior league side in Scotland, two seasons with Glasgow Celtic, who should need no introduction, back to Cambuslang Juniors, the premier junior side in Scotland, then to the Channel Isles, to play in their competition. He came to Brisbane last season and has played first division soccer since. Sir, until five weeks ago, when he at last "took the plunge", J. McGinlay has been an AMATEUR. He turned semi-pro. At my request, a request based on the fact that the first division team at Bardon are paid according to the monies earned at Perry Park. In simple uncluttered terms, these players get what the "Perry Parkers" pay when they go to see them entertain. Therefore in 15 years J. McGinlay has received 6 match fees. Money grabber? I think not.

Finally, you say his argument is one-sided. You are the victim of the "one eyed" ogre sir. Your "anti professional" streak is burning like a beacon in the night sky for all to see. Please don't allow yourself to become embroiled in the business of running a semi-pro club, for with your kind at the helm soccer would still be the "sport of workers" and not the multi-million dollar industry it is today. Whether you like this or not does not matter one iota, it is an inescapable fact. On reflection, facts don't

seem to interest you either, as your letter showed, assumption after assumption, and all behind the safety of a nom-de-plume. J. McGinlay, his courage on the field already shown, did put his name to his words. This, to me, always is the final test, courage in one's own convictions.

Your amateur administrator,

J. BINNIE

Manager, Bardon Latrobe

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Re the suspension of player Clifford by the Disciplinary Council 17.5.72.

Only half the story has been told in the Daily Press, and, in fairness to the Committee concerned, I would be obliged if you would correct this by relating the facts in your Magazine 'Go Soccer', so that the Soccer public who read your publication may know the full story.

The Committee was informed by the Secretary of the Federation that player Clifford had been cautioned for the third time, and that no appeal had been lodged.

Paragraph 170 of the Constitution gives him the right to do this within 48 hours of receiving the caution.

Furthermore, Paragraph 176 states, "A player who has in the current season received two cautions will be warned in writing that should he receive a further caution he will automatically be subject to disciplinary action." This letter was duly sent and so cuts out the old plea of ignorance of the rule.

The Referee's Report, and I quote, "I cautioned the player for Foul Play." (Foul play was the only words used in the Press). The Referee's Report continues, "I saw the player kick his opponent whilst his opponent was lying on the ground."

As no appeal was lodged by the

player or his club, his case was dealt with as laid down in the Constitution.

The Committee unanimously found him guilty as charged by the Referee and the decision was - suspended for 1 week up to and including 21.5.72 plus \$10 fine.

In conclusion I would like to add that this Committee and previous Committees I have served on, has always judged each case on its merits and whether the player was an International or 4th Division player, he got the same consideration.

I would further add that this is not the only case of a Queensland player being suspended. Two who come to mind are Ray Richards suspended by his club, and Barry Dann suspended by a Disciplinary Committee.

So, we can say, if we are nothing else, we are at least consistent.

JOHN STEEL
Ex Chairman

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NO CUP DECISION

Many people are under the misapprehension that this week-end will decide who will win the first round trophy, the President's Cup.

But, in fact it will be some time before the winner is known, as firstly, the third round of fixtures over Easter was washed out because of wet weather and will be played in July.

Also, the Bardon-Polonia match, postponed last Saturday week, forms part of the first round. That match possibly will be played next Wednesday night under floodlights at Lanham Park, but in any case, we will have to wait until July to see who takes the President's Cup, held by Thistle, this year.

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REFEREES' CORNER

"THE REFEREE AS SEEN BY THE COACH AND PLAYERS"

by Karl-Heinz Heddergott, Germany F.R., Member of the FIFA Panel of Speakers and Lecturers.

Like everything else which is constantly being reformed, and changing radically, football too has its own trends of development. The increasingly explosive polarity between attack and defence, arising from the challenge and spiralling expectations of success, reveals itself fundamentally in the tense atmosphere prevalent at football games, where the players, referee and coach have to provide their worth, the coaches in their capacity as the directors of their players' performance. A discussion of this theme must inevitably include the beauty, sportsmanship, magnetism and attraction of football. The responsibility for success rests mainly with the players themselves, with the coach, who has a decisive influence on the performance of his team, and also with the referees as the guardians of sportsmanship. The prerequisites for a balanced relationship between the players, coach and referee are a fuller awareness of the others' problems and a strengthening of the basis of trust founded on this mutual understanding.

