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'MIXED FEELINGS'



MIXED FEELINGS — Two Coalstars players who look to have mixed feelings about the outcome of Saturday's match against Polonia at Perry Park. Coalstars are last on goal average but goalkeeper Barry Shreiweis (right) who recently came back after announcing his retirement, looks supremely confident. On the other hand, defender Rob Brown doesn't look as confident but naturally hopes his side can get back into the winning list.

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WITH "GO SOCCER" TO REPORT ON THE 2A DIVISION SCENE

Well, after a long lay off, and with the season half over, our endeavours are turned again in the direction of the promotion of 2A Division. The writer this season has had the good intentions, however due to the amount of time spent outside Brisbane has found the task a difficult one.

Nevertheless, I shall be around now until approximately mid August, and any news you may care to afford me will be used in your interests in the allotted space. The phone number is still 55 3453.

In the light of the competition I am flying blind at the moment, having seen only two 2A games this year. No difference, from hereon, I shall be taking a much greater interest. The main point this week is to let you know there will be a general run down with each edition of 'Go Soccer' from now on.

The points table at the half way mark is extremely interesting, with no fewer than seven of the competing teams within four points of each other.

Mitchelton shone out on fifteen points (with one game in hand) followed by Mt. Gravatt on 13 points (two games in hand and one of these against Mitchelton). Also on 13 points is Gap Pastimes, however, they have played their full quota of eleven games. There are three teams on 12 points and here again Wynnum and Taringa each have two games in hand. The other is Annerley, whose defeat on Saturday dropped them quite a few notches on the points ladder. They too have played the maximum possible.

However, don't discard this team lightly, they have always shown a ton of spirit on the comeback trail.

The other team that is still a strong contender is Germania with a game in hand. They sport eleven points on the right side of the ledger and as aforementioned, this is only four points away from the leaders.

The remaining five teams are conceding four points at least to Germania and would have to improve rapidly to provide a real threat. Newmarket will have to reverse the outcome against bottom team Hellenic if they want their two games in hand to be of consequence.

The above facts and figures indicate a very topsy turvy affair to this point with the top teams (and some of the more lowly placed, as well) scuttling each other's chances of a clear lead at random. Make no mistake, the track to the top four berths is still extremely cluttered and most uncertain.

Even the goal averages are disconcerting. Mitchelton have scored thirtysix and conceded sixteen. Mt. Gravatt in number two slot have conceded a lowly seven, yet have been able to muster only sixteen and this in itself gives them the goal average for the competition at this juncture.

I saw the Gap Mitchelton clash at Perry Park on Saturday and considering both sides "bombed" some sitters abetted by the considerable time consumed by the referee compiling his diary and the eventual score of 6 - 3 in favour of Mitchelton, it means that both teams must remain acutely aware of their defence position.

Next week the same teams again play each other as it is the first match of the second round and should any of this week's victors become next week's vanquished their aspirations to promotion must suffer a serious nose dive.

Now that I have attempted to clarify the position for you (or for me, I'm not sure yet) we will concentrate on bringing you the action from herein, on the actual games as from the next edition.

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The answer to each of the six clues below is a number. Cross out the letters in the squares which also contain any of these numbers. The letters which are left will spell the name of a Scottish 2nd Division club. (Reading from left to right and progressing downwards.)

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16	1	4	8	18
F	U	E	I	T
2	3	5	6	7
W	C	F	S	E

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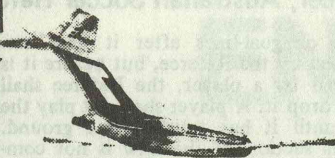
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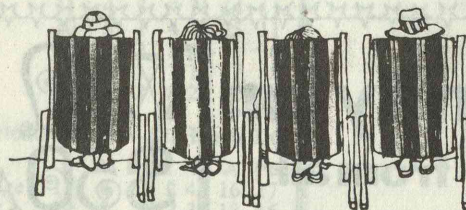
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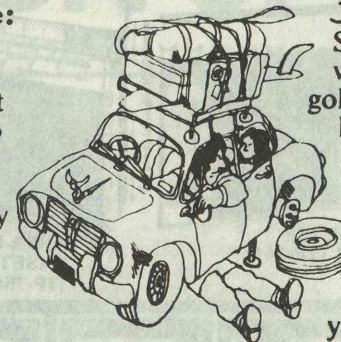
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REFEREES' CORNER

(Compiled by J. Carlin, Publicity Officer, Australian Soccer Referees Federation, Qld. Division.)

An interesting and unusual incident happened during a recent First Division game, which I believe is worth recalling for the benefit of readers.

