

# Dinmore Bush Rats Soccer Club

(1916-2020)

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# 1916

**Seniors:** Ernie Verrall, Vern Rumble, Norman Thompson, Richard Roach, Alec Stewart, George Jones, R Jones, Alexander Burns  
David Morris, David Campbell, Alf Pedley, Richard Hogg

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

**Football and War** (16<sup>th</sup> February) (73)

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 (Mr Ross) 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 for-ward the names of any player who; may be in hospital in England, and he would forward them on to Mr. Gibb.*



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Badge presented to Thomas Wade

## 1917

**Junior:** Tom Morris (Captain) Sidney Nunn, Robert Miller, Thomas Harvey, Thomas Coogan, Alfred Pedley, Percy Pedley Eric Nunn,  
\*Cecil Sanger, Arthur Weatherhog, \*Percival Hodge

\*WW1 Veteran

## 1919

\*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.



**IPSWICH BRITISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.**

**SENIOR FIXTURES FOR 1919**

**BLACKSTONE:** Rovers v. Sundanba  
Rovers, at Blackstone; St. Helen's  
v. Blackstone at Ebbw Vale; Ipswich  
City, a bye.

**JUNIOR-MINOR FIXTURES:**

Sundanba Rovers v. Rosewood, at  
Blackstone; Rush Barn v. Heilbank, at  
Llanmorris; Blackstone Rovers, a bye.  
KICK OFF 2.30 p.m.  
**T. S. MERRILL,**  
Hon. Sec.

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**INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.**

**PERSONS** suffering from Influenza  
are notified that there is an abundance  
of SOAP at Whitehouse's Cafe, if  
they can send along for it.  
Volunteers with Conveyances are  
needed for, to deliver Soap for those  
who have no one to send.  
**ALFRED HAYNS,**  
Town Clerk.

## 9<sup>th</sup> May Queensland Times (74)

*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.*

## 13 May 1919 Queensland Times (75)

### Football resumes

*After a spell owing to the war, the popular form of sport has again "sprung Into being," and -to all appearances, will recover all the past enthusiasm. A meeting of the Bush Rats was held, and the attendance was exceptionally good. Mr. Joe Potts was unanimously elected to tile position of secretary and delegate to the union meetings. A senior team has been arranged, and it is Considered that its chances for premiership honours are good. A junior-minor team has also been. formed, and its prospects are also good.*

## Queensland Times (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Friday 30 May 1919 (76)

*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*

| BRITISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| SATURDAY'S SENIOR MATCHES    |  |
| ST. HELEN'S V. BUSH RATS.    |  |
| AT EBBW VALE.                |  |
| (R. Kemp, Referee.)          |  |
| BLACKSTONE ROVERS V. BUN-    |  |
| DAMBA RANGERS                |  |
| AT BLACKSTONE.               |  |
| (J. Crick, Referee.)         |  |
| JUNIOR MINOR MATCHES.        |  |
| ROSEWOOD V. BLACKSTONE       |  |
| AT ROSEWOOD.                 |  |
| (A. Allan, Referee.)         |  |
| RANGERS V. BUSH RATE.        |  |
| AT BUNDANDA.                 |  |
| (Joe Skellern, Referee.)     |  |
| T. T. MURCH.                 |  |
| Hon. Sec.                    |  |



1919

**Blackstone Rovers  
(Champions)**

**Dinmore Bush Rats (Charity Shield Winners)**

**Seniors:** Thomas Wade (WW1 Veteran) Alexander Burns, George Skellern, Richard Roach, Arthur Verrall, Percy Statham, J Pettit Alec Stewart, R Jones, Joe Ainsworth, E Jones, Alfred Pedley, Ern Rumble, John Ruddock, Colin Lebeter, John Ainsworth, David Neilson Harold Lebeter, James Jordan, Vern Rumble, Thomas Coogan, \*David Campbell

**Junior Minor:** Robert Campbell, Sidney Nunn, William Burns, Percy Jarvis, W. Roberts, Edward Bognuda, \*William Skellern Samuel Gilpin, Eric Nunn, Howard Nunn, James Lucas, Thomas Nunn, Peter Jeffrey (WW1 Veteran) A Smith. \*Len Coleman  
\*WW2 Veteran

**President** Alec Stewart

**Manager/Secretary/Delegate:** Joseph Potts

William Burns, Eric Nunn, William Skellern, Robert Campbell, Percy Jarvis, Peter Jeffrey, Sidney Nunn represent Ipswich Juniors

\*David Campbell will become long serving Secretary of the Ipswich and West Moreton Association

Len Coleman is the son of Original Dinmore Bush Rat Owen Coleman

| Place | Team              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|-------|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1     | Blackstone Rovers | 7      | 6   | 1     | 0    | 19    | 7  | 13     |
| 1     | Dinmore Bush Rats | 7      | 4   | 2     | 1    | 18    | 10 | 10     |
| 2     | St Helens         | 4      | 1   | 2     | 1    | 9     | 5  | 4      |
| 3     | Bundamba Rangers  | 6      | 1   | 1     | 4    | 9     | 11 | 3      |
| 4     | Ipswich City      | 6      | 0   | 0     | 6    | 2     | 24 | 0      |

**\*Electricity supply is first established in Ipswich**

**30<sup>th</sup> May** *Queensland Times*

**George Duck reminisces** (76)

*Regarding the "soccer" football, travelling quite recently in a railway carriage with that one time most consistent exponent of British Association football namely, George Duck, of Dinmore. he informed me that he thought that the most popular football pastime in the Bundamba areas regaining some of its former renown, and, referring to the recent struggle between 'T Rats and 'T Rovers (from Blackstone), he said that it was delightful to witness the game.*

*"The young fellows of both sides," said he, "played with great vim, and all gave splendid expositions of the "'soccer rules?'" Then he indulged in references to the Charity Cup and the Challenge Cup contests of the past., especially the fine struggles that generally took place between the Rosebanks (of Brisbane) and the Bush Rats.*

*The members of both the combinations named never neglected training, and, with the correct knowledge, either side possessed of the fine points of the "British" game more than ordinary skill had to be brought to bear to "keep on top." The Bush Rats, of the old New Chum Colliery vicinity, were demons for training, and in the early days of the game down that way it was equal to an evening's good entertainment to see "T Rats undergoing their training exercises on a square bare patch carved out of the thickly bushed country. Logs around were placed as seats for the women to talk, and, when there was no moonlight camp-fires were made. and everything went along as merrily as the proverbial marriage bells. The Blackstone Rovers and the Bundamba Rangers were likewise hard workers in training operations in their respective "theatres of war," which tacts accounted for the splendid displays of football when ever conclusions were tried "go the front."*

**16<sup>th</sup> July 1919** *Queensland Times* (77)

**Privates Faulkner and Wade. Return** (11 July 1919)

*Bush Rats' Football Club held a social on Friday evening at the residence of Mr Matt. Bognuda, who kindly placed his home at the disposal of the club. There was a record attendance. Miss A. Stewart supplied the music for the dancing, and Mr Joe. Potts acted as M.C. A solo was rendered by Miss L. Elms. During the evening a cushion, which had been donated by the Misses Esmie and Dorrie Nunn, was. won by Mrs. A. Walker. Refreshments were provided. Much credit is due to the lady helpers for the assistance they rendered, and to Mr. and Mrs. Bognuda for the use of their home. As the result of the function the club will benefit to the extent of £5 s-6d. Returned Soldiers--Local residents are pleased to have back amongst them two more local soldiers--Ptes. Faulkner and Wade. Pte. T. Wade has been approached by several soccer teams, enlisting his support. He will probably rejoin his former club.*

1920

## Dinmore Bush Rats Champions/Challenge Cup Winners

**Seniors:** \*Dan Potts(Captain) \*Alexander (Mick)Burns(Vice Captain) \*Tom Hainsworth,\*William Warrell,\*Jack Williams,  
\*David Neilson,Fred Weatherhog,Richard Roach,John Hainsworth,Vern Rumble,Ernest Rumble,Robert Tait,G Greenham  
Thomas Morris,Alec Stewart,William Nunn,George Sparks,R Jones,Thomas Wade,Thomas Coogan,Matthew Bognuda James Lucas  
Len Warrell,Arthur Verrall,Isaiah Wilkins,Robert Williams

**Juniors:** William Harvey,Ernest Pioch,James Campbell,John Topping,Richard Humphreys,George Campbell,Eric Jones,David Rolls

Dinmore Bush Rats are Junior Minor Premiers

**\*Mick Burns,Tom Hainsworth,Dan Potts,William Warrell,Jack Williams, selected for Queensland**

They would represent Queensland a number of times as below

(Dan Potts 25,Jack Williams19,Tom Hainsworth 12,Mick Burns 10,William Warrell 4)

**President:** O Butt

**Secretary:** Joseph Potts

**Vice President:** N Bailey,Joseph Hainsworth,D Morris,Walter Nunn

**Patron:** Alec Stewart

W Harvey,Ernest Pioch,Robert Sparks represented Ipswich Juniors



Ernest Pioch



Joseph Hainsworth

| Place | Team              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|-------|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1     | Dinmore Bush Rats | 10     | 10  | 0     | 0    | 31    | 8  | 20     |
| 2     | Bundamba Rangers  | 10     | 5   | 3     | 2    | 22    | 15 | 13     |
| 3     | Booval Stars      | 9      | 5   | 1     | 3    | 28    | 14 | 11     |
| 4     | Blackstone Rovers | 9      | 4   | 1     | 4    | 11    | 14 | 9      |
| 5     | Ipswich Railways  | 10     | 2   | 1     | 7    | 6     | 36 | 5      |
| 6     | Goodna            | 10     | 0   | 0     | 10   | 2     | 13 | 0      |

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** *Queensland Times* (78)

## **Welcome Home**

*On Saturday evening last an enthusiastic welcome home was held in the Alliance Hall, under the auspices of the Dinmore Patriotic Committee.*

*The hall was crowded, and a most enjoyable time was spent with dancing, the music for which was supplied by Miss Gladys Dawes while Mr J. T Campbell acted as the Chairman (Mr. W. Anderson) stated that they had met for the purpose of according a hearty welcome home to Sapper H Abbott and Private F. Nunn, and to welcome their English brides. He was sure he was voicing the feelings of all present when he said that they were delighted to see their guests here again, and trusted that they would have a happy and prosperous future.*

*Mr. Anderson introduced Mr. D. A. Gledson, M.L.A., and requested him to make a presentation to the returned men. Mr. Gledson congratulated the men on their return, and extended a welcome to their wives. On behalf of the residents he presented each of the returnees with a gold medal, suitably inscribed. As that would be the last welcome home function, he offered his congratulations to the committee, on the excellent way they had carried out these gatherings. He also praised the Ladies' Comforts Club, and said that he was sure that the soldiers would never forget the splendid work which they had done for them. A report dealing with the operations of the Patriotic Committee during the term of the war was presented by Mr. Anderson. This stated, inter alia, that during the war period the committee had held four concerts, 19 socials, and one coin evening. The total Income was approximately £ 153. The expenditure included the following items: Presentations, £79; honour board, £14/5/-; donation to Anzac cottage, £5; while the sum of £55 was absorbed in miscellaneous expenses.*

*The number of enlistments from the area was 41 and of these four had paid the supreme sacrifice; ten were wounded, four gassed; 16 returned uninjured; one remained in England; one, a native of Dinmore, enlisted in another district; two were rejected, and three enlisted just prior to the termination of the war. Presentations were made to 38 men prior to leaving, and 32 upon their return, making a total of 70 presentations. It was the intention of the committee to hand over the honour board to the custody and keeping of the public. The committee, with others, undertook the erection of an Anzac cottage for the widow of a local soldier.*

*The Chairman referred to the good work done by the Ladies' Comforts Club, and, on behalf of the committee, thanked them for their services. Dainty refreshments were served by the Ladies' Comforts Club.*



18<sup>th</sup> October *Queensland Times*

## Premiers of Brisbane and West Moreton meet Bush Rats 2 Corinthians 1

*Our Dinmore correspondent writes. For some time the Ipswich British Football Association had been trying to arrange a match between the premiers of Brisbane and West Moreton, and this took place on the Reliance Football Ground on Saturday, under most unfavourable weather conditions. The Corinthians were accompanied by Mr' R. Kendall and. the club secretary, and were met by Messer 1 Kemp and J Potts and escorted to the grounds.*

*The following players took the field:*

*Corinthians- Goal, Burgess; full-backs, S Tedman and Harris; halves, E. Nunn, M. Blake, and S. Wolfenden; forwards, English and Hildreth centre, J Betts, C. Borrowdale and Ormoston.*

*Bush Rats Goal T.Wade; fullbacks, M. Bognuda and V. Rumble halves, R.Williams, T. Coogan and A Stewart; forwards.W Warrell and D Potts; centre, T Hainsworth. E Rumble and J Hainsworth. Mr. Robert Kemp was the referee.*

*T. Hainsworth set the ball rolling. Blake intercepted- and returned to Ormoston, who centred to Betts, to Borrowdale. who put behind. Rumble punted well down, and T Hainsworth passed to Potts Tedman putting the ball behind. Warrell placed well, but Tedman headed clear. English and Betts got away but were penalised for offside. Rats again pressed, but Blake relieved and sent to Ormoston whose shot went wide. Corinthians pressed and Borrowdale put in a close shot.*

*After some midfield play English secured and came away and sent over to Ormoston, who put behind. Rats*

*livened up, and. Williams sent. to J Hainsworth who tested Burgess with a hot shot. The last named saved well, and soon after*

*Potts put in a shot. Burgess again clearing. Betts got his forwards, going and Borrilldale sent in a long shot which Wade misjudged Corinthians 1 Rats nil. Rats livened up and Harris and Tedman had a busy time. Rats however. were. unable to break-through, and half-time came soon after. Betts set the ball In motion. Hainsworth and Potts showed out well and Tedman was called upon to save. Nunn punted down to Engllsh, to Hildreth who put in a good shot. Rumble returned to Williams, to Hainsworth. to E. Rumble, who, with a lovely shot. scored for Rats. Betts set of again. but Rats soon had the visitors defending. Hainsworth received from J Williams and put in a brilliant run down the line he centred well, and T. Hainsworth beat Burgess with a hot shot. Play was confined, largely in the visitors area but their backs were playing a great game. J Hainsworth sent In a high shot but Burgess splendidly saved. From this on Rats, had the best of the game, and they were victorious by two goals to one. After the match the visitors were entertained at the residence of Mr. Walter Nunn*



J. Williams.

Champions

-1920-  
Dinmore Bush Rats  
Undeclared Premiers



Back Row(L-R): Alec Stewart,Tom Hainsworth,G Greenham Fred Weatherhog,John Williams  
Second Row: Richard Roach,Vern Rumble,W Nunn(Vice President) James Hainsworth(Vice President) Tom Morris, Robert Tait  
Front Row: D Morris(VP) Alexander Burns(Vice Captain) Jack Potts (Secretary)Dan Potts (Captain) Alec Stewart(Patron) Ernest Rumble,N Bailey(VP)  
Inset: W Nunn (Vice President)



**Bush Rats Football Club, Social Club, 1920**

Back row: Margaret Potts, Doris Nunn, Annie Seeney, Lillian Seeney

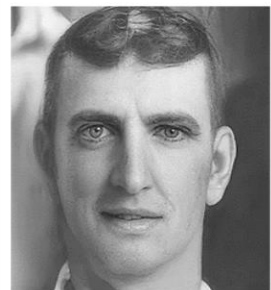
Second row: Alice Nunn, Ivy Nunn, Elizabeth Nunn, E Stewart, Jessie Bavister

Front row: Mary Bavister, Eveylyn Nunn





**Alfred Heaton**  
(Bundamba Rangers)



**James Mackay**  
(Bundamba Rangers)



**Alexander Burns**  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)



**Jack Williams**  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)

## **-1920- Queensland Team**

**Back Row:** E Stevenson, W Callum, E McGregor, Ald A Jackson, William Warrell (Dinmore Bush Rats)

**Second Row:** James Love, W McBride, (Captain) George Harris, A McMillan

**Third Row:** C Neilson (Dinmore Bush Rats) D French, G W Brown, W E Dunellan (Manager) Jack Peebles (Captain) Alec Gibb (Bundamba Rangers) K Beaton

**Front Row:** J English, F Cox, James Robertson



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

1921

## Dinmore Bush Rats Champions/Challenge Cup/Ipswich Charity Cup Winners

**Seniors:** Dan Potts(Captain) Alexander Burns, Tom Hainsworth, William Warrell, Jack Williams, David Neilson, John Hainsworth Vern Rumble, Ernest Rumble, Alec Stewart, George Sparks, Thomas Wade, Peter Jeffrey, Alfred Law, Garnet Burns, Matthew Bognuda John Ruddock, William Potts, A Randolph

\*Bush Rats had 20 registered players

**Junior Minor Undefeated Premiers:** Victor Pioch, Eric. Nunn, Archibald Poulton, Robert Campbell, George Saunders Arthur Hawkins, Jack Potts, Les Jeffrey, \*Len Warrell, (Capt) Edward Bognuda, Cyril Solway, Roy Weimer

\*Henry Seeney, Fulton

**Tom Hainsworth, Dan Potts, William Warrell** selected for Queensland

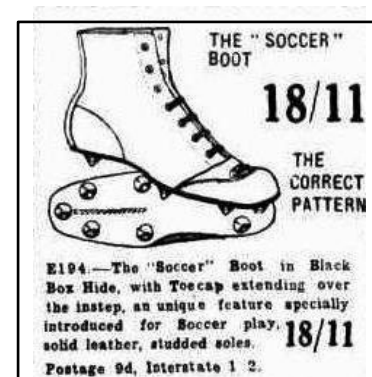
E Jones represented Ipswich Juniors

**President:** Alec Stewart

**Secretary:** Jack Potts

Len became a life member of St Helens

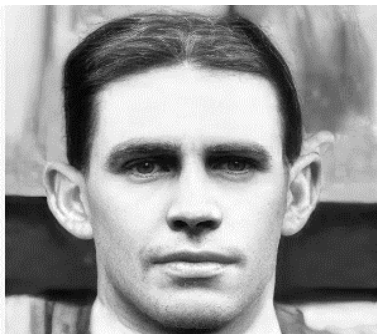
\*WW2 Veteran



**In the Cencus 20,517 people are living in Ipswich**

| Place | Team                  | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|-------|-----------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1     | Dinmore Bush Rats     | 14     | 12  | 0     | 2    | 49    | 19 | 24     |
| 2     | Bundamba Rangers      | 14     | 11  | 1     | 2    | 35    | 18 | 23     |
| 3     | Thistle               | 13     | 5   | 5     | 3    | 20    | 16 | 15     |
| 4     | Corinthians           | 14     | 5   | 3     | 6    | 24    | 21 | 13     |
| 5     | Brisbane City         | 13     | 6   | 0     | 7    | 20    | 27 | 12     |
| 6     | Pineapple Rovers      | 13     | 2   | 4     | 7    | 18    | 24 | 8      |
| 7     | Wynnum                | 13     | 2   | 3     | 8    | 18    | 37 | 7      |
| 8     | South Brisbane United | 14     | 2   | 2     | 10   | 13    | 35 | 6      |

