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MAXIMUM POINTS FOR HOLLANDIA.

Hollandia-Inala remained the only side to have scored six points from the first three premiership rounds with their comfortable 3-1 victory over Wynnum at Perry Park last Sunday.

Wynnum were most disappointing in their first appearance at headquarters this season and need a big improvement if they are to hold their First Division status.

At right, Wynnum centre half VIC LEGGATT heads his team out of trouble with 'keeper GRAHAM HELMHOLD airborne and fullback GEOFF ROGERS (No 2) ready to move in to lend assistance, while Hollandia's DALE MORTIMER (right) waits to pounce on the loose ball.

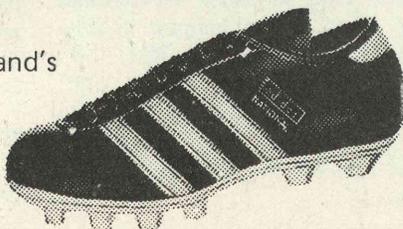


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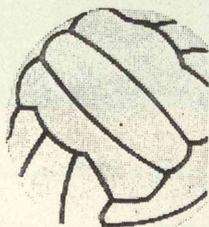
An extract from a London daily newspaper.

Northern Ireland has more than its fair share of trouble, as anyone who walks through Belfast wearing shamrock and whistling a rebel song is sure to find out.

But one type of dispute they have skillfully, and intelligently managed to avoid in Ulster is the sort that is exploding throughout football in England.

No player in Northern Ireland is able to claim that the game over there has one set of laws, one scale of punishment for the big, the rich and the influential, and another harsher scale for the little man.

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And for striking a referee or linesman it is 12 weeks suspension and five guineas.

There is a similar scale for players found guilty of persistent petty offences.

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Northern Ireland football law also allows for another irritating apparent injustice that often causes controversy in England.

A player suspended around Easter, or any other time when the fixture list is crowded, can have his sentence adjusted so that he misses the same number of games as players serving similar suspensions at other stages of the season.

All this is the brain child of Harry Gavan, a vice-president of F.I.F.A. and it has been in operation for 14 years. It was started because it was desired to eliminate any suggestions that more important clubs could exert influence over disciplinary commissions.

There is no increasing crime wave in Ireland and remember that the scales of punishment are subject to review at any time.

It may seem crazy to go to Ireland to learn how to stop an argument but some feel that a similar idea adopted in Queensland and Australia even perhaps, heavier penalties, may forever end the sort of storm aroused by the difference in penalties imposed by F.A. Disciplinary committees.

A famous First Division international, Derek Dougan of Wolves, sent off this season, received a suspended sentence of 14 days.

Two Fourth Division players, Graham Rathbone of Grimsby and Don Welbourne of Scunthorpe, who clashed and were sent off, were put out of the game for eight weeks.

Another injustice was involving Dennis Law, who received a six weeks suspension for swearing, at a time when other First Division players were serving 14 days for striking an opponent.

There will be many more controversial cases in the future unless an idea, like Harry Gavan's, is adopted universally.

DETAILS ON LOWER DIVISIONS.

CLUB ROUND-UP

Oxley United forged to a clear lead in 2A Division last weekend with a good 6-2 win over Toowoomba side Willowburn.

Oxley now lead Budapest-Grovely by one point and appear the logical favourites for promotion back to First Division next season if they can hold their present form.

Now coached by Tony Lowndes, Oxley have retained top players from last season such as Paul Yeuell, Jim Kirk, Bob Dobinson, Brian Bjorkelund and Brian Barnes, which should give them a decided edge over most of the other sides.

In Division 2B Mt. Gravatt have taken a clear early lead over their nearest opponents Coalstars and Redcliffe, who have both scored three points.

Division 2C at this stage is an open affair with four clubs, Wynnum, Annerley, Polonia and University sharing the lead with four points each.

Divisions 3A and 3B are in much the same position with Gap, Park Rangers and Olympic leading the former and Booval Stars, University, Zillmere and Pine Rivers each with four points in the top of 3B.

The boys from the south coast, Coolangatta and Gold Coast have started well in Division 3C but at this stage are being pressed by Valley and Mitchelton.

The eight-team Division 4 competition is providing an interesting duel with new club Irish still undefeated after two rounds with Toowong and another new club to the Federation, New Farm.

