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## Editorial

Editor: BRUCE WADDELL,  
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*THE start of the National League is only some six months away, yet widespread confusion, bewilderment and rumours have everybody guessing about what is going on.*

*There still has been no decision made yet about whether Lions and City will remain in the First Division or when First Division matches next season will be played.*

*Amazingly, there is some suggestion that some of the Clubs not in the National League are planning to stage their premierships matches on Sundays, in direct opposition to the League.*

*The National League will be struggling to survive if it does not have the support of everyone, and that includes all of the First Division Clubs next season.*

*By playing premierships matches on a Sunday, not only will they help to take away a portion of the expected League match attendance, but the Clubs reported to be interested in this crazy scheme, will find themselves the recipients of little or no publicity.*

*It is quite obvious that National League matches next season will take precedence over any other games in Brisbane's two morning newspapers.*

*The best Clubs playing premierships matches on Sunday can expect in terms of publicity will be to have simply their results recorded at the end of the National League match reports.*

*By playing on Saturdays, their matches would be covered extensively by the two Saturday newspapers in Sunday morning's edition.*

*The Clubs wishing to play on Sundays will only be hurting themselves and the National League — in short, Soccer in general.*

*That type of backward thinking should be knocked on the head right now.*

*Another disturbing rumour concerns the reported plan by Lions and City to stage only one match — the National League match — at Perry Park next year every Sunday.*

*Admittedly that works overseas, but let's face it, we've got a long way to go before we disregard the paying public to that extent.*

*Most football supporters want to go out on Sundays just after lunch. There won't be many of them prepared to pay expected increased admission charges just for the privilege of watching only one game.*

*Some of the First Division Clubs are prepared to offer their matches as curtain-raisers, naturally for a set proportion of the gate. There should be every effort made to make this a reality, or people who want some value for their money won't bother turning up at all.*

## NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

### FIRST DIVISION:

North Brisbane v Brisbane City  
(Perry Park, 1 p.m.)  
St. George v Merton East  
(Perry Park, 3 p.m.)  
Grange Thistle v Lions (Lanham Park)

Coalstars v Southside Eagles  
(Bundamba)  
Redlands v St. Helens (Cleveland)  
Mt. Gravatt v Bardon Latrobe  
(Heath Park)

# PICK THE MEDAL WINNER

HOW good are you at judging who will be the best and fairest First Division Soccer player in Brisbane in the 1976 season?

Or more importantly, who do you think the REFEREES will think is the best and fairest. *Go Soccer* this week announces a new competition which gives you the chance to guess who will be announced the third Rothmans Gold Medal Winner.

There is no entry fee. All you do is complete the coupon below and post it to the address shown on page 3. There are four rounds of premiership fixtures to go, including this weekend so it's not too early to post your entries in now.

The prize is a National Semiconductor Quartz Digital Watch valued at \$29.95.

It must be remembered that players who have been suspended during the season are ineligible. Previous winners of the Gold Medal are Kevin Caldwell (1975) and Michael Rooney last year.

Anyone can enter and the competition closes with the last mail on Sunday, September 19, the date of the final premiership round.

Get your entries in now and remember that the winning player must be named and that the first correct entry opened will win the watch.

In case you need some help, here are two possible winners from *Go Soccer* — Phil Sunderland (Coalstars), Alan Marszaleck (Eagles).

## ROTHMANS GOLD MEDAL

I forecast the Medal Winner will

be.....

Club.....

Name.....

Address.....

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## Answer to Jim Gilbert

HAVING read Jim's article I feel there is one point that he misses and that is whether a junior player wants to play in as high a standard as possible.

If a lad thinks he is good enough then he will aim at the highest National League. The stepping stone to National League is our first division so naturally a lad who has potential will feel he should play for a club that has a First Division side. Clubs in the lower Divisions will have to realise that they will become nurseries for the First Division, 1st Division Clubs will become nurseries for the National League. My Club, Bardon Latrobe realises this fact.