The Referee had temporarily stopped the game for an injury to a player. In accordance with normal procedure, under Law 8, the Referee dropped the ball where it was when the game was stopped, which happened to be in the penalty area. Immediately the ball was dropped to the ground so also did the goalkeeper who flopped right on top of it! To many, including some of the opposing players, it was thought that the goalkeeper's action was illegal, but this of course is not so.

To clear up this part of Law 8 further perhaps I should firstly quote from the chart:

"After Any Other Temporary Suspension: When restarting the game after a temporary suspension of play from any cause not mentioned in the Laws, provided that immediately prior to the suspension the ball had not passed over the touch or goal-lines, the Referee shall drop the ball at the place where it was when play was suspended and it shall be deemed in play when it has touched the ground; if, however, it goes over the

touch or goal-lines after it has been dropped by the Referee, but before it is touched by a player, the Referee shall again drop it. A player shall not play the ball until it has touched the ground. If this section of the Law is not complied with the Referee shall again drop the ball".

You will notice the Law clearly states a "dropped" ball and NOT as so many say, a "bounce" ball. The next important point is that the ball is in play when it has TOUCHED the ground - if the ball is played before it touches the ground or it rolls over the goal-line or touch-line without a player touching it, the ball will be dropped again.

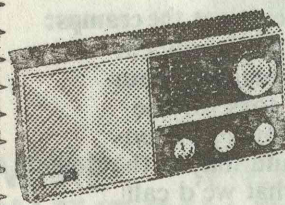
Finally, to clear up a misunderstanding which apparently seems to be in the minds of many players and that is, that there should be one player of each side at the dropping of a ball by the Referee. This is not true for the Law does not say that at all. You could quite easily have no players within the vicinity of a dropped ball or, for the sake of any Lang Parkers, a good resemblance to an all-in scrum!

(Next week I will attempt to clarify the Offside Law for you).

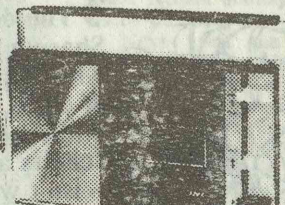


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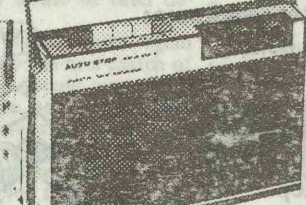
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Mitchelton	10	6	3	1	36	16	15
Mt. Gravatt	9	6	1	2	16	7	13
Gap	11	6	1	4	21	17	13
Wynnum	9	5	2	2	20	9	12
Taringa	9	6	-	3	30	18	12
Annerley	11	5	2	4	16	22	12
Germania	10	4	3	3	18	15	11
Merton	10	3	1	6	11	15	7
Newmarket	9	2	3	4	13	20	7
Budapest	11	3	1	7	16	30	7
Souths	10	2	1	7	14	24	5
Hellenic	9	2	-	7	10	28	4

2B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bardon	11	8	1	2	41	16	17
Redcliffe	9	7	1	1	24	11	15
Azzurri	10	6	2	2	29	22	14
Gold Coast	8	6	-	2	36	11	12
Coalstars	9	5	1	3	36	22	11
Redlands	10	5	-	5	22	33	10
University	9	3	2	4	19	23	8
Thistle	9	3	1	5	23	24	7
Polonia	9	3	1	5	10	25	7
Dnipro	9	3	-	6	17	27	6
Hollandia	8	1	-	7	9	28	2
Merton	9	-	1	8	15	39	1

Not Reported: Redcliffe v. Coalstars 10/6
Hollandia v. Gold Coast 10/6

2C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oxley	11	9	-	2	48	16	18
Olympic	9	7	1	1	31	9	15
Annerley	10	6	2	2	36	22	14
Fairfield	9	6	1	2	36	15	13
Germania	10	5	3	2	26	15	13
Mitchelton	11	5	2	4	42	23	12
Gap	11	4	3	4	21	14	11
Wynnum	10	5	1	4	26	25	11
St. Helens	9	2	2	5	20	31	6
Bardon	10	2	1	7	16	37	5
Taringa	11	1	2	8	22	32	4
Budapest	11	-	-	11	4	89	0

Not Reported: Fairfield v. St. Helens 3/6

3A DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Acacia Ridge	11	8	1	2	44	16	17
North Star	10	8	-	2	35	18	16
Toowong	10	7	-	3	29	17	14
Redcliffe	9	6	1	2	22	11	13
Park Rangers	10	6	1	3	29	25	13
Souths	11	6	-	5	24	26	12
Dnipro	10	6	-	4	20	23	12
Pine Rivers	10	4	2	4	25	23	12
Annerley	10	3	-	7	22	30	6
Newmarket	11	1	3	6	13	25	5
Thistle	10	1	2	7	18	29	4
Gap	11	1	-	10	8	37	2


