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### IN THE CLEAR

Bardon striker Neil Docherty breaks through and heads for the Coalstars goal during the match at Perry Park last Saturday. In his wake are Coalstars 'keeper Barry Shreiweis (on the ground), Barry Payne (No. 5) and Trevor Davis. Despite the open goal, Docherty failed to score but his side, with goals from Alan Morris and George Fraser, went on to win 2-1.

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# FEATURE PAGE -

## Matt Busby, Soccer Supremo

by DAVID MEEK

The first big test of his personality and ability to handle men came ironically along with his first big success on the field, the 1948 Cup Final win against Blackpool.

For at the start of the following season, the players went on strike. Instead of going in for training at the ground the senior men all gathered in a coffee house to mutter their rebellion. The problem was an old one, and one still with the game to a big extent.

The Cup-winning team thought they were entitled to a little more recompense for their success than they had received. Of course in those days, extra payments were quite illegal by football law and the situation called for delicate handling.

A lesser man than Matt Busby might well have precipitated either a real crisis with the players or perhaps created a dangerous precedent by persuading the directors to agree to the players' demands. As it turned out, they were all back in training by the next day, and though the issue was a sore point with them and not forgotten for quite a long time, the players settled down to work again.

Mr. Crompton makes an interesting point here. He says: "Of one thing I am sure. If Mr. Busby had had the power in those days that he has now, the crisis would never have happened. At that time, of course, it was a big test for a comparatively new boss and it was

probably only due to his ability as a manager of men that this problem was finally compromised."

Matt Busby was not the supremo in those days that he is now. I guess he had many a board-room battle to establish his own distinctive policies.

But he won most of them and did not shirk standing up for a principle, as he showed the year following their great success at Wembley. Once again they were heading confidently for the final, but with a fly in the ointment. Johnny Morris, their talented and experienced inside-forward, was proving restive and when he and the manager fell out over a matter of principle, the player was transferred to Derby County.

Now Johnny Morris at that time was no mere also-ran. He was a key man and Matt Busby knew that by transferring him he was spoiling his chances of making successive appearances at Wembley.

How tempting that prospect must have seemed to the up-and-coming Busby. He probably wrestled with the problem for a long time, but in the end he had Morris transferred on a matter of principle.

As Jack Crompton says today: "To my mind, if Johnny had played we would have reached the Final again. Naturally the players thought the club should have kept him. I thought so, too, at the time. But this where you live and learn. I can appreciate now that he was right and it is this uncanny foresight and judgement, even if it involved an unpopular decision, that has kept Manchester United at the front in post-war football."

Time of course has undoubtedly proved Busby right. I could not be otherwise when you consider his remarkable record. Some might say he was lucky to inherit the team he did. I don't agree. There were some fine players on the books, men back from the war like Johnny Carey, John Aston, Stan Pearson, Charlie Mitten and Johnny Morris.

There was also goalkeeper Jack Crompton. No international honours perhaps like many of his contemporaries, but talk to any of the old 1048 Cup-winning team, and all agree that there was no greater team man at the club and there still isn't for that matter. For as trainer of the team today, Jack Crompton still eats and sleeps Manchester United.

But all these fine players had to be built into a team and it was an early stroke of Busby's foresight that did the trick. He signed Jimmy Delaney from Glasgow Celtic when everyone else had written old brittle bones off and Busby

today pinpoints this bargain buy as one of the main reasons for United's emergence after the war.

He went on making astute signings, in recent times particularly never afraid to pay a record fee if he thought it right for the club. He combined his signings with the products of his own intensive youth policy.

So it is today that you find side by side in the United team two of the finest players in British football . . . Dennis Law who cost a record one hundred and fifteen thousand pounds and Bobby Charlton who joined the club at fifteen and cost nothing!

This has been his pattern all along, and even if you believe that he was fortunate to be able to start with so many good players in 1946, you can discount lady luck when you consider that he has built not just one great team, not even two, but THREE. That is a fantastic achievement.

He followed the 1948 side with one capable in season 1957-8 or reaching unknown heights but for the tragedy of Munich. Then Matt Busby even recovered from that shattering disaster to give football another League championship team and probably the most colourful and attractive side in the country.

Despite all the success, Matt Busby the man has changed little. There are many facets to his character, but if you had to choose one word to try and sum up the feeling that most people in football have for him, I think I would settle for respect.

Professional football is probably the most competitive business going, which makes it all the harder to live up to certain standards. Yet even in this cut-throat line of business at club level as well as among the players, I would think the name of Matt Busby is held in more respect than most.

The Queen has already noted Matt Busby's contribution to football with the award of the C.B.E. and I don't think this will be the last time that his name will be mentioned among the birthday honours.

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## JUNIOR JOTTINGS

By Stan Dye

**Fixtures off to a good start** - The first day of fixtures and I spent a pleasant day at "Redcliffe by Sea" and saw teams from Azzurri, Gap, Brighton, Mt. Gravatt, in action.

It was indeed gratifying to see the teams well turned out and the football was of a high standard, with perhaps the Under 14A game between Redcliffe and Azzurri being the pick of the day.