Years ago we decided to give local youth a chance and we did and our team v St. Helens last Sunday consisted of:

- S. Mancini, local junior (Brighton)
- R. Patruno, local junior (Bardon)
- P. Comino, local junior (Bardon)
- J. Cooper, local junior (Bardon)
- G. Broomfield, local junior (Bardon)
- B. Fletcher, local junior (Bardon)
- N. Catchpole, local junior (Merton)
- G. Rowan, imported
- A. Sinclair, imported
- N. Dockerty, imported
- R. Wilson, imported

While our local juniors have not reached the standard of the imported players, we feel that their game has improved immensely by playing in the top bracket available. Therefore it is in the player's interest that he plays in the highest standard he can.

Martin Coe is a classic example of a local junior who wanted to play in the highest standard he could. He came to us from The Gap, played First Division, transferred to Hakoah in Sydney, played for Australia, won two Premiership Medals with Hakoah and is now with St. George Budapest with whom he has won another Premiership Medal. Next year he will be playing National League which at the moment is the highest he can achieve.

RAY EVANS

# LIKELY PERRY PARK LINEUPS

3 p.m.

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11. WAYNE WALKER

Coach: SYD TUCKER

## ST. GEORGE

1. PETER ROBERTS
2. BRIAN BARNES
3. CHAS MATTERS
4. IAIN FAGAN
5. GORDON MACKIE
6. RICKY BOW
7. JOHN McGINLAY
8. COLIN KNOTT
9. ALAN MARLEY
10. NIGEL REHBOCK
11. MIKE MAKRILLOUS

Coach: TOM DEVINE

1 p.m.

## SOUTHSIDE EAGLES

1. JOHN BENNETT
2. JOHN COCHRANE
3. ALAN DANVERS
4. GREG JACKSON
5. ALAN MARSZALECK
6. STEVE WILSON
7. SHAY SMYTH
8. IVARS MELBERG
9. TONY BRENNAN
10. KEN GORDON
11. PAUL MYLONAS

Coach: MATT CARSON

## REDLANDS

1. DICK KARREMAN
2. GRAHAM MEAGHER
3. RODNEY MICK
4. TREVOR CATCHPOLE
5. GARY CATCHPOLE
6. ALAN MORRIS
7. DON BOWERS
8. CHRIS HILL
9. BARRY KELSO
10. JOHN DEEGAN
11. RON MILLMAN

Coach: ERIC PATTISON

## It's Anyone's Guess

WRITING the First Division preview each week would be the hardest task associated with GO SOCCER.

With the final four situation so delicately poised anything could happen in the final two rounds.

And had we listed our selections for last weekend's matches they would have been — Thistle, Merton, Lions, Eagles, Bardon and City, giving a grand score of one out of six. Nevertheless we'll have a look at round 21 and see what happens.

### CITY v BARDON

Poor old Bardon no doubt will feel the wrath and fresh outlook City may have engendered during the week now that St. George have ended their long unbeaten run.

City probably will not play as badly as they did on Sunday for the rest of the season, although Brian Kibbey may be out and Ian Perry hobbled off against St. George last week after carrying more bandages than a Johnson and Johnson packet.

Kevin Caldwell no doubt will be used from the start this week and Bardon's stocks will be raised by the return of Karl Herdle to the backline. They certainly need it judging by the way their defence was no where to be seen when Matt Jackson scored last Sunday. City to win.

### ST. HELENS v MT. GRAVATT

It is quite obvious no one can now take Mt. Gravatt too lightly. It's a pity this run started so late or they would have been a real semi-final prospect.

Jimmy Rogers has the youngsters stirred up at the right time of the season and they will be keen to go one better to add the St. Helens scalp to those already collected from Merton, Lions and Eagles.

Some reckon Saints have played better away from home this season and certainly those last two efforts at headquarters have been full of merit.