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DIVISION 2A

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Oxley	2	2	-	-	9	2	4
2. Budapest	2	1	1	-	3	2	3
3. Gap	1	1	-	-	6	3	2
4. Annerley	2	1	-	1	5	3	2
5. Sth Coast	2	1	-	1	6	4	2
6. Merton	2	1	-	1	6	5	2
7. Will'burn	2	1	-	1	5	6	2
8. Germania	2	1	-	1	1	3	2
9. M'chelton	2	1	-	1	7	9	2
10. Taringa	2	-	1	1	2	4	1
11. N'market	1	-	-	1	0	3	0
12. Dnipro	2	-	-	2	4	10	0

DIVISION 2B

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Mt.Gravatt	2	-	-	4	0	4	4
2. Coalstars	2	1	1	-	5	3	3
3. Redcliffe	2	1	1	-	5	4	3
4. G. Coast	1	1	-	-	4	1	2
5. Azzurri	2	1	-	1	4	3	2
6. Hellenic	2	1	-	1	6	5	2
7. Bardon	2	1	-	1	5	6	2
8. Thistle	2	-	1	1	1	3	1
9. Hollandia	2	-	1	1	1	4	1
10. Merton	1	-	-	1	0	1	0
11. Redlands	2	-	-	2	2	7	0
12. St. Helens	0	-	-	-	0	0	0

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DIVISION 2C

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Wynnum	2	2	-	-	5	1	4
2. Annerley	2	2	-	-	11	3	4
3. Polonia	2	2	-	-	10	4	4
4. University	2	2	-	-	5	3	4
5. M'chelton	2	1	-	1	5	3	2
6. Oxley	2	1	-	1	1	2	2
7. Toowong	2	1	-	1	2	3	2
8. Taringa	2	1	-	1	4	7	2
9. Bardon n	2	-	-	2	5	9	0
10. Gap	2	-	-	2	1	6	0
11. Budapest	2	-	-	2	1	9	0

DIVISION 3A

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Gap	2	2	-	-	13	0	4
2. P.Rangers	2	2	-	-	15	2	4
3. Olympic	2	2	-	-	4	2	4
4. Germania	2	1	1	-	8	4	3
5. Annerley	2	1	1	-	8	5	3
6. Sth Coast	2	1	1	-	5	3	3
7. Ac.Ridge	2	1	-	1	13	7	2
8. Dnipro	2	-	1	1	4	6	1
9. Thistle	2	-	-	2	4	11	0
10. N'market	2	-	-	2	2	14	0
11. Redcliffe	2	-	-	2	2	24	0

DIVISION 3B

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. B'val Stars	2	2	-	-	13	2	4
2. University	2	2	-	-	12	2	4
3. Zillmere	2	2	-	-	10	2	4
4. P. Rivers	2	2	-	-	6	3	4
5. Mt.Gravatt	2	1	1	-	6	2	3
6. Darra	2	1	-	1	12	5	2
7. Annerley	2	1	-	1	0	3	2
8. Taringa	2	-	1	1	2	4	1
9. Wynnum	2	-	-	2	0	7	0
10. Brighton	2	-	-	2	4	10	0
11. Toowong	2	-	-	2	2	11	0
12. Redlands	2	-	-	2	5	21	0

DIVISION 3C

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. C'gatta	2	2	-	-	12	1	4
2. G. Coast	2	2	-	-	9	1	4
3. Valley	2	2	-	-	9	2	4
4. M'chelton	2	2	-	-	15	6	4
5. St.Albans	2	1	-	1	19	4	2
6. Zillmere	2	1	-	1	2	7	2
7. Budapest	2	1	-	1	2	8	2
8. Teachers	2	1	-	1	1	9	2
9. University	2	-	-	2	5	9	0
10. P. Rangers	2	-	-	2	2	29	0

BRISBANE JUNIORS ROUND-UP

By Stan Dye

THE KICK OFF

The 1971 Junior Soccer season got away to a good start on Saturday 3rd April. Most clubs were able to field all the teams that they had nominated and there was a minimal number of withdrawals and forfeits.

I was fortunate at the weekend to see games involving teams from Coalstars, Annerley, Pine Rivers, Brighton, Oxley and Redcliffe. In general the teams were very smartly turned out and the games were presented in the proper manner.