Not Reported: Park Rangers v. Redcliffe

3B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Darra	11	9	-	2	52	12	18
St. Albans	9	8	-	1	37	4	16
Mt. Gravatt	11	7	1	3	34	17	15
Brighton	10	6	2	2	46	18	14
Booval	11	7	-	4	33	20	14
University	10	7	-	3	31	20	14
Valley	10	6	1	3	23	19	13
Taringa	10	3	-	7	18	41	6
Toowong	10	3	-	7	18	45	6
Redland	11	3	-	8	18	51	6
Annerley	10	1	-	9	4	67	2

Not Reported: St. Albans v. University

3C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
New Farm	11	11	-	-	75	5	22
Irish	9	8	-	1	42	7	16
Gold Coast	9	6	2	1	17	9	14
North Star	9	4	2	3	29	25	10
Budapest	8	5	-	3	21	26	10

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Fairfield	10	3	1	6	29	53	7	Not Reported:	Irish v. Mt. Grav. Tch.	11/6					
University	7	3	-	4	25	19	6	Newmarket v. Logan	11/6						
Mitchelton	10	3	-	7	27	30	6	Nerang v. Toowong	10/6						
Park Rangers	10	2	1	7	20	56	5								
Kedron Teach.	9	1	1	7	17	51	3	COLTS DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Mt. Gravatt	8	-	-	8	4	29	0	St. Helens	10	10	-	-	70	8	20
Not Reported:	Irish v. Gold Coast	10/6						Hollandia	8	6	2	-	45	8	14
	University v. Mitchelton	10/6						Annerley	8	7	-	1	28	10	14
	Nerang v. Mt. Gravatt	10/6						Oxley	11	6	2	3	30	29	14
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								Mt. Gravatt	10	5	1	4	25	16	11
								Logan	10	4	1	5	30	28	9
								Pine Rivers	10	4	-	6	19	39	8
								Azzurri	9	3	1	5	25	18	7
								Wynnum	9	3	1	5	21	28	7
								Mitchelton	9	3	1	5	23	32	7
								Souths	10	3	1	6	16	27	7
								Pine Rivers	9	1	-	8	11	36	2
								Darra	10	-	-	10	8	90	0
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									Wynnum v. Hollandia	11/6					
									Mitchelton v. Pine Rivers	11/6					
									Annerley v. Mt. Gravatt	10/6					

FIRST DIVISION PAGES

POLONIA v. COALSTARS (Saturday, Perry Park, 3.00)

By Bruce Waddell

What a vital match for these two teams as relegation worries for the winner will be relieved considerably.

Coalstars have had a week's rest to think about things and sort out their problems but the way they have been playing makes it practically impossible to forecast just what sort of football they will produce this week.

From all reports they had a strong match two weeks back when they came back strongly to only just go down to Hellenic.

So obviously "Butch" Caldwell, Alex Cumming and Wally Kitching have the problem of finding a way through a Polonia defence that at the moment is making quite a name for itself.

Frank Romanowski is playing his best football and is being well supported by the hard tackling of Derek Attwood, Ron Piper, who is emerging as one of the most capable centre halves in Brisbane and the usually consistent Alan James.

The return of Dave Sargent this week could pose some problems for coach Syd Tucker as Derek Robson, who played in Sargent's spot in the Cup match on Sunday scored their lone goal and generally had a sound match.

Young Alan Curtis also ran strongly so Tucker is unlikely to disturb his half-back line to allow Sargent in there.

The answer appears to be to drop either Bob Barlow, Keith Hymas or Roger Clark to make way for Sargent, although Barlow may yet be required for No. 1 jersey if Romanowski fails to recover from his hand injury.

One wonders why Tucker doesn't play in the forward line right from the start instead of coming on as a reserve, usually when it's far too late.

It's also a bit of a mystery why little winger Mick Anthony has not been given another chance to try to improve on Polonia's meagre total of seven premiership goals.

But whatever forward line they come up with, Barry Payne, Errol Kreis and Trevor Davis should give the Ipswich side a great chance of keeping that total down.

The return of Barry Shreweis also will be a great help and Coalstars may just come away with the two points.

THE TEAMS

POLONIA		COALSTARS	
1. F. Romanowski	1. B. Shreweis	2. E. Kreis	
2. I. Frampton	2. E. Kreis	3. F. Johnston	
3. D. Attwood	3. F. Johnston	4. R. Brown	
4. A. Curtis	4. R. Brown	5. B. Payne	
5. R. Piper	5. B. Payne	6. I. Davis	
6. A. James	6. I. Davis	7. R. Rallett	
7. W. Walker	7. R. Rallett	8. B. Ahearn	
8. D. Robson	8. B. Ahearn	9. K. Caldwell	
9. R. Barlow	9. K. Caldwell	10. W. Kitching	
10. D. Sargent	10. W. Kitching	11. A. Cumming	
11. R. Clark	11. A. Cumming		



AZZURRI v. BARDON (Saturday, Spencer Park, 2.45)

By Bruce Waddell

Another vital match in that it will probably decide who is going to be the biggest threat to Hellenic's already strong premiership chances.