Redcliffe's new blue and white strip attracted much favourable comment but it will be hard for the "Die hard Redcliffe supporters" to get away from screaming "Come on the Red's".

**News of Taringa Club** - Thank you Taringa Rovers for a copy of your first News Sheet many congratulations on a very informative publication. Taringa have been an established Soccer Club for 24 years making steady progress and it is obvious this progress is to be maintained with 1972 seeing the start of a \$65,000 Club house catering for many indoor sports as well as Social functions, with a stage to follow catering especially for Juniors.

**Gap Hand Book goes to Press** - Thanks to the Gap for a copy of their 1972 hand book which really puts everyone into the picture as far as happenings around "Walton Bridge". The information in this little book helps people to plan their weeks through the season as it contains everything from fixtures, social activities, Ladies Auxiliary functions, to information on any Team registered with the club.

**Azzurri Defeated on Opening Day** - Azzurri were defeated on the opening day of fixtures, but not by other Clubs, it was by the heavy rain over the Easter Weekend. Spencer Park was flooded and as a result the playing area was covered with a generous layer of thick mud. A hard team of supporters tried to clean up the mess in time for the fixtures but alas the ground could

not be repaired sufficiently to allow fixtures to be played and Azzurri Juniors had to play all their fixtures away from home. We hope that their return "home" will not be delayed too long.

**New Faces at Carina Canteen** - There are new faces behind the counter at the canteen at Carina as Mr. and Mrs. McPherson are not available this year to carry on the job they have done for many years for the B.J.S.A. Our Treasurer Mr. Stan Poulton and Mrs. Poulton have offered to run the canteen for us and are hoping to provide for Carina patrons. A full range of drinks and refreshments will be on sale and with more extensive use of the Carina Oval for Rep. games this year we should see an increase in profit for our tour fund. Many Thanks to Stan and his wife for their efforts and best wishes for a profitable season.

**Rep. programme gets under way** - This weekend see the start of Representative Trials, with the Under 11 and under 12s at Carina and under 14 at Zillmere. This season will see the most comprehensive programme of Representative Football. Definite arrangements for tours have been made for Under 11 to Granville and 12, 14 and 15 to Bankstown in May. Under 13 will go to take part in the Australian Championships in Orange N.S.W. in August, with a Brisbane tour by Sutherland the following week. Under 10 will take part in the Australian championships the venue to be decided.

**Grange Thistle News** - Well another season is on its way for our club and the association. This year we have reached another record for our club that is 24 teams have been formed and will do battle for Premiership Honours.

We also lay claim to another first for Junior Soccer in that this year we have

a Director of Coaching concentrating all his efforts on the Junior Division of our club.

Our interstate tour this year for the Jim Borland Shield will be to Grafton late in August and we are taking our 24 teams and supporters. A total of 480 people. This requires organization on a large scale. We claim an Australian record on this but maybe some person may know of some other code or association who can beat us on the total.

To those clubs who assisted us in making our opening carnival such a success may we say THANK YOU.

We are desperate for coaches for a few of our record number of teams. Is there anyone who would help out? If so please phone 56 9632 and leave your name with our secretary.

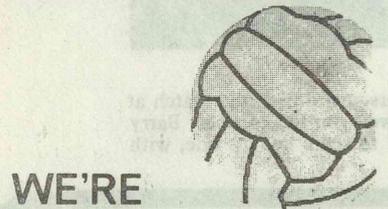
To all players for the 1972 season may we give you this thought.

"If at first you don't succeed give it to someone else he may shoot straighter than you".

Parry Scott  
Hon. Secretary

I'm sure that Taringa will not mind me finishing with this little bit of philosophy taken from their News sheet.  
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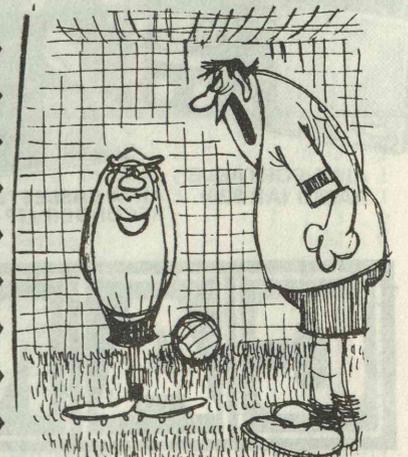
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QUOTES OF THE WEEK.

"Wynnum's Maramba Stadium is one of the best in Australia. It's more like a bowling green than a football field." - Gap coach Jim Bell.

"The Facilities at Dunlop Park for the press and the paying customers are non-existent". - Reg Erskine.

QUESTION: "Why didn't you give off-side for that goal Hollandia scored?" - Irate Azzurri fan to John Adams after game.

ANSWER: "Blimey you get blamed for everything, I didn't even referee that match". - John Adams to irate Azzurri fan.

"Phil Sunderland is one of the best stopper-centre halves in Queensland. He's held the Ipswich side together for years". - Reg Erskine.