As usual the younger age groups seemed to arouse the more interest and excitement among the spectators. The Under 8 game between Pine Rivers and Redcliffe was no exception.

The respective coaches in this game must surely have been more tired than the boys at the end of the game judging by the amount of running up and down they did, during the game coaching and urging on their teams.

The game was played at a hectic pace but Redcliffe took the lead and notched up three goals to one early in the second half after Pine Rivers had scored in reply. Over the latter stages of the game, Pine Rivers kept up a constant pressure on the Redcliffe defence but were not able to penetrate and Redcliffe ran out winners by 3 goals to 1. Congratulations to the members of both teams for providing us with a very entertaining game.

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PLAYERS SIGNING TWO FORMS.

It is apparent that some Club Secretaries and Registrars are not taking sufficient care to ensure that new players, being signed on by them, are properly cleared or have not signed on for another Club in this current season. i.e. since December 31st last.

Under the B.J.S.A. constitution the signing of registration forms for two clubs without a cancellation of the prior registration is a serious offence. The responsibility for ensuring that the constitution is adhered to lies with Club Officials, players and in the case of the younger age groups, the parents.

Any proven breach of the Constitution carries a heavy penalty and the Association Registrars are currently checking out some cases where it appears that players may have signed forms for two Clubs.

Club Secretaries and Registrars are reminded of their responsibility in this matter and should take all precautions to ensure that boys wishing to sign on for their Clubs are in fact free to do so.

UNDER 7 CARNIVAL AT THE GAP

One of the Junior Soccer season's annual attractions, the ever popular Under 7 Carnival, held by the Gap Club, will be held this year on June 20th, or in case of inclement weather on the 14th July.

All soccer supporters who would like to watch a full day of exciting Soccer, which these Under 7 teams usually provide, should make a note of the date. There are usually many other attractions besides the Soccer and it will be, as in other years, a good day out for the whole family.

SOCCER AT PADUA COLLEGE, KEDRON.

The sphere of Junior Soccer has widened still further with the entry into the fixtures of two teams from Padua College. Teams from the College will play in the under 15C & under 16B divisions of the fixtures. Members of the Queensland Federation of Soccer Coaches are providing coaching for the boys to get them off on the right track.

Welcome to the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association to Padua College, and best wishes for a successful first season with us.

MORE NEWS OF CLUBS IS REQUIRED

At the expense of being labelled repetitive, I would like to repeat my request for news of Club activities. Would all Clubs forward to me or ring me and advise the name and address of their Publicity Officers and if possible a phone number where I can contact them to obtain any items of news for inclusion in the Junior Soccer page. Remember! This is your page, and your co-operation is needed to make it a success.

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DIVISION 4

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Irish	2	2	-	-	11	3	4
2. Toowong	2	2	-	-	6	4	4
3. New Farm	2	1	1	-	8	6	3
4. P. Rivers	2	1	-	1	7	6	2
5. Darra	2	-	1	1	4	5	1
6. Wacol	2	-	-	2	6	10	0
7. Mt.G.Teach.	1	-	-	1	2	5	0
8. Annerley	1	-	-	1	1	6	0

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COLTS DIVISION

Grange-Thistle took over the lead of the Colts Division last weekend, and remain the only side to have scored maximum points from the three rounds to date.

They have an impressive 21-4 goal average too after their impressive 8-4 and 13-0 victories and one bye.

The bye was against Beaudesert, who have unfortunately been forced to withdraw from the competition for the rest of the season.

At this stage the main threat to Thistle appears to be Azzurri, who started off well with two wins, but went down surprisingly to Acacia Ridge last weekend.