Both have 12 points and the winner would be only a point behind the leaders, provided they make a slip in Sunday's match against Hollandia - and that's on the cards.

Bardon should be back at full strength after their Cup clash with Thistle last Monday and will be hoping for a repeat of last year's corresponding match when they downed Azzurri 3-1.

But Bardon still will have memories of their first round clash with Azzurri this season when they played poorly to go down 2-0.

But then Azzurri had Charlie Dench in their lineup and at that stage things were running smoothly. Since then of course, they have had a couple of set-

backs and have acquired Des Heath and Ian Johnston.

Billy Haigh seems to have become the focal point of the forward line and if he can establish the combination he shared with Johnston last year, Azzurri will have a great show.

Fullback Matt Hosie recently had an operation for a depressed fracture of the cheek so obviously with him out of the side - he's still one of the toughest and most reliable fullbacks in Brisbane - Azzurri will still have their share of worries.

The defence will be further weakened by the absence of the other fullbacks Bruce Pinti, who is having an enforced three week's holiday.

So if Bardon cannot capitalise on these weaknesses they can forget about becoming a strong premiership hope.

Neil Docherty, Alan Morris, John Hudson and either George Fraser or Ian Young carry all the goalscoring hopes and little John McGinlay possibly could be back in the side after injury to strengthen the midfield.

Azzurri are always hard to toss at home but the problems on hand at the moment should enable Bardon to repeat the result of their visit there last year and take full points.

THE TEAMS

AZZURRI		BARDON	
1. D. Neal	1. M. Coe	2. G. Rowan	
2. M. Strawson	2. G. Rowan	3. A. Sinclair	
3. P. Donovan	3. A. Sinclair	4. G. Gault	
4. G. Clifford	4. G. Gault	5. M. Lee	
5. I. Perry	5. M. Lee	6. J. McGinlay	
6. P. Nielsen	6. J. McGinlay	7. G. Fraser	
7. D. Heath	7. G. Fraser	8. J. Hudson	
8. W. Haigh	8. J. Hudson	9. E. Carrigan	
9. I. Johnston	9. E. Carrigan	10. N. Docherty	
10. P. Strawson	10. N. Docherty	11. A. Morris	
11. W. Connors	11. A. Morris		

OXLEY v. THISTLE (Saturday, Dunlop Park, 2.45)

By Bruce Waddell

Oxley, like Polonia and Coalstars, still are not out of the woods as far as relegation issues are concerned, despite their recent improved form.

They too have had a week's rest and there is still a difference of opinion as to whether this has proved an advantage in the past or not.

They went down fighting in the return match against Azzurri two weeks back to suggest that the win at Dunlop Park was no fluke.

Tony Lowndes is still at the helm despite recent rumours to the contrary and his influence on the players has been a great asset in the past.

Bob Dobinson, Paul Yeuell - that's the combination Oxley will be relying heavily on again with the drive in midfield coming from Jim Kirk and Richard Shortman.

Dave Kinsella has been a great asset in the backline since coming from the north at the start of the season and his efforts with Brian Barnes and solid goalkeeper Peter Bailey also will play a big part.

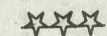
Thistle can match if not better Oxley in that latter department with Peter Roberts, who is in great form and unlucky not to force his way into the State squad against Wolves.

That backline of Thistle's is going to make it tough for Yeuell and Dobinson and Alan Bain and Owen Monaghan should be able to monopolise most of the midfield action.

David Jones has deserved to hold his centre forward spot and should make his presence felt with the aid of Ancliffe, Ritchie Smith and either Mike Culhana or Steve Pollard.

THE TEAMS

OXLEY		THISTLE	
1. P. Bailey	1. P. Roberts	2. A. Keenan	
2. R. Gordon	2. A. Keenan	3. B. Dann	
3. D. Kinsella	3. B. Dann	4. A. Anderson	
4. T. Charles	4. A. Anderson	5. B. Allison	
5. B. Barnes	5. B. Allison	6. A. Bain	
6. J. Cormack	6. A. Bain	7. M. Culhana	
7. J. Kirk	7. M. Culhana	8. O. Monaghan	
8. C. Black	8. O. Monaghan	9. D. Jones	
9. P. Yeuell	9. D. Jones	10. J. Ancliffe	
10. R. Dobinson	10. J. Ancliffe	11. R. Smith	
11. R. Shortman	11. R. Smith		



HELLENIC v. HOLLANDIA (Sunday, Perry Park, 3.00)

By Bob Buchanan

A hard one to pick this one - two clubs not playing particularly well but winning games, with both having strong defences.