Saints now can relax a little with the worries of relegation behind them and could be the ones to stop this mini-streak from Mt. Gravatt. Saints in a tight one.

### EAGLES v REDLANDS

The pessimists have been saying for some weeks that Redlands are in the top four on sufferance, but there's only two rounds to go and we find them still hanging in there grimly onto third place (on goal average).

This match obviously means a great deal to both clubs, Two points to Redlands would see them safely into the top four, while a loss again for Eagles would almost spell the end to their hopes.

Not having seen either team in action last weekend, Redlands' effort in sharing the points with Lions was commendable, if only for the latter's game Ampol Cup effort the week before. Redlands should win another tight match.

### LIONS v COALSTARS

Coalstars again face a mammoth job trying to save their First Division skins and if only for that serious plight may really make a go of it but there would be very few people prepared to tip them to take both points. Lions too strong.

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### MERTON v THISTLE

This is the hardest of the round to work out a result so for that reason we'll take the easy way out and go for a draw. Thistle know they still have some sort of chance, depending of course on what happens to Coalstars and Bardon.

And in some respects, it would have been reasonable to expect Merton to have taken care of Coalstars much easier than the way they relied on two quick Gary Bohan goals.

At this stage, Thistle supporters may find some solace in the fact that they have a better goal average (.608) than both Coalstars (.439) and Bardon (.509). All they have to do of course is keep winning. But we'll stick with the original selection — a draw.

### NORTHS v ST. GEORGE

Now that St. George have gone this far and topped it off with the win over City, it's doubtful if they will want to let Norths now stand in their way.

There were some mighty big efforts from some St. George men last weekend and a repeat of that would be sufficient to give them two points again.

But Norths, while never setting the world on fire at any stage this season, have always been "thereabouts" and could not be taken too lightly, particularly as they still have a rough show of making

the four. St. George to make it two in a row.

Providing these tips run true, this would be the points table with one round left: City 35, Merton 26, Redlands 26, St. George 26, Lions 25, Eagles 22, Norths 21, Mt. Gravatt 20, St. Helens 17, Bardon 13, Coalstars 11, Thistle 10.

## WEEK-END REFEREES

### CITY v BARDON

Referee — John Gale  
Linesmen — Bob Nelson, John Folling.

### ST. HELENS v MT. GRAVATT

Referee — John Adams  
Linesmen — Barry Fry, Geoff Brabrook

### EAGLES v REDLANDS

Referee — Ron Richmond  
Linesmen — Terry Ellison,  
Bill Turkington

### NORTHS v ST. GEORGE

Referee — Des Miles  
Linesmen — Terry Ellison,  
Bill Turkington

### LIONS v COALSTARS

Referee — Dave Nugent  
Linesmen — Gordon Nicholson,  
Mike Brine

### MERTON v THISTLE

Referee — Deiter Klose  
Linesmen — Pete Murray, Col Amos

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## A MATCH WELL WORTH SEEING

"DULL and uninteresting" is how one newspaper summed up last Sunday's premiership match between City and St. George.

All we can say is that some people must be hard to please, although from comments heard after the match, most spectators there would have disagreed with that description.

Admittedly City played below their best form but that was a natural reaction expected after the club had secured the premiership, Ampol Cup and also beaten their traditional rivals St. George in the challenge match some weeks before.

Basically, it was damn good entertainment. The match had just about everything — the underdogs got up to win and in the process ended a City winning sequence which had lasted just on six months.

There were plenty of goalscoring chances, hectic battles in the goalmouth, and there was certainly nothing "dull and uninteresting" about Ian Johnston's brilliant diving header which hit the upright or Iain Fagan's crashing free kick which shook the crossbar.

For those who like a bit of needle in a match, there was also enough in that department to satisfy, although at one stage a rash of free kicks did have somewhat of a disjuncting effect.

Interest was maintained right throughout the match as St. George hung on desperately to win a match which must have meant a lot to them, with City equally desperately trying to preserve their magnificent record.

