

## 1886-1919

This period would see the emergence of the four big clubs that would dominate football in Ipswich

Blackstone Rovers, Bundamba Rangers, Dinmore Bush Rats and St Helens

The period up to World War 1 was dominated by Dinmore Bushrats.

There was the emergence of a number of Clubs some would last but most would not.

The first Representative games were played and the first Qld interstate tour was in 1890 with Tom Barker and the Shelley brothers represented.

Ipswich would contest the Brisbane Challenge Cup in 1888 with Dinmore Bush Rats winning for the first time in 1895.

The Ipswich and West Moreton Football Association was formed in 1891 with the first Ipswich and Brisbane match was played that year and the first Representative match in Ipswich played at the North Ipswich Reserve on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1903.

Junior Competition commence in 1894

The Brisbane Charity Cup commenced in 1894 with Ipswich Rovers winning in 1896.

At the beginning of the 1900's the Brisbane competition folded and Ipswich ran its own competition until 1903.

Dinmore Bush Rats would win Brisbane Challenge Cup six times and the Ipswich Challenge Cup twelve times and the Brisbane Charity Cup five times with Blackstone Rovers the next successful at seven in total.

1916

18<sup>th</sup> February *Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld) (19)*

### Football and War

#### **No "Soccer" Competitions.**

*At a special meeting of representatives of clubs in the Queensland British Football Association held on Wednesday, to give consideration to the prospects of the ensuing season, the following motion was : : carried: "That all competition matches in the senior, first and second grades, be abandoned for the season of 1916 ; that no player of military age be allowed to play in the lower grades; and that this be a recommendation for consideration at the annual meeting. "The secretary(MrRoss)informed the meeting that he had been communicating with Mr. Gibb, the association's representative in England';: in regard to getting in touch with any , Queensland soccer players, who may be lying in any of the hospitals in England, . wounded or ill, and Mr. Gibb had agreed to do so, Mr. Ross, invited clubs to forward the names of any player who; may be in hospital in England, and he would forward them on to Mr. Gibb.*

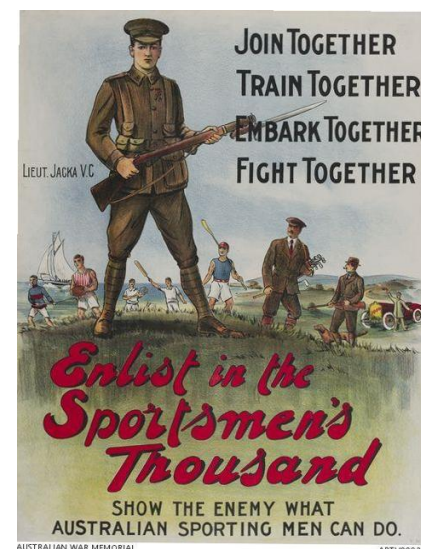
1918

### 13 May Queensland Times

*In a letter written from "somewhere in France," under date of 8th of March, by Driver Jas. McKenzie, who enlisted in August 1914, in the artillery, to Mr. T. J. Barker, he states —*

*We have had a lovely winter, and the military authorities are encouraging their men in many ways. We have been playing a lot of football here this last month or two, all codes. I myself have been playing with our brigade soccer team. We have had a fair percentage of wins, but some of the British combinations were too good for us, especially the "Royal Flying Corps." whom we drew against twice and were defeated both times. The winners of the corps competition get a trip to Paris to play a French team. I had a trip to Paris at Christmas for a few days, and spent a very enjoyable time. The people of Paris cannot do enough for an Australian. I am pleased that the "flying" Australians are making a great name for themselves in the air. There have been a lot of Ipswichians up to see me lately, and all wished to be remembered to you. I am trying to get as many Ipswich boys together as possible, so as to get a large photo. taken of them, as we feel it up to us to send an enlarged photograph to those kind and energetic ladies of Ipswich who have been, and who are still doing so much good in patriotic purposes. Although some of their sons and friends have been away a long time, they still think of the old home at Ipswich. I will just mention a few Ipswichians I know are in the firing Line, and going strong, as follow:—*

*N. Ploetz, Donohue, Law, Perrett, McCosh, A. and J Pedley, Burns, Callow Hanby, R. Callon, Bottomley, Bradfield, Westwood, Gall, and Symonds.*



# 1919

## 9<sup>th</sup> May Queensland Times (20)

A big effort is being put forward locally, to get the "soccer" football on the some strong footing in the Bundamba area as it was previously for many years in that district. Shades of Dinmore Bush Rats, Blackstone Rovers, and Bundamba Rangers! Where are the boys of those "soccer" contingents playing under the rules governed by the British Association Football? Shades of W. J. Lynch and John Potts (Dinmore), the genial "Ted" Morgan (Ipswich), "Jack" Gordon (Bundamba), and "Tom" Barker (the old horse), and Owen Jones (of Blackstone) been formed, and its prospects are also good.

\*In 1919, between one-quarter and one-third of all Australians contracted pneumonic influenza, more commonly known as 'Spanish' flu," Up to 15,000 Australians died from the influenza pandemic in 1919 equivalent to the number who died on active service every year throughout World War I.

## Queensland Times (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Friday 30 May 1919 (21)

The prevailing influenza malady "beat" the footballers lost Saturday afternoon.. Outdoor pastimes suffered a good deal throughout the sickness going round, but when the "ordinary course of affairs" gets into its usual stride, we may hope to witness the merry youth again indulging' in friendly rivalry



**IPSWICH BRITISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION:**  
**SENIOR FIXTURES FOR 1919**  
**D**YABLOSTONE: Rovers v. Bundamba  
Rangers, at Blackstone, St. Helen's  
at 7.30 P.M. on FRIDAY, 10th May.  
Clubs, at 7.30.

**JUNIOR-MINOR FIXTURES:**  
Bundamba Rangers v. Rosewood, at  
Blackstone, Blackstone v. St. Helen's, at  
Blackstone, Blackstone v. Rovers, at 7.30.  
1919. D.V. 12. 11. 1919.  
T. B. SHERCILL,  
Hon. Sec.

**INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.**  
Persons suffering from Influenza  
are notified that there is an abundance  
of 2019 at Whitehouse's Cafe, if  
they can hold them for it.  
Volunteers with Conveyances are  
wanted for to deliver soup for those  
who have no one to send.  
**ALMON HAYNS,**  
Town Clerk.