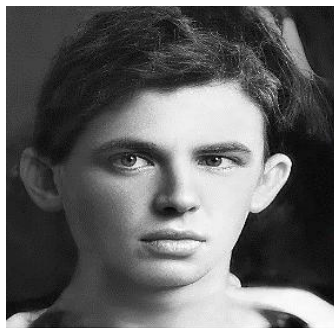




**Tom Hainsworth**



**Alexander Burns**



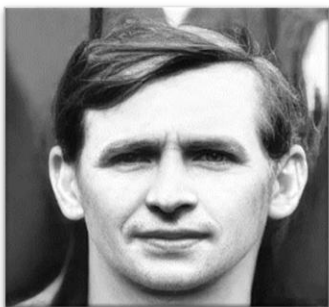
**Peter Jeffrey**



**Jack Williams**



**Thomas Wade**



**Dan Potts (Captain)**



**George Spark**



**Garnet Burns**



**David Neilson**



**William Warrell**



**John Hainsworth**



**Ernest Rumble**



**Alfred Law**



**Arthur Williams**



**Vern Rumble**



**Norm Randolph**



**Alec Stewart**

**-1921-**  
**Dinmore Bush Rats**  
**Champions/Challenge Cup/Ipswich Charity Cup Winners**

Others: J Ruddock, William Potts, Matthew Bognuda

Junior  
Champions

-1921-  
**Dinmore Bush Rats**  
**Junior Minor Undefeated Premiers**



Back Row(L-R):Victor Pioch,Eric.Nunn,Archibald Poulton  
Second Row: Peter Jeffrey.Robert Campbell,G Saunders,Arthur Hawkins  
Sitting:Jack Potts,(Secretary )Les Jeffrey,Len Warrell (Captain) Edward Bognuda,Cyril Solway  
Front Row: Roy Weimer,Henry Seeney

Source Private collection Lost Ipswich

**25<sup>th</sup> May** *Queensland Times* (79)

## **Evening at "Allandean"**

*The Bush Rats Football Club held an evening at "Allandean," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nunn, for the purpose of showing their appreciation to them for the valuable assistance they have given the club, by placing their residence at their disposal for social functions. As was expected the evening was a great success. Dancing and games were freely engaged in. Mrs. R. Jeffrey supplied the music, and Mr. T. Brazier acted as M.C. A waltzing competition was won by Mr. T. Morris, and Mrs. T. Coogan. A number of musical items were given by Mrs. Y. Verrall, Miss L. Elems, and Mr. Sid Skellern, and these were greatly appreciated. At a suitable interval, Mr. Alex. Stewart, sen referred to the very generous support given by Mr. and Mrs. Nunn to the club, The footballers felt that they would be failing in their duty if they did not do something in return. On behalf of the club, he had the pleasure of presenting Mr and Mrs Nunn with a beautiful silver teapot, as a token of appreciation for the assistance given by them. These remarks were ably supported by Mr. J. T. Edwards, Mr. Ception, stated that he considered Nunn, who was given a rousing regreat honour had been done. Mrs Nunn and himself that evening. They would be pleased to do what they could no help the club in future.*

**19<sup>th</sup> June** *Queensland Times* (80)

## **Player Benefit** (17<sup>th</sup> June)

*The members of the Bush Rats' Football Club held a coin evening on Friday night, at Mr. Walter Nunn's residence, as a benefit to one of the Wynnum footballers (Mr. H. Lawrence) who was injured in a match played at Dinmore early in the season. The success attained was beyond the expectations of the committee, the function being supported by friends from the surrounding districts. Dancing and games were freely indulged in. the music being supplied by Mrs. R. Jeffrey and Mrs. H. Abbott, while Mr. T. Brazier acted as M.C. Several vocal items were given during the evening by Mrs. J. Hudson. Mrs. N. Verrall. Miss L. Elems, Mr. Syd Skellern, and Mr J Kilpatrick. A drawing was held for a beautiful hand-painted doyley, donated by Mrs. J. Russell, and from which a sum of £2 / 6 / 3 was realised. It was won by Miss Dolly Lindsay, of Bundamba. Ma. Alex Stewart, patron, on behalf of the Rats thanked those present for the loyal support they bad given them, and also those who supplied the musical items. Referring to the injured player, he stated that they were trying to show sympathy in a practical way. He hoped that Mr Lawrence would soon recover. On behalf of the local club he was pleased to hand over to Mr. Hutchinson, the president of the Wynnum Club, the sum of £19. Mr. Hutchinson responding, stated that he was pleased to be present He thought it was very kind of then to assist in this way. Mr. Lawrence and the members of his club had asked him to tender their best thanks to the Bush Rats for what they had done. Refreshments were then handed round by the ladies committee, after which the dancing was continued until a late hour*



-1921-  
Queensland Team

Back Row(L-R) William Perrett,Tom Hainsworth (Dinmore Bush Rats) A Jackson, Tom Potts(Dinmore Bush Rats)  
 Second Row: W Matheson, George Harris,David Cumberford, Dan Potts(Dinmore Bush Rats)Mosie Burton (Bundamba Rangers)J Effleman  
 Front Row: J Hildreth,G Brown Alec.Gibb (Bundamba Rangers) JW Kendall(Manager)J Peebles,E Green, Stedman  
 Sitting:James Cumberford ,George Hughes,William Mitchell



**1<sup>st</sup> August** *Queensland Times* (81)

## **Premiership decider**

### **Bush Rats 3 vs Corinthians 1** (29<sup>th</sup> July)

*A large crowd witnessed the return league match, Corinthians v. Bush Rats, at Dinmore, on Saturday.*

*This contest was the deciding factor in the Bush Rats winning the premiership. A boisterous westerly wind was blowing, which, interfered with the game. As the visitors' full team did not arrive at the starting time, the game was delayed- for a while. After a late start Corinthians went on with ten men. Mr. Lyst was referee. Following were the teams.*

*Bush Rats TWade, G. Burns, V. Rumble, J. Williams, A. Burns, A. Stewart, J. Hainsworth, E. Rumble T Hainsworth, D. Potts (captain) and W. Warrell.*

*Corinthians. -L. Johnstone, Harris, Tedman, Craig, Blake, Cairns, Ormiston, Lugton, Burgess, and Nicholls*

*Rats won the toss and decided to play against the wind and Corinthians kicked off. Rats were soon up in the visitors defence. J. Hainsworth crossed over from the right and Dan Potts sent past. On kicking off Craig sent to Nicholls who raced along but G. Burns cleared. A Burns sent past from a long way out, Corinthians secured a free and Tedman sent to Lugton, but he misjudged and Stewart sent to T. Hainsworth. who sent to E. Rumble, but Ormiston relieved an awkward situation, Nicholls received and, when in a good position sent past. Play went to the visitors end, and Rats were awarded a free, and Johnstone cleared from a dangerous position. T. Hainsworth was penalised for offside.*

*The visitors went to Rats end and Langton and Craig passed to each other, and Craig was pulled up for offside when in a good position. Tedman secured and sent to Nicholls, who went for the goal on his own, taking a good shot. He scored a fine goal from well out, the ball beating Wade all the way. This score livened Rats who soon went to the visitors defence, and Johnstone saved close in from T Hainsworth. Rats were not to be denied, and were awarded a corner from a good angle. J. Hainsworth took a pass and equalised the scores for Rats: Both teams played good football and Harris was a tower of strength to the visitors, his kicking being a treat to watch. Halftime found the scores unaltered Rats 1 Corinthians, 1. Rats kicked off and T Hainsworth and J Hainsworth were penalised for offside Craig secured and gave to Burgess, but V. Rumble cleared. Craig was again prominent but spoiled by being offside Johnstone was called on to save from T Hainsworth but in clearing Warrell received and scored with a low fast shot much to the delight of their supporters. Corinthians lacked sting after this and when Rats came again T. Hainsworth scored number 3 for Rats. Harris and Johnstone were saving a lot for the Corinthians, but Rats forwards were persistent and were doing most of the attacking E Rumble and T Hainsworth both missed with an open goal, but made up for it later when Hainsworth secured No. 4. All interest had gone out of the game now, but the visitors battled gamely to the finish. Just before half time T Hainsworth again put the finishing touches in securing No. 5. Fulltime Rats 5 goals; Corinthians, 1 goal.*

*Comments on the Game. It was a pity that the visitors did not field their full team as they made a gallant effort up till half-time but Rats' was the dominating team in the second half and deserved their victory. Johnstone, Harris, Tedman and Nicholls were the prominent men for the visitors. Rats, on the whole, played good combined football, T. Hainsworth being very prominent.*

## Dispute over 1921 Ambulance Cup

*A special meeting of the Ipswich and West Moreton British Football Association was held in the Memorial Hall last night to consider a dispute as to whether or not Bush Rats Football Club should have its name inscribed on the Ambulance Cup.*

*The cup has not been played for since 1921. Mr. R. C. Davidson (President) presided, and others present were Messrs. A. Harley, A. Gibb, A.W. Bugler, F. O. Allan, A. C. Allan, and B. Kemp (Secretary). A deputation of four was present from Blackstone Rovers' F.C., and Mr. J. Potts represented Bush Rats' F.C. The President said he was sorry the question had cropped up. Mr. N. Edwards (Blackstone Rovers) said he was a member of Blackstone Rovers team in the year the Ambulance Cup was played for.*

*They were to have met Bush Rats in the final, but, if he remembered rightly, Rats forfeited. Blackstone Rovers did not claim the Cup as they had not played for it, but they did not want Bush Rats to have their name inscribed on it, because they had not played for it. If anyone should have their name on the cup, Rovers should, because they turned out to play the final. Mr. A. C. Allan, who was Secretary of the West Moreton Football Association at that time, gave a detailed account of the case. He said that Blackstone Rovers were suspended late in July or early in August, 1921, but before the Ambulance Cup was drawn, the Q.F.A. in being approached by the West Moreton Association raised the suspension on condition that Rovers forfeited certain points in the "B" Grade competition. On September 3, Blackstone Rovers were to have met Bush Rats in the final, but the match did not take place. Up till the day of the match, he was secretary of the association, had received no communication from Rats, but he understood Rats had written to Rovers stating that, as they were to play Corinthians in the final of the Tristram Shield on the following Saturday, and they wanted to save their men, they would not turn out. The West Moreton Association suspended Bush Rats until such time as they gave an explanation of their action.*

*The Q.F.A. upheld the West Moreton Association's decision, but later, at the same meeting, reopened the question, as Rats were to play the final of the Tristram Shield on the 10th, and the Q.F.A. needed funds. The Q.F.A. decided that Rats meet Corinthians in the final of the Tristram Shield, and, in the event of Rats winning the competition, the trophy be withheld, pending the confirmation of the West Moreton's decision. Mr. John Potts, secretary of Bush Rats F.C., who was a member of the West Moreton executive in 1921, stated that Blackstone Rovers were suspended till the end of the season. Bush Rats met Bundamba Rangers at Bundamba, and officials from the Ambulance Centre attended with the Ambulance Cup and medals, which were to have been presented to the winners.*

*The cup was taken away by men not authorised by the West Moreton Association to do so. They held it, pending the lifting of Rovers suspension. Rovers' suspension was not lifted until a week before the season ended. The cup that Mr. Edwards mentioned was the Challenge Cup, and the match Rats forfeited was to Bundamba Rangers. The Ambulance Cup was never competed for after they defeated Bundamba Rangers. After further discussion, it was decided that Bush Rats won the Ambulance Cup in 1921.*

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## Bundamba Rangers

### Champions

#### Dinmore Bush Rats Challenge Cup/Tristram Shield Winners

**Seniors:** Dan Potts(Captain ) Vic Hamilton,Robert Seeney,R Weiner, George Hughes, Alexander Burns,Garnett Burns,William Burns Alec Stewart, Len Warrell, Vern Rumble, John Hainsworth,Ern Rumble,Eric Nunn,Tom Hainsworth, William Warrell,John Ruddock George Sparks,Frederick Nunn

**Junior Minor:** Robert Bielby,Les Jeffrey (Captain) Archibald Poulton.James Bailey, Andrew Tait,Victor Pioch,Henry Seeney Cecil Coleman,John Bucknall, Roy Reimer

**Junior:** Col Warrell,\*Arthur Wilson,E Wilson, Eric Hardie,Eric Dawes ,Col Warrell,James Henderson,Joseph Jeffrey,Thomas Everding M Tucker,Frederick,\*Arthur Leigh

\*WW2 Veteran

Dinmore Schoolboys Arthur Wilson,E Wilson,E Harding,Eric Dawes Col Warrell,James Henderson selected for Ipswich

**Dan Potts,Vern Rumble,Tom Hainsworth represent Queensland**

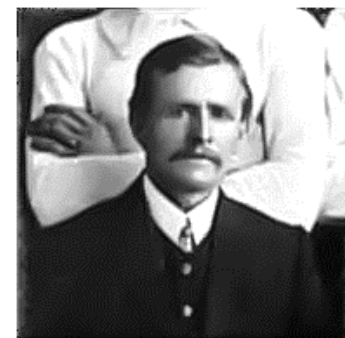
**President:** William Devlin

**Secretary:** Joseph Potts

**Patron:** Alec Stewart



John Bucknall



Joseph Potts

| Place | Team              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|-------|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1     | Bundamba Rangers  | 18     | 15  | 1     | 2    | 61    | 17 | 31     |
| 2     | Thistle           | 18     | 13  | 1     | 4    | 45    | 20 | 27     |
| 3     | Blackstone Rovers | 18     | 13  | 0     | 5    | 43    | 17 | 26     |
| 4     | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18     | 9   | 2     | 7    | 38    | 21 | 20     |
| 5     | Corinthians       | 18     | 8   | 1     | 9    | 34    | 30 | 17     |
| 6     | Pineapple Rovers  | 18     | 6   | 4     | 8    | 28    | 34 | 16     |
| 7     | Queens Park       | 18     | 6   | 3     | 9    | 18    | 47 | 15     |
| 8     | Brisbane City     | 18     | 4   | 4     | 10   | 25    | 39 | 12     |
| 9     | Wynnum            | 18     | 5   | 0     | 13   | 12    | 45 | 10     |
| 10    | Toowong           | 18     | 1   | 4     | 13   | 10    | 44 | 6      |

25<sup>th</sup> September Telegraph (83)

## Tristram Shield Final (23<sup>rd</sup> September)

One of the most thrilling displays of soccer football seen at the Brisbane Cricket Ground this season, was witnessed on Saturday, afternoon in the tussle for the Tristram. Shield, between Bush Rats and Pineapple Rover's. It was the final match for the trophy, and, with both clubs represented with their best teams, the match sparkled with height moments. Not only was the football attractive and of a high standard, but both teams maintained a terrific pace, especially in the first half when one of the linesmen, after many spurts to keep up with the players as they travelled from one goal to the other, jokingly called to one of the confreres, on the line for a bicycle. The linesman, of course did not really want a bicycle; but it was his way of expressing the speed with which the game was being contested. Bush Rats on the whole deserved to win, although Pineapple Rovers, had they maintained their pro-interval form in the second half might

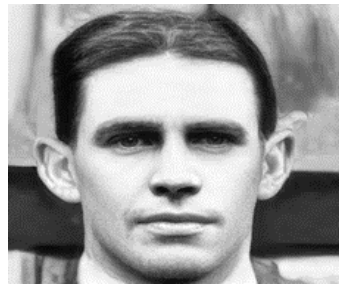
have drawn with their opponents. Bush Rats were leading by one goal to nil at the interval. The final score, was four to one in the Ipswich team's favour. Pineapple Rovers, unfortunately for themselves, were not so aggressive in the second, moiety as they were earlier in the game. They appeared to play a more or less defensive game, and Bush Rats pressed their advantage for all they were worth. The game was fast from the outset. First to one end and then to the other it travelled with lightning speed. Both sides were frequently within scoring distance, and each was frequently withstanding dangerous onslaughts on its goal. The Kangaroo Point team was playing the game of its life; the Ipswich loam was doing likewise. The crowd loudly cheered the sides on, and a general air of excitement prevailed. Bush Rats drew first blood. It was a great cross shot by J. Hainsworth that accomplished the needful, Rovers by no means, disheartened by this set-back, fought on for supremacy, but Bush Rats just as determinedly sought to increase their score. The interval, however, arrived, with no further score. Two corners were forced in quick succession by Bush Rats, soon after the resumption, and from the second; L Warrell, taking advantage of Petit's failure to clear Rovers' lines, passed to J. Hainsworth, who netted. T Hainsworth added a third goal and E Rumble scored a fourth. Rovers made a breakaway, and a shot for goal by Clarke was deflected into the net by Green. The final whistle went



Vern Rumble, Dan Potts, Tom Hainsworth  
selected for Queensland



Dan Potts

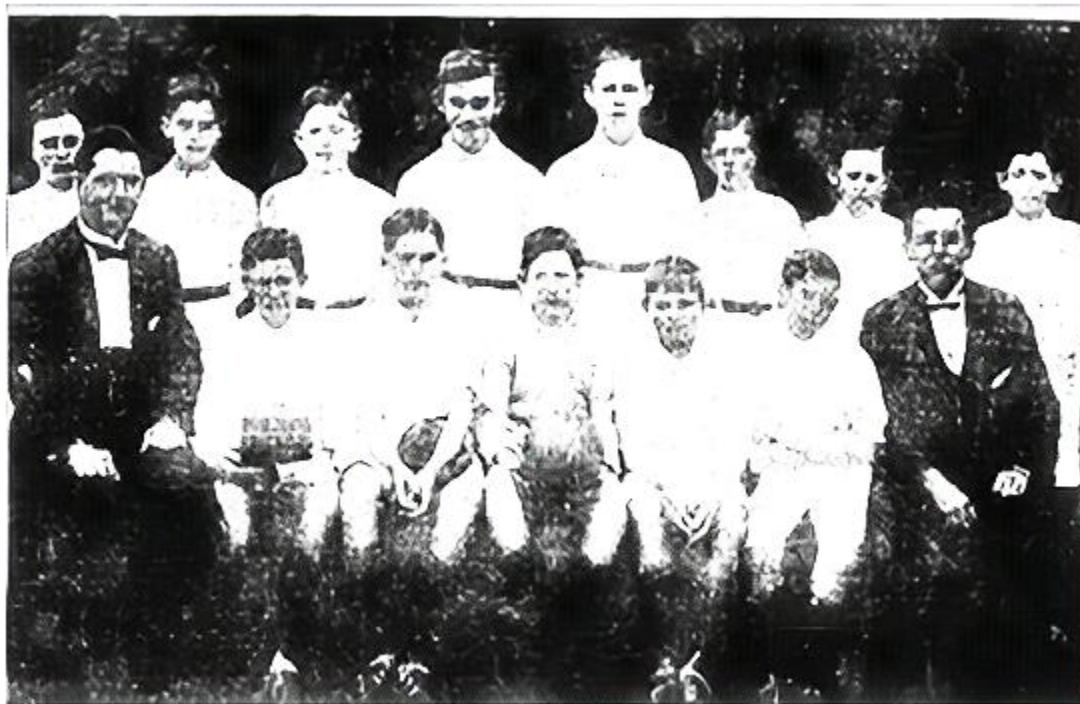


Tom Hainsworth



Vern Rumble





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## Ipswich Schoolboy team

**Back row:** Reece Fountaine(Rosebells) James Greenhill (St Helens) E Harding (Dinmore Bush Rats) Thomas Everding  
E Wilson(Dinmore Bush Rats) M Tucker, Arthur Wilson(Dinmore Bush Rats) Eric Dawes(Dinmore Bush Rats)

**Front row:** H Edmonds(Manager) James Henderson(Dinmore Bush Rats, St Helens) Col Warrell (Captain) Dinmore Bush Rats)  
Robert Dobbie (Blackstone Rovers) F Humphrey, J Jeffrey A J Collins(Hon Secretary QSF)



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## Queensland team

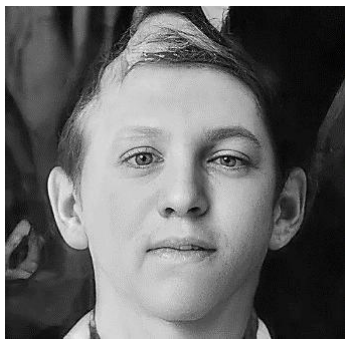
Front Row: Les Clark, James Clarkson(Blackstone Rovers)George. Harris, Joe Hamilton,Jack White,W Buck, Jack Edwards,(Blackstone Rovers)