The game was also a personal triumph for the players like Peter Roberts, John McGinlay, Ricky Bow, Mike Makrillous and Gordon Mackie, who had sat patiently in the wings while their club experimented with the five Cypriot imports. And didn't those men relish the opportunity.

Highlight of the match was the performance of Fagan, who has now proved

centre half is his best position. How cool and resourceful he was in those last thrilling 20 minutes. Iain's had his critics in the past so it's even more heartening to see him reply with Sundays performance. He was certainly GO SOCCER'S Player of the Week.

And finally, enough credit cannot be given to those City players who walked to the St. George gate after the match to offer their congratulations. Their attitude was in complete contrast to that of some of their supporters. Let's not forget that the longer you keep winning, the harder it is to swallow defeat.

FOOTNOTE: Sometimes we like to think that everything we say is not taken in vain, and there were two important points to come out of Sundays match:

1. There were NO Rugby League progress reports announced over the P.A. and
2. Peter Roberts WAS pinched for going outside the area in the last few minutes of the match.

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The 1974 season saw the increase in the number of junior teams from one to six and the senior team taking part in regular fixtures in the Brisbane Commercial League.

The Club was admitted to the Seventh Division of the Queensland Soccer Federation in 1975 and finished runners up in the League and were fortunate enough to win the Grand Final. Success was being felt in the junior ranks with all of the teams gaining a measure of success.

The start of the 1976 season saw the Club fielding fourteen junior teams and four senior teams. The senior teams comprised one in the Sixth Division one in the Eighth Division, one in the Brisbane Commercial League and the happiest of all, a Dads Army team.

Success has again been attained with the Sixth Division, winning the Premiership, the Eighth Division finishing fourth, the Commercial Team made the semi-finals and Dads Army had a bloody good time.

A number of the Junior Teams have reached the semi-finals and some very promising talent is emerging.

Now on to 1977 and future hopes. The Club makes no secret of the fact that it is their ambition to be playing National Football at the earliest possible time, and will do everything in their power to attain that goal. You may feel it capricious of a young club to have such ambitions, however the club has long felt that, in order for the code to progress to the level that the country wants, then members at Club, State and National Levels must aim at the highest ideals, not only aim at these ideals but do something about it.

We at Goodna already own fourteen acres of land on which we are building a sporting complex that will include soccer, athletics, netball, tennis, etc. Three soccer fields will be available for play next season and also additional netball courts. The Club's membership stands at the moment at 250 soccer players, 200 netball players and 200 social members.

Capricious? Maybe, but we will see you in the First Division in 1981.

It would be remiss of the Club not to thank the people of Goodna, Ipswich and Brisbane for the unqualified support which they have shown us in our venture and to invite them to become members of the Club.



BARDON v MERTON

## The Honour Board

HERE are the promotion and relegation standings in all of the lower divisions, following the completion of the premiership.

### SECOND DIVISION—

PREMIERS: Annerley

Runner-up: Wynnum

Relegated: Rovers, The Gap

### SECOND RESERVES—

PREMIERS: Annerley

Runner-up: Gold Coast

### THIRD DIVISION—

PREMIERS: Acacia Ridge

Runner-up: Fortitude Valley

Relegated: Olympic, Toowong

### FOURTH DIVISION—

PREMIERS: Booval

Runner-up: Nerang

Relegated: Taringa, Wynnum

### FIFTH DIVISION—

PREMIERS: Inala

Runner-up: Salisbury

Relegated: Olympic, Grovely

### SIXTH DIVISION—

PREMIERS: Goodna

Runner-up: Twin Towns

Relegated: Logan, Albany Creek

### SEVENTH DIVISION—

PREMIERS: Rochedale

Runner-up: Dinmore

Relegated: Pine Rivers, Wondall

### EIGHTH DIVISION—

PREMIERS: Salisbury

Runner-up: RAAF or Adams Park



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## Under 16 National Championships

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By team manager GEORGE ROBERTS

THE under 16 championships held every year in alternate States is regarded as a prestigious tournament—a type of World Cup between States. Every State enters this tournament with high hopes of winning the trophy and for the future.