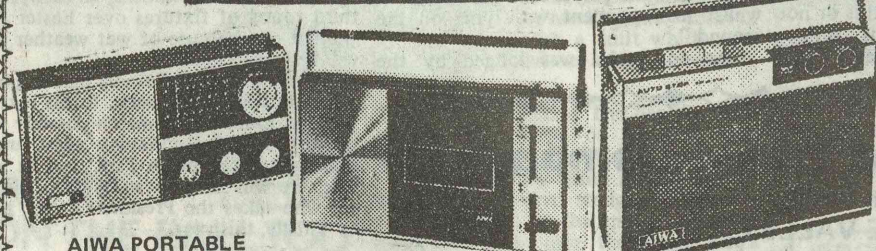
Conversations with referees on this point show that the increasing magnitude and complexity of the problems connected with their job, important and wonderful though it may be, confront them with an even harder challenge, the consequence of which is to force many of them to retaliate by adopting a harsher, more ruthless attitude. This attitude and adjustment to conditions seems to me to be rather too simple and not suitable for placing the referee's deportment upon a good initial basis. This initial basis should be impartiality, a clear, misconception-free, and objective application of an excellent knowledge of the Laws, and the correct interpretation of them. The stipulations of the Laws clearly correspond to the offence committed and do not allow for stricter or harder punishments. A referee who cannot see this and, in his attitude to the game and to punishments, disregards it, is in danger of losing his impartiality, becoming prejudiced and regarding the players as his opponents. He would even abuse his power and thus aggravate and intensify the tension which prevails at every football game, so running the risk of spoiling a sportsmanlike game.

In this often hectic atmosphere of modern football, higher demands are, of course, placed on the basic qualities of a good referee. Apart from the important physical requirements, which pose also the question of age limitation, there are certain features of personality to which considerable and fundamental importance is attached. He must be an expert in his field with the appropriate knowledge to rapid and clear decisions. He must possess good powers of concentration and observation, combined with an even temper. A thorough analysis of the lines of development of the game and every change of atmosphere should enable him to determine his standpoint and attitude, and prepare him for any eventuality. The reconstruction of each game after it has been played, that is the self-critical review of his deportment, especially after a reaction of the players or spectators to one of his decisions, is of extreme importance as far as his accumulation of values from experience and consequent self-confidence are concerned. Referees lacking in self-confidence tend rather to make an exhibition of themselves and the power which they wield by the use of spectacular gesticul-