Hollandia did not show much last week against Polonia but coach Ron Wilson told me he was, for the first time this season, happy with the performance of his side.

Mark Walker is getting back to his form of last season and should go close to State selection. His defence is more secure since joining Hollandia from Saints.

Peter Steen and Ben Mollee are very steady with Phil Sunderland who should be in the Queensland team, playing great stuff.

With Rickie Wilson maturing in midfield, a steady stream of passes are assured for the forwards.

Although the side are playing well, many easy chances are being missed and if they hope to score goals against this Hellenic defence.

Ted Kearney plays in bursts and does not use Darryl Wilkins enough, the latter to me is badly out of position, but if he is doing the job Wilson wants one can't complain.

With Hellenic just scraping through

against an ordinary Mt. Isa side, they will be out to show their best this week.

I thought Hellenic were well under par last week and this tended to make the Isa boys look good, but they cannot afford to do this on Sunday.

Stan Sander is back in form, his "rest" doing him real good, the defence have confidence in him now.

Both fullbacks Con Petridis and Chas. Matters are playing solid stuff and Gordon Mackie and Bill Maxton are two of the best twin centre halves in the league.

Matt Jackson and his two midfield mates Tony Murtagh and Ian Fagan are consistent and keep the front rank busy.

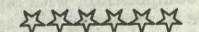
I don't think Tommy Devine has made up his mind about his strikers as he keeps changing Nigel Rehbock and Neil Catchpole, but I will admit they both have different styles which is handy to have.

Opportunist Billy Fagan will have to be on his toes against this defence who tackle quick, but Andy Tsoumbaras is the perfect foil, as he is moving around a lot more, and creating space for himself.

For me, I am going for a draw, as they are at the moment both under pressure, Hellenic to stay on top, and Hollandia trying to get close to them.

THE TEAMS

HELLENIC		HOLLANDIA	
1. S. Sander	1. M. Walker	2. G. Wilkins	
2. C. Petridis	2. G. Wilkins	3. B. Mollee	
3. C. Matters	3. B. Mollee	4. P. Steen	
4. W. Maxton	4. P. Steen	5. P. Sunderland	
5. G. Mackie	5. P. Sunderland	6. S. Anderson	
6. M. Jackson	6. S. Anderson	7. L. Koraknai	
7. W. Fagan	7. L. Koraknai	8. R. Wilson	
8. A. Murtagh	8. R. Wilson	9. E. Kearney	
9. N. Rehbock	9. E. Kearney	10. J. McCabe	
10. A. Tsoumbaras	10. J. McCabe	11. D. Wilkins	
11. I. Fagan	11. D. Wilkins		



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ST. HELENS v. MERTON

(Sunday, Ebbw Vale, 2.45)

By Bob Buchanan

If last week's performance by these two teams is any indication of the game these teams will play on Sunday, Merton East could field a scratch team and still win comfortably.

But at Ebbw Vale Saints are a different proposition. I wish they would play with the same determination at other fields.

They should be strengthened by the return of the Dann brothers, John and Doug, but unfortunately they badly need a goalkeeper.

Their first half performance last week showed that they have potential to do well, but after some bad luck, and three quick goals by Merton, demoralised them.

Peter Gemmell and Stuart Dedman with perhaps Steve Dann, were the mainstays of an overworked defence, but Bruce Dobbie will have to mark his man much tighter.

Geoff Green had a better game, and should start to "mouth" to his new mates and help to urge them on, as they have no one to read the game from the back.

Lex Gibb, John Verrall and Glen McKeand are all strong players who are not doing enough to win matches, more effort from these players would provide opposition sides with headaches.

Merton are now beginning to click and I will predict that they will be in the final four.

The team, apart from a few weaknesses, are very strong and now that Trevor and Patto have found the way to the net again, defences will have to watch them carefully.

With Ron Millman having speed to burn, and the strong shooting Bevan Bohan this front rank could do big things.

Steve Dolan is now finding what it's all about and still playing well, but Bill Donaldson will have to speed up, as he is caught out of position too often.

Apart from Phil Sunderland of Hollandia, Merton have the best "stopper" in the competition, with big Gary Catchpole, he is improving with age.

Backed by Graham Meagher and Gary Clelland whose only fault is distribution and of course Bryan Willis, this is a very strong side.

This is the reason I must go for Merton, but I don't think they will win 8 - 1 this week.