Queensland's hopes were shattered the first day when after travelling from Brisbane airport in early morning, we arrived in Melbourne at approximately 11.15 a.m. We then found we still had a two hour bus ride facing us, and upon arrival at HMAS Cerberus at about 1.40 p.m., we could not get a meal.

After lodging in our dormitory we attended a welcome parade, leaving insufficient time for the players to rest up before meeting a "fresh" Victorian side.

This is not meant to be an excuse in any way for losing the game but rather as a warning for teams to take precautions when they travel to future tournaments. I feel sure that in the future with the support of clubs and Soccer supporters, Queensland can grasp this national under 16 title.

The next tough match our boys faced they had won, until one of the so-called top referees awarded two penalties against us. I might add he was the only man on the ground who felt the penalties were valid.

During all this, the squad suffered eight injuries, two of which were concussion cases and yet the boys still gave Queensland 100 per cent and ran themselves into the ground.

To all the boys, congratulations for your efforts. The winning of the Sporting Teams' trophy certainly proves this point. And finally our thanks to trainer Mike Watson, who worked on the injured from morning to late at night. Without him we would have been lost.

The final placings after the seven matches played were: Northern New South Wales 12, New South Wales 11, Victoria 9, Western Australia 6, South Australia 6, Queensland 5, Australian Capital Territory 4 and Tasmania 3.



JOHN BENNETT (Eagles)

## Mitchelton Soccer Club

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Sunday, February 13 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## THE QUEENSLAND JUNIOR SCENE

### U/14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Held at Gove, N.T. August 29 to September 4.

COACH George Pagan (manager Euan Sutherland) and the Qld. U/14's arrived back from Gove full of praise for the organisation and warm hospitality of the soccer people in the far north of Australia.

Although Qld. came only fourth in the Championships, the reports are that the other States were loud in their praise of the pure soccer skill displayed by our boys, and this must surely auger well for the future.

Final placings were as follows.

STATE	POINTS
W.A.	12
Vic.	12
N.S.W.	11
Qld.	8
N.N.S.W.	6
N.T.	3
Tas.	2
S.A.	2

W.A. were declared Champions on goal difference, repeating their victory in the same age group last year, and Victoria were Runners-up. The growth of junior soccer in N.T. can be gauged by their ending up ahead of established States S.A. and Tas.

Big news for Qld. was the inclusion in the Australian Squad of M. Tuttle of Diggers club Bundaberg and R. Swan, Gap Club, Brisbane.

### U/13 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Held at Elizabeth, S.A. August 29 to September 4.

Coach Bob Millis and manager Stan Dye, had the honour of returning from the National Championships with the best record of all our Qld. teams competing this season. Qld. came a very respectable 3rd place only 2 points behind the Champions, N.S.W. and the Runners-up N.N.S.W. both on 12 points with goal difference deciding the winners.

In this age group we also got our best representation to date in the Australian squad, having four players selected, they are D. Gallagher Mitchelton; P. McMahon Lions, C. Anderson Gap and R. Innis Newmarket.

Final placings were as follows:

STATE	POINTS
N.S.W.	12
N.N.S.W.	12
Qld.	10
W.A.	9
Vic.	6
S.A.	5
Tas.	2
N.T.	0

Q.J.S.C. officials are pleased with the performance of all the teams in this our first year back in the Inter-State series.

Already plans are under review to improve on our performances next year, these plans include a proposed training and coaching camp mid year for prospective State players and the coaching to certificate standard of selected country coaches so that state representative players will get the best possible coaching right throughout the season.

The selected Australian teams in each age group, are teams on paper only with no games anticipated at this stage, however this in no way detracts from the fact that these boys have been selected as the best in Australia in their respective age groups, and should any International games loom up in the ensuing 12 months then these boys would be called upon to represent their country.