"Our two new players from Darwin will be given two weeks to settle in and meet the players. Then they'll be in action". - Hellenic's Mike Penklis.

"The refereeing in our match on Saturday left a lot to be desired". - Gap and Wynnum officials.

"Mick Anthony has arrived back in Australia and should be in the side shortly". - Polonia's Tom Nash.

THE FAN WHO WOULDN'T GO HOME

On the morning of 14th August last year George Mulholland, a keen supporter of Glasgow Rangers flew in to Scotland on a transatlantic trip from Toronto, Canada. He arrived in time for the opening game of the Soccer Season between the famous rivals Rangers and Celtic. His favourite team lost 2-0 so George extended his stay so that he could watch their League Cup match two weeks later. The result of this match was again in Celtic's favour, so George decided to stay on for the next encounter in the League on September 11th. The result was another win to Celtic, so George remained for the next match. This was the traditional New Year clash which Rangers lost again.

Poor old George, now \$10,000 out of pocket, is still in Scotland and determined not to go home until his team achieves a victory. His hopes now rest with the Scottish Cup in April, as both teams have avoided each other in the final. Needless to say, George has his fingers crossed that his favourites will win this time - and then it's home to Mum!!



POINTS TABLES

NOTE: All points tables are compiled on the results which have been phoned either to Bill Malcolm (51 5328) or Bruce Waddell (51 6011) by Sunday evening. Remember, Sunday night is the deadline for ALL results.

2A DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Gap	2	2	-	-	5	1	4
Mt. Gravatt	1	1	-	-	3	0	2
Mitchelton	2	1	-	1	9	5	2
Taringa	1	1	-	-	5	3	2
Annerley	2	1	-	1	5	5	2
Wynnum	2	1	-	1	5	5	2
Budapest	2	1	-	1	5	7	2
Souths	1	-	1	-	2	2	1
Newmarket	1	-	1	-	2	2	1
Germania	2	-	-	2	4	7	0
Merton	1	-	-	1	0	2	0
Hellenic	1	-	-	1	0	6	0

2B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bardon	1	1	-	-	6	2	2
Thistle	1	1	-	-	7	2	2
Redlands	1	1	-	-	5	2	2
Redcliffe	1	1	-	-	4	2	2
Azzurri	2	1	-	1	5	7	2
Merton	1	-	-	1	2	4	0
Coalstars	1	-	-	1	2	5	0
University	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Dnipro	1	-	-	1	2	7	0
Gold Coast							
Hollandia							
Polonia							

2C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oxley	2	2	-	-	6	1	4
Annerley	2	2	-	-	13	7	4
Olympic	1	1	-	-	5	0	2
Wynnum	1	1	-	-	4	0	2
Fairfield	1	1	-	-	4	0	2
Germania	1	1	-	-	6	1	2
Taringa	2	-	1	1	2	5	1
Mitchelton	2	-	1	1	2	6	1
Budapest	2	-	-	2	3	13	0
Gap	2	-	-	2	1	7	0
Bardon	1	-	-	1	0	5	0
St. Helens	1	-	-	1	5	6	0

3A DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Acacia Ridge	2	2	-	-	11	1	4
North Star	1	1	-	-	1	0	2
Pine Rivers	2	1	-	1	9	3	2
Toowong	1	1	-	-	3	1	2
Dnipro	1	1	-	-	5	2	2
Souths	1	1	-	-	3	2	2
Redcliffe	2	1	-	1	4	4	2
Annerley	1	-	-	1	0	1	0
Thistle	1	-	-	1	2	5	0
Park Rangers	2	-	-	2	1	10	0
Gap	2	-	-	2	1	11	0
Newmarket							

3B DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Albans	2	2	-	-	8	0	4
Darra	2	2	-	-	7	1	4
Booval	2	2	-	-	13	4	4
University	2	2	-	-	6	2	4
Mt. Gravatt	2	1	-	1	8	2	2
Brighton	2	1	-	1	8	5	2
Valley	2	1	-	1	4	4	2
Redlands	2	1	-	1	1	2	2
Toowong	2	2	-	-	2	12	0
Taringa	2	2	-	-	0	9	0
Annerley	2	2	-	-	1	1	0

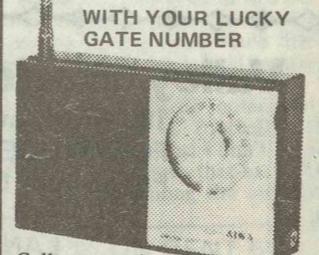
3C DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
New Farm	2	2	-	-	13	0	4
Budapest	1	1	-	-	4	3	2
Park Rangers	1	1	-	-	0	0	2
Gold Coast	1	-	1	-	2	2	1
North Star	2	1	-	1	2	9	1
Mitchelton	1	-	-	1	3	4	0
Nerang	1	-	-	1	0	6	0
Teachers							
University							
Fairfield							
Coolangatta							
Irish							