But four other sides, Dnipro, Wynnum, Acacia Ridge and Redcliffe are also close behind Thistle with four points each, and should make the Colts competition a close and interesting affair.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Azzurri 2 v. Acacia Ridge 3
Redcliffe v. Bye
Hollandia 0 v. Wynnum 3
Dnipro 4 v. St. Helens 2
Gold Coast 0 v. Thistle 13

POINTS TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
1. Thistle	3	3	-	-	21	4	6
2. Azzurri	3	2	-	1	10	4	4
3. Wynnum	3	2	-	1	7	6	4
4. Dnipro	3	2	-	1	11	10	4
5. Redcliffe	3	2	-	1	5	5	4
6. Acacia Ridge	3	2	-	1	4	5	4
7. St. Helens	3	1	-	2	9	9	2
8. Hollandia	3	1	-	2	1	9	2
9. Gold Coast	2	-	-	2	0	16	0

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES
Saturday, April 24:-
Dnipro v. Acacia Ridge
(Perry Park)
Azzurri v. Redcliffe
(Spencer Park)

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Sunday, April 25:-
Gold Coast v. Wynnum
(Perry Park)
St. Helens v. Thistle
(Ebbw Vale)
Hollandia v. bye

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FIRST DIVISION PREVIEWS & TEAMS

TRADITIONAL RIVALS WILL PROVIDE FIREWORKS—DESPITE LOW POSITIONS.

HELLENIC v. AZZURRI

(PERRY PARK, SUNDAY, 3.0).

Despite their relative lowly positions on the points table, these traditional rivals can be expected to produce the fireworks that their many stirring clashes of the past have provided.

Both sides are struggling to find some combination at the moment but the question is, which one is best equipped to break through for the first premiership win of the season?

Hellenic were considered a little unlucky not to have gained at least a point from Coalstars last week and it is obvious that the return of Peter Walker and Tony Murtagh has added much-needed thrust to the Hellenic midfield and forward line.

Murtagh, teaming up with Jackson and Ian Fagan midfield, should seriously threaten the ability of Gary Clifford, Matt Hosie and Billy Haigh in that section of the field.

Two vital players will be rival centre halves Gordon Mackie (Hellenic) and Peter Nielsen (Azzurri).

Nielsen possible will have the best support behind him in Clive Dyson, Simo Gasparovic and Dave Neal as against Mackie's partners, Chas Matters, Con Petridis and maybe Cyril Bowers.

But on current form the Azzurri forward line, on paper far superior to that of Hellenic, should hold the key to this match.

If Ian Johnston, Willie Connors, Syd Tucker and Gerry Schoendorfer can all click together, then Mackie's men could be in for another busy afternoon.

One thing is for sure—heaven help the team that has to face Azzurri when these four do start to mould into an effective match-winning combination.

Don't disregard Andy Tsoumbaras as a possible match-winner for Hellenic. Andy has been in the game long enough now to know what it's all about and with Jackson providing the lead up work for Bill Fagan, Ted Kristens and Walker, Tsoumbaras could be the man to earn the points for Hellenic.

This is obviously going to be one of the toughest matches of the weekend to predict but because Hellenic are too strong a club to be propping the points table for too much longer they could be the first of the two to break the drought on Sunday.

HELLENIC

1. C. Bowers
2. C. Petridis
3. C. Matters
4. A. Murtagh
5. G. Mackie
6. M. Jackson
7. P. Walker
8. I. Fagan
9. W. Fagan
10. A. Tsoumbaras
11. B. Anderson

AZZURRI

1. D. Neal
2. C. Dyson
3. S. Gasparovic
4. G. Clifford
5. P. Nielsen
6. D. Sargent
7. G. Schoendorfer
8. W. Haigh
9. I. Johnston
10. S. Tucker
11. W. Connors

THISTLE v. COALSTARS

(PERRY PARK, SUNDAY, 1.0).

Can Coalstars maintain the early form that has left them with an unbeaten record and the promise of their best season for many years?

Their moment of truth comes on Sunday when they meet one of the "form teams" in Grange Thistle.

Coalstars haven't exactly been setting the world on fire so far but the score of five points out of six is an imposing one at this stage of the season.

A couple of the more experienced hands at Bundamba, John Roderick and Frank Johnston, have been playing major roles in that success achieved already.

And they have been backed by the agile 'keeping of Barry Shreiweis and the increasing promise of promoted fullback Trevor Davis.

Coalstars look to have two winners midfield with Ian Davis and Brad Ahearn, and their clash with Alex Anderson, Jeff Cornford and Peter Clemitson should be one of the match's highlights.

Scoring goals has been one of Coalstars' biggest problems over the years but this year that seems to have been rectified through the services of Kev Caldwell, Wally Kitching and Alex Cumming.

But Coalstars could and probably will strike a ton of trouble with the

Thistle attacking "twins" Ritchie Smith and Jim Ancliffe.