Second Row: E Green, J S. Hildreth (Hon. Sec, Q.F.A.) J Peebles, H Campbell (Manager) Dan Potts(Dinmore Bush Rats)

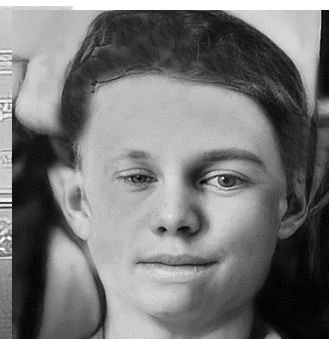
Tom Hainsworth (Dinmore Bush Rats) D. G Nichols

Sitting: Vern Rumble(Dinmore Bush Rats) J Hamilton,James Love





Col Warrell



James Henderson

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## Qld Schoolboys

Second row Second from left Col Warrell Qld Senior team 1928 (Roseballs, St Helens, Dinmore Bush Rats)

Second row third from left James Henderson (St Helens, Dinmore Bush Rats)

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## Dinmore Bush Rats

### Champions

**Seniors:** George Hughes, Alexander Burns, Cliff Gedge, Alec Stewart, Len Warrell, Vern Rumble, John Hainsworth, Ern Rumble Tom Hainsworth, Dan Potts, William Warrell, Howard Nunn, Jack Burgess, Eric Nunn

**Juniors:** John Bucknall, Frederick Bucknall, Frank Burns, Arthur Hawkins, Ben Morris, J Smith, Edward Bucknall, Les Jeffrey Henry Seeney, Andrew Tait, Col Warrell, Eric Dawes, Arthur Wilson, Norman Randolph

**\*Cliff Gedge, Tom Hainsworth, William Warrell, Ernest Rumble, Eric Nunn represented Queensland**

**Cliff Gedge selected for Australia**

Frederick Bucknall, Arthur Hawkins, B Morris, J Smith represented Ipswich Juniors

Eric Dawes, Arthur Wilson, Norman Randolph represent Queensland Schoolboys

**President:** William Lynch

**Secretary:** Joseph Potts

**5 March 1923** *Queensland Times*

### Bush Rats Dinmore Wanderers amalgamation

*A special meeting of the Dinmore Wanderers Football Club was held recently at the residence of the President (Mr. O. Coleman), to consider the proposal of the Bush Rats Club to amalgamate and run two teams in the Q.A. competitions this year. As a few of the vice-presidents were in attendance and the option of some of those who had accepted that position had been obtained it was decided to take a ballot with regard to the amalgamation proposal. After a good deal of discussion and argument the ballot in question was taken and resulted in a win by a narrow margin of those who were in favour of keeping their own club going. Other business, such as disposing of football photos. and finishing arrangements for a shilling evening were attended to, after which the meeting terminated.*

| Place | Team              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|-------|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1     | Dinmore Bush Rats | 10     | 7   | 3     | 0    | 32    | 9  | 17     |
| 2     | Thistle           | 10     | 6   | 3     | 1    | 17    | 8  | 15     |
| 3     | Bundamba Rangers  | 10     | 5   | 2     | 3    | 17    | 11 | 12     |
| 4     | Brisbane City     | 10     | 4   | 1     | 5    | 16    | 24 | 9      |
| 5     | Pineapple Rovers  | 10     | 3   | 1     | 6    | 12    | 18 | 7      |
| 6     | Corinthians       | 10     | 0   | 0     | 10   | 6     | 30 | 0      |

**8<sup>th</sup> March Telegraph** (84)

## **Competition changes**

*An important alteration in the rules regarding the premiership competition was proposed by Mr. J. Hildreth. It was as follows : "That at the expiration' of the series of fixtures ordered by the executive committee semi-final and .final rounds shall, .be played by the four leading teams in .-the senior A division. The leading team shall .play, the team finishing third .in the competition, and the team finishing second shall play the team finishing fourth in the competition as a semi-final round. Should it be that the team leading at the expiration of the series of fixtures ordered by the executive committee be defeated, either in the semi-final or final rounds "it shall . 'have tho right to challenge the winning team of the .final round, the team winning the challenge round to lie declared premiers for that year /should there 'be no challenge the the team winning the finial round, shall he the premiers for the year. " Mr. Hildreth argued that he was out to maintain interest in tho premiership competition to the last game.*

*The executive had already, approved of the proposal, Mr. Hutchison seconded the .motion. After discussion, the; motion was carried by 29 votes to 28. "V Mr. Hildreth then moved for the deletion from the rules, of the words : "At the conclusion' of "the senior competitions the two ' lower clubs of division A shall be graded in division B for the following season, and. tlie two leading teams in division B shall be graded In division A for tile following year." He contended that the executive should be the power to say what clubs should be in the first division, because a club which had qualified to remain in the division one season might through loss of players in the following season be of insufficient strength to justify its retention in that division. Mr. Hutchison seconded the motion, and several delegates spoke in opposition to it. Mr T W. Kendall (life member) said the object of the motion was to give the executive power to say at the commencement of a season which teams were the best for the first division, and he was sure the officials would' not' ' be lacking in their judgment in that regard The motion was carried -by 33 votes to 16*

**22 March 1923 Queensland Times**

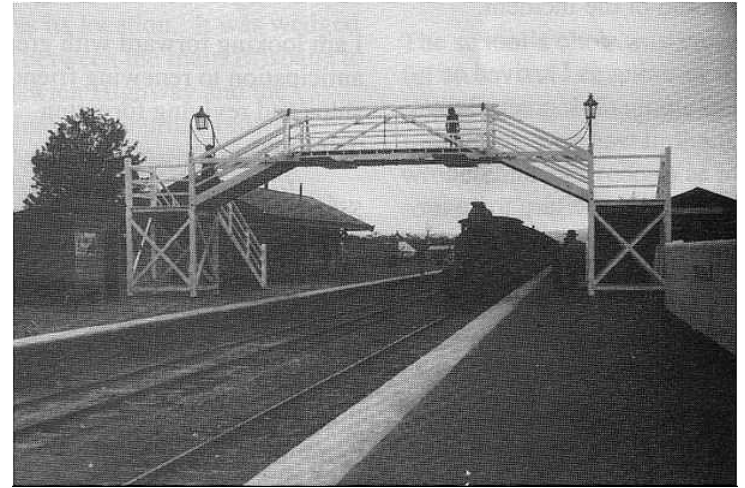
## **New ground**

*I believe Bush Rats have their new ground In good order to open the season, and as it is situated quite near to the station, it should prove a great asset to the club*



**27<sup>th</sup> April Queensland Times (85)**  
**New Ground opens**

*I note than the Dinmorite's have opened a new venue for their Bush Rats. This is only a few steps from the railway station, in a north eastern direction, and is observable from the windows of the train. Thirty odd years ago, the original T'Rats cut out. a nice ground, clearing it of trees, on the "New Chum" Colliery side of the railway, where in the evenings it was quite an entertainment to watch the boys training while the womenfolk-young and old occupied seats on the logs, knitting and singing, with large fires in full swing adjacent. Those were the periods when T'Rats were, more often than otherwise, monarchs of all they played.*



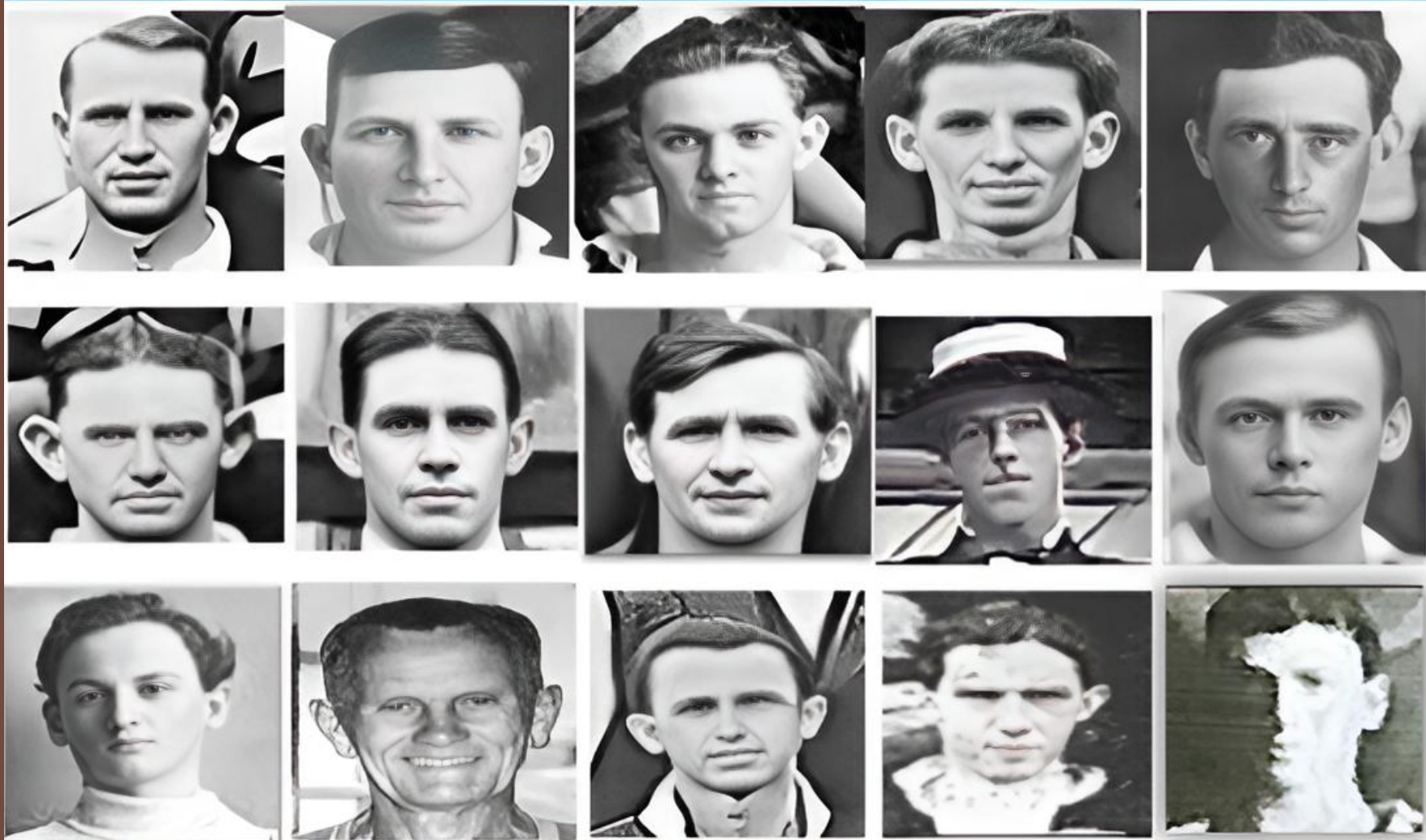
Dinmore Station 1930

\*Note the oil lamps that had to be filled and cleaned every day



Dinmore Station today looking north to where ground was located

*Photo from Dinmore State School Centenary Book*



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**Dinmore Bush Rats  
Premiers(Undefeated)**

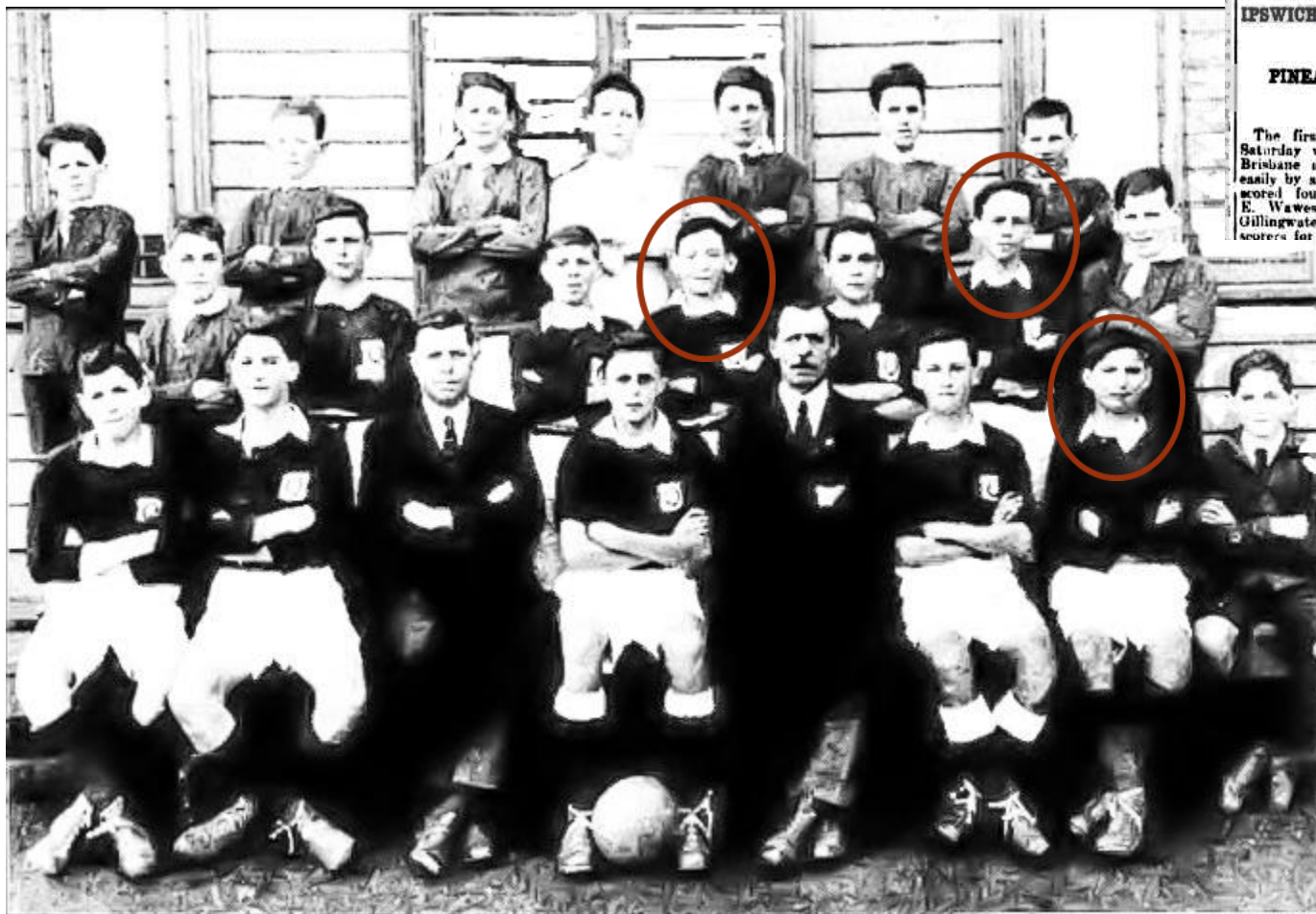
Alexander Burns, Cliff Gedge, Len Warrell, Vern Rumble, Percy Pedley  
Ern Rumble, Tom Hainsworth, Dan Potts, William Warrell, Jack Burgess  
Eric Nunn, Howard Nunn, George Hughes, John Hainsworth, Alec Stewart





THE BUSH RATS' SENIOR " SOCCER" TEAM, 1923.

Back row: D. Potts, E. Nunn, A. Burns, G. Hughes, A. Stewart, C. Edge, J. Easton.  
Front row: L. Warrell, E. Rumble, T. Hainsworth, W. Warrell.



**SOCCER.**

**IPSWICH SCHOOLBOYS OUTCLASS  
BRISBANE.**

**PINEAPPLE ROVERS BEAT  
CORINTHIANS.**

The first game at Woolloongabba on Saturday was between the schoolboys of Brisbane and Ipswich. The latter won easily by six goals to two. Colin Warrell scored four goals and F. Johnson and E. Dawes scored the remainder. A. Gillingwater and E. Kruck were the scorers for Brisbane.

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### Queensland Schoolboys

Eric Dawes(Future Senior Qld representative) Arthur Wilson,Norman Randolf

## **SOCCER CODE. THE SEMI-FINALS. TWO PLAYERS ORDERED OFF THE FIELD.**

*The semi-finals of the premiership competition were decided at the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Saturday afternoon, when Brisbane City met Thistles and "Bush Rats" played Bundamba. The players in the first fixture had to contend with a very strong wind, which was blowing down the field. The attendance was good. During the first game a very unfortunate incident occurred. A scuffle took place in front of the City goal and Brown was ordered off the field. In the second game another player, Dan Potts, was "ordered off", after a dispute with the referee.*

### **Bush Rats vs Bundamba** (18<sup>th</sup> August)

*The teams were as follows*

*Bush Rats: --G. Hughes: V. Rumble. C. Gedge, P. Pcdley, L. Warrell, E. Nunn, J. Hainsworth, E. Rumble, T. Hainsworth, D. Potts, W. Warrell.*

*Bundamba: R. Miller; Sparks, Routledge; G. Teasdale, A. Lebetter, J. Kitching; N. Burton, G. Long, J. Edwards, A. Pedey, and J. Pedley. Referee: Mr. Lyst.*

*Bush Rats kicked off towards the town, but Sparks got the ball away. Play was carried to the other end, and Gedge cleared with a beautiful kick which set his forwards going. Fast and brilliant play ensued, in which Button and Teasdale were conspicuous and the Rats' goal was in jeopardy for several seconds, Hughes managing to punch out. L. Worrell set "Tommy" Hainsworth going, and the ball was passed to Rumble, who tested Miller with a shot. Rats again attacked and Potts and Routledge came into collision. The latter was injured, and had to be carried from the field. The referee then ordered Potts off the field. Routledge returned to the field shortly afterwards. Play was resumed with renewed vigour. Even play ruled until L. Worrell passed down the right wing to Johnny Hainsworth who took the leather down the field and sent in a beautiful centre. Worrell secured and had a shot, but the goal mouth was packed, and Routledge despatched the ball down the field. From a foul against Long, T. Hainsworth shot past the post when in a good position. The Rats again pressed, and T. Hainsworth received from E. Nunn, and he put in a low drive, and Miller was beaten. Two minutes later J. Hainsworth was injured, and had to leave the field but he was soon into the fray again.*

*The Rats were having the greater share of the ball, although hampered by the loss of one of their best players, and the Rangers' custodian was again called upon to save. A pretty movement by Rangers was nipped in the bud by V. Rumble, who kicked well out of bounds. At the other end a misunderstanding between the Bundamba backs nearly ended disastrously. Hainsworth headed in, and the ball struck the cross-bar with Miller beaten. Many good efforts on the part of the forwards of both sides were presented for coming to fruition by the opposing backs. Half time came with the scores Bush Rats 1 goal, Bundamba nil (Over page)*



The second half was begun with bustling play, and both sides attacked alternatively. Rumble shone out in the Rats' defence, and admirably placed the ball to his forwards ill the attacking movements. Long repeatedly missed good opportunities by hanging on to the ball. W. Worrell twice tested Miller with hot shuts, but that custodian was equal to the occasion. About 20 minutes after the resumption a pretty goal was scored by E. Rumble.