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Annerley	6	4	1	1	14	3	9
Mt. Gravatt	8	3	1	4	16	23	7
Budapest	6	3	—	3	19	13	6
Taringa	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
Wynnum	7	2	2	3	13	13	6
Germania	6	1	3	2	11	15	5
Newmarket	7	2	1	4	10	17	5
Souths	7	2	1	4	7	12	5
Merton	6	1	—	5	6	19	2
Hellenic	8	7	—	1	33	11	14
2B DIV.	7	6	—	1	21	10	12
Bardon	7	4	1	2	32	16	9
Redcliffe	7	4	1	2	18	20	9
Coalstars	6	4	—	2	26	10	8
Azzurri	7	4	—	3	18	20	8
Gold Coast	6	3	1	2	15	17	7
Redlands	6	3	—	3	19	14	6
University	6	1	1	4	5	21	3
Thistle	6	1	—	5	6	21	2
Polonia	6	—	—	6	11	28	0
Hollandia	6	—	—	6	9	25	0
Merton	8	7	—	1	33	10	14
Dnipro	6	5	1	—	23	14	11
2C DIV.	8	4	2	2	39	16	10
Oxley	7	4	2	1	24	16	10
Olympic	7	4	1	2	30	13	9
Mitchelton	7	3	3	1	19	12	9
Annerley	7	4	—	3	20	17	8
Fairfield	8	2	3	3	18	13	7
Germania	7	2	—	5	14	30	4
Wynnum	8	1	1	6	16	21	3
Gap	7	1	1	5	17	28	3
Bardon	8	—	—	8	13	76	0
Taringa	7	6	—	1	19	10	12
St. Helens	8	5	1	2	25	11	11
Budapest	7	5	—	2	17	12	10
3A DIV.	8	5	—	3	17	16	10
North Star	7	4	1	2	17	11	9
Acacia Ridge	8	4	1	3	19	20	9
Dnipro	7	4	—	3	16	14	8
Souths	7	3	1	3	18	14	7
Redcliffe	7	2	—	5	14	19	4
Park Rangers	7	1	2	4	10	15	4
Toowong	7	1	2	4	10	17	4
Pine Rivers	8	—	—	8	3	26	0
Annerley	8	7	—	1	40	8	14
Thistle	7	6	—	1	29	3	12
Newmarket	8	6	—	2	22	15	12
Gap	8	5	—	3	26	15	10
3B DIV.	7	5	—	2	19	11	10
Darra	7	4	1	2	37	14	9
St. Albans	8	4	1	3	21	13	9
University	8	3	—	5	15	29	6
Booval	7	2	—	5	5	28	4
Valley	7	2	—	5	7	35	4
Brighton	7	—	—	7	4	54	0
Mt. Gravatt	8	8	—	—	40	2	16
Redlands	7	6	—	1	35	6	12
Taringa	7	4	2	1	11	7	10
Toowong	5	4	—	1	15	14	8
Annerley	6	3	1	2	18	17	7
3C DIV.	5	3	—	2	23	14	6
New Farm	8	3	—	5	24	23	6
Irish	6	2	1	3	7	11	5
Gold Coast	6	2	—	4	16	34	4
Budapest	7	7	—	—	51	5	14
North Star	6	5	1	—	31	5	11
University	8	5	1	2	23	24	11
Mitchelton	7	4	2	1	26	8	10
Nerang	6	5	—	1	22	9	10
Fairfield	8	4	1	3	21	13	9
Colts Div.	8	4	—	4	19	32	8
St. Helens	7	2	1	4	23	16	5
Hollandia	7	2	1	4	16	14	5
Oxley	6	2	1	3	18	22	5
Germania	7	2	1	4	12	21	5
Annerley	6	2	1	3	18	22	5
Mt. Gravatt	7	2	1	4	16	27	5
Pine Rivers	7	2	1	4	16	27	5
Azzurri	7	2	1	4	16	27	5
Logan	7	2	1	4	16	27	5
Wynnum	7	2	1	4	16	27	5
Nerang	7	2	1	4	16	27	5
Mitchelton	7	2	1	4	16	27	5

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Army	8	6	—	—	25	13	12								
Logan	8	6	—	—	23	10	12								
St. Michaels	8	5	—	—	3	19	14	10							
New Farm	7	4	—	—	3	25	15	8							
Irish	8	4	—	—	4	12	15	8							
M.G. Teachers	7	2	2	3	29	16	6								
Pine Rivers	8	3	—	—	5	15	30	6							
Newmarket	8	2	1	5	35	37	5								
North Star	5	2	—	—	3	13	27	4							
Toowong	7	1	1	5	8	42	3								
Nerang	8	—	—	—	8	4	71	0							

FIRST DIVISION PAGES

POLONIA v. MERTON (Saturday, Perry Park, 3.00 p.m.)

Bob Buchanan

Syd Tucker has a job this week when he will have to try and lift his side to better things when they meet a much improved Merton-East.

If he can't, things are going to be tough trying to stay in 1st Division, and even at this stage the battle to stay up is between them and Oxley.

Maybe the two weeks break will bring them out fresh and mentally prepared to tackle Merton.

In Alan James, Eddie Musial, Derek Attwood, Polonia have the nucleus of a fine defence, but they don't seem to be firing at the same time, which gives Frank Romanowski many anxious moments.

Ron Piper has settled well in the centre half position, and he is well supported by Stewart Curtis.

Up front, like most teams, lack of power seems to be the main trouble. Wayne Walker is right off at the moment. Tucker himself tries hard, but seems to be worried about the rest of the team, thus loses concentration.

Mick Anthony will come on to a good game when acclimatised again, but Roger Clark just seems to be unable to get going.

They will be hard pushed to get a point on Saturday, and unfortunately these sides meet again the following week, which may help, however, if weaknesses are spotted.

Well, are Merton on the long chase back. I think so. Hellenic were lucky to get a draw when they met, two weeks ago.

The defence has solidarity with Gary Clelland and Gary Catchpole playing well. What would Merton be like without Big Gary's leadership, I shudder to think.