If Roderick and company let Big Ritchie get within 20 yards of the goals with a clear shot lined up, then, it has been proved in the past, Shreiweis will be just as busy as he was against Hellenic last Sunday.

The strong Thistle four-strong backline may give them an edge in that department but a little more speed from Coalstars and that unbeaten record should remain unbroken.

THISTLE

1. P. Roberts
2. A. Bain
3. A. Keenan
4. B. Dann
5. B. Allison
6. J. Cornford
7. A. Anderson
8. P. Clemitson
9. R. Smith
10. J. Ancliffe
11. S. Pollard

COALSTARS

1. B. Shreiweis
2. T. Davis
3. F. Johnston
4. J. Roderick
5. A. Haywood
6. B. Ahearn
7. I. Davis
8. R. Brown
9. A. Cumming
10. K. Caldwell
11. W. Kitching

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BARDON v. HOLLANDIA

(PERRY PARK, SATURDAY).

This without a doubt is the most vital match of the weekend. A victory to Hollandia and a loss to Coalstars at the hands of Thistle the next day will give the Inala side a clear three points lead over the rest of the field.

But naturally a Bardon win will depose Hollandia from the top of the ladder leaving Bardon to head for the end of the first round in front.

Darryl Wilkins is having an outstanding season and on his current form should just about walk into any State side selected in the future.

And with Sven Anderson and Stuart Dedman on Saturday will be a major problem to be overcome by Eddie Carrigan, Alan Sinclair and Gibby Rowan, if Bardon are to take the lead.

That reliable Hollandia backline of Deavin, Steen, Van Klaveren and Sunderland is one of the best in Brisbane and may overshadow Bardon's hard-tackling trio of Jimmy Lamb, Bob Buchanan and Geoff Gault, a constant improver.

Young Greg Hayes is still proving an asset in the Hollandia goalmouth and it is to be hoped that he can recover from the possible back injury he received last week against Wynnum.

Martin Coe was in top form for Bardon last week and should shade Hayes in that department on the score of his greater First Division experience.

With both defences dependable, it looks then that the side with the greater penetration up front, will come out on top.



PETER NIELSEN

State and Azzurri Defender

And that is why most will be plumping for Bardon, with Jamieson, Lee, Todd and Fraser likely to produce greater results than Hollandia's top three in attack, Dale Mortimer, Ritchie Wilson and Alex Karbonowicz.

BARDON

1. M. Coe
2. R. Buchanan
3. G. Gault
4. G. Rowan
5. J. Lamb
6. A. Sinclair
7. G. Fraser
8. I. Young
9. E. Carrigan
10. M. Lee
11. A. Jamieson

HOLLANDIA

1. G. Hayes
2. E. Deavin
3. P. Steen
4. P. Sunderland
5. J. Van Klaveren
6. S. Dedman
7. S. Anderson
8. R. Wilson
9. D. Mortimer
10. D. Wilkins
11. A. Karbonowicz

WYNNUM v. MERTON

(Maramba, Saturday)

Both of these sides thoroughly disappointed their respective supporters with their performances last week.

Without Eric Pattison, who was apparently dropped for not attending training, Merton were lacking the drive that they had enjoyed in the opening two rounds.

But Trevor Catchpole made a welcome return to the side last week and his hard-working display suggested that he will soon be back at his top.

Young Des Heath continues to give a 90 minute effort on the right wing, but the left wing berth is a problem for Merton at the moment, as Duncan Abbott obviously is not working out in that position.

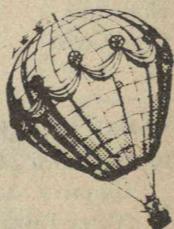
He is a much better fullback on the left, leaving the way clear for Harry Stewart's talents to be more usefully exploited in the middle as a sweeper.

It will be a long time before a Merton defence plays as badly as they did against Saints, and the usually competent Bryan Willis is unlikely to repeat any of last week's mistakes.

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FIRST DIVISION PREVIEWS (CONT'D.)

Wynnum were well and truly beaten by Hollandia when they refused to challenge for the ball and failed to lift their game to the pace required for First Division success.

But on their home strip, where they held Azzurri two weeks back, Frank Sowden, Glen Merrin and Barry Fitzgerald could find enough opportunities to give Merton another hectic afternoon.