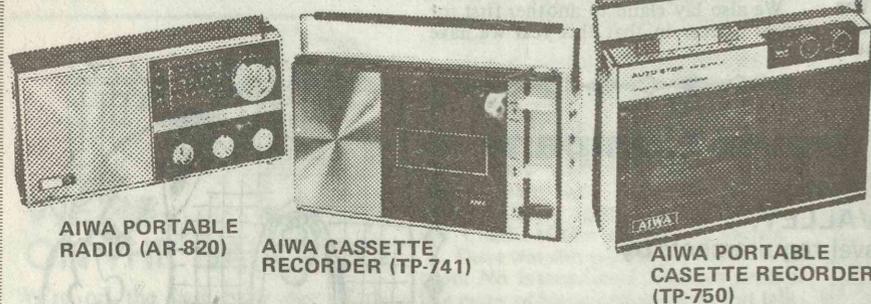
COLTS DIV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Helens	2	2	-	-	25	2	4
Logan	1	1	-	-	7	0	2
Germania	1	1	-	-	3	1	2
Annerley	1	1	-	-	7	3	2
Pine Rivers	2	1	-	1	6	14	2
Oxley	2	1	-	1	5	12	2
Souths	1	-	1	-	3	3	1
Mitchelton	2	-	1	1	4	6	1
Wynnum	1	-	-	1	0	5	0
Darra	1	-	-	1	3	7	0
Thistle	1	-	-	1	0	7	0
Azzurri	1	-	-	1	1	4	0
Mt Gravatt							
Hollandia							

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# FIRST DIVISION PAGES



## THISTLE v. AZZURRI (Friday, Lanham Park, 7.45).

By Ron Mitchell

Grange Thistle's confidence boosting 6-0 defeat of St. Helens last Sunday coincided with Hollandia's 4-2 defeat of Azzurri which destroyed the year-old myth of Azzurri's invincibility after an unbeaten 22-match run.

Thistle are at home to Azzurri at Lanham Park on Friday night of this week-end and in the Lanham Park camp this week a calmer view of those two events last week-end undoubtedly has been taken after the first flush of elation.

Reports suggest St. Helens gave a disappointing display. But I suppose if you bang in six goals in first division and keep your goal intact you have been doing something that does not happen too often. And Thistle did just this.

A match is never over until the final whistle. I am sure Azzurri coach Nereo Saffich has rammed this point home in Azzurri training sessions this week.

The actions of some Azzurri players - arguing and protesting over referee and linesmen's decisions - when Azzurri were down several goals in the second-half did not enhance Azzurri's reputation as a prestige team, and I feel the arm waving and shouting was a cover up for their shortcomings against a Hollandia team which was in devastating form.

If Azzurri had got on with the game instead of "grandstanding" the result might have been closer, even to a draw. Remember Hellenic scored three goals against Azzurri 10 years ago at the "Gabbra" between the 87th and 89th minutes to go from 2-3 down to a 5-3 win.

Thistle's attacking duo, Jim Ancliffe and Ritchie Smith showed up against Saints and combined intelligently with Mike Culhana, Steve Pollard and Owen

Monaghan. Monaghan, now evidently fit again, should be a tower of strength to Thistle.

However, Matt Hosie, Ian Perry, and Bruno Pinti are a tough hard tackling Azzurri rearguard who will be reinforced by the "no nonsense" Peter Nielsen and Gary Clifford in midfield, and I don't envy Thistle their task on Friday night.

In spite of the loss of Charlie Dench from their attack, Azzurri often were menacing against Hollandia but the spirited efforts of Gary Wilkins, Peter Steen, Phil Sunderland and Ben Mollee reduced the Azzurri effectiveness. Willie Connors, Bill Haigh, Peter Donovan and the Strawsons have the ability to give Barry Dann, Alex Keenan and co. a busy night on Friday.

The match should attract a large crowd. The result is hard to forecast. A draw is a possibility but I lean to Azzurri as narrow winners.

### TEAMS

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|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>THISTLE</b>  | <b>AZZURRI</b> |
| 1. P. Roberts   | 1. D. Neal     |
| 2. A. Keenan    | 2. M. Hosie    |
| 3. B. Allison   | 3. B. Pinti    |
| 4. A. Anderson  | 4. G. Clifford |
| 5. B. Dann      | 5. I. Perry    |
| 6. A. Bain      | 6. P. Nielsen  |
| 7. M. Culhana   | 7. W. Connors  |
| 8. S. Pollard   | 8. W. Haigh    |
| 9. R. Smith     | 9. P. Strawson |
| 10. J. Ancliffe | 10. C. Dench   |
| 11. O. Monaghan | 11. R. Denny   |

## HOLLANDIA v. BARDON (Saturday, Richlands, 2.45)

Predicting the outcome of this match is going to prove difficult if only because of the winning form displayed by both sides last week-end.

Hollandia probably were the more impressive with their good 4-2 win over

the previously undefeated Azzurri with the new signings all settling at last into some sort of combination.

Young Laslo Koraknai looks set for a good season with his tremendous speed and elusive running on the wing and now is getting suitable support from Jim McCabe, Dave Sargent and Richard Wilson.