P. Pedley secured and sent to Tommy Hainsworth, who transferred to his brother on the right wing, "Johnny" centred in front of the goal mouth, and Rumble placed the ball into the net, making the scores Bush rats 2 goals, Bundamba nil. Rangers quickly got to work, and "Spokes" Pedley put in a lovely shot, which struck the bar with Hughes beaten. Another shot was placed in front of the goal by Pedley, and a scrimmage resulted, but L. Warrell relieved a tense situation, Rats pressed, and Spark; conceded a corner, but the kick was fruitless. "Spokes" Pedley and Edwards broke away, and beat Gedge. The latter caught hold of Pedley's collar, and a foul was awarded, but nothing came from the kick. Shortly afterwards, T. Hainsworth dashed towards the opposite goal, and passed to J. Hainsworth. The latter shot over the bar. As the game was nearing termination the play became exciting, and the Rats conceded a corner, the kick being without avail. Rangers attacked, and Hughes was forced to make a high save from Edwards. Rangers again rallied, Kitching put in a "beauty, but Hughes was ready. J. Pedley secured, and he beat Rats' goalkeeper. From midfield play Burton secured, and he sent in a beautiful shot. Hughes caught the ball, but it spun out of his hand into the net. Rangers attacked vigorously, and forced a corner. From the kick, V. Rumblo conceded into his own goal, and was heartily congratulated for equalising the scores, which were, Bundamba 2; Bush Rats, 2. EXTR PLAY.

Full time was called, and the referee called upon the teams to play extra minutes each way, in order to decide the match. After a dispute as to whether they should play Bush Rats again lined up. Play was exciting, and L. Warrell had hard luck in grazing the crossbar with a long shot. Both sides attacked fiercely, and Rats were conceded two corners but nothing resulted. Rangers attacked, and Rumble miskicked. Burton came through, and put Bundamba in the lead. The scores at the finish of the extra time were: Bundamba, 3 goals Bush Rats 2 goals



**SOCCER SEMI-FINAL.**  
T. Hainsworth, of the Bush Rats, on the outside right, intercepts a pass from Hiedley, the Bundamba Rangers' left half.



**A. STEWART.**  
Left half of the Bush Rats Football Club.

## Bush Rats withdraw

### No further part in competition. Several players and officials reported

*At a meeting of the executive of the Q.F.A., on Monday, a letter was received from the Bush Rats F.C. stating that they decline to take part in any future matches, and 'have no desire to challenge the winners of the final of the Challenge Cup.*

*They take this action, they say, on account of the treatment they have received from the Q.F.A. and " the Referees' Union this season. They also stated that none of their players will be eligible for representative games*

*The executive accepted the decision, and the contents of the letter were noted. The action of the Bush Rats will not come as much of a surprise to Soccer enthusiasts, for it is well known that they have for some time threatened to withdraw from the competition. They allege that no matter what suggestions were made by them to the association they never got any real consideration. At the same meeting of the executive, Referee C. List reported that in the Bundamba Rangers-Bush Rats match he had to order on» of the Bush Rats off the field for abusive language.*

*It was decided that the player and referee should appear before the executive on MondayNext. Referee A. P. Jackson reported having to order a Brisbane City player from the field for fighting in the Brisbane City v. Thistle match. The player and referee are to appear also on Monday next. The same referee reported five members of the City team for abuse and ungentlemanly on the field and in the dressing room.*

*The five members in question, are to appear on Monday next A resolution was carried to the effect that J. Potts, secretary of the Bush Rats P.C and Ballam, a member of the Brisbane City P.C. be disallowed admission to the Brisbane Cricket Ground, and further, that, O. Potts be asked to show cause why he should not- be suspended from his club for his ungentlemanly conduct to the Q-F.A. officials..*



BUSH RATS v. LATROBES.

E. Rumble the Rats' inside right carrying the ball past Latrobes' defence.

V.P. M. 1910.

## Withdrawall recanted

### Readmission to Association

*The usual weekly meeting of the Q.F.A. executive was held last 'Monday evening the president, Mr H Ashworth, being in the chair. Practically the whole of the evening was taken up in dealing with the complaints from the previous week*

*A letter was received from the Bush-Rats F.C., asking permission to withdraw the letter, which had been dealt with list week in which they withdrew from all future fixtures. A delegation consisting of Messrs Bailey, Stewart, and T Hainsworth were also in attendance from that club The delegation stated that the meeting of the Bush Rats F.C. held on the 19th inst was not i lull one, and although it was quite in order aid the resolution forwarded expressed the opinion of the majority present it w it. not unanimous, as stated A special meeting had been held on the 20th, and the resolution of the 19th had been rescinded*

*The delegation urged tliat they be allowed to withdraw the letter and that the Bush Rats players ore eligible for election for representative games. The delegation withdrew and the following solution was carried - That the Bush Rats PC be not allowed to exercise the right to challenge but eligibility of their players for selection in representative matches will be recognised J Potts secretary of the Bush Rats also appeared to show cause why he should not be suspended Alter being what he had to state, during which he tendered an apology to the members of the executive he had abused the following resolution was carried- That J Potts be suspended from taking part in football for twelve months*



Arthur (Mick) Burns with the ball at Woollongabba

## Challenge Cup semi final Blackstone Rovers vs Bush Rats (6<sup>th</sup> October)

*A splendid crowd witnessed the semi-final of the Challenge Cup competition, held at Bundamba on Saturday afternoon, between Bush Rats and Blackstone Rovers. Bush Rats again had to rely on four junior players to field a full team, and, although they put up a good fight, Rovers were the superior team. Rats were unfortunate in losing the services of C Gedge, who retired early in the second half. For Rats, Eric Nunn played a great game. Tom Hainsworth worked hard in the forward line, but had very poor support from his other forwards. Mick Burns also played a good game in the back division.*

*For Rovers Les Verrall, W. Burns, Clarkson, and F. Poulton stood out prominently. The forwards combined well. Prior to the senior game, Bush Rats juniors contested Presbyterians by two goals to one in the first round of the Alpha cup. Mr. Joe Kitching was the referee.*

*Following were the senior teams*

*Rovers*

*L. Halls, Clarkson, W. Burns, W. Edwards, R. Woolley, F. Poulton, J. Potts, J. Williams, W. Halls, Murphy, and A. Williams*

*Bush Rats: J. Smith, A. Burns, C. Gedge, J. Jeffreys, E. Nunn, Les Verrall, E. Rumble, L. Warrell, T. Hainsworth, E. Hawkins, K. Coogan. Referee: J. Kemp,*

*Ipswich Bush Rats won the toss, and decided to play with a strong breeze in their favour, Rats were first to attack, and went close to scoring on several occasions, but W. Burns relieved the pressure. Rats were the first to score. E. Hawkins received close in, and made no mistake, Rats 1, Rovers 0. E. Rumble was penalised for being offside, and Burns let Rovers away. A nice movement resulted in W. Halls missing a fine chance to equalise. Several attempts were made by Rovers forwards, but their shooting was weak when they were in front of goal, a corner was awarded to Bush Rats, and Jeffreys made a good attempt to score, but L. Halls cleared.*

*The game was evenly contested till J. Williams received and shot for goal. The ball struck the upright and rebounded into the net. At half time the scores were Rats 1 goal Rovers 1 goal. After the resumption, Rovers pressed with the wind in their favour, and A. Williams, receiving from F. Poulton raced well in, but his shot went over the bar. Eric Nunn was playing a splendid defensive game for Rats, but he could not hold Rovers' forwards, Murphy was presented with a chance, but failed through weak shooting. Rats made a splendid effort, and Tom Hainsworth gave Rovers goalie a fright when he sent in a stinging shot, which missed the post by a few inches. This was Rats last effort as Rovers took complete control thereafter. Gedge having J. Williams again secured the leading goal. From a scrimmage in front of Rats goal he took the ball into the net, Rovers 3, Rats 1. Rovers increased the score when A. Williams relieved well it and save Smith. The Rovers pressed the full time, when the scores were: Blackstone Rovers 3 goals, Bush Rats 1 goal.*



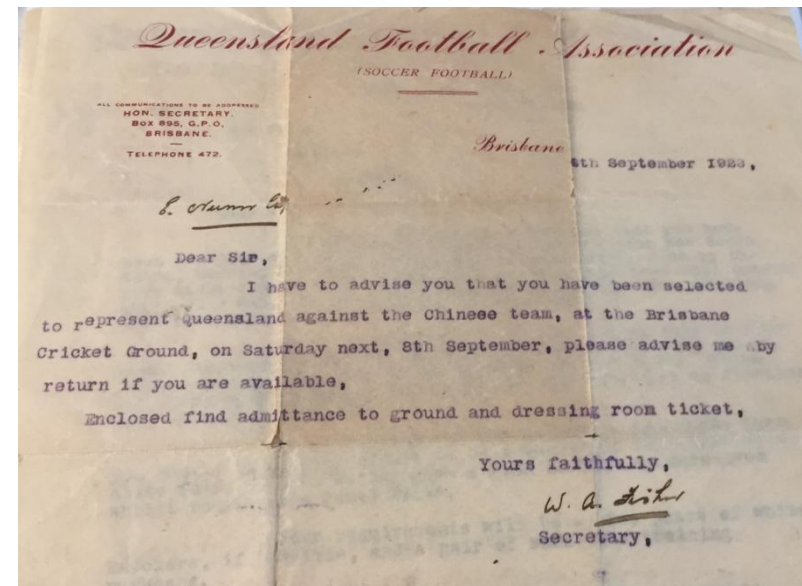
22<sup>nd</sup> December *Queensland Times* (90)

## Presentation to WJ Lynch

*A social evening was spent by the officers and members of the Bush Rats Football Club in the Dinmore Club. There was a large attendance. Mr. I V. J. Lynch, President, occupied the chair. On the festive table were exhibited the Challenge and Charity Cups. During the evening a handsomely framed group picture of the members of the team was presented to air. Lynch, bearing the inscription Presented to W. J. Lynch. Esq on behalf of the the members of the Bush Rats, as a small token of their esteem. Signed J Potts, Honorary secretary; A. Stewart, J Routledge, M. Bailey, D Young*



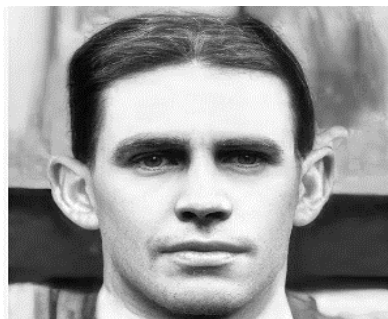
John Hainsworth, Ern Rumble, Tom Hainsworth, Dan Potts, William Warrell  
(At Woollongabba in May)



Eric Nunn Qld selection  
(Courtesy Melanie Rush)



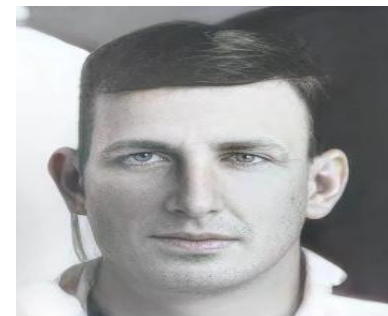
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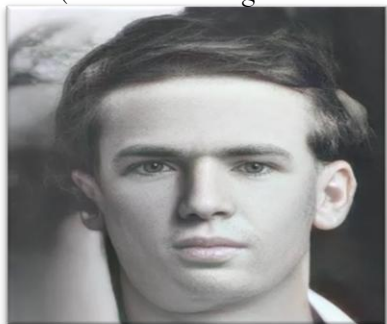
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(Dinmore Bush Rats)



Alf Pedley  
(Bundamba Rangers)



Cliff Gedge  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)



Arthur Lebeter  
(Bundamba Rangers)



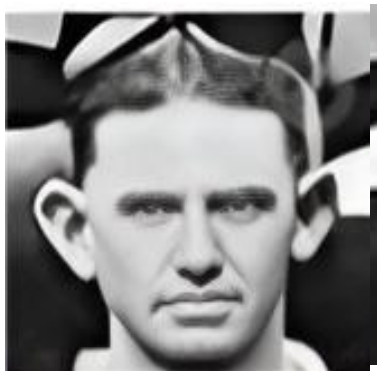
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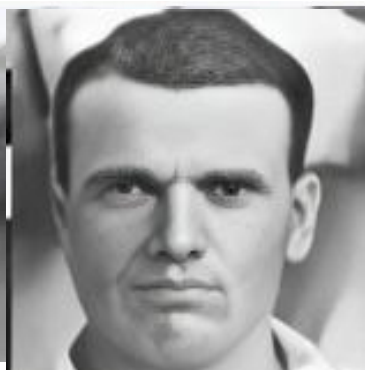
Jack Williams  
(Blackstone Rovers)



John Routledge  
(WW1 Veteran Bundamba Rangers)



Ernest Rumble  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)



Mosie Burton  
(Bundamba Rangers)



Eric Nunn  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)



William Warrell  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)



James Clarkson  
(Bundamba Rangers)

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Queensland teams(Ipswich players)

## Cliff Gedge (1899-1973)

### Cliff represented Australia three times

Cliff was selected in 1923 for Australia against New Zealand at Left Back.

### Career

Represented Queensland Schoolboys in 1912

Represented Ipswich against a Chinese XI in 1923

Represented Ipswich and Qld against New Zealand in 1923

Represented Ipswich 8 times and Queensland on 4 occasions

Played for Dinmore Bushrats when selected in 1923 and was in the 1923 and 1925 Premiership teams.

Turned to Goalkeeping after a knee injury.

Played for Booval Stars, Bundamba Athletics, and was in the 1922 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

Represented Ipswich in Cricket



1924

## Pineapple Rovers

### Champions

#### Dinmore Bush Rats (Tristram Shield Winners)

**Seniors:**Alexander Burns(Captain) J T Smith, William Burns,Dan Potts Len Warrell,Ernest Rumble,Vern Rumble John Hainsworth, Tom Hainsworth,Jack Potts,William Warrell,Eric Nunn,Joseph Skellern,E Wright,Arthur Williams John Williams,Arthur Hawkins,Ben Morris,Arthur Lebeter,Frederick Nunn,Percy Pedley,Arthur Weatherhog

**Junior Minor Grade.Premiers:** John Tait,L Tait,Henry Bognuda,Thomas Heaton,Colin Young, Arthur Wilson,E Wilson George Gemmell,Leonard Turner,Montgomery BielbyJames Chandler,George Cross,L Taylor,R Smith,Sidney Nunn,Frederick Nunn William Webb

(Lost Brookes Cup Final 1 nil to St Helens)

**Tom Hainsworth and Len Warrell selected for Australia**

**Len Warrell,Eric Nunn,Mick Burns,John Williams**

**Ern Rumble,Eric Nunn represent Queensland**

**Eric Nunn selected for Australia**

#### Juvenile Premiers

**Patron:** Alfred Hudson

**President:** Alec Stewart

**Secretary:** Joseph Potts

#### Jottings

Ask some of the "old-timers" who was the greatest district product in the Soccer world and it's a safe bet that many of them will give their vote to Dan Potts, who represented Ipswich on 21 consecutive occasions at in-side left. Dan played for Bush Rats and Rangers, and had a long association with the game. I nearly prefixed Bush Rats with "Dinmore" and Rangers with "Bundamba," but the clubs are so well-known that their districts are identified by the straight-out club titles . . . Joe Wilson, former

(Dan Potts)

1946 tribute

| Place | Team              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|-------|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1     | Pineapple Rovers  | 10     | 6   | 2     | 2    | 25    | 8  | 14     |
| 2     | Bundamba Rangers  | 10     | 6   | 1     | 3    | 19    | 9  | 13     |
| 3     | Dinmore Bush Rats | 10     | 5   | 2     | 3    | 18    | 13 | 12     |
| 4     | Thistle           | 10     | 5   | 1     | 4    | 12    | 15 | 11     |
| 5     | Latrobe           | 10     | 3   | 2     | 5    | 8     | 14 | 8      |
| 6     | Brisbane City     | 10     | 0   | 2     | 8    | 8     | 31 | 2      |



## Tom Hainsworth (1894-1976)

### Tom represented Australia on one occasion

Tom was first selected in 1924 against Canada in Brisbane  
He was playing for Dinmore Bush Rats at the time

### Career

Played for St Helens as a Junior

Played with Dinmore Bush Rats from 1920-1927

He moved to St Helens in 1928 where he was also Auditor of the club

Represented Ipswich 22 times and Queensland 14 times

First selected for Queensland in 1920

Played against touring teams

1923 New Zealand and China

1924 Canada

1927 China

Tom won three Premierships with Dinmore Bus Rats and was Treasurer and Auditor

Tom's brother John also played for Queensland



(1947)



**Champions**

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Dinmore Bush Rats  
Premiers**



**Jack Potts**



**Arthur Hawkins**



**Arthur Lobeter**



**\*John Williams**



**\* Ern Rumble**



**Percy Podley**



**\*Eric Nunn**



**Arthur Williams**



**William Warrell**



**Frederick Nunn**



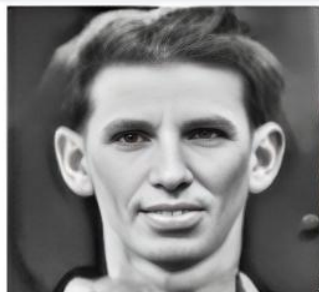
**John Hainsworth**



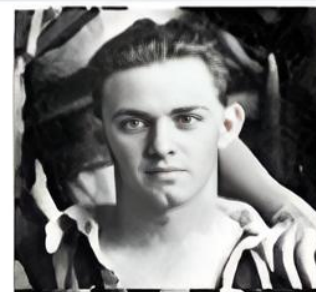
**Dan Potts**



**Tom Hainsworth**



**Vern Rumble**



**\*Len Warrell**



**\*Arthur Evans**

Other players J Smith, E Wright \* Qld Representatives



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**Dinmore Bush Rats**

No order: J T Smith, Len Warrell, Vern Rumble, Alexander Burns, William Burns  
Joseph Skellern, Arthur Williams, Jack Williams, Jack Potts, Eric Nunn, E Wright





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### **Queensland team**

Back Row: D Todd, Edgar Rigby, E M Stevenson

Second Row: L Proud, W Thomas A (Bert) Murray) Jack Bryant, Zar Korocoff, Clarrie Shenton, Eric Nunn

Front Row: Jack Williams, Ern Bright, Jack Hildreth (Manager) Alexander Burns, Ern Rumble

Sitting: Alan Williams, William Mitchell



11<sup>th</sup> September *Queensland Times* (91)

## Tristram Shield Final (5<sup>th</sup> September)

*For the first time this season Bush Rats displayed something like their old form on Saturday, when they decisively defeated Pineapple Rovers, in the replay of the Tristram Shield final, by four goals to two.*

*According to an authority on Soccer who witnessed the match, it was a great game, and for sheer football skill Rats deserved the palm. The forwards, capably led by that master pivot, Tommy Hainsworth, played like men inspired, and when on the move always conjured up visions of goals. Jack Potts was, perhaps, the cleverest of the quintette, and on his play thoroughly earned the decision of Messrs. McNaughton and C. McNaughton, of the Thistle Club, as being the best player on Rats side, for which he was awarded a gold medal. With Arty Williams, he combined in many pretty moves on the left wing which often brought danger to Rovers citadel. When Rovers opened their account, about 52 minutes after the kick off, Rats thought it wise to reconstruct their intermediate line. Mick Burns filled his accustomed position in the back division. Len Warrell went into the centre and Vern. Rumble filled the role of left half, with Jack Williams on the right. The move had the desired effect.*

*When next they got on the move Pineapples found themselves up against a solid proposition, and time and again were repelled by the tenacious halves, whose tackling was very deadly. The intermediate trio acquitted themselves with credit and had a big share in Rats great victory. The backs defended stoutly. Smith proved that he is a great goal keeper, saving shots from all angles. He is destined for higher things. Pineapple Rovers fought gamely. but were seriously handicapped by having a crippled centre half, Peebles being really unfit to play*



**— SOCCER —**  
**TO-MORROW,**  
SOUTH BRISBANE CRICKET GROUND.  
MEMMOTT BROS' CUP FINAL.

|           |                               |    |             |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----|-------------|
| 2 p.m.    | WYNNUM                        | v. | BLACKSTONE, |
| 3.30 p.m. | TRISTRAM SHIELD FINAL REPLAY. |    |             |
|           | PINEAPPLE                     | v. | BUSH RATS.  |

**WILL TROPHIES REMAIN AT BRISBANE?**  
**DON'T MISS SOCCER'S GREAT DAY.**

**SOCCER**  
THE EVENT OF THE YEAR  
TO-DAY  
FINAL  
**TRISTRAM SHIELD**  
**PINEAPPLE ROVERS**  
v.  
**BUSH RATS**  
Kick off at 3.30 p.m.  
Other matches at 1 p.m. and  
2 p.m.  
Roll up and see Soccer's great  
day.