Defenders Vic Leggatt and Glen Porter and keeper Graham Helmhold were fairly consistent against Hollandia and could be the main obstacles blocking a Merton win — but the latter's greater all-round depth should enable them to come away from Maramba with the two points.

WYNNUM MERTON

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| 1. G. Helmhold | 1. B. Willis |
| 2. G. Rogers | 2. G. Clelland |
| 3. V. Leggatt | 3. G. Catchpole |
| 4. G. Porter | 4. B. Bryce |
| 5. A. Holl | 5. H. Stewart |
| 6. D. Jones | 6. A. Senjusche |
| 7. E. Wilkins | 7. G. Green |
| 8. W. Webb | 8. D. Heath |
| 9. B. Fitzgerald | 9. E. Pattison |
| 10. F. Sowden | 10. N. Catchpole |
| 11. G. Merrin | 11. D. Abbott |

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ST. HELENS v. POLONIA (Ebbw Vale, Sunday)

This clash between what are possibly the most unpredictable teams in the competition should be a very close struggle.

Saints have been renowned in the past for being hard to beat on their home ground but at this stage have collected their three points from 'away' matches.

Polonia too had a great match two weeks ago against Merton but were extremely disappointing and offered little resistance to Thistle last weekend.

Polonia no doubt will be sweating on the return of the solid George Whitaker to the halfback line and the re-appearance of Big Frank Romanowski in the goals, despite the consistent 'keeping lately from fill-in Gordon Arrowsmith.

But Arrowsmith got his share of goals for Bardon last year and with Romanowski back, could well be the man in the forward line that Polonia so badly needed on Sunday.

St. Helens no doubt will be strongly favoured on the strength of the win over Merton and only need to reproduce some of that form to earn the confidence.

John Verrall and Glen McKeand are providing a bit of punch up front and Peter and John Gemmell and Dennis Biggs, are lending strong support to the undoubted class of Mark Walker.

One of the highlights of this one could be the clash between two pretty fiery halfbacks in Polonia's Alan James and Saints' John Dann in a clash, which on current form, could go either way.

ST. HELENS	POLONIA
1. M. Walker	1. G. Arrowsmith
2. A. Butcher	2. E. Musial
3. D. Biggs	3. D. Attwood
4. J. Gemmell	4. I. Frampton
5. P. Gemmell	5. D. Robson
6. J. Dann	6. D. Sargent
7. B. Dobbie	7. G. Schoendorfer
8. D. Pitcairn	8. W. Haigh
9. G. McKeand	9. I. Johnston
10. J. Verrall	10. S. Tucker
11. R. Stubbs	11. W. Connors

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1. Hollandia	3	3	-	-	9	3	6
2. Coalstars	3	2	1	-	9	4	5
3. Bardon	3	2	1	-	9	4	5
4. Thistle	3	2	-	1	10	8	4
5. St. Helens	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
6. Merton	3	1	1	1	9	8	3
7. Azzurri	3	-	2	1	4	6	2
8. Polonia	3	-	1	2	4	10	1
9. Wynnum	3	-	1	2	4	10	1
10. Hellenic	3	-	-	3	5	11	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS

- 5 Ritchie Smith (Thistle)
- 5 Eric Pattison (Merton)
- 3 Alan Jamieson (Bardon)
- 3 Mick Lee (Bardon)
- 3 Andy Tsoumbaras (Hellenic)
- 3 Dale Mortimer (Hollandia)
- 3 Kevin Caldwell (Coalstars)
- 3 Darryl Wilkins (Hollandia)

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES.

- Saturday, April 24:—**
Polonia v. Wynnum (Perry Park)
Azzurri v. Coalstars (Spencer Park)
- Sunday, April 25:—**
Merton v. Bardon (Perry Park)
Hollandia v. Hellenic (Richlands)
St. Helens v. Thistle (Ebbw Vale)
- Monday, April 26:—**
Q'ld. v. St. George-Budapest (Perry Park 3.00)

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On the Coaching Scene

By Sam Morgan

This week we shall start off with the Director of Coaches and his valuable comments.

The Professional Approach

One very important fact has emerged from the end of last season and the start of this season. Some of our clubs in the First Division at last are now realising that only a professional approach to this code will speed its progress to being No.1 in this State.