THE TEAMS

ST. HELENS	MERTON
1. N. Doyle	1. B. Willis
2. S. Dann	2. G. Clelland
3. B. Dobbie	3. G. Meagher
4. S. Dedman	4. A. Senjuschenko
5. D. Dann	5. G. Catchpole
6. P. Gemmell	6. W. Donaldson
7. J. Dann	7. B. Bohan
8. G. Green	8. S. Dolan
9. G. McKeand	9. E. Pattison
10. A. Gibb	10. T. Catchpole
11. J. Verrall	11. R. Millman

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hellenic	9	7	1	1	27	14	15
Bardon	9	6	-	3	22	11	12
Azzurri	9	6	-	3	20	15	12
Thistle	9	5	1	3	23	10	11
Hollandia	9	4	2	3	21	17	10
Merton	9	2	4	3	14	16	8
Polonia	9	1	4	4	7	12	6
St. Helens	9	2	2	5	17	36	6
Oxley	9	2	1	6	14	24	5
Coalstars	9	1	3	5	12	22	5

HOME

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hellenic	4	4	-	-	16	4	8
Bardon	5	3	-	2	11	4	6
Azzurri	5	4	-	1	15	8	8
Thistle	4	3	-	1	10	3	6
Hollandia	4	1	1	2	9	3	3
Merton	4	1	2	1	8	8	4
Polonia	5	-	1	4	3	9	1
St. Helens	5	1	2	2	9	13	4
Oxley	5	1	1	3	9	14	3
Coalstars	4	-	2	2	5	10	2

AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hellenic	5	3	1	1	11	10	7
Bardon	4	3	-	1	11	7	6
Azzurri	4	2	-	2	5	7	4
Thistle	5	2	1	2	13	7	5
Hollandia	5	3	1	1	12	8	7
Merton	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Polonia	4	1	3	-	4	3	5
St. Helens	4	1	-	3	8	23	2
Oxley	4	1	-	3	5	10	2
Coalstars	5	1	1	3	7	12	3

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Sunday, June 25 -
Thistle v. Hellenic (Perry Park, 1.00)
Merton v. Azzurri (Perry Park, 3.00)
Coalstars v. St. Helens (Bundamba, 2.45)
Hollandia v. Polonia (Richlands, 2.45)

SOCCER CLUB CHANGE

There has been a time change for Channel 0's weekly review and preview show, the "Soccer Club", normally seen on Friday nights at 11 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continued from last week . . .

**AN OPEN LETTER TO TOM
LINNETH - SUNDAY MAIL
28/5 and 4/6**

Tom, if I may use your name, continue in your plugging of League and Rules, potentially limited and dead sports. Don't start to meddle in a sport that is today played at such a level, all across the globe, unless you are first prepared to investigate and absorb the knowledge contained therein. Soccer today is the truly International team sport and as such is much too big for your limited knowledge of its inside workings. This leads me to make comment on the media in Queensland. In my ten years here, I have formed the opinion that there are people in Australia, and more so Queensland, who are hell-bent in keeping this sport from the masses. We are told the people are not interested. This is rubbish, you yourself say you would enjoy watching pro soccer every week, but how can this be without money. Money comes from people, and people today are sold sport by the media. We are having pseudo "World Cups" shoved down our throats with four and

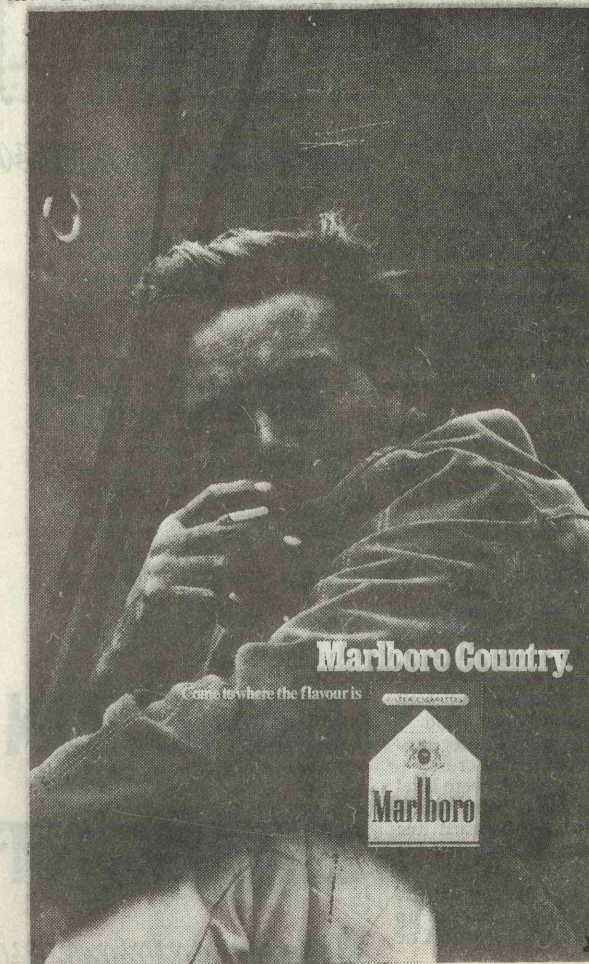
five countries, or part thereof, taking part. At the last count there was 132 countries entered for the World Soccer Cup, this means Australia could play a different country every weekend, for nearly three years. This is a World Cup, despite what George Lovejoy says. This isolationism never ceases to amaze me. It is obvious none of the powers that be have ever felt the fervour and nationalism generated at soccer of this level.