**Queensland Football Association**  
Aust. F. A. (SOCCER FOOTBALL)  
18th June, 1904. BRISBANE.

Mr. Nunn,  
Brisbane,  
QUEENSLAND.

Dear Sir,

This is to officially advise you that you have been selected as a Queensland Representative to tour New South Wales, leaving Brisbane on Thursday morning, 21st. June by the five minutes past eight Sydney Mail Train. This tour will extend until July 6th, and you will leave Sydney on July 6th, arriving back in Brisbane on the evening of July 7th.

As it is imperative that you should give us your answer immediately you are asked to get into touch with Mr. J. S. Hildreth, who will be the Manager of this Team. From his (Central Bds.) saying Yes or No, the team must be finalised this week at the latest.

It is the wish of the Selection Committee that you should make every effort to be a member of this Representative Team, so that we can give a good account of ourselves whilst touring New South Wales.

Your requirements will be:- Two pairs of white knickers, if possible, and a pair of socks for training purposes.

Your immediate reply is awaited with great interest.

I remain,  
Cordially yours,  
*Alfred Backhouse*  
Secretary, Q.F.A.

Eric Nunn Qld selection  
(Courtesy Melanie Rush)



PLAY IN THE TRISTRAM SHIELD FINAL.

Smith (Bats) makes a splendid save in the match in which Pineapple Rovers and Bush Rats came out with honours even—one all.

16<sup>th</sup> October *Queensland Times* (92)

## **Bush Rats Reunion**

### **Players of 34 years ago meet present day exponents**

*In the Alliance Hall, Dinmore, on Saturday night there was a happy gathering of Soccerite's. It was the first reunion of past and present members held by the Bush Rats F.C., which, for 34 years, has upheld the prestige of West Moreton in the Soccer world and has made Its name respected by every other club in Southern Queensland.*

*It was in 1890 that the Bush Rats F.C. first came into being. In those days there were no playing pitches, but the dense scrub did not present 13 stout-hearted lovers of football from playing their favourite game. They set to work with a will, and many a time the moon was well up before they ceased their labours.. Eventually they cleared a patch big enough to play on and it was the proud boast of those original "Bush Rats that they never suffered defeat. during four seasons on the home ground. When the work of clearing the three grounds was completed, the question cropped .up. 'What 'shall we call the team?' according to Mr Bailey one 'night this happy band of enthusiasts knocked off for a smoke. It was a dark night and as they sat around the fire one of them, Bill Hansell suggested that as they were like a lot of bush rats why not call the club that name and they did so and ever since then, during 34 seasons, the name of the Bush Rats has been respected by all exponents of Soccer in Southern Queensland.*

*Bush Rats is not the oldest club in the West Moreton, though it has the oldest consecutive record Blackstone had been playing a season or two before the Bush Rate P.C. came in to existence Blackstone has had a chequered career and several times the club has become defunct only to rise again*

*.In 1891 the first competition was constituted and the competing teams were Bus Rats, Blackstone, Silkstone, Call backs Whitwood, Bundanba and Dinmore. In 1893*

*Brisbane instituted a premiership competition and invited West Moreton teams to enter.. Bush Rats and Blackstone accordingly affiliated with Brisbane making six teams. The Brisbane combinations being Rosebanks, Normans, Athletics and Alloa (South Brisbane). Rosebanks won that year but the following season Normans: became champions, Bah Rats winning the Premiership in 1895. Bush Rats were represented in those days, by John Besgrove (goal); Matt Bailey and George Duck (full backs); William Jeffrey, John Jeffrey and R. Campbell (half backs) Joe Skellern, Joe Jeffrey, Billy Duck, Dave Franklin and William Bailey (forwards) Alexander Stewart was included in the team which won the in Premiership in 1895. of those original Bush Rats, three- 'Messer Matt Bailey, Joe Skellern and J Campbell were present at the reunion whilst Alex. Stewart, who is now President of the club, occupied the chair*

## Tribute to Patron Dean Horan and Trophy presentations

*It was indeed a joyful company which sat around the festive board in the Alliance Hall, and to say that they did full justice to the good things provided is but a mild way to express how they enjoyed the dinner.*

*It was a memorable feast. And was characterised by that spirit of comradeship which has been with the Bush Rats F.C. came up for the occasion, and the game of Soccer.*

*The Latrobe's F.C. came up for the occasion, and in the afternoon played a football match with the Rats.*

*it was a novelty for Dinmore to see the players file out on to the field in their grotesque*

*"get ups," Latrobe's, in particular, showing great "taste" in their choice of attire.*



Reverend Horan in 1880's

*There was a big crowd to watch the fun. A Rugby League ball was used, and what the game lacked in science was more than counterbalance by the fun created. The toast list at night was interspersed with song and recitations in keeping with the occasion, and altogether it was of the most successful local gatherings held this year. For this happy state of affairs too which credit can be given to Mr. J Potts, the clubs hard working secretary. For 10 years he has held the position taking over the reins of his brother John who also had: been secretary for many years and has carried out his duties diligently. As someone remarked at the dinner; 'Without Joe Potts Bush Rats F.C. would not be in the happy position it is in today,' and, certainly, the club never, had a more enthusiastic official and supporter. He was well supported in making arrangements by a capable committee, comprising the president (Mr. A Stewart), patron (Mr. A. Hudson) had Messrs. V. Rumble, T. Coogan, J. Skellern, E. Dawes, Randolph, and A Stewart, jun. One of the features of the dinner was the excellent manner in which it was served by the ladies. The lady helpers were- Mesdames Burns. Rumble. Nunn. Bailey, Stewart, Fish and Potts. and Misses Nunn, Black. Hardy. Hudson. and Esme Nunn.*

*All the speeches were spiced with plenty of humour, and every toast was musically honoured. "The King was the first toast. The president paid a tribute to the late Dean Horan. who, he said, for 25 or 30 years had been the club's patron, and had shown , himself to be a really fine gentleman. He had thought a lot of the Bush Rats, added Mr. Stewart, and often watched them play. The company then stood in silence, with bowed heads, as a tribute to the memory of the departed Dean. Mr. Stewart submitted "Our Guests," coupling the name of Mr. A Jackson, the referee, He extended a hearty welcome to the guests, and expressed the opinion that football had fallen somewhat "flat" this season. They had had visits from the New Zealanders, Chinese, and Canadians, but they had not been shown anything extraordinary by them. An English team would probably be coming out next season. and then they would see Soccer as it should be played. "We play it too fast," said Mr. Stewart, "We do not play with enough science, and that is what is wanted. In conclusion he advised senior players to start training early they had a good team but there were too slow in starting last season Mr Jackson replied. He said he was interested in what Mr Stewart had said about the progress of the game. There were many people of the same opinion, but he was inclined to disagree with Mr. Stewart Soccer was making progress, he said and it may one day become the most popular game in the country(See Over)*



A great deal of Interest in the game in Queensland had been created by the Bush Rats Club. In Brisbane they were an attraction in the football world, and he assured them that had Mr. Ashworth been present he would have, expressed something of what he (Mr. Jackson) was saying. The Bush Rats team was a very old Soccer combination, but it was certainly as formidable today as in the old days, and he hoped they would continue to play the game as they had played it, especially recently. Bush Rats first congratulated Pineapple Rovers on winning the premiership, and he hoped that such a sportsmanlike spirit as that would always be evidenced in the games. He again thanked them for the hearty welcome they had given him. Mr. Roddy Budd made a big hit with a couple of humorous songs. In his address, the patron of the Bush Rate F.C. (Mr. A. Hudson) said the Queensland Football Association had had a hard time, but had done its best to satisfy all the teams. Mr. C. Searle (assistant secretary of the Q.F.A. responded on behalf of the Q.P.'A. He congratulated the Bush Rats on the splendid manner in which they had persevered, ending the season by making Pineapple Rovers play the hardest game of their careers, In the beginning of the season it looked as though the Pineapple Rovers and Thistles would fight it out for the premiership, but he was pleased that two West Moreton clubs had put up such a splendid performance. It spoke volumes for the quality of Ipswich football..Mr. Joe Potts submitted the toast of "The Original Bush Rats F.C." 'From what he had heard from his brother who had held the position of secretary. which he now filled, he said he was satisfied that the original Bush Rats must have been a great combination; when he heard that the game today was not played as well as it was in those days he realised they must have played "some" football. Mr. M. Bailey one of the original Bush Rats team, replied, and was given an ovation. He said that in the early days, everybody used to attend the matches. Mr. Bailey told several interesting anecdotes. He did not think the game too fast today but they wanted to combine more. In conclusion, he said Soccer was making progress in Queensland. At this stage, Mr. M. Bailey presented medals and other trophies to the players, and gave the Tristram Shield, which Rats won this year, into the custody of the president, Mr. A. Stewart.

Those who received medals were: J.Williams (who also received a' pair of sleeve links for being the best player in the last match of the season), W. Burns, E. Rumble, L. Warrell, E. Nunn, Jack Potts, T. Hainsworth, A. Hawkins, J. Smith, D. Potts, P. Pedley and W. Warrell. E; Nunn was also presented with a handsome gold medal shaped like .the map 'of Australia, for gaining his International cap. It was stated that any member of the Bush Rats football club who was chosen for Australia would receive a medal.

When he received the Tristram Shield, Mr. Stewart smilingly remarked that he hoped Latrobe's would win it next year. Mr. Balneaves contributed a song and banjo items, which delighted his bearers. Mr. E. Dawes proposed the toast of the "Vice Presidents," Mr. D.A. Gledson. M.L.A., responded. He said that he landed in Australia in 1885. and on the boat which he came out in were several footballers. They mostly played with Bundamba Rangers. Jack Ward, the goalie, could punch the ball nearly the whole length of the field. He recalled the wonderful control Davy Franklin had over the ball and said it was no use going in for a kicking competition. Soccer has never had a chance in Queensland, he said because there had never been good coaches to train the players. Mr. Gledson proposed the toast of Oihe "Bush Rats Football Club' and Mr. S. Skellern suitably replied, after which Mr. J. Ray gave a capital item.

"Latrobe's Football Club and Kindred Clubs was submitted by Mr T Hainsworth, and responded to by Mr. E. Rigby, of the Latrobe's Football Club. Mr S Skellern following with a couple o fetchy songs. Mr. J. Ray proposed "The Secretary of-Bush Rats:', " Bush Rats, he said, were fortunate in having such an efficient secretary. Mr. Joe Potts replied and Mr J Ray contributed another fine item. The toasts of the Ladies, the Chair man and the Press were also honoured

## Eric Nunn (1902-1990)

### Eric represented Australia on one occasion

Eric was selected in 1924 for Australia against Canada in Australia at Left Half

Playing for Dinmore bush Rats when selected

### Career

Played for Ipswich and Qld against a Chinese XI in 1923, and for Qld against Canada in 1924

Member of the 1923 Dinmore Bush Rats Premiership team and the 1922, 1924 and 1928

Tristram Shield winning teams. Eric is the only player to win three Tristram Shields

Helped reform and played for Booval Stars and was the club captain in the first year of the reformed club in 1930

Eric was a State selector.

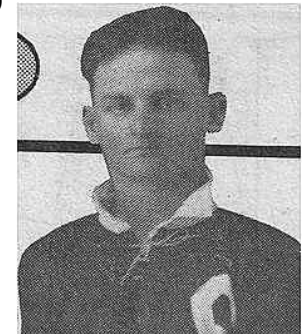
He was also proficient in playing Gum Leaf solos and performed at the reception for the visiting

South African team in Ipswich in 1947

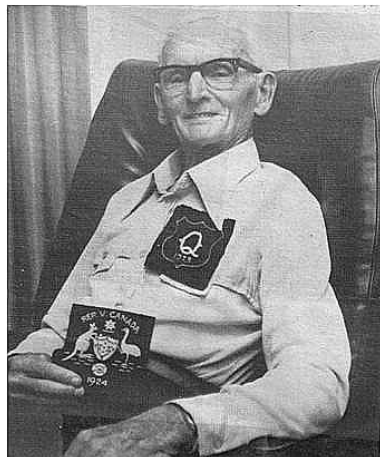
Eric was one of nine Nunns from Dinmore and Booval to play-----

(Alf, Dick, Roy, Vic, Arn, Cec, Gordon (Bunny) Doug and Eric)

Eric represented Ipswich 5 times and Queensland on 10 occasions



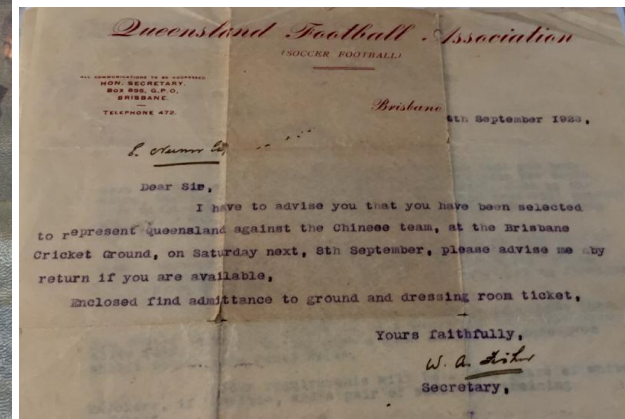
(1924)



Eric in 1984



Eric in 1988



(Courtesy Melanie Rush)

1925

## Dinmore Bush Rats Champions

**Seniors:** Aleaxander Burns(Captain) Garnet Burns,Jack Edwards,Jack Potts,William Burns,Len Warrell,Cliff Gedge,Alec Stewart John Willllams,Harry Jarvis, Cecil Coleman,\*James Follett,Ern Rumble,Arthur Williams. John Hainsworth,S Rogers, Arthur Weatherhog

**Juniors: Callow Cup Winners** John Tait,E Hallewell,Victor Pioch,Colin Young, David Coleman,James Bailey, Arthur Wilson Frank Burns,Thomas Nunn,J Buchanan,George Cross,William Webb,George Gemmell,F Nunn

\*WW2 Veteran

Victor Pioch,Thomas Nunn,George Gemmell represented Ipswich Juniors

**A(Mick)Burns,Jack Edwards,Jack Potts represent Queensland**

\*Jack Potts won the Gold Medal for best player in the Tristram Shield

William Rose from Dinmore School represents Ipswich

**Dan Potts announces his retirement after 12 years of Football**

**Patron:**Alfred Hudson

**President:** Alec Stewart

**Secretary:** Joseph Potts

**Assistant Secretary:** Ben Morris

**Treasurer:**Tom Hainsworth



|   | Club              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals for | Goals against | Points |
|---|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 6      | 4   | 2     | 0    | 21        | 5             | 10     |
| 2 | Bundamba Rangers  | 6      | 4   | 0     | 2    | 13        | 7             | 8      |
| 3 | Blackstone Rovers | 6      | 2   | 2     | 2    | 10        | 11            | 6      |
| 4 | Ipswich City      | 6      | 0   | 0     | 6    | 1         | 28            | 0      |

**3<sup>rd</sup> August** *Queensland Times* (94)

**Premiership decider Bush Rats 1 vs Bundamba Rangers 1** (31<sup>st</sup> July)

**Soccer. Honours for Rats Rangers make 1-1 draw. Thrilling game at Dinmore**

*One of the most momentous matches of the season, because on it hung the fate of the West Moreton premiership, the meeting between Bush Rats and Bundamba Rangers, at Dinmore, on Saturday, proved an epic struggle. A win for Rangers would have meant a replay with their opponents for the championship, whilst Rats only needed to draw to win the honour. Bush Rats succeeded in their objective, the game ending in a draw of 1-1. For all time though Rangers will argue that they really won.*

*When the game was but 10 minutes old, Oliver sent in a shot which Gedge tipped against the cross bar. The ball rebounded into the goal, but the custodian managed to scoop it out, and it is claimed that the ball went over the line before he touched it. However, Referee Tapp thought otherwise, and allowed play to continue. Play was commenced at a great pace, which was maintained till the end. It was rugged football. Science went to the winds. Goals were what counted more, and when a Bush Rat was seen to dally with the ball near his own 'citadel,' in order to out-manoeuvre an opponent, - a colleague called out, 'Cut out the English stuff, Billy.' With much in the balance, players became nervous, Rangers suffering more than Bush Rats, and consequently miskicking and faulty shooting were frequent; Both sets of forwards were at a discount, the defence on either side dominating throughout.*

*Most remarkable of all was the excellent play of "Arty" Williams Rats right half he never gave the opposing left wing an inch of rope, always being able to intercept well-meant passes. Edwards was given a feast of the ball, both by Williams and Warrell. Billy Burns, too, rose to the occasion, and gave, perhaps, his finest display of the season. Kicking soundly and cleanly, he was instrumental in repulsing many Rangers attacks, and did a lot to make up for his partner Mick. Jack Routledge was of immense value in the Rangers' defence. He kicked with his accustomed power, and was very reliable. Percy Jarvis was another who rendered yeoman service to Rangers. Sammy Teasdale did splendidly against a man faster than himself and who was given a goodly share of the ball. The trophies donated by the Bush Rate FC. for the best players on their side were won by 'Fatty' Williams and Jack Potts. Mr. Alec Gibb was the judge.*

*The teams were*

*Bush Rats: C Gedge; W Burns and A. Burns; J. Williams, L Warrell, and A. Stewart; J Edwards Rumble, J. Potts, Rodgers, and A Williams.*

*Bundamba Rangers: J. Smith; J. Routledge and J. Lindsay; J Kitching P Jarvis, and G. Teasdale, H Greenhill, W McDowall, W. Oliver, Pedley and I. Urpeth. Referee, J. Tapp. Pedley won the toss and took advantage of the breeze. (Over)*



*The first thrill was provided by Jack Potts a minute or two after the start. Accepting a ball from the right, about 2 yards out, he sent, a terrific shot, which curled just past the top corner of the goal. Smith would have had no chance. Rangers made one or two incursions. but the forwards tailed to finish with any sting. Once however, Oliver got his foot to the ball and, after tipping it against the cross bar, Gedge managed to scoop it out from the goal as it rebounded. Edwards came into the picture once or twice with characteristic bursts down the wing, but nothing accrued. Rodgers looked dangerous when in possession near goal, but he tipped the ball too far forward, and was robbed at the crucial moment*

*A little later the ball rolled unkindly for Edwards when the winger attempted one of his famous "pile drivers," the leather screwing off his foot wide of the mark. Rangers, though suffering from "nerves," kept Rats defence moving. Oliver just missed with a grand effort from an acute angle, 'Kitching conceded a corner but nothing resulted. Rangers broke away, and the forwards slipped tho ball about nicely. inside the penalty area, Pedley parted to Mc Dowall, who worked towards the right for position as he was about to shoot he was charged unfairly and the referee promptly awarded a penalty Jarvis, took the kick, and, though Gedge made a valiant effort to save, he failed. to prevent the ball entering the net. On the resumption. Rats went away with a will, but Routledge relieved. They were persistent in their endeavours, however. and Potts engineered a fine opening for Rodgers who failed to turn it to good account.*