Players are also aware of the necessity to be as fit as they possibly can and also to study and diagnose play quickly. What with so many new players fighting to gain recognition a hundred percent effort in a game is now demanded from coaches. In view of this I wish our Ref's would attempt to analyse the game itself.

One point that springs to my mind is that if a player runs with the ball he is going to be tackled and tackled hard, and then unfortunately for him, the tackler is hauled over the coals and warned about bringing down a player etc. I have seen this happen about a dozen times this season already and nearly every time the "offender" has made contact clearly with the ball and because the other fellow falls over squealing like a pig he is penalised.

Wake up Ref's, this is a mans game, so don't wrap players in cotton wool, but by all means punish the dirty player. Physical contact is part of the professional game. So it is the wish of all coaches in general that the Ref's play their part in it too.

Clubs Please Note:-

Equipment is a must as we have already mentioned in earlier issues. An incident last week on a ground was serious, yet no stretcher was available.

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Also, it would be appreciated very much if equipment such as a scrubbing table was available at all First Division grounds. Also, the availability of hot and cold showers, another essential feature, would certainly be most welcome at all these grounds.

Lets try and get rid of, once and for all, the primitive style of dressing rooms of the past.

FRUSTRATION

by Saints' coach, Fred Robins

What it means in terms of:-

The Coach:

After having worked the team hard over a certain period it is beginning to blend into a useful unit, some little thing pops up to spoil what promises to be the starting pad for a success run. Such little things like key players being injured, losing form, being suspended and having to mould fresh players into the team in opposition to the biggest enemy of the coach, Old Father Time.

The Player:

Looking forward to the new season, putting everything into pre-season long hard grind to get fit, and to worry whether you will be lining up with the boys again or the stiff. To have a match or two and find that the old sparkle is not there, everyone saying you're a has-been. Sometimes trying harder only to find you are making a bigger mess of things. Will he fight clear? Only time will tell.

The Referee:

To get fit at the beginning of each season knowing that he must improve his quick reflexes and split second timing that is needed in the fixtures. Unlike the players, who can improve their sharpness in training under match conditions, the ref can only improve his sharpness is actual match play. To referee in competitive matches, see an infringement, make a decision and to act. It is only on his action that everybody judges and not when he decided. Once again that enemy, time, has el-

apsed, maybe only a split second, but the ball may have entered the goal in that time.

In this game we are all fighting time, so spend a little time and THINK of some of the others and their problems, then maybe we will not get so frustrated.

The Spectator:

After reading how the players have been working for months to get fit, while he has been on hols. With the overwhelming wins the pre-league matches have produced, he turns up at the first league fixture expecting the displays the team was producing at the end of the last season to be improved on, and what does he find? That it is not to his expectations, and that they played better last year. Of course he does not think that they had a dozen or more matches under their belts by then. Is he going to wait for the dozen or so games to compare, or give in and not waste his time in going to the matches.

Without spectators there is no money. Without players there are no spectators. Without referees there is no game. Without coaches improvement is limited.

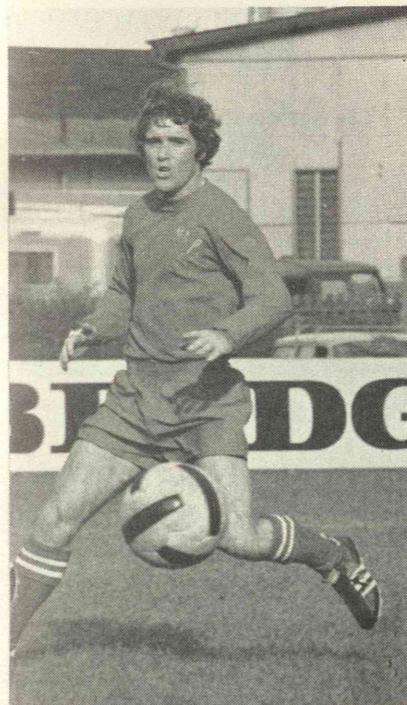
Each one needs the other three all on an equal footing, with the necessary respect shown. When one treats any of the other three as inferior then we are back to where we started:-