However, there is one ray of hope. One night last year I attended a match at Lang Park when Australia played a 2-2 draw with Israel. The twenty thousand Brisbanites who attended that night saw Australia do us proud. Harry Davis described it in a gem of journalism, as "The night Australian Soccer came of age". Those twenty thousand tasted the heady wine of International Sport that night, and if Australia had played the following night, Lang Park would have burst at the seams. Soccer will not be denied Tom, someday when the big guns of the media cut loose the strings holding down the Soccer Giant, you will see

fervour, pride, excitement, emotion, and nationalism generated that will shake this old state to its foundations. Soccer is big, big business, and when the big businessmen of Australia realise the profits to be had and start investing, you will get your pro. soccer every week, and Australia will have another multi million dollar industry.

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6	Alan Morris	(Bardon)
6	Charlie Dench	(Azzurri)
5	Dave Sargent	(Polonia)
5	Ron Millman	(Merton)
5	Billy Haigh	(Azzurri)
4	Andy Tsoumbaras	(Hellenic)
4	John Verrall	(St. Helens)
4	Neil Catchpole	(Hellenic)
4	Bob Dobinson	(Oxley)
4	Ian Johnston	(Azzurri)
4	Paul Yeuell	(Oxley)

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

And what a week - Qantas Cup fever was at its highest with Merton-East thrashing St. Helens to the tune of 8-1, Hollandia requiring extra time to beat Polonia, Mt. Isa almost reaching the semi-finals for the first time and Bardon displaying a great fightback to down Thistle.

The Merton-Saints match was a disappointment to all but Merton supporters and Eric Pattison and Trevor Catchpole, who helped themselves to seven goals.

The Catchpole-Pattison-Millman combination completely wrecked Saints who seem to go to pieces as soon as they are a couple down.

Merton by no means set the world alight early in the match but looked much better when Pattison slipped into the Middle, leaving the speedy Millman to create havoc on the left wing.

One wonders just what the score might have been had Catchpole not bombed four absolute sitters right in front early in the second half.

The only bright spot from Saints point of view was a great goal - a powerful, first time left footer - by skipper Lex Gibb in the second half which gave the capable Bryan Willis no chance.

Peter Gemmill and Stewart Dedman again worked their hearts out, must be getting heartily sick of receiving little or no support.

Fred Robbins certainly has a big job on his hands - 16 goals conceded in two matches is no joke - and it will be interesting to see what he can come up with when they again meet Merton in the Premiership this Sunday.

Sunday's football was the best we have witnessed all season, particularly for excitement, with Hollandia coming back from a goal down at halftime to defeat Polonia 2-1 in extra time.

Syd Tucker was despondent after the match but many feel he should be out there right from the start instead of acting as a reserve.

Maybe then Polonia could have added to Derek Robson's good header to wrap the match up by halftime.

Peter Steen maintained his reputation as a most reliable penalty taker when he made no mistake to pull Hollandia level and Hollandia drew first blood by taking a corner in the first half of the extra time.

But Ted Kearney again proved how wrong the selectors were by leaving him out in previous matches and became an overnight Hollandia hero with the winning goal in the second period.

After the early excitement, few spectators were prepared for the tense and thrilling match to follow.

Mt. Isa looked gone to the world when they found themselves down 2-0 midway through the first half.

These came from a penalty for hands which few Mt. Isa players seemed to

dispute and a shot by Andy Tsoumbaras which was feebly missed by goalkeeper Andy Henderson.

But centre forward Ken McLean, who we have seen here before with Saints and later Thistle, put the pressure on Con Petridis which eventually forced him to push the ball past Stan Sander to get the visitors off the mark.

McLean did it again only a minute later when, this time without Petridis' help, he beat Sander to shock the big crowd and put Mt. Isa right back in the picture.

A classic save with plenty of courage by Sander prevented McLean from making it 3-2 only seconds after the resumption of the second half but the tough little forward "got square" with another great shot to this time put Isa ahead.

A foolish mistake by goalkeeper Henderson - taking too many steps - gave Hellenic a free kick and Billy Fagan made it all square via the leg of a Mt. Isa defender.