C. A. McCLURG

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Being a Bardon Latrobe supporter, I was most interested to witness an incident during last Sunday's match between Brisbane City and St. George.

During that match, St. George's Alan Marley was involved in a good deal of gamesmanship with obviously a section of the Brisbane City crowd.

And at one stage during the second half he displayed a part of his anatomy by lowering a portion of his shorts, in full view of the crowd.

Only recently, a Bardon player, Karl Herdle was given a sentence and fined by the management committee, on top of his disciplinary suspension, for behaving in a similar manner.

Actions of this nature I admit do tend to bring the game into disrepute although I felt the committee was a little harsh on Herdle.

Personally I enjoy watching Marley play. He never stops trying and is somewhat of a personality, particularly when baited by the crowd (and this seems to happen only to good players).

But there must be equal justice for all and surely if a player is punished for an offence, it should apply to everyone. I read nothing in the papers where any action had been taken against Alan Marley. I am now wondering if there are different rules for different players.

PHIL ADAMS,  
Rosalie

Dear Sir,

I am so pleased Mr. Nunn chose not to ignore Matt Carson's open letter to Dennis Ford and decided "to set the record straight."

In doing so he proved without a doubt Mr. Carson's letter was indeed of great interest. Remember the 12 sided three penny piece. There are no doubts to that now.

I thank you for your courage, Mr. Nunn, in showing your other side. Now that you have the bitterness out of your system, you may be able to do some good for Soccer. I hope so.

Mrs. J. CARSON,  
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## Stars of the Future

WE wonder how many people know of a Brisbane junior team which contains nine State players, of which four of those have gained national selection.

It is the Brisbane under 13 side, coached by St. George-Souths' Iain Fagan, who this Saturday will be playing against The Sutherland Shire at Perry Park at 8.45 a.m.

This match follows up the Brisbane side's 6-0 win over Sutherland last Tuesday night at Newmarket, and if the local team is successful again, it will capture the annual trophy played for between the two centres, which Brisbane has not won for about 20 years.

The Queensland under 13's finished third in the national championships two weeks back in Adelaide and gained four players in the shadow Australian side, always chosen at the conclusion of the titles.

They were goalkeeper David Gallagher, fullback Paul McMahon, midfielder Clark Anderson and striker Robert Innes.

Those four players plus Neville O'Sullivan, Brett Kitching, Paul Fagan, Graham Judd and Tony Leckie were the nine Brisbane under 13 reps. for Queensland in the National titles.

For the record, the goalscorers in the team's most recent 6-0 win over Sutherland were Kitching (2), Fagan, Innes, Glen Vander Ryken and Keith Marsh.

There is every chance the Brisbane under 13's will play the Brisbane under 14's as the curtain-raiser to the Cumberland Cup Final at Perry Park.

NOTE: If you know of a team of this calibre, drop us a line.

## Which is Worse

APPARENTLY the Q.S.F. Disciplinary committee considers that foul and abusive language can break a leg, or so it would seem.

Players sent off on the weekend of 28/29th August for foul and abusive language received a more serious penalty than those sent off for serious foul play or violent conduct. Come on you guys, get your priorities in order and you may get the respect you deserve.

## Being Petty

OVERHEARD: Ray Evans, a Bardon official approached referee John Gale prior to the start of a game, paid him and his two linesmen and sold each of them a GO SOCCER (good on them — supporting us). Referee then reported the Bardon Club because no arm band officials reported to him — apparently Ray forgot to put it on — we consider that a bit petty, ref.

## It's Over the Fence

WE liked the story related to us by Eagles president Stan Jackson about an incident which took place on Ampol Cup Final day.

It seems Thistle official Wally Dann, who was manning the clubhouse front door, spotted a gentleman in the process of scaling the wire fence.

When confronted by Wally, he replied: "It's alright. I don't have to pay because I'm looking after the jerseys for Southside Eagles."