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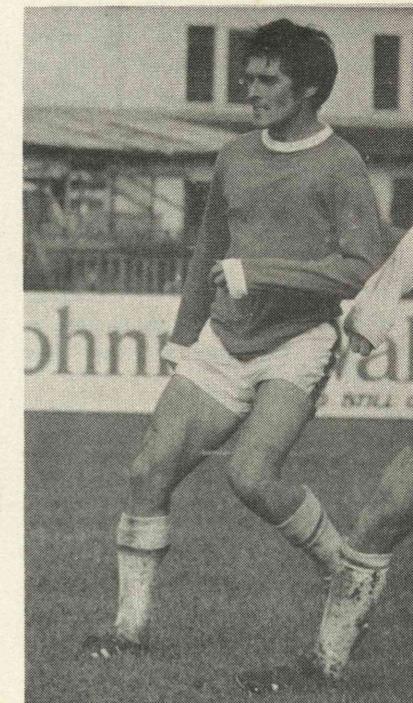
TWO VITAL HALF-BACKS FOR MERTON AND BARDON



Two men who should play vital roles in their team's matches this weekend.

Merton - East midfield forager, GEOFF GREEN (right) will be attempting to guide Merton to another two points when they line up against Wynnum at the Maramba Stadium, Hemmant, on Saturday. Supporting Green will be former West Australian Alex Senjuschenko, who is rapidly improving here with every match.

Tough little Bardon-Latrobe right half GIBBY ROWAN (left) is in top form, and with Alan Sinclair, should ensure that Bardon will be well served midfield against Hollandia's Darryl Wilkins and Stuart Dedman on Saturday at Perry Park.



HERE'S WHAT THE EXPERTS PREDICT THIS WEEK

PROGRESSIVE POINTS	BILL MALCOLM	GEORGE PAGAN	RON MITCHEL.	ALD. IAN BRUSASCO	ALAN FOUCHE	BRUCE WADDELL	ALAN GIBB	JOHN STEEL	HARRY MOURNEY	MOST FANCIED
BARDON v. HOLLANDIA	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
WYNNUM v. MERTON	2	1	X	1	2	2	1	2	2	2
HELLENIC v. AZZURRI	2	X	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
THISTLE v. COALSTARS	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
ST. HELENS v. POLONIA	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1

NEWS AND VIEWS

Some interesting news has reached us from the Toowong club this week where officials reported they were pleased with the 2C side's hard-earned 2-1 win over Oxley at the weekend at Corinda.

Running well for the side to date are Wayne Williams, Steve Chen and Steve Johnson, with Sel Chen playing some solid football midfield.

Toowong is still without a coach at present and anyone willing to help in that regard can ring secretary Les Hewitt at 70-1974.

Their 3B side lost easily against Mt. Gravatt and Zillmere in the first two rounds and officials reckon with a bit more condition under their belts they will soon make their presence felt.

The 4th Division side is unbeaten in two matches, following a 1-0 win over Darra last week.

In the first round Toowong visited Wacol, where they notched a 5-4 victory and Les Hewitt said he wished to commend the Wacol side on their sportsmanship and the excellent ground provided.

(Toowong have taken the lead in providing information on lower clubs. Any more can be phoned to the editor at 51-6011, ext. 380 between 2.30 and 11 p.m.).

First Division Soccer lost one of its personalities when Saints veteran centre half "Chooky" Vogler decided to call it a day last week.

A man with tremendous international, interstate and club experience, it is hoped he will find some time to coach a few kids up Ipswich way in the near future.

"Chooky" no doubt would have been delighted when his old club bobbed up on Monday with a well deserved 3-1 win over Merton-East.

Someone watching Oxley play Budapest in their Queensland Cup match last Saturday at Perry Park wondered just how Oxley would be faring now if they had retained a lot of their players over the years.

Five spring to mind that were former Oxley players but are now actively engaged with other clubs.

They are Alex Karbonowicz (Hollandia), Gordon Arrowsmith (Polonia), Bill Haigh (Azzurri) and Scotty Jamieson and Mich Lee (Bardon).

The referees' association will hold a physical fitness test for its members next month, which will comprise a series of sprints, jogging exercises etc., over a distance of 440 yards.

And any member passed unfit after the test will be dropped in the ratings and must start from the bottom again.

We hear this also will apply to First Division referees, so more on that subject a little later.

POLONIA COACH DEREK ROBSON

in action in a recent match
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