Duncan Nolan's weak clearance straight to Tony Murtagh enabled the dashing Irishman to ram a brilliant left footer past Henderson to put the premiership leaders once again in front in a great see-sawing battle.

Sander was forced to display his talents on a few more occasions and the steadying influence of Gordon Mackie held the tenacious visitors out.

At the other end, Henderson, although he made a few mistakes during the match, stamped himself as the best custodian brought down to Brisbane in their four visits.

The unfortunate sending off of Dave Scutt put a dampener on the match at the end as he was a key player in the Mt. Isa challenge and virtually ended Mt. Isa's chances of fighting back for the equaliser.

Apart from Scutt, the other players who could hold their own in First Division company in Brisbane, were left half Vince McGrady, fullback Hans Band, McLean and flying winger Alan White.

As far as football skill is concerned, the fourth quarter final between Bardon and Thistle on Monday provided a fitting climax to the week-end.

But Bardon went close to throwing the match away when they bombed at least four easy chances in the first half. Eddie Carrigan's flick shot hit the crossbar in the opening minutes and Neil Docherty - he's really come good - scored the first with a great header into the corner from a George Fraser cross.

But within minutes Thistle were level with a powerful shot from Barry Dann, who ventured up into the forward line and then hit the front through Ritchie Smith.

Smith's first shot was headed off the line by Geoff Gault but he followed up to head the ball home with Martin Coe

out of commission.

Docherty missed a chance from only six yards out by trying to set himself up better and Alan Morris missed two and Fraser one, both when they had virtually only Peter Roberts to beat. These chances could have cost them the match.

Docherty squeezed the equaliser home early in the second half and the match looked certain to go into extra time with the score 2-2, only five minutes left.

But that man Docherty struck again when Peter Roberts misjudged a great Alan Sinclair cross to bang home the winning goal and reach the semis. with Merton, Hollandia and Hellenic.

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HAT-TRICK FOR TOOWONG

Toowong club completed its hat-trick by winning all three matches played last week-end quite convincingly.

At Dunmore Park last Saturday, superior fitness enabled the 3B side to out-class Annerley to win 10-0. Annerley could not match Toowong in the fitness department and the score tells the story.

In scoring the 10 goals, Toowong more than doubled its aggregate as the team had managed to put away only nine before this particular match.

Goalscorers for the winners were Frank Howrihan (4), Peter Parker (3), and one each to John Witcherley, John Chui and John Green.

Best for Annerley were J. Doyle and Neil Hodge while goalkeeper Peter Wild earned the plaudits of the Toowong crowd for a courageous display under heavy pressure.

Annerley's 3A team did not fare much better and went down 6-1. Ivan Gentle started the ball rolling for Toowong with a great 30-yarder which gave keeper Eddie Looche no chance.

Graham Christopher's three goals included a penalty and Clive Robertson's goal came from a free kick taken well by Wayne Williams.

Williams added the last goal himself and Annerley's only success was due to an own goal by a Toowong defender as he was attempting to pass back to the goalkeeper

TIPSTER'S CORNER

Progressive Points	George Pagan	Bill Malcolm	Bob Buchanan	John Steel	Ron Mitchell	Reg Erskine	Bruce Waddell	Most Fancied
Erskine 30, Waddell 29, Steel 28, Buchanan 27, Malcolm 25, Pagan 24 Mitchell 24.								
Polonia v. Coalstars	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Azzurri v. Bardon	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Oxley v. Thistle	2	2	2	2	X	2	1	2
Hellenic v. Hollandia	x	1	x	1	2	1	1	1
St. Helens v. Merton	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

For the winners, fullbacks Glen Pattison and Ken Proudlove, ably supported by goalkeeper John Austin were responsible for keeping the Annerley forwards out and centre forward Casey, helped by Hanley and N. Hodge played solidly for the losers.

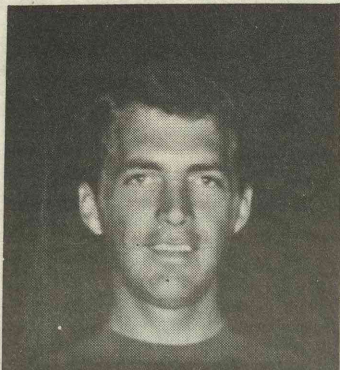
Toowong completed the successful weekend on Sunday when its fourth division side downed Nerang 4-2.

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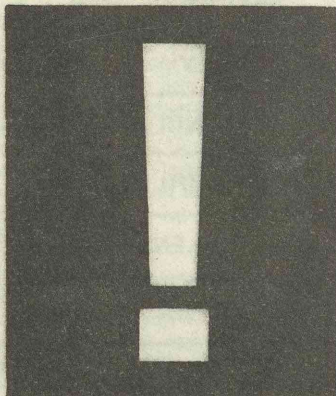
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