No doubt he would have been doubly disappointed when Eagles lost third place in the Cup on penalties.

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Darra v Newmarket (11.9),  
Bundamba, 12.50.

### FOURTH DIVISION—

Booval v Nerang (12.9),  
Mortimer Rd., Acacia Ridge, 2.45.

The Gap v Brighton (11.9),  
O'Callaghan Park, 2.45.

### FIFTH DIVISION—

Inala v Salisbury (11.9),  
Ebbw Vale, 2.45.

Padua v Southside Eagles (11.9),  
Ebbw Vale, 12.50.

### SIXTH DIVISION—

Goodna v Twin Towns (12.9),  
Mortimer Rd., Acacia Ridge, 12.50.

Northside v Kingsridge (11.9),  
O'Callaghan Park, 12.50.

The semi-finals for the Seventh and Eighth Divisions will not be played until the following weekend, because of two matches in those divisions still to be staged, which affect the final four.

In the Seventh Division, New World have yet to play Rochedale and if successful, would become the fourth team in that division replacing The Gap.

In the Eighth Division, the final four has been decided, but the outstanding match between RAAF and Adams Park will decide which of those teams finishes in the vital second spot, thereby winning promotion.



KEVIN CALDWELL (Brisbane City)



## ASTON VILLA—"BETTER" THAN LEEDS!

ASTON VILLA are way ahead of Leeds. Sunderland leave Derby trailing behind. Blackburn have a clear edge on Manchester City.

No, we're not talking about the present ability of these teams. For instance, even the most fervent Aston Villa fan couldn't honestly say his side are now better than Leeds.

But if you look back through football history, getting an overall picture of the game since it began in its organised form in England, you'll see that Villa have a much better record than Leeds, while Sunderland have been much more successful than Derby and Blackburn Rovers are ahead of Manchester City.

Although they won promotion to the Second Division last season, there's no doubt that Aston Villa have slipped a long way since their great days of many decades ago, but in their heyday no other club could match them.

Just look at the Midlands club's record since they became one of the original twelve members of the Football League back in 1888: League Champions 1893-94, 1895-96, 1896-97, 1898-99, 1899-1900 and 1909-10; F.A. Cup winners 1886-87, 1894-95, 1896-97, 1904-05, 1912-13, 1919-20 and 1956-57.

That's a total of six League titles and seven F.A. Cup wins. By comparison, Leeds have collected the Championship once and last season brought their first F.A. Cup Final victory.

True Leeds came very close to clinching the League and F.A. Cup "double" last term, but even then Villa can point to greater achievements. They did gain that particular "double" in 1896-97 . . . and they've twice had a Championship "double" — winning the League in two successive seasons — in 1895-96 and 1896-97 and 1898-99 and 1899-1900.

Derby County's impressive form last season brought them their first-ever Championship and they've succeeded only once in the F.A. Cup — in 1945-46 — whereas Sunderland have been League Champions six times, in addition to collecting the F.A. Cup on one occasion.

Sunderland's best days were in the years immediately before and after the turn of the century — they had title triumphs in 1891-92, 1892-93, 1894-95, 1901-02, 1912-13, plus another in 1935-36, while collecting the F.A. Cup in 1936-37 — but although they weren't so dominating after their glory days, they still held at one time the proud distinction of being the only club never to have played outside the First Division.

Relegation along with Sheffield Wednesday in 1957-58 ended that unbroken run and in recent years they haven't been a powerful force in the game, but judged overall they've been one of England's most successful clubs.

Similarly, Blackburn are one of soccer's all-time greats. They can match Manchester City's two League Champions — Rovers were top in 1911-12 and 1913-14 and have had six F.A. Cup triumphs to City's four.

Blackburn, currently languishing in the Third Division, received a special trophy in 1885-86 after collecting the F.A. Cup for the third consecutive year, then won twice in a row — 1889-1890 and 1890-91 — before gaining the trophy once more in 1927-28.

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