The return of Phil Sunderland was a great boon to the Hollandia backline, which is rapidly developing into one of the most reliable in the competition.

Mark Walker had his shaky moments last Sunday but settled in well towards the finish and is obviously going to pay his way before the season has concluded.

In addition, Hollandia are becoming much stronger in the middle now that Sunderland's return has allowed Sven Anderson to return to his rightful position. Hollandia could even afford to drop Darryl Wilkins last week, a practice which could prove costly if repeated this week.

Hollandia will need all their midfield strength to challenge the dominance of Bardon's Eddie Carrigan, John McGinley and John Hudson.

Bardon's backline will have to be tightened up as it must have been disturbing to see Kevin Caldwell making inroads for Coalstars at regular intervals last Saturday.

If it's hard tackling they want Bardon have no worries with Gino Patruno and Gibby Rowan, two of the best in the business when it comes to stopping a man in his tracks.

Considering Bardon's midfield dominance Coalstars last week, they should have won by more than 2-1.

Neil Docherty, Alan Morris and Ian Young will have to take much better advantage of the chances certain to be offered again this Saturday.

If they do this, then I think Bardon can win what should be one of the tightest matches of the week-end.

### TEAMS

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|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>HOLLANDIA</b> | <b>BARDON</b>   |
| 1. M. Walker     | 1. M. Coe       |
| 2. G. Wilkins    | 2. G. Patruno   |
| 3. B. Mollee     | 3. A. Sinclair  |
| 4. P. Steen      | 4. G. Rowan     |
| 5. P. Sunderland | 5. M. Lee       |
| 6. S. Anderson   | 6. J. Hudson    |
| 7. L. Koraknai   | 7. I. Young     |
| 8. P. Ray        | 8. J. McGinley  |
| 9. R. Wilson     | 9. E. Carrigan  |
| 10. J. McCabe    | 10. N. Docherty |
| 11. D. Sargent   | 11. A. Morris   |



By Bruce Waddell.

What an interesting match this one at headquarters should be on Saturday.

A couple of weeks ago, Polonia would have been the logical choice as likely winners but last week-end's matches have changed that situation.

Polonia lost their unbeaten record when they folded up against Hellenic to go down 3-1 and Oxley shocked even their own supporters by streaking away to a 2-0 lead against Merton and hang on for a shock 2-2 draw.

Polonia are still having forward line problems. Syd Tucker returned to the fray against Hellenic and met with success but he was not backed up sufficiently to make his effort worthwhile.

Newcomer Keith Hymas still has not settled in and might need a couple more matches yet to become fully acclimatised and Wayne Walker could score a lot more goals with a bit more steadiness in front of goal.

## POLONIA v. OXLEY (Saturday, Perry Park, 3.00)

He's got a great shot and plenty of speed but does not fully utilise those assets.

A great display by the Oxley backline was largely responsible for their forward showing last week and Ray Knight, Dave Kinsella, Dennis Fraser and Brian Banres are certain to be retained this week.

The forward line showed a bit more enterprise too with Jack Cormack adding a bit of extra thrust, combined with the work of Paul Yeuell and Bob Dobinson and fleet-footed Joe Chuma on the left wing.

Tigerish halfback Jimmy Kirk is Oxley's best all round player and his non stop work in midfield and attack could be a match-winning factor.

Polonia's midfield strength would be weakened considerable if Alan James, who left the field last Sunday, fails to make the side.

Another good hard clash is assured with Oxley's vastly improved showing against Merton pointing to what could be their first win of the season.

### TEAMS

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|----------------|----------------|
| <b>POLONIA</b> | <b>OXLEY</b>   |
| 1. R. Barlow   | 1. H. Mitchell |
| 2. E. Musial   | 2. R. Knight   |
| 3. D. Attwood  | 3. D. Kinsella |
| 4. R. Piper    | 4. D. Fraser   |
| 5. A. Curtis   | 5. B. Barnes   |
| 6. A. James    | 6. R. Shortman |
| 7. R. Clark    | 7. J. Kirk     |
| 8. D. Robson   | 8. J. Cormack  |
| 9. K. Hymas    | 9. R. Dobinson |
| 10. S. Tucker  | 10. P. Yeuell  |
| 11. W. Walker  | 11. J. Chuma   |



By Bob Buchanan

## HELLENIC v. ST. HELENS

What happened to Saints last week after starting the season with a bang they go and blow up against Grange.

I suppose we have to allow the new boys time to settle, but they did not show much from last week.

Being the underdogs again this week will no doubt please Saints as they usually try hard when the chips are down.

In Peter Gemmell, John Verrall and Glen McKeand they have three good strong players who can walk into any of the other teams in Brisbane.

While Lex Gibb on his day is a matchwinner his experience should be an asset to youngsters Trevor Broadbent and Ray Kitching.

But again if they thought Thistles defence was tough how are they going to find Hellenic who although not playing well are not letting many goals past them.

Neil Catchpole scored 2 goals last week and although out of the game for spells he took his chances well and unlucky not to score the first hat trick of the season.

