



Peter Spence



Thomas Wade

## 1920 **Returned Services team**

Back Row--W. C. Donnellan (Q.B.F.A. Executive) J. Bowman, (linesman) J. Love,\*Peter Spence(1886-1963) (Ipswich Railways)  
 Thomas Wade (1884-1954 (Dinmore Bush Rats) D. Kennedy W. M'Bride,R. Garlich (referee) S. Ross (Q.B.F.A. Executive)  
 Second Row--J. Hindman (Q.B.F.A. Executive) J. S. Hildreth (Secretary, Q.B.F.A.) W. Lawson G. W. Brown,J. W. Kendall (President, Q.B.F.A.)  
 J. Peebles(Captain) C. M. Stevenson, A. Morgan (Treasurer. Q.B.F.A), R. A. Riddell (Q.B.F.A Executive)  
 Front Row--R. Grice, T. Ormiston  
 Peter Spence would become a Life Member of the Referees Union

## 1920-1942

In the twenties there were only four grades of soccer apart from school teams.

They were Junior Minor(Under 18) Junior(no age limit) Second and First division

The nineteen twenties will see Dinmore Bush Rats again the most successful club with ten trophies but by the end of the decade would be in decline and would not field a team in 1930. Their last premiership for twenty five years was in 1925.

That team had five players in the Queensland team

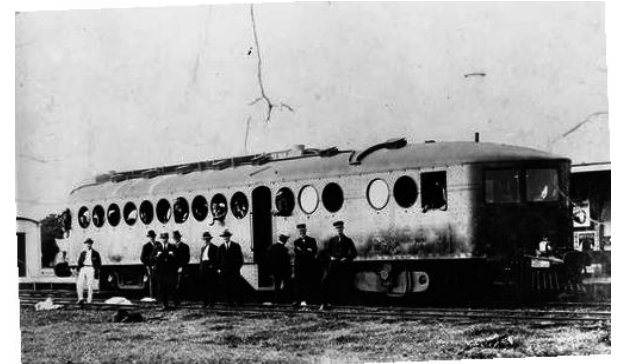
Bundamba Rangers won its first Brisbane Challenge Cup in 1922 led by the first Australian Captain Alec Gibb.

Alec Gibb will captain Australian on a tour of New Zealand with Clarrie Shenton Internationals Cliff Gedge and Mosie Burton are also in the 1923 team

In the twenties there was a Railway Workshops interworks competition involving eight teams

One mode of transport to games was by McKeen rail car special used to transport teams

In 1926 the Blackstone Rovers team won the Brisbane and Ipswich competition and the Tristram Shield and was arguably won of the best sides Ipswich produced with players including Internationals Les Halls and Jack(Toddy) Edwards along with Queensland representatives Roy Woolley, Jack Williams and James Clarkson



Bundamba Rangers would win in 1927 and 1928 with International William(Sally) Oliver captain and Russ Buchanan in the team.

In 1928 the first raid on Ipswich players commenced with Norman Park signing International Les Halls from Blackstone Rovers, James Henderson and James Kenny from St Helens and Queensland Representative Col Warrell from Dinmore Bush Rats

They would however return to Ipswich within a couple of months

By 1929 the Brisbane and Ipswich Federations were in dispute and would go separate ways for the 1930 competition

The dispute arose over a suspension until a 20 pound fine is paid was imposed on Dinmore Bush Rats, Bundamba Rangers and St Helens for forfeiting the semi finals

The games were all to be played at Woolloongabba with all proceeds going to Brisbane Clubs

The thirties was a success for Bundamba Rangers winning in 1931, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939

These sides included Internationals Redvers(Fat) Kitching, Mervyn Shanks, Dan Roderick, Lex Gibb and Richard James.

Three of these were in the combined competition which recommenced in 1937.

Blackstone Rovers would win their first premiership in fifteen years 1941 led by future

Australian captain and Hall of Fame member Robert Lawrie

This success underscored the strength of the Ipswich competition

## 1942

Competition was suspended during the war and a colliery competition was held to revive interest  
The competition was won by New Chum captained by Lex Gibb

### Queensland Times Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1942 (22)

*Soccer enthusiasts are reviving interest In the game here for the remainder of the season, and a colliery competition for Saturday afternoons is being arranged. With a view to Increasing interest in (the game a match has been arranged for tomorrow between an Ipswich team aid a team of the Armourers' Corps of returned men. This team consists of the men who have served overseas and have taken part creditably In matches In other countries. A strong Ipswich team his been chosen to meet them, and the match will take place on the Blackstone ground, beginning at 8.15 p.m . The Ipswich players will be- Evans (Blackstone), Frank Weolley (Blackstone), Eric Petie (Bundamba, Captain), William Malcolmson (Bundamba), Lex Gibb (St. Helens), George. Allen (Bundamba), C. Webster (Booval), Ross Kitching (Bundamba), R. Bognuda (Booval Redvers. Kitching (Bundamba), and Alan. Woolley (Blackstone).*

### Queensland Times Friday 7 August 1942 (23)

*To-morrow's Soccer Teams. **Walker's Colliery**, to meet R.A.A.F. No. 1 team (transport leaves Racecourse Hotel, Bundamba, at 2.30 sharp.): R. Kruger, C. Edwards, Eric. Petie, A. Follett, William. Malcolmson, Dave. Bailey, N. Duce, Eric. Young, J. Allan, R. Kitching, Len Coleman. **New Chum Colliery** to meet **Bonnie Dundee Colliery**, at Ebbw Vale: Leonard Franklin, W. illiam Mortimer, Henry. Greenhill, Robert. Hill. Lex Gibb, A. Gibb, Merv. Dale, William. James, A. Green, George Allan, Keith. Skellern. **Bonnie Dundee:** Frank Woolley, James Rush. Jim. Laurie, Cec. Evans, G. Dyett, Jack. Williams, W. Pyle, Allan. Woolley, Keith. Woolley, H. Roots, William. Laurie. **Klondyke:** Barnes, Desmond Haswell, T. Pitcairn, H. Smith, R. Bognuda, T. Johnston, Andrew. Duce, R. Kitching, B. Haswell, D. Kitching, J. McCarthy.*