Steve Dolan is like wine, he improves week by week, and must soon come into contention for the State squad. If he is good enough, he is old enough, and looking at the "Dundee Disaster", we can't go far wrong in bringing in youth.

New boy Billy Donaldson impressed and took some weight off Dolan. His strength along with Trevor Catchpole's power, will spell trouble for Polonia.

I don't think Ron Millman was happy last time out, he seemed cramped, but maybe another run will do him good.

Why don't the Merton forwards take a leaf out of Bevan Bohan's book, when he sees the goals he shoots, no walking it in for him. Very refreshing to see at least one player in Brisbane, consistently having a go.

Merton must win to keep up the chase to the top. I think they will as they are playing better as a team, whereas Polonia are trying hard but without success.

THE TEAMS

POLONIA

1. F. Romanowski
2. I. Frampton
3. D. Attwood
4. R. Piper
5. A. Curtis
6. S. Curtis
7. A. James
8. M. Anthony
9. R. Clark
10. S. Tucker
11. W. Walker

MERTON

1. B. Willis
2. G. Clelland
3. G. Meagher
4. A. Senjuschenko
5. G. Catchpole
6. S. Dolan
7. D. Abbott
8. T. Catchpole
9. R. Millman
10. W. Donaldson
11. B. Bohan

OXLEY v. AZZURRI

(Saturday, Dunlop Park, 2.45 p.m.)

Bob Buchanan

Although Oxley made a welcome return to form against Hollandia, I cannot see them getting two points on Saturday when they meet the strong Azzurri side.

Apart from the disputed penalty, which by the way was a penalty even the player concerned admits this, Oxley had numerous chances to score, but as usual hasty shooting and offside let them down.

The front rank are beginning to click and with Jackie Cormack playing well on the wing, more chances are being created.

Paul Yeuell had his best game this season and scored two fine goals. Coach,

Tony Lowndes, I think he is still the and took some weight off Dolan. His strength along with Trevor Catchpole's power, will spell trouble for Polonia.

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Another busy boy will be Jim Kirk who has the midfield battle with Bill Haig. This clash could be interesting.

Azzurri are on the winning trail again and with the recent signing of Des Heath and Ian Johnston, show they want the Premiership once again.

Rick Schluter seems to have the keeper position now and improves with every game. I know a few clubs however, who would give anything to have David Neal.

It's hard to find now where Azzurri's weakness is, if any, as they cover so well for each other, even Bruno Pinti who was to me the weak spot, is playing very steady.

One player who I think is underrated is Pete Strawson. He is orthodox, steady, crosses a neat ball, and takes chances. I don't know why he was replaced by Prima Donna Willie Connors against St. Helens, but Nereo must have had a reason.

Big Charlie Dench will be a better player now that Johnston has returned and we should see some goals from both of them when they knit.

With Heath on the other wing, I can't see Azzurri losing this game. Too much power. With Gary Clifford and Peter Nielsen aided by Matt Hosie, Oxley will be hard pressed scoring goals, but you can't tell. On paper, Azzurri must win but we don't play on paper.

THE TEAMS

OXLEY

1. H. Mitchell
2. R. Gordon
3. D. Fraser
4. D. Kinsella
5. B. Barnes
6. J. Kirk
7. C. Black
8. J. Cormack
9. P. Yeuell
10. R. Shortman
11. R. Dobinson

AZZURRI

1. R. Schluter
2. M. Hosie
3. B. Pinti
4. G. Clifford
5. I. Perry
6. P. Nielsen
7. D. Heath
8. W. Haigh
9. I. Johnston
10. C. Dench
11. P. Strawson

THISTLE v. HOLLANDIA (Sunday, Lanham Park, 2.45 p.m.)

Despite Thistle's position on the table and their strong current form, Hollandia, now lurking behind the top four, could make this match a lot closer than most people think.

We must remember that Thistle won the President's Cup last year after leading at the end of the first round, but then went backwards to finish out of the final four.

But it must be acknowledged that Thistle have a more compact and certainly much more productive team than at this stage last year.

Evidence of this is that big Ritchie Smith, a regular member of the team at this point last season, is now having a struggle getting back in at the expense of much improved Mike Culhana, Steve Pollard, Jim Ancliffe and David Jones.

Few would have thought that Jones normally a midfield player would have been a success as a striker, but his two goals against Coalstars two weeks back have vindicated the faith placed in him.