*The goal which gave Rats the premiership was scored shortly afterwards. Potts received near the centre line, and made a bee line for goal as hard as he could go. He ran straight for 20 yards, then wheeled over to the left to round Routledge Lindsay should have cleared, but the flying forward got past, and scored with an oblique shot. It was a' great goal. Half time arrived shortly afterwards. The second half opened at a fast pace Rangers assumed the aggressive, and Oliver was a little too high with a drive from 30 yards out.*

*The centre forward made another attempt shortly afterwards, but again missed. Gedge effected a fine save from McDewall, After a spell of midfield play, Greenhill, receiving from Pedley, had a great opportunity to score, but fired wide. Then McDowall missed by inches. Edwards was a trouble some thorn in the side of Rangers defence, and the situation looked black when he dropped over a beautiful corner, Kitching cleverly clearing. The right winger then attempted a solo dash but was stopped by Routledge.*

*Thrice In quick Succession Smith was called upon to save. Rangers came again, and McDowall made a clever Individual effort but could not finish. Rats retaliated, and gained a corner, which Jarvis cleared. It was an exciting moment for Rangers when Potts received about six yards from goal and had only Smith to beat, but the ball flashed over the bar. The game ended with the scores still 1-1.*

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## Ipswich team vs England

Back Row: A Hudson, A Bugler, R Kemp, H Carter

Second Row: Arthur Williams(Dinmore Bush Rats) George Teasdale(Bundamba Rangers) Les Halls(Blackstone Rovers) Jack Potts(Dinmore Bush Rats)

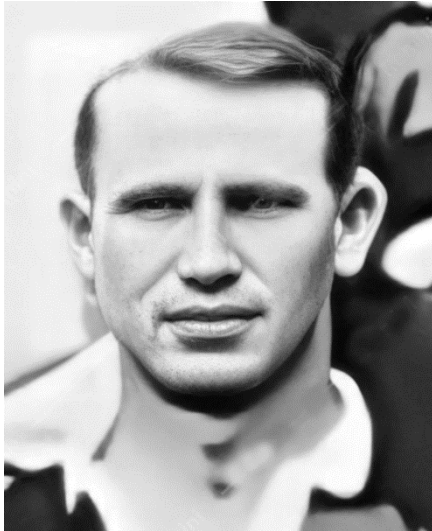
Walter McDowall(Bundamba Rangers) John Routledge (Bundamba Rangers)

Front Row Isaac Lonie, Len Warrell(Dinmore Bush Rats) Jack Williams(Dinmore Bush Rats) Alexander Burns(Dinmore Bush Rats) Ernest Rumble(Dinmore Bush Rats)

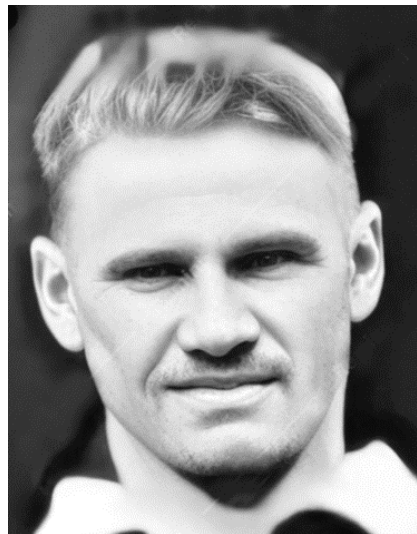
Jack Edwards (Dinmore Bush Rats) George Bullock



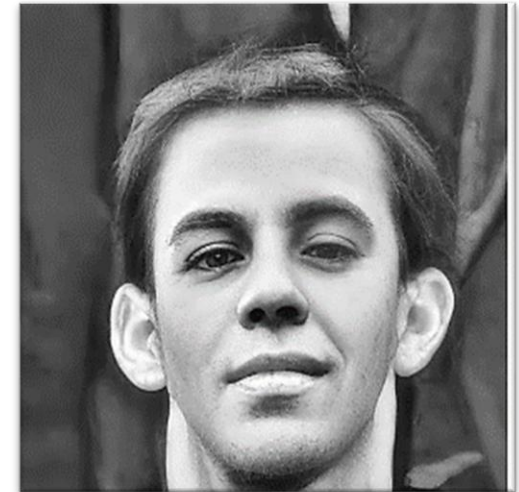
J. Edwards (left), A. Burns (centre), and Jack Potts (right), all of Bush Rats Football Club, who have been chosen to play for Queensland against England next Saturday, and for West Moreton today. Edwards has represented Australia and Queensland. Burns has also represented Queensland. This is Potts' first big game apart from representing Ipswich on several occasions. The latter probably is Queensland's youngest player next Saturday, as he is only nineteen. He weighs 11.10. Burns is 12.8, and Edwards 10.8.



Arthur(Mick) Burns  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)



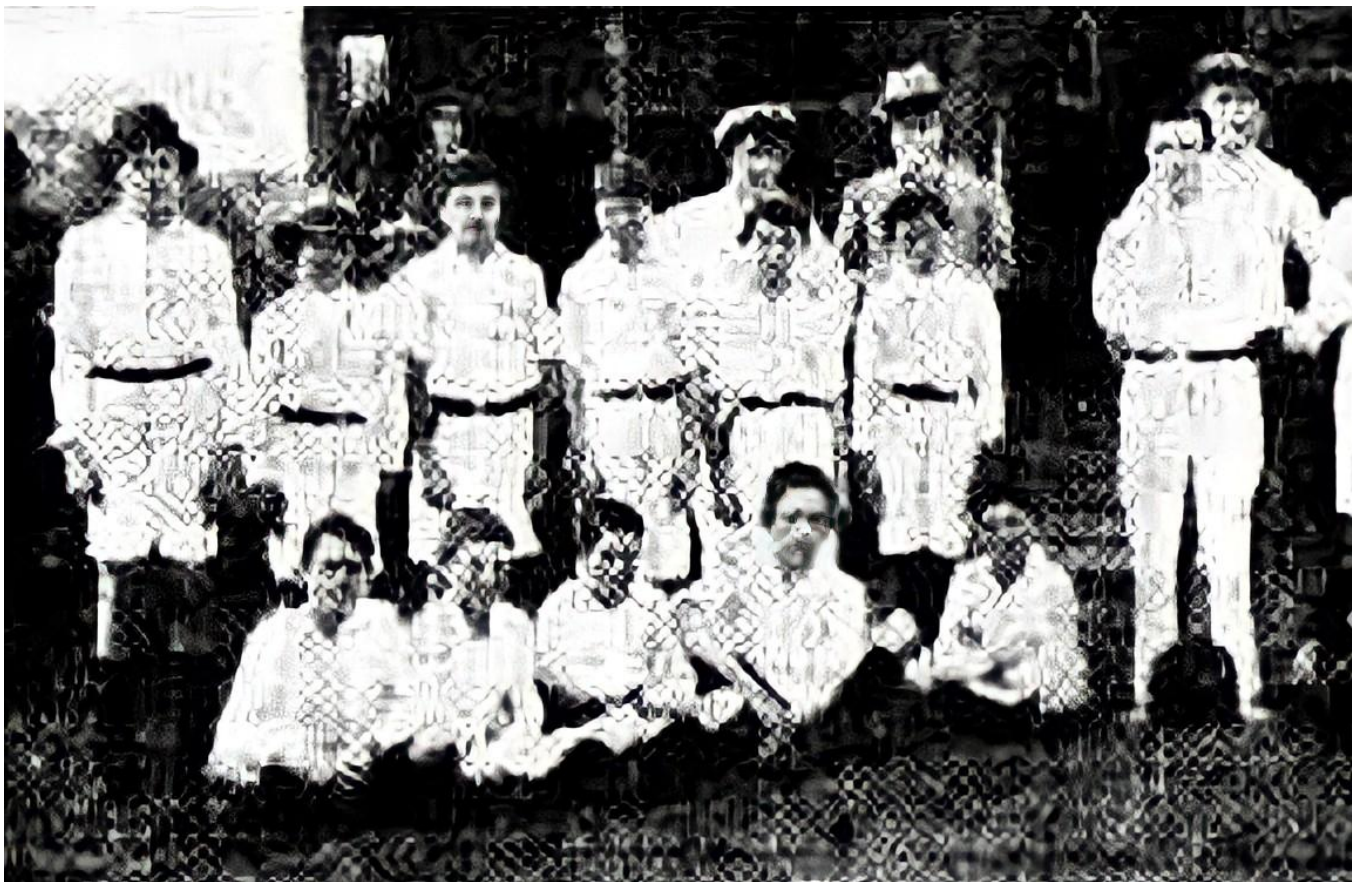
Jack Potts  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)



Jack(Toddy)Edwards  
(Dinmore Bush Rats)

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Queensland vs England





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**Ipswich Schoolboys**

No order: Ron Kruger (Bundamba) Len Coleman (Dinmore) William Pitcairn (Raceview) L Black (Bundamba) W. Rose (Dinmore)  
Erroll Woolley (Blackstone) Norman Edwards (Raceview) J Greene (Bundamba) E Gredden (Bundamba) George Newlands (Silkstone)

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**Dinmore Bush Rats  
Undefeated Premiers  
(Ipswich and West Moreton)**



*Len Worrell*



*Ern Rumble*



*Alec Stewart*



*Alan Williams*



*John Williams*



*\*William was Captain of the Australian Boxing team in 1934 Other Players: J Rodgers, Cec Coleman*

1926

## Blackstone Rovers Champions

**Seniors:** Alexander Burns(Captain) Cliff Gedge,E Wilson,James Lindsay,Victor Pioch,Jack Potts,E Brown,George Gemmell  
Tom Hainsworth,G McGeecham Percy Pedley,Ern Rumble,Eric Nunn, Robert Balneaves, Alec Stewart,Len Warrell, William Warrell  
\*Bush Rats had 20 registered players in 1926

**President:** Alfred Hudson

**Secretary:** W Allen

John Potts is a Vice President of the Queensland Football Association

### Len Warrell, represents Queensland

By 1926 a number of Dinmore Bush Rats players and officials had moved to Dinmore Wanderers including Owen Coleman who became President and Alec Stewart Treasurer and players Henry Seeney,Len Coleman Les Jeffiey,Matthew Bogunda,Roy Weimer Norman Kruger,Andrew Tait,Joseph Skellern,Cec Coleman

The splitting of players amongst two teams following a failure of merger talks in 1923 eventually will see Bush Rats decline and Wanderers come to the fore in the thirties

|   | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For Against |    | Points |
|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-------------|----|--------|
| 1 | Blackstone Rovers | 14      | 13  | 0     | 1    | 51          | 14 | 26     |
| 2 | Thistle           | 14      | 10  | 1     | 3    | 28          | 26 | 21     |
| 3 | Bundamba Rangers  | 13      | 7   | 2     | 4    | 31          | 17 | 16     |
| 4 | Latrobe           | 14      | 6   | 2     | 6    | 36          | 30 | 14     |
| 5 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 14      | 6   | 2     | 6    | 30          | 27 | 14     |
| 6 | Pineapple Rovers  | 13      | 2   | 3     | 8    | 23          | 31 | 7      |
| 7 | Shafston Rovers   | 14      | 3   | 1     | 10   | 13          | 50 | 7      |
| 8 | Dinmore Wanderers | 14      | 2   | 2     | 10   | 26          | 53 | 6      |

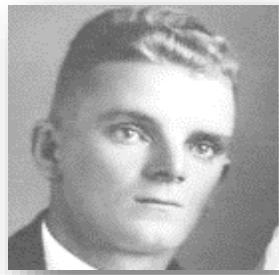




Ern Rumble



Eric Nunn



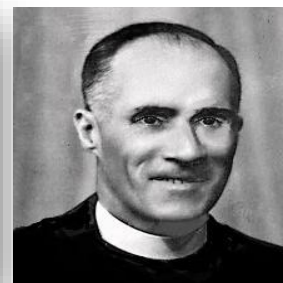
Victor Pioch



James Lindsay



Len Warrell



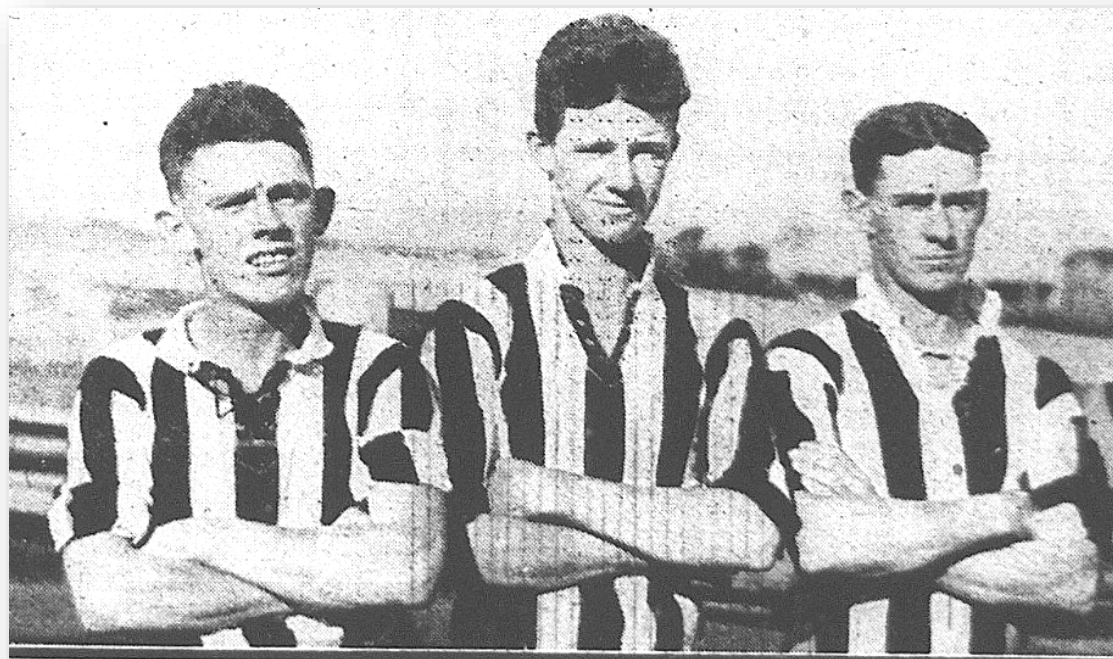
Reverend John Rundle



Arthur Burns  
(Captain)



Percy Pedley



Batneaves, Gemmell, and T. Hainsworth, who did most of the scoring at the 'Gabba last Saturday.



Cliff Gedge



E Wilson

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Dinmore Bush Rats





Jack Potts

Ern Rumble

Tom Hainsworth

George Gemmell

Robert Balneaves



No order: Alexander Burns(Captain) George Gemmell, Cliff Gedge, E Wilson  
James Lindsay, Len Warrell, Victor Pioch, Jack Potts, G McGeecham, Ern Rumble

**4<sup>th</sup> March** *Queensland Times* (95)

## **Readmission of the Ipswich Soccer Clubs**

*The terms of the settlement for the readmission of the Ipswich Soccer Clubs, Bundanba. Blackstone, and Bush Rats, were approved by a special general meeting of the Queensland Football Association, tonight, by 17 votes to eight Mr. Stair (Shafston Rovers) moved that the agreement in the Secretary's report be accepted, with the exception of Clause 5, which provided that Ipswich Clubs should all be placed on the same footing in regard to the payment of 30/ towards the train fares of Brisbane clubs travelling to Ipswich. Mr. J. Clark (Dinmore) seconded the motion. Mr J Robertson (Wynnum) moved as an amendment that the recommendation of the Management Committee be accepted. Mr A Cornelius (Pineapple Rovers) seconded the amendment, which was carried by 17 votes to eight A further amendment that the recommendation of the management committee be accepted with the addition of the words, "If they so desire." to Clause 4, which provided that the West Moreton Clubs be exempt from the Tristram Shield fixtures, was carried. Mr. A. Stephenson's motion that the Referees' Union should have representation on the management committee was rejected. His Honour (Mr. Chief Justice Blair. was elected Patron of the Association, and the Mayor of Brisbane (Ald. W A Jolly), and Mr. T. McWilliam were appointed vice-Patrons. It was decided that privileges be granted to senior clubs to bring first grade junior players under their control*

**31<sup>st</sup> March** *Queensland Times* (96)

## **New offside rule**

*Those who go to the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Saturday will be able to get their first glimpse of the way the new off-side rule works in premiership fixtures. The general opinion seems to be that footer will be speeded up, and that there will be more goals. It will be interesting to see how a team like Thistle, which relies more on science than speed, will be effected by this acceleration in the game. Mr. A. F. Jackson (Chairman of the management committee, and ex Australian referee) expects "surprises galore" on Saturday, "One naturally expects sensations from clubs like Bush Rats and Pineapple Rovers under the speeding up process of the new off side law," he said yesterday. "Thee rule will certainly bring more goals in its train. A team possessing two fast wing men and two inside forwards who have tile brains to hold the ball and draw the defence before passing to the 'speed merchants' will score many goals." Mr. Johnny Peebles (ex-Australian right half) declared that the defences would have to work harder than before. "My opinion," he said, "Is that the game will, consequent upon more goals, be much more attractive to the spectator. There's nothing like goals to the Soccer 'fan.'*

26<sup>th</sup> May *Queensland Times* (97)

## Ipswich and West Moreton affiliation

*At last night's meeting of the Ipswich and West Moreton British Football Association, held in the Memorial Hall. The question of the eligibility of Bush Rats players for selection in the Ipswich team was further discussed. Last week a telegram was received from the Q.F.A. stating that they wished the team to meet Brisbane on June 3 to be fully representative, and, according to Mr. A. Gibb (the Ipswich representative on the Q.F.A. executive), the statement was made at the head association's meeting that, if no Bush Rats' men were selected, the Q.F.A. would pick a team. Bush Rats have been written to regarding their non-affiliation with the Ipswich and West Moreton Association, but, as the club did not hold its subsequent meeting until Monday, no reply had been received up till last night.*

*The Ipswich selection committee, comprising Messrs. A. Harley (President), R. Kemp (Secretary), and A. Gibb, meets at the end of the week to choose the Ipswich team, and if by that time Bush Rats fail to reply satisfactorily the club automatically forfeits the rights of its players to consideration. At Monday night's meeting of the Q.F.A., Mr. A. E. Hudson (referees reported that he had sent H Seeney (Dinmore) and C McGovern (Thistle) off the field at Dinmore, last Saturday. He also stated that he had to caution the home linesman, M.V. Coleman. Secretary of the Dinmore Club, for having urged the players to use unfair tactics. After hearing the explanations of the Referee the linesmen and the two players concerned, the Management Committee suspended Seeney until August 16 and McGovern to 31st. It was decided to also suspend Coleman from taking any part in football for the remainder of the season. The Captain of the Dinmore Club, J. Clark, is to be asked to appear before the Management Committee next Monday night. A motion was carried as follows- "That the Dinmore Club be written to, and warned that unless they keep their players and also spectators under better control, their ground will be closed."*



(Soldiers Memorial Hall)

**25<sup>th</sup> November** *Queensland Times* (98)

## **40<sup>th</sup> Annual British Football Association meeting Record year**

*The annual meeting of the Queensland Football Association was held in Brisbane last night Mr A Jackson presiding. There was a large attendance of delegates including all Representatives of the senior West Moreton*

### **Annual Report**

*Never in its history has soccer in Brisbane and West Moreton attracted such keen public interest stated the Executive and Management Committee in the introduction to their 40th annual report. "The season just concluded being the most successful on record both from a football and a financial viewpoint. More than a 40 per cent average increase in the gate takings at club fixtures at the headquarters the Brisbane Cricket Ground compared with the previous season's figures is noted, and this not only reflects a wonderful improvement in the standard of play in the metropolis, but also indicates that the publicity accorded the game has borne fruit*

*The Q.F.A. has the distinction of being the first football body in Queensland, if not Australia, to give publicity to its forthcoming fixtures through the agency of radio, and the Executive and Management Committee in this regard desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable help rendered to them by the Manager of the Queensland Radio Service, Mr. J.W. Robinson. "The report disclosed that 16 clubs participated in the senior competitions controlled by the Management Committee. and a total of 322 players was registered, as compared with 325 last season and 428 in 1924. Negotiations between the Management Committee and representatives of the Ipswich clubs concerned culminated in the readmission of Bush Rats Blackstone Rovers, and Bundamba Rangers' Football Clubs to the first division premiership competition. The Inter district rivalry thus created proved a notable contribution to the season's success. The season opened on April 3 and closed with a special Ambulance Cup fixture on September 25.*

*The competitions resulted as follow-First division premiership, Blackstone Rovers; second division premiership, St Helens: Tristram Shield, Blackstone Rovers; Q.F.A. Special knock-out competition Thistle: Ambulance Cup. Thistle; Austral Cup (second division, special knock-out competition) St. Helens. The Management Committee placed on record its thanks to the firm of Tristram Ltd., for its annual gift of medals for the winners of the Tristram Shield. The committee regretted that its action in seeking to establish a special "right to challenge" competition in conjunction with the first division premiership*



1927

## Bundamba Rangers

### Champions

**Seniors:** Alexander Burns(Captain) Cliff Gedge, Les Jeffrey, Col Warrell, \*Harold Barwick, Eric Nunn, Henry Seeney, Len Warrell John Hainsworth, Tom Hainsworth, Robert Balneaves, Alfred Pedley, Vic Hamilton, Cradoc Evans, Jack Potts, Alec Stewart,, E Wilson

**Senior B:** Andrew Tait, Thomas Tait, Victor Pioch, Matthew Bognuda, Alec Stewart, George Gemmell, Richard Noble, Edwin Hallelwell James Lucas (Captain) William. Nunn, Norman Kruger, C Coleman, David Coleman, Thomas Coleman,

**Juniors** William McClurg, Henry Bognuda, William Stirling, Joseph McCrea, Reece Fountaine, \*Col Smith, James Bailey, Colin Young William Cooke, Arthur Wilson, John Burton, Joseph Jeffrey, James Lindsay A Smith, William, R Bucknall, Henry Webb

**Junior Minor:** George Adcock, \*Henry Randolph, Martin Randolph, Norman Randolph, Victor Bognuda, Alfred Fish, L Lynch Stephen Bavister, Edward Mainprice, G Murphy, Eric Dawes, Joseph Jordan, David Love, D. Evans, J Smith.