Bill and Ian Fagan are industrious and believe it or not I saw Andy Tsoumbaras chasing back and helping his defence a good few times. This must take weight off the rearguard.

Bill Maxton, Gordon Mackie and Chas Matters are hard men to pass but on three occasions last week Bill and Gordon were standing too close together leaving an unmarked winger fortunately Polonia never cottoned on.

I must tip the Premiership leaders on all round ability and Saints last performance but then I tipped Azzurri to beat Hollandia and look what happened.

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| 1. P. Paterdis    | 1. N. Doyle    |
| 2. C. Petridis    | 2. A. Butcher  |
| 3. C. Matters     | 3. D. Dann     |
| 4. W. Maxton      | 4. S. Dann     |
| 5. G. Mackie      | 5. P. Gemmell  |
| 6. M. Jackson     | 6. J. Verrall  |
| 7. W. Fagan       | 7. J. Dann     |
| 8. A. Murtagh     | 8. R. Kitching |
| 9. N. Catchpole   | 9. G. McKeand  |
| 10. A. Tsoumbaras | 10. A. Gibb    |
| 11. I. Fagan      | 11. B. Dobbie. |



COALSTARS v. MERTON

With Coalstars still msarting over their 2-1 loss against Bardon-Latrobe and Merton-East trying to get away from the foot of the table, this should be quite a game.

Merton manager Matt Carson must be a worried man, although it is early season his side have not won a game, and points are handy to have.

It is not as though they have not the players with the Catchpoles, Gary and Trevor aided by the old fox Eric Pattison and the youngsters of the team Bevan Bohan, and Steve Dolan I feel that the lean time may be coming to an end.

Eric Pattison was not as sharp as usual last week, probably still carrying an injury but Ron Millman is playing well and more like the Millman of old.

Steve Dolan is improving with each game, and once he gets into the Merton way of thinking he will be a source of bother ot most defences.

Of course Coalstars will have to watch Des Heath, he scored another good goal last week after a good run down the wing.

What about Coalstars they promise so much during a game but in the end they just can't finish it off, John Roderick must be going grey by now.

Barry Shreiweis had a great game against Bardon last week two of his saves were brilliant, had it not been for him who knows what the score might have been.

Frank Johnston and Rob Brown worked hard but at times left Barry Payne on his own when they went further up the field than they should have.

I liked young Gordon Shaw, he showed some good touches and intelligent running.

Coalstars seem to rely an awful lot on Kevin Caldwell and he unfortunately can't do everything. I think they may be more dangerous if they could get Kevin and Ian Johnston working together. rather than two units

To predict this game is difficult as there is so much prestige at stake and though the game is at Bundamba I go for Merton as they are the more desperate of the two.

TEAMS

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>COALSTARS</b> | <b>MERTON</b>      |
| 1. B. Shreiweis  | 1. B. Willis       |
| 2. T. Davis      | 2. G. Meagher      |
| 3. F. Johnston   | 3. G. Clelland     |
| 4. R. Brown      | 4. G. Catchpole    |
| 5. B. Payne      | 5. A. Senjuschenko |
| 6. R. Hallett    | 6. R. Millman      |
| 7. I. Davis      | 7. D. Heath        |
| 8. G. Shaw       | 8. S. Dolan        |
| 9. K. Caldwell   | 9. E. Pattison     |
| 10. I. Johnston  | 10. T. Catchpole   |
| 11. A. Cumming   | 11. B. Bohan       |

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday, April 22 - Merton v. Hollandia (Perry Park, 3.00).

Sunday, April 23 - Azzurri v. Hellenic (Spencer Park, 2.45), Bardon v. Thistle (Perry Park, 3.00), Oxley v. Coalstars (Dunlop Park, 2.45), St. Helens v. Polonia (Ebbw Vale, 2.45).

1971 PREMIERSHIP RESULTS

Thistle v. Azzurri - 0-2, 1-5.  
Hollandia v. Bardon - 0-1, 0-4.  
Polonia v. Oxley - not played.  
Coalstars v. Merton - 1-4, 2-3.  
Hellenic v. St. Helens - 3-1, 5-3.



"WELL, THAT'S THE LAST ONE TO BE SENT-OFF, CARE FOR A KICK-ABOUT?"

FIRST DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hellenic	3	3	-	-	9	3	6
Thistle	3	2	-	1	9	4	4
Bardon	3	2	-	1	6	3	4
Azzurri	3	2	-	1	6	5	4
Hollandia	3	1	1	1	8	7	3
St. Helens	3	1	1	1	6	11	3
Coalstars	3	-	2	1	3	4	2
Polonia	3	-	2	1	4	6	2
Merton	3	-	1	2	7	9	1
Oxley	3	-	1	2	3	9	1

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I feel I have to write to your magazine in protest to what I feel is a shocking decision today Monday 3rd. Apri.

I realize that we have had around six inches of rain in the past 24 hours bur surely the same rain fell at Lang Park and Corbett Park to name a couple where both grounds are in use today. I played soccer when it was nothing to play with water over your boots in parts of the fields, I saw Perry Park at 9.30 today and there was hardly any water on the pitch at all.