Hollandia did well to come back from a goal down to beat Oxley last Sunday week, and the perseverance with Dave Sargent and Jim McCabe as a goalscoring combination is certainly paying dividends.

Sargent in particular in his new surroundings is playing much better than he did with Azzurri last season, but he still tends to bomb too many easy

chances during a match.

Hollandia's big trump card in defence at the moment is Phil Sunderland, who is playing at the peak of his form and he will play a big part in curbing that strong goalscoring power of Thistle.

Peter Steen is retaining his reputation as one of our most consistent and reliable defenders and if he can find Sunderland, on the same day, Hollandia, with the added support of Mark Walker, have one of the best backlines in Brisbane.

A good tight match is assured with the winner looking likely to get the nod by the odd goal - the tip - Hollandia.

THE TEAMS

THISTLE

1. P. Roberts
2. A. Keenan
3. B. Allison
4. A. Anderson
5. B. Dann
6. A. Bain
7. M. Culhana
8. O. Monaghan
9. D. Jones
10. J. Ancliffe
11. S. Pollard

HOLLANDIA

1. M. Walker
2. G. Wilkins
3. P. Steen
4. P. Sunderland
5. B. Mollee
6. S. Anderson
7. L. Koraknai
8. R. Wilson
9. D. Sargent
10. J. McCabe
11. D. Wilkins

HELLENIC v. COALSTARS

(Sunday, Perry Park, 3.00 p.m.)

Hellenic should be set to further consolidate their premiership lead when they meet the unpredictable Coalstars, providing current form holds true.

Hellenic are undefeated at headquarters while the Ipswich boys have not, and rarely do, play well at Perry Park.

The absence of Barry Shreiweis and the transfer of Ian Johnston can be fully gauged this week-end, although they look to already have had some effect judging by Coalstars' heavy loss to Thistle at their last premiership meeting.

Kevin Caldwell showed some flashes against Dundee but was heavily outnumbered, but some more strong runs could cause some danger to the Hellenic backline.

Once again, Caldwell will have to look to Alex Cumming, Wally Kitching and Ross Hallett for his support with Barry Payne and Trevor Davis, backed by young Tony Spruce, the main hopes in defence.

Hellenic must be hot favourites with their impressive record which has brought only one defeat (to Azzurri) and one draw (to Merton last Sunday week).

But Hellenic showed against Merton that they too are vulnerable and it was only some spirited defence from Chas. Matters and Gordon Mackie and to a lesser degree Peter Parmaklis, which enabled them to hold Merton out.

There are unlikely to be any great changes to the Hellenic attack with Nigel Rehbock's opportunism (three goals in two matches) allowing him to retain the striker's role at the expense of the unlucky Neil Catchpole.

Andy Tsoumbaras, Brisbane's leading goalscorer two seasons back is having a lean time in the goalscoring department and must soon become a major threat again in alliance with Billy Fagan.

Let's hope Fagan's poor match against Dundee last Sunday hasn't destroyed his confidence. Coalstars has a habit of even surprising their most avid supporters, but they are unlikely to do so this week-end against Hellenic.

THE TEAMS

HELLENIC

1. P. Parmaklis
2. C. Petridis
3. C. Matters
4. W. Maxton
5. G. Mackie
6. M. Jackson
7. W. Fagan
8. A. Murtagh
9. N. Rehbock
10. A. Tsoumbaras
11. I. Fagan

COALSTARS

1. A. Spruce
2. T. Davis
3. B. Ahearn
4. A. Keddie
5. B. Payne
6. I. Davis
7. E. Kreis
8. R. Hallett
9. K. Caldwell
10. W. Kitching
11. A. Cumming

TEAM STORIES

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ST. HELENS v. BARDON

(Sunday, Ebbw Vale, 2.45 p.m.)

Bardon probably will have mixed feelings when they travel up the Ipswich Highway on Sunday in view of the fact that they lost the corresponding match 1-2 to Saints last year.

That game, incidentally, marked the emergence of Martin Coe as a striker, with the State goalkeeper scoring Bardon's lone goal of the match.

But Coe naturally will not be required in that role this time, as Bardon, fortunately, thanks largely to Alan Morris have gone a long way towards solving that problem.

However, some Bardon supporters still are not completely happy with the way the forward line is functioning and are expecting more from the potentially dangerous Neil Docherty.