\*WW2 Veteran

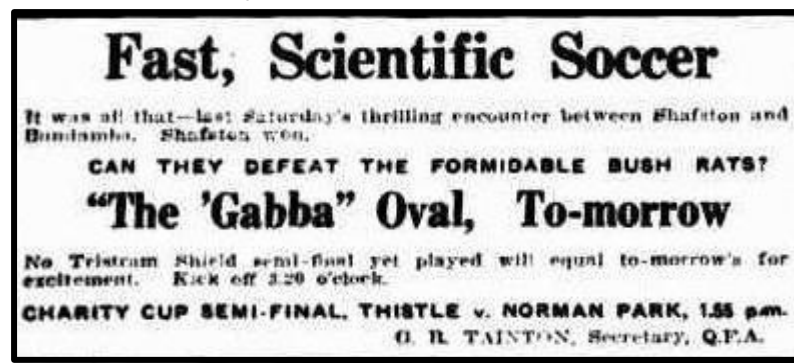
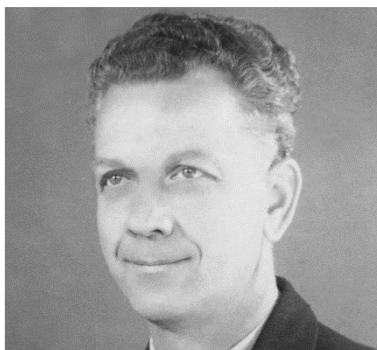
\*Seventy players registered

**Patron:** J Rumble

**President:** Matthew Bailey

**Secretary:** J G. McIlwraith

**Treasurer:** Alfred Thomas Hudson



Harold Barwick would become Secretary of the Q.S.F.A manage Queensland and Australian teams for many years

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|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | Bundamba Rangers  | 14      | 10  | 2     | 2    | 43  | 18      | 22     |
| 2 | Shafston Rovers   | 14      | 8   | 2     | 4    | 42  | 26      | 18     |
| 3 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 14      | 7   | 2     | 5    | 25  | 22      | 16     |
| 4 | Blackstone Rovers | 14      | 4   | 6     | 4    | 32  | 30      | 14     |
| 5 | Thistle           | 14      | 6   | 2     | 6    | 26  | 28      | 14     |
| 6 | Latrobe           | 14      | 6   | 1     | 7    | 30  | 25      | 13     |
| 7 | Norman Park       | 14      | 3   | 3     | 8    | 26  | 48      | 9      |
| 8 | St Helens         | 14      | 1   | 4     | 9    | 21  | 48      | 6      |



Joseph Jordan

**9<sup>th</sup> February** *Queensland Times* (99)

## **37th Annual meeting**

*The 37th annual meeting of the Bush Rats Football Club, which was held at Dinmore on Monday, agreed to a suggestion by the Chairman (Mr. A. T. Hudson) that Bush Rats and Dinmore Wanderers' Clubs should amalgamate.*

*A deputation is to wait on Wanderers with a view to securing this end. The meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic held by the club. In answer to special invitations, several prominent citizens were present, also intending players of all ages, and a good gathering of ladies. The Dinmore Wanderers' Club ? as represented by three delegates, who had been invited to attend. In all, about 60 were present. Mr. A. T. Hudson was voted to the chair. Mr. Hudson said he was pleased to see so many present. The main idea of the meeting was to arouse greater interest in the forthcoming season. He, with others, thought that there was room in the place for only one club, and that was the reason that the Wanderers' delegates had been invited to attend. The financial report showed that the income last season was £86/12/31 and the expenses £68/16/11, leaving a credit balance of £32/15/41. The report was adopted. The Chairman submitted the following proposals, which were unanimously carried*

*"That the property and finances of the club be vested in a Management Committee (to be elected), comprising prominent residents and players." "That the club be known as Dinmore Bush Rats' Football Club." Mr. A. Darker, in supporting both proposals, endorsed the Chairman's remarks in regard to running the one club. He thought it was for the advancement of the game, and both clubs concerned. Several others spoke in support of the proposals. Mr. D. Stewart, of the Dinmore Wanderers, said he, with two of his club colleagues, Messrs. L. Jeffrey and. H. Seeney., were present in response to the Invitation from the Bush Rats' Club. He could not talk officially, as his club had not met to discuss the question of the amalgamation of both clubs. He suggested that a deputation be sent to interview Dinmore Wanderers on the subject. it was ultimately decided that a deputation wait on the Wanderers, with a view to the amalgamation of both clubs.*

*The following officers were elected. Patron, Mr J. Rumble; President, Mr Mat Bailey sen Secretary, Mr. J. G. McIlwraith. Treasurer, Mr. A. T. Hudson. A committee of management of 27 was elected. Two trustees were appointed to take charge of all finances and to operate in conjunction with the Secretary and Treasurer Messrs. A. Darker and T. Hainsworth were elected Auditors.*

*It was decided that an endeavour be made to form teams for all grades. A Ladies' Committee, comprising 10 members, was formed by those present. The meeting, which was the largest and most enthusiastic held in Dinmore. closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman*

**29<sup>th</sup> August Daily Standard (100)**

## **Tristram Shield Semi final**

### **Bush Rats 4 vs Shafston Rovers 1**

*Having the previous Saturday beat the premiere, Bundanba, hip and high, Shafston Rovers 4-1 victory over Bush Rats in the Tristram Shield final at the Gabba on Saturday was nothing more than most of us had expected, Latrobe, following their. 3-1 defeat of Toombul in tho replay at Nundah, will play Thistle at the Gabba on Saturday next for the privilege of meeting Shafston In tho final.*

*The Kangaroo Point team are making such a bold.bid for the coveted shield, reproducing all the pace and cleverness and go ahead methods typical of real cup tie teams' that one cannot see them being beaten in the final.*

*In a spirited struggle Shafston. Rovers, from tho outset of their game with Bush Rats played like winners. Their pace, their snappy, long passing game, and forceful methods, early proved disconcerting to the Bush Rats defence. A strong breeze, too, assisted Shafston not a little. Bush Rats. greatest weakness was in tho forward line. It lacked that punch one usually associates with West Moreton teams. On the wings Seeney and Balneaves were seemingly bottled up by the Shafston defence, and tho inside men, T, Hainswovth, V. Hamilton, and C. Warrell, lacked support and failed accordingly. It was a dangerous inside trio Bush Rats had put In tho field, and Hamilton's goal, the result of a quick, unexpected, surprise shot, from a well placed pass by Warrell, reminded one a lot of the days when he helped Blackstone win both the premiership and Tristram Shield.*



**12<sup>th</sup> September** *Queensland Times* (101)

## **Challenge Cup Final**

### **Bush Rats 1 vs Bundamba Rangers 3**

*In a game which was brisk and entertaining, though by no means cleverly played, Bundamba Rangers defeated Bush Rats by three goals to one in the final of the Challenge Cup at Ebbw Vale on Saturday.*

*For practically the whole period Rats were playing with 10 men, and after the first 20 minutes were the equal of their opponents. Rangers took the lead through Newman about 10 minutes after the start, flier Burns had just saved a hot shot from the same player. Rate previously had lost the services of Jeffrey, who sustained an injury to the head, Rangers were the aggressors, and their left wing pair, Jarvis and Long, were very dangerous. It was not long before Newman put them two up, and a beautiful cross from Hawkins which would have found the net, was converted by Newman.*

*Thanks to fine disposing play by Lebetter, and the able backing he got from Kitching, P. Pedley, and Harris Rangers held Rats in check. Hamilton showed some enterprise when he cleverly beat two opponents and dashed for goal, but his effort came to an end with Lotz running out, driving the ball against him, and its rebounding out of play. Burns was sound in Rat's goal, and several times saved. Rangers goal had a narrow shave when A. Pedley drove, with power and direction, and the leather cannoned off Lebetter for a corner.*

*At half time Rangers were leading 3-0. The second half opened briskly. In the first minute Burns saved from Newman, and then Hawkins hit the upright with a hard drive. At the other end Lotz well saved a fine shot by Balneaves. Play was lively, and in one raid by Rats J. Hainsworth drove splendidly on the run, Lotz saving. Rats 10 men were putting up a good fight all defence, Balneaves and the Hainsworth's doing splendidly. Hales, Lebetter, and Newman were the pick of Rangers, but then there were no weak links in the whole combination. At 10 minutes from time Nunn received an injury to the leg and could take no further part in the play. Seeney went into Rats goal and Burns played in the field. Lotz punched out from a corner well placed by J. Hainsworth. Just afterwards Rats were awarded a penalty. This was taken by E. Nunn, who stopped at the second attempt. Hales was given his marching orders for using abusive language.*

*The game ended shortly afterwards with Rangers leading 3-1.*

*The teams were Bush Rats: A. Burns, Jeffrey, and Seeney; C. Warrell, L. Warrell, and E. Nunn; J. Hainsworth, T. Hainsworth, Hamilton, A. Pedley, and Balneaves*

*Bundamba Rangers: Lotz; Oliver, and Hales P. Pedley, Lebetter, and Kitching; Hawkins, Nunn, Newman., Bong, and Jarvis. "referee Mr. D. Johnston.*



Vic Hamilton



2<sup>nd</sup> December *Queensland Times*

## Donation for new ground by Victor Bognuda

*Mr J G. McIlwraith (Hon Secretary of Dinmore-Bush Rats Soccer Club), in his 'annual report; mentions the generosity of Mr. V. Bognuda in placing £80 at the committee's disposal to enable the purchase of the club's own ground.*

*The club finished the year with a credit balance of £40 12s 8d." Although the teams," says the report, "were not successful in winning any trophies, they nevertheless performed more than creditably, The First Division team being third in the Brisbane competition, the Second Division team, runners up, and the junior and junior minor fourth and fifth respectively in West Moreton competitions*

### THE MID-WEEK SPORTS-REFEREE, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1927.—(PAGE 19.)

To give some idea of the support that is behind the "Rats" this season, although steps have been taken to improve the playing ground, the management committee were not at all satisfied with the layout and the soil, &c., and negotiations were in progress to purchase the old Reliance ground, where the old Bush Rats made history. £80 was asked for the ground, and before many hours had passed a member of the committee, Mr. Victor Bognuda, came forward, and said to our secretary: "£80 they want for that ground, is it?" "Yes," replied our secretary; "that's it." "Well," said our friend,

"here's £30, go and pay for it, and get it in the name of the 'Dinmore Bush Rats Football Club,' and pay me back when you get it." This is the spirit that is prevalent in Dinmore at the present time, and it goes to show the confidence that is behind the local talent. £15 was put into the Czecho-Slovakian loan by the club. In the running of the four teams, it is costing the club approximately £70.

1928

**Bundamba Rangers**  
**Champions**  
**Dinmore Bush Rats Tristram Shield Winners**

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Alfred Pedley(Captain) Cec Coleman Cliff Cedge, Les Jeffrey, Eric Petie Roy Wiemer, Len Warrell, Harold Barwick, Henry Seeney, Col Warrell, James Henderson, Frederick Nunn Eric Nunn, William Sander, Robert Balneaves

**\*Eric Nunn, Alf Pedley Col Warrell represented Queensland**

**Patron:** David Gledson, M.L.A

**President:** Victor Bognuda

**Treasurer:** Alfred Thomas Hudson

**Secretary:** J C McIlwraith

**Trustees:** J. M. Gilmore and Alec Stewart



J C McIlwraith



Henry Seeney



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| 1 | Bundamba Rangers  | 15      | 13  | 1     | 1    | 48  | 20      | 27     |
| 2 | Latrobe           | 13      | 9   | 1     | 3    | 42  | 15      | 19     |
| 3 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 13      | 8   | 1     | 4    | 36  | 23      | 17     |
| 4 | Thistle           | 14      | 6   | 2     | 6    | 21  | 42      | 14     |
| 5 | Pineapple Rovers  | 14      | 6   | 1     | 7    | 38  | 43      | 13     |
| 6 | Blackstone Rovers | 13      | 6   | 0     | 7    | 53  | 32      | 12     |
| 7 | Norman Park       | 14      | 5   | 2     | 7    | 28  | 26      | 12     |
| 8 | Brisbane City     | 13      | 3   | 0     | 10   | 17  | 56      | 6      |
| 9 | Wynnum            | 13      | 0   | 2     | 11   | 16  | 42      | 2      |

**3<sup>rd</sup> February** *Queensland Times* (102)

## **Annual meeting**

*The annual meeting of the Dinmore Bush Rats Football Club, was held In the Alliance Hall, Dinmore. on Friday.*

*There was a large attendance. The election of officers resulted as follows. -Patron, Mr. D. A. Gledson, M.L.A., president, Mr. V Bognuda, treasurer. Mr. A. Hudson, secretary, Mr. J. C. McIlwraith, trustees, Messrs. J. M. Gilmore and A Stewart senior Twenty members were appointed to the committee.*

*The balance sheet showed a profit of approximately £560. A total of £319 was handled during the season, £189 being spent on football, and £80 in the purchase of a park. It was decided that in future payment would be made to players, It was considered that the club was in the position to do this and it was hoped that by this mean sufficient inducement would be given players to make themselves more proficient, and In turn that this would be the means of creating added interest in the game, from the spectators view*

**29<sup>th</sup> April** *Sunday Mail* (103)

## **Redbank Colliery disaster**

*Two teams at full strength afforded patrons of the match at Dinmore wherc Bush Rats were at home to Norman Park, an exhibition of Soccer that was clean and clever. The home 11 wore black armbands as a mark of respect to their late manager and trainer, Mr. G. Howell. who was a victim in the recent. Redbank colliery disaster*

**September 17** *Queensland Times* (104)

**Tristram Shield Final** (September 15)

**Bush Rats 2 vs Thistle 1**

*Thistle and Bush Rats met at the Cricket Ground this afternoon, in the final for the Tristram Shield. Teams.*

*Thistle. -Perrotte; Cumberford and Park; Palmer; Martin, and Teasdale: Weir, Casey, Bentley, -Steel, and Stone.*

*Bush Rats: Saunders; Jeffrey, and Petie; F. Nunn, L. Warrell, and E. Nunn; Kruger, Pedley. Seeney. C. Warrell, and Henderson. Referee: Mr. A. Ireland*

*Cumberford won the toss, and had the wind in his favour in the first half. although the sun was a handicap against the Thistle team. The game opened at a solid pace, and both goals were soon menaced. After three minutes the Rats attacked strongly, and, in trying to clear, Perotte was knocked out. Whilst he was on the ground, the Rats made a big effort to shoot into the unguarded goal, and would have succeeded, had not Park headed out from under the bar. The Rats came again, and the Thistle defence had a strenuous time.*

*The Ipswich men came again, and Perotte made a fine save. Kruger had a good opportunity to open the score, but he centred. Instead of shooting, and the chance was lost, At the other end Palmer won the plaudits of the crowd by persistent play.*

*The defence of both sides was having a rare tussle with the fast moving forwards, Casey and Bentley came close to beating Saunders, who, however, was well on the alert. After 20 minutes Bush Rats opened the score. Kruger got away on the wing, and shot. Perotte only made a partial save, and the leather fell at the feet of three Ipswich forwards, who were standing only a few yards out. To C. Warrell fell the good fortune of tapping the ball into the unguarded net. Five minutes after the Rats' success, Thistle should have drawn level. Stone put in a brilliant shot, which was equally brilliantly parried by Saunders. The ball fell at the feet of Casey, who was ideally placed for a simple goal, but the Thistle man disgusted his supporters by shooting wide. It was a bad miss.*

*When the Rats got away they were a dangerous lot, and the Thistle goal was having a series of sensational escapes. Perotte obviously sick after his nasty knock earlier on, and could not give of his best. As half time drew near, Thistle fought desperately for the equaliser, but the Rats' defence was never seen to better advantage. When next the Rats came through, Teasdale relieved brilliantly.*



*One minute from half time, Stone, who was doing finely put across two lovely centres, and, from the second Palmer had little difficulty equalling. It was really Stone's goal. This put great heart into the Thistle, and a hot raid should have ended in Casey putting his side ahead. His shot, however, was wide of the mark.*

*At half time the scores were: Thistle one, Bush Rats, one. Although Perotte was in great pain due to a kick in the chest, he insisted on resuming. Thistle at once pressed; and the pace again was a solid one. The Thistle goal had an escape when Seeney skimmed the bar with a header, from a corner, well then on the right wing. Perotte made a great save, but the ball already had gone far offside. At length Thistle broke away, and there was a thrill when Weir got possession, and only had the goalkeeper to beat. He crossed to Stone who, unluckily, rushed in too far and headed out instead of in when Saunders had slipped and was lying prone, again the Scotsman swept down the field, and the Rats defence had many anxious moments. The result of the game was being well concealed, both forwards being menacing in turn. Seeney got the ball into the net, but the referee declared offside. A moment later the Rats came again, and Teasdale was lucky he did not succeed in handling in the penalty area.*

*The Rats pressured fiercely, and Perotte saved his side on two notable occasions. Particularly when C. Warrell shot in the angle of the net Kruger missed a real chance when Eric Nunn put right across the goal mouth. Twelve minutes from time Eric Nunn marred a fine exposition by handling in the penalty area. Steel was entrusted with the kick. but to the dismay of his side and his supporters he put the ball wide. A moment after Palmer was robbed, when the ball was put over to C. Warrell, Thistle appealed for offside, The winger went on and his low oblique shot entered the far corner of the net. It was a sensational turn in the trend of events. Bush Rats were playing as though inspired and Perotte nearly gave away a goal,*

*As the time drew near Thistle came within an ace of equalising on more than one occasion. It was one of the hardest struggles of the season. Final Bush Rats 2 Thistles 1*

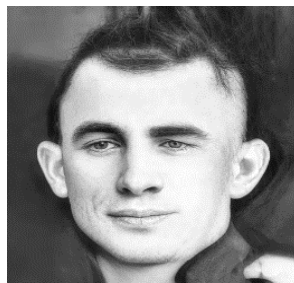




Col Warrell



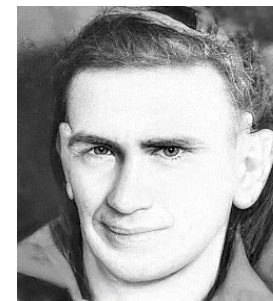
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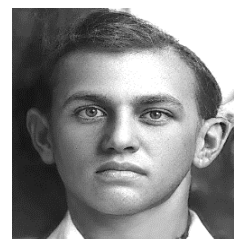
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James Henderson



George Saunders



Norman Kruger



Frederick Nunn



Eric Nunn



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**Dinmore Bush Rats  
Tristram Shield Winners**



G Howell (Trainer/Manager)

**24<sup>th</sup> December** *Queensland Times* (105)

## **Trophy presentation**

*After only a mediocre start, Bush Rats Soccer Football Club finally captured the \*Tristram Shield in this year's competition for the third time.*

*Previous to winning the trophy this year the Bush Rats had also secured It in 1922 and 1924.*

*Their success on this occasion may be attributed to the small monetary stimulus given the players, the grand organising work of Mr. McIlwraith (Secretary of the Club), and the Committee, and the strong efforts of Mr. A. Pedley, Captain of the team, to keep the team combined and well practised.*

*Mr. Pedley, as a token of their regard for his good work. was presented with a silver rosebowl by the members and the committee of his club.*

*Twelve medals donated by Mr. Tristram, were given to the club for its success. Both the shield and the present to Mr Pedley have been on display in Carter and Duncalfe's window for the last few days.*

**\*This would be the last First Division Trophy won by the club until 1950**

**The club withdrew from the Senior competition in 1930 after one round**

**The club entered for 1933 and 1934 but exited again in 1935 and would not appear again in the Senior ranks until 1946**

**The club however were successful in the Juniors**

A. PEDLEY.



This Bush Rats player will represent Queensland in the forward line against the N. S. Wales Soccer team.