Is the modern day soccer player just a fine weather soccer player or are the officials of the Soccer Federation frightened of the field getting marked a bit in the wet because if this is the case then surely it must be one of the only soccer fields in Australia treated this way. I believe that there must be a lot of fans who felt this way today and are wondering how many went to watch another code. In my opinion todays decision was not the right one to keep supporters but rather one to drive them away.

Hoping you will find room to print this letter and also I would like to congratulate you on a good coverage in Go Soccer. Keep up the good work.

An All Weather Soccer Fan.

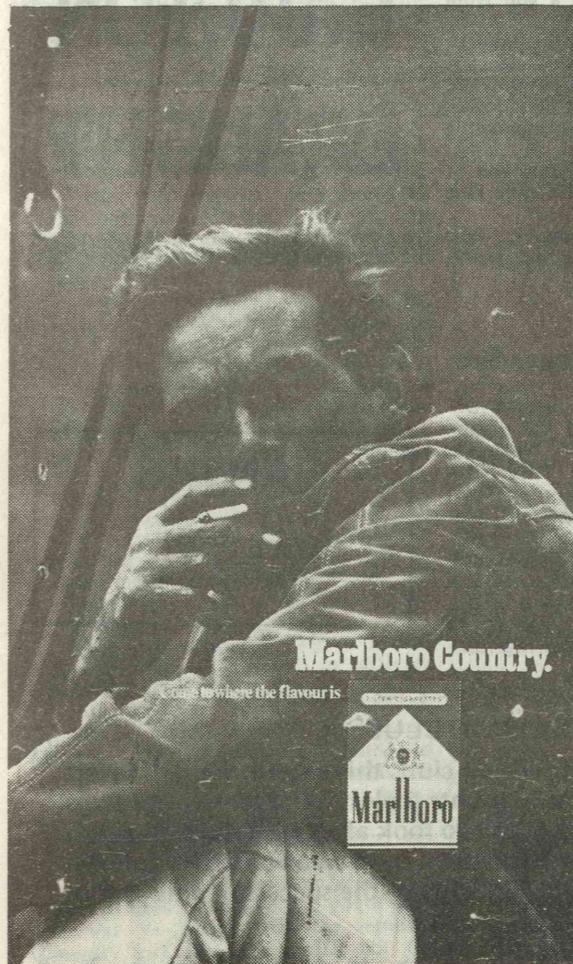
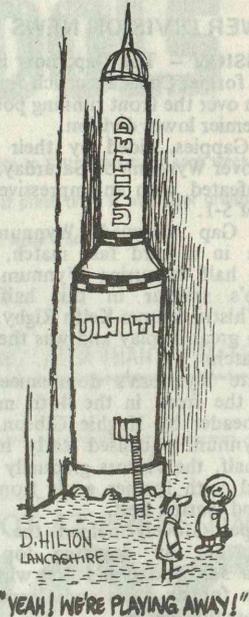
FOOTNOTE

An official of the management committee last week-end defended the decision to postpone the matches mentioned above.

He repeated that after a prolonged and detailed inspection the committee, after consulting the referees, had made the only decision possible.

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3	Bill Haigh	(Azzurri)
2	Steve Pollard	(Thistle)
2	Wayne Walker	(Polonia)
2	Des Heath	(Merton)
2	Alan Morris	(Bardon)
2	Neil Docherty	(Bardon)
2	Peter Steen	(Hollandia)
2	Neil Catchpole	(Hellenic)
2	Ritchie Smith	(Thistle)

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**LOWER DIVISION**

**LOWER DIVISION NEWS**

**2A DIVISION** - The Gap, now in the hands of former Coalstars coach Jim Bell has taken over the front running position in the premier lower division.

The Gappies, aided by their good 3-1 win over Wynnum on Saturday, now are undefeated with an impressive goal average of 5-1.

The Gap downed Wynnum at Maramba in a hard fast match, with the first half favouring Wynnum. But the Gap's saviour in this half was former Thistle 'keeper Keith Rigby, who put up a great display and was the man of the match.

Despite Wynnum's dominance, the Gap hit the front in the 44th minute with a header by Hughie Gibson. But after Wynnum equalised early in the second half, the visitors gradually took command with further goals from Ian Woods and Warren Best.

Budapest-Grovely helped the Gap cause further by downing top side Germania 3-2, Budapest's first win over Germania for six years and Germania's second loss this season.

Taringa, another leading contender for promotion, had their game against Merton postponed when Heath Park was declared unplayable.

**2B DIVISION** - In a division hard to evaluate because of washed out matches and non-reported results, Bardon Thistle, Redlands, Redcliffe and Azzurri lead the field with two points each.

Bardon produced a good display on Sunday at headquarters to down Azzurri 6-2, the losers having the services of centre forward Charlie Dench, dropped from Azzurri's First Division side.

**2C DIVISION** - While their First Division side is having troubles, Oxley's reserve side won at the week-end and shares the lead in the competition with Annerley, both sides as yet undefeated.