Saints, like their Ipswich counterparts Coalstars, are a suspect lot, but if they had taken their early chances against Azzurri last Saturday week, the result of that match could have been a lot closer.

Stocky centre forward Norm Podlich made a comeback to the team and almost started a fightback with a splendid goal, with the help of young Dennis Cruickshanks.

That pair, John Verrall and John Dann, if he concentrates on football, will be the big dangers to Bardon's normally reliable backline.

Powerful centre forward, Glen McKeand came on as a replacement in the last match and will lift Saints' chances of completely fit for this match.

One other player, if he decided to put a 90 minute effort into the job of scoring and making goals would be a great asset to Saints - inside forward Lex Gibb.

Peter Gemmell, Doug Dann and Stewart Dedman will provide their usual honest matches in defence for Saints but Bardon, with just a little bit too much class, should be able to break the Ebbw Vale hoodoo for a close win.

THE TEAMS

ST. HELENS

- 1. N. Doyle
- 2. S. Dann
- 3. B. Dobbie
- 4. S. Dedman
- 5. D. Dann
- 6. P. Gemmell
- 7. J. Dann
- 8. D. Cruickshanks
- 9. N. Podlich
- 10. A. Gibb
- 11. J. Verrall

BARDON

- 1. M. Coe
- 2. G. Rowan
- 3. A. Sinclair
- 4. G. Gault
- 5. M. Lee
- 6. J. McGinlay
- 7. I. Young
- 8. J. Hudson
- 9. E. Carrigan
- 10. N. Docherty
- 11. A. Morris

FIRST DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	AGGREGATE							Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F	A		
Hellenic	7	5	1	1	21	12	11	
Thistle	7	5	-	2	21	7	10	
Azzurri	7	5	-	2	16	10	10	
Bardon	6	4	-	2	11	8	8	
Hollandia	7	3	1	3	18	15	7	
St. Helens	7	2	2	3	15	25	6	
Merton	7	1	3	3	13	16	5	
Coalstars	7	1	3	3	10	16	5	
Polonia	6	-	3	3	6	11	3	
Oxley	7	1	1	5	9	20		

	HOME							Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F	A		
Hellenic	3	3	-	-	13	4	6	
Thistle	3	3	-	-	10	2	6	
Azzurri	4	3	-	1	12	6	6	
Bardon	3	2	-	1	3	3	4	
Hollandia	3	1	-	2	7	7	2	
St. Helens	4	1	2	1	7	10	4	
Merton	3	1	1	1	8	8	3	
Coalstars	3	-	2	1	3	7	2	
Polonia	4	-	1	3	3	8	1	
Oxley	4	-	1	3	6	13	1	

	AWAY							Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F	A		
Hellenic	4	2	1	1	8	8	5	
Thistle	4	2	-	2	11	5	4	
Azzurri	3	2	-	1	4	4	4	
Bardon	3	2	-	1	8	5	4	
Hollandia	4	2	1	1	11	8	5	
St. Helens	3	1	-	2	8	15	2	
Merton	4	-	2	2	5	8	2	
Coalstars	4	1	1	2	7	9	3	
Polonia	2	-	2	-	3	3	2	
Oxley	3	1	-	2	3	7	2	

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Saturday, June 3 -
Hollandia v. Thistle (Perry Park)
Azzurri v. Oxley (Dunlop Park)

Sunday, June 4 -
Bardon v. St. Helens (Perry Park)
Coalstars v. Hellenic (Bundamba)
Merton v. Polonia (Perry Park)

1971 PREMIERSHIP RESULTS

Polonia v. Merton - 3-3, 1-3
Oxley v. Azzurri - Not played
Hellenic v. Coalstars - 1-2, 3-1
Thistle v. Hollandia - 2-2, 3-3
St. Helens v. Bardon - 2-1, 0-4



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Having been around some of the junior matches and watched the under 14 year old trials at Oxley on May 14th I am more than concerned with the attitude of the referee and officials at these matches with respect to the ball. Why should I be concerned with something that these men who, in good faith do a worthwhile job, would say it is none of my business.

Well, what is wrong with the ball you might say.

Let us quote what the referee's chart says -

"Providing the principles of these laws be maintained they may be modified in these applications of players of SCHOOL age as follows:-

- (a) Size of playing pitch.
- (b) Size, weight and material of ball.
- (c) Width between the goal post and height of the cross bar from the ground.
- (d) duration of the periods of play."

It is (b) that is the point. Under 14s at Oxley playing with a size 5 ball that

was more than 28" in circumference and blown up like a cannon ball. This ball had probably been left in a boot of a car from the previous match and given a few pumps of air. This is no way to treat a ball. It must be cleaned and let down after every match to give the leather time to restore its elasticity.

The ball should be atmospherical pressure 15 lb. per sq. in. which has plenty of give when depressed by the thumb. The Brazilians have less than 15 lb. p.s.i. if they can get away with it because it gives their ball players a chance to show their skills, and they can swerve the ball better.

So, why don't we have softer balls in junior games so that they can show their skills. The Italians in 1948 insisted on a size 4 ball in a full international; so if the Italians thought it was better to use a smaller ball, why not let the lads learn all aspects of ball control under match conditions with a smaller and slightly softer ball.

Perhaps some of you good men in junior football will give this some consideration, because we want the Australian boys to grow up with ball skill and not the brute force and ignorance that is such a part of British football.

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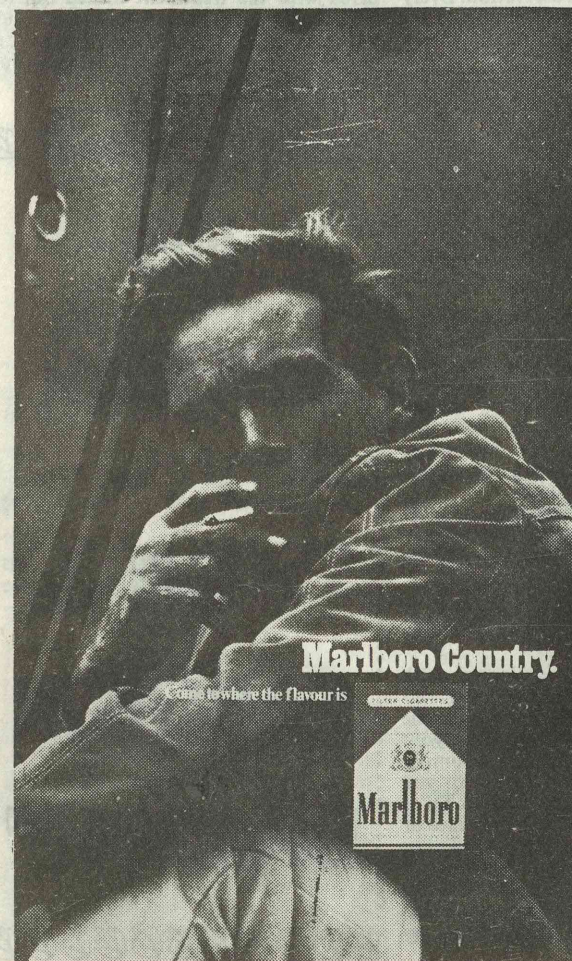
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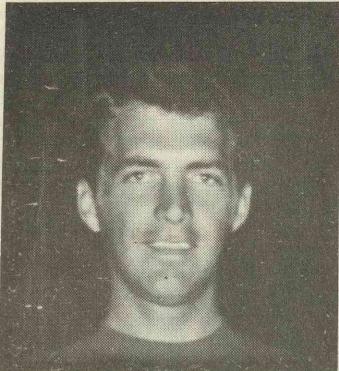
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| 5 Nigel Rehbock | (Hellenic) |
| 5 Dave Sargent | (Hollandia) |
| 4 Ron Millman | (Merton) |
| 4 Alan Morris | (Bardon) |
| 4 Neil Catchpole | (Hellenic) |
| 4 John Dann | (St. Helens) |
| 3 Mike Culhane | (Thistle) |
| 3 Andy Tsoumbaras | (Hellenic) |
| 3 John Verrall | (St. Helens) |
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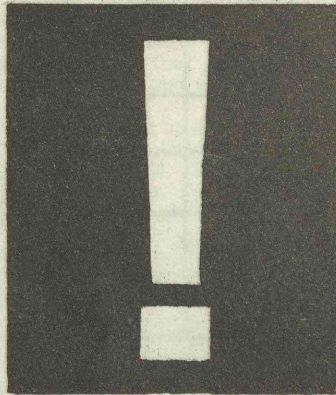
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