**3A DIVISION** - The Acacia Ridge side has established a clear lead in this division with two wins and a strong goal average of 11-1.

North Star (formerly Zillmere), Pine River, Toowong, Dnipro, Souths and Redcliffe all have two points, but most still have a match in hand, owing to the washout two weeks back.

**3B DIVISION** - Four teams share the lead after the first two rounds in this division.

The strong St. Albans side has reaped eight goals without reply to be just ahead on goal average.

But three other teams - Darra, Booval and University also are undefeated and should make this division one of the most closely contested this year.

**3C DIVISION** - New Farm are the leaders here having downed newcomers Nerang 6-0 at the week-end to be unbeaten with an impressive goal average of 13-0. A number of results in this division have not yet been reported, making compilation of an accurate points table impossible.

Leading contenders at this stage, apart from New Farm, look to be Budapest and Park Rangers.

**4th DIVISION** - Just to prove the point, New Farm's side here also is in front after two matches although they share the lead with the boys from Wacol. But again New Farm forwards know how to score as their goal average is 15-2.

Two newcomers to the Federation are faring reasonably. Army and St. Michaels have both recorded a win and a loss from the first two rounds.

Another team in this category is the Logan Athletic side, with a win from the opening rounds.

**COLTS DIVISION** - A big lineup of 14 teams should create a good deal of interest in the Colts division with St. Helens, a disappointment last year, streaking away to a commanding position.

They followed up their first win of 11-1 with a resounding 14-1 over Pine Rivers this week-end.

Logan, Germania, Annerley, Pine Rivers and Oxley all have two points at this stage.

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**Lower Division Reporters**

If you are willing to act as official reporter for any of the divisions, contact the editor (B. Waddell) at 55-6288 or 51-6011 NOW. The success of the lower division news depends on having one person responsible for collating all the news on match reports and happenings for each respective division. In the meantime, until reporters are appointed, phone match reports to 51-6011 ext. 380 on Sunday nights.



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**THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME**

(Compiled by J. Carlin, Publicity Officer, Australian Soccer Referees (Queensland).)

The following was first issued by the International Board almost 15 years ago and the need for observing its contents is still as great to-day as it was then.

"The Laws of the Game and the rulings of the International Board and FIFA cannot themselves bring about the exemplary code of behaviour, which is so often referred to as 'The Spirit of the Game'. If football is to continue to be one of the great and most popular games in the world then those who take part in it must keep up its great traditions. Everyone wishes to win and there is often much temptation to win at all costs, but true sportsmen can find small satisfaction in a victory won by unfair means. The spirit of the law must be observed as well as the letter of the law."

The ideals of the above quoted message was not meant or directed towards our 98% "pure Amateur Gentlemen" but to the Professionals alike. It is not, in my opinion, the money that separates the Gentlemen from the Players but their attitudes towards circumstances which arise during a game. Let me give some familiar examples which I am sure readers will have seen at some time or other

1. A certain goal has been averted by the full back fisting the ball out of goal. It may be argued that the resulting penalty kick may fail and it not the

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Hollandia v. Bardon	1	2	2	2	X	1	2	2
Polonia v. Oxley	1	1	2	2	X	1	2	-
Coalstars v. Merton	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
Hellenic v. St. Helens	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

player is no worse off than if the first shot scored. This argument is false; the player is much worse off, for even if his action was successful and perhaps the means of winning the match, he has still lost his reputation as a sportsman.

2. The defender who is beaten by the skill of his opponent outside the penalty area and who blantly trips him to prevent a possible goal. The player calculates that the resulting free-kick will be cleared, and unfortunately this is so often true. Once again is this contrary to the 'Spirit of the Game'.

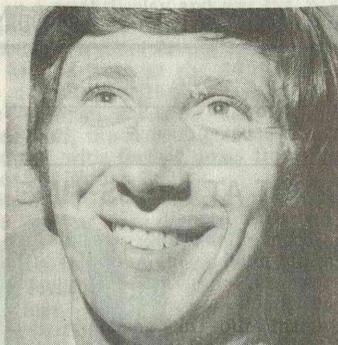
3. A similar offence is the unfair advantage gained by the defender with the stopping of a lobbed pass, which has beaten him, by deliberately catching the ball. It may be amusing to some but once again this is not sportsmanlike. 4. There is a whole series of Time-wasting tricks which are used too frequently. For example, deliberately kicking or throwing the ball away, holding it until your defence has organized itself. This is detrimental to 'The Spirit of the Game'.

How and when these tactics crept into our game is a question I cannot give an answer to but perhaps now is the time for spectators, players, coaches, managers and all concerned support the efforts of the Match Officials to stamp it out.

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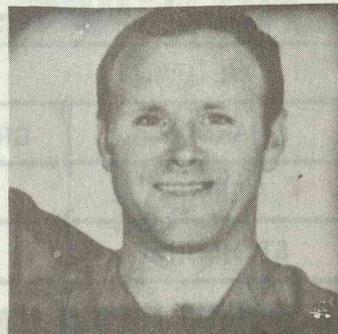
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