H. SEENEY



Had the hat trick for Bush Rats against Blackstone on Saturday.  
A. Lettice.

**1929**

# Latrobe Champions

**Seniors:** Len Warrell(Captain) William Sander, Eric Petie, Les Jeffrey, Eric Nunn, Frederick Nunn, Harold Barwick, Tom Malcolmson  
Cec Coleman, Arthur Wilson, Eric Dawes, Henry. Seeney, Walter McDowall, Col Warrell, Alf(Spokes) Pedlcy

**Juvenile:** J Clark, \*Jim Verrall, Ronald Nunn, Norman Peck, \*Frank Corbutt, \*William Corbutt, R Webb, Robert Tait, Reginald Jordan  
\*Earlston Randolph                      \*WW2 Veteran

**Patron:** D. A Gledson (Minister for Labour and Industry)

**President:** W G. Cutler

**Secretary:** J. G. McIlwraith

**Treasurer:** H Seeney

**Trustees:** J. Stewart(Sen) J. M. Gilmour

**Auditors:** Young Cutler

**THRILLING SOCCER,**

FINAL PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION.  
TWO UNDEFEATED TEAMS.

**BUNDAMBA V. BUSH RATS.**  
KICK OFF 3.15.

GRAND CURTAIN RAISER.  
FINAL CALLOW CUP.

**WANDERERS v. NORTH-TOWN UNITED.**  
KICK OFF, 2 P.M.

Don't Miss Seeing Great Challenge Game, **SEPTEMBER 21st—**

**IPSWICH RAILWAYS v. WEST MORETON SELECT.**  
R. KEMP, Hon. Sec.



William(Pete) Sander  
(Future Queensland Manager)



Reginald Jordan



William Corbutt  
WW2 Veteran

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| 2 | Bundamba Rangers  | 14      | 7   | 3     | 4    | 32  | 21      | 17     |
| 3 | St Helens         | 14      | 6   | 4     | 4    | 35  | 26      | 16     |
| 4 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 14      | 7   | 1     | 6    | 39  | 28      | 15     |
| 5 | Pineapple Rovers  | 14      | 6   | 2     | 6    | 33  | 28      | 14     |
| 6 | Blackstone Rovers | 14      | 4   | 3     | 7    | 25  | 29      | 11     |
| 7 | Norman Park       | 14      | 4   | 2     | 8    | 23  | 36      | 10     |
| 8 | Thistle           | 14      | 1   | 3     | 10   | 16  | 63      | 5      |





William Sander



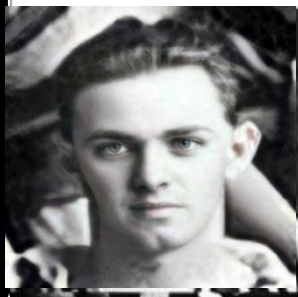
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Len Warrell



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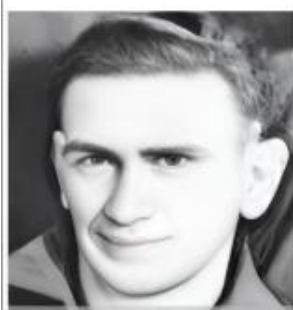
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Col Warrell



Alf Pedlcy



Harold Barwick

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Dinmore Bush Rats

No photo:Cec Coleman

**16<sup>th</sup> February** *Queensland Times* (106)

## **Annual meeting**

### **5 Shillings for a win and 2 shillings six pence a draw proposed**

*Dinmore Bush Rats Football (Soccer) Club held its annual meeting in the Alliance Hall. Dinmore, last night.*

*The large attendance of players and public augured a good season for 1929. The balance sheet disclosed a profit of £15 on the year's operations. A sum of £226 was dealt with, £211 having been spent on the purchase and improvement of the ground and the upkeep of the club, and £27 was allowed to players on the win, draw, or lose system. After purchase of a ground, now valued at £120, there remains a debt of £43. The assets of the club amount to £151 and the profit on the last two years was £101.*

*The election of officers resulted as follows-Patron, Mr. D. A. Gledson (Minister for Labour and Industry); President, Mr. I V. G. Cutler; Secretary, Mr. J. G. McIlwraith; Treasurer, Mr. H. Seeney; Trustees, Messrs. J. Stewart, sen., and J. M. Gilmour; Auditors, Messrs. Young and Cutler.*

*A committee of 28 was elected. Mr. H. Seeney was elected as delegate to the Brisbane and District Association. Delegates to the annual-meeting of the Brisbane and District Association are Messrs. J Maxwell and J. G. McIlwraith. After discussion regarding the management of Soccer football for 1929 it was unanimously decided that the club should nominate Mr. G. f. Tainton for the position of Secretary of the Brisbane and District Association.*

*The Secretary gave an outline of what was proposed for the coming year players to receive 5 / for a win and 2 / 6 for draw for all Premiership and Tristram Shield matches, and an allowance per week for injured players. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the officers of the club was proposed and carried by acclamation.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> October** *Queensland Times* (107)

## **Season review**

*Bush Rats F.C. ended the season financially sound. The club's committee has "worked hard and well throughout the season".*

*They hold their final meeting for 1929 in November. Rats, too, are out to foster a better spirit in the relations with Brisbane. Although they had a lean year in the matter of winning trophies, Rats maintained a good standard of play, thanks to the stimulus of such experienced players as "Spokes" Pedley, Eric Nunn, and Len. Warrell. They hope for better things next year.*

**1930**

## **Dinmore Bush Rats revert to a Junior club**

**Junior:** G Adcock, John Cross, G Langton, Ben Morris, J Baird, R Baird, James Burns, J Donaldson, R Donaldson, E Hickey, \*Alfred Rose  
William Grimmond, J Dapkewitch, J Bickle, William Healing, M McLaughlin, A Nunn, J Potts, C Smith, William Sneddon  
Thomas Creighton, F Burns, G Burns, T Randolph, Jim Verrall

- WW2 Veteran

**1931**

**Dinmore Bush Rats: Junior:** Thomas Campbell, David Grimmond, J Mason (Captain) Basil Nunn, Alfred Rose, Earlston Randolph

**President:** Alfred Hudson

## **1932                      Undefeated Premiers, Callow Cup and Queensland Cup Winners**

Patrick Hickey, J Burns, M McLaughlan, Jack Potts, R Donaldson, P Mills, T Sneddon, J Johnstone, W Rose, J Barns, \*Ernest Routledge  
Frank Gorman, David Grimmond, J Mason, Tait, David Campbell, McKosker, A Rose, Basil Nunn, T Campbell, Earlston Randolph  
William Malcolmson

\*WW2 Veteran

R Campbell, J Mason represented Ipswich

**President:** Alfred Hudson

In 1932 Bush Rats won the Junior Cup defeating Rosewood Ramblers 3 nil and Queensland Cup defeating Cleveland 2-1

## **4<sup>th</sup> February 1930**

David Frankland of the first Bush Rats team in 1890 becomes the  
first of that team to pass away at age 72

**8<sup>th</sup> April 1930** *Queensland Times* (108)

## **Bush Rats withdraw(Decline of Bush Rats)**

*A largely attended delegate meeting of the Ipswich and West Moreton District Football Association was held last night in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Gibb.*

*Members reported that Bush Rats, one of the oldest clubs in Queensland, had been passing through a difficult period, and the position had arisen that through lack of available senior players the club would have to be reduced to fielding a junior team. The withdrawal of Bush Rats would mean that the association would have .eight teams in senior football, providing for four games each Saturday. Mr. H. Herald (President of Thistles) expressed keen regret that the Bush Rats were withdrawing from senior football for this year. Bush Rats had a worthy tradition, and an honoured name in the football world in Queensland. The Chairman added his regrets. He highly esteemed the club, against which he had played. Bush Rats had taken beatings, and had also given many hard knocks.*

*The association keenly regretted Bush Rats' decision to withdraw. Mr J. Gilmour formally applied for the club's withdrawal from the senior competition*

**1931**

## **The Great Depression hits Qld with the unemployment rate being over 30% of the Queensland workforce**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 1932** *Queensland Times* (109)

### **Queensland Soccer Cup** (1<sup>st</sup> October 1932)

*After one of the hardest games for some time, Bush Rats defeated Cleveland, at Cooper's Plains, Brisbane, by two goals to one in the twice replayed Queensland Cup junior Soccer final.*

*There was very little between the teams on the day's showing, but Bush Rats, by superior finishing efforts, won the day. It was a great game, with the ultimate result ever in the balance. Both teams gave a first-class display, and to particularise individual players' achievements would be very hard; but special credit must be given to Mason, of Bush Rats, and Dowrie, of Cleveland, who were outstanding, having a steadying influence on their sides. Play in the opening half was very even, both 'keepers being severely tested. After 28min. play Tait scored Bush Rats' opening goal, following a great shot by Rose. At half-time Rats led by one goal to all. The second half was even more thrilling. When Peterson equalised the scores for Cleveland after 30min. play, another draw seemed imminent. However, a great tally by Bush Rats in the last 10min., in which the whole team gave a great display, brought little reward. Five minutes from full time they secured the winning goal, Tait again scoring with a great shot, following a combined forward movement. The result leaves Bush Rats with an unbeaten record for the season*



1933

## Dinmore Wanderers Champions (Ipswich and West Moreton)

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Frank Gorman, Tom Blackburn, David Grimmond, J Mason, Eric Young, Henry Randolph  
\*Lionel Murphy, Alfred Rose, J McKeown, Arthur Wilson, Ronald Nunn, Alf Pedley, Arthur Wilkins, G Thompson, E Wilson  
Henry Bognuda, \*Percy Dann, Baasil Nunn

**Juniors:** Earlston Randolph, T Randolph, R Campbell, Jim Verrall, R Webb

**Ipswich Junior Representatives:** Earlston Randolph, R Campbell, William Malcolmson, Jim Verrall

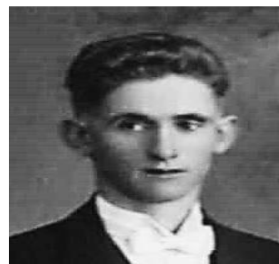
\*WW2 Veteran

**President:** Alfred Hudson

**6<sup>th</sup> April** *Queensland Times* (110)

### Bush Rats vs Booval

*The opening games of the Ipswich Football Association's season were very hard and indicated the evenness of the competing teams. Results were two draws, and win by the odd goal -a promising start which augurs well for the standard of football to be presented in 1933 A feature of Saturday's games was the win that Bush Rats, newly risen from the junior grade, secured over the senior combination, Booval Stars. The game which initiated Rats into the senior grade, was a hard, fast exhibition and thee result was a fair indication of the merits of the teams. This success should inspire the younger team and give them lots of confidence for the programme ahead*



Lionel Murphy



Henry Randolph

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| 2 | Bundamba Rangers  | 11      | 6   | 4     | 1    | 22  | 15      | 16     |
| 3 | Dinmore Wanderers | 11      | 6   | 3     | 2    | 27  | 17      | 15     |
| 4 | St Helens         | 11      | 6   | 2     | 3    | 23  | 25      | 14     |
| 5 | Bush Rats         | 11      | 4   | 0     | 7    | 15  | 24      | 8      |
| 6 | Booval Stars      | 11      | 2   | 1     | 8    | 16  | 25      | 5      |
| 7 | Blackstone Rovers | 11      | 0   | 1     | 10   | 15  | 32      | 1      |

## 1934-1937

\*Dinmore Bush Rats enters a Senior club in 1934 but forfeits after one round they will continue as a Junior club until 1937 but will fold in 1938 and not reappear until 1945 and compete in 1946

The club did however play matches in aid of the Patriotic fund during the war

### **Junior Honours: (1934) Dinmore Bush Rats Juniors Round Cup Winners**

Frank Gorman, Tom Blackburn, W Sneddon, \*Ronald Campbell, David Grimmond, Percy Dann, Benjamin Spresser, R Baird, G Thompson  
Earlston Randolph, Henry Randolph, McLaughlan, Jim. Verrell, \*Bertram Nunn, R Baird, J McKeown, Kelly, H Woolley, P Woolley  
Patrick Hickey, Arthur Wilkins, W Johnson, McCarthy, C Murphy

### **(1936) Undefeated Premiers and Round Cup Winners**

### **(1937) Undefeated Premiers, Round Shield Winners**

### **Ipswich Junior Represenatives**

(1936) Jim Verrall

(1937) **Junior Minor Shield Winners:** \*Cec Verrall, Cecil Caswell, Mervyn Evans, T Holmes,, William Dann, D McKeown, \*Merv Peck

\*WW2 Veteran



14<sup>th</sup> June 1934 *Queensland Times* (111)

## **Bush Rats' Forfeits**

*(By "Inside Left.") The action or rather inaction of the Bush Rats' Soccer Club over the last two weeks has been causing concern, not only to the local British Football Association, but to players of other clubs, and even to Soccer followers. Bush Rats is an old-established combination and should be familiar with all the rules of the game and of fixture engagements.*

*On June 2 Bush Rats were drawn to play Bundamba. When the time came for the commencement of the game, Bush Rats had only five men on the field, and the game was abandoned. It is learnt on good authority that no official report was made on the incident. The association officially was not aware that the forfeiture had occurred.*

*The Fixture Committee was a little uncertain in drawing up the fixtures for last Saturday.. It had no intimation of the intention of Bush Rats,. The committee delayed the draw as long as possible, expecting some official notification but none came. Bush Rats were drawn to play against Booval Stars in last Saturday's fixture matches, but it is understood that, on Saturday morning, or probably on Friday, word was sent from them to their opponents to the effect that they would be forfeiting the game. Bush Rats accordingly put in no appearance, and the match went on a forfeit to Stars.*

*The club should know that it must furnish notice to the association of intention to forfeit, so that it can be recorded officially, but the club has failed to comply with that rule. The association held a meeting on Monday night, and amongst other things discussed the attitude adopted by Bush Rats. Fixtures for the following Saturday are generally drawn up on Monday nights, but this week the association considered that Bush Rats could be given a chance during the week to intimate officially their intentions.*

*Not long after the commencement of the season their junior team withdrew from the competition, it is believed for the purpose of augmenting the senior team. Apparently that move also has had negative results, and the Bush Rats find themselves unable to find sufficient members to constitute a teams. If that is the real case, then the least thing that the club. can do is to notify the association. The association is holding another, meeting tonight, when members expect to receive some word from Bush Rats*

**16<sup>th</sup> June 1934** *Queensland Times* (112)

## **Bush Rats forfeit**

### **Letter to the editor**

*To that little band of Bush Rats supporters who have put up a hard fight to try to establish a Senior team at Dinmore and have failed 'Inside Lefts' paragraph under the heading "Bush Rats forfeit" in last Thursday's issue of the Queensland Times must have come as a stab. Soccer, which is on the decline, would have benefited if 'Inside Left' had given a few lines of praise to Bush Rats for their efforts, instead of contributing, half a column on their failure to field teams, inaction, and breaking of rules*

*Now, if "Inside Left" is finished with Bush Rats and is still kept on the question of breaking rules and inaction why not deal with the recent alleged poaching of a Bush Rats player by Dinmore Wanderers, the subsequent complaint by Bush Rats, the evidence of both sides, the derision of the association, and what action it intends to take. Let the Soccer public judge for themselves if Bush Rats are "the only rule breakers, and inactive body, 'an whether or not Bush Rats have been justly condemned and given a fair deal, as this is one of the reasons why Bush Rats have failed to fulfil their obligations*

*Yours, ' "IN THE DARK*

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 1935** *Queensland Times* (113)

*Just now is the right time to revive some of the old Soccer teams whose names at times have been household words in this district. What about senior teams from Blackstone and Bush Rats Is there room to elevate to senior rank that excellent junior team that did so well against the New South Wales lads*



**26<sup>th</sup> March 1936** *Queensland Times*

## **Junior Association formed**

**Dinmore Bush Rats John Maxwell appointed first President  
(J Maxwell would be President until 1946)**



*Mr. Maxwell has been an energetic supporter of junior Soccer In the Ipswich district for many years. having been connected with all movements for the advancement of this section of the game. He has been Chairman of junior committees, and, has represented the younger player. at all delegate meetings In Brisbane. For eight or nine years he was Secretary of the Bush Rats, and for the past 12 years has been a member of the executive of the senior association.*

*Last night the control of junior Soccer in the Ipswich district was vested in a newly-formed junior association, Mr. J. Maxwell, Dinmore, who for many years has been associated with junior football, was appointed the first President.*

*The object of forming the new body was in order that a properly constituted junior association might affiliate with the recently formed Queensland Junior Football Association to organise junior football throughout the State. The Chairman, explaining the proposal. thought it would assist the game tremendously provided they gave the project their wholehearted support. He was pleased with the attendance, and appealed to all delegates for their lively interest In the scheme, of which he invited a thorough examination. He said Mr. Maxwell had represented the Junior clubs at the Queensland Association meetings. There would be a Queensland cup for competition, and probably teams would visit the district from the North and South. It was entirely in the hands to members to make a success of the scheme. Mr. T. Smith recalled that a Junior association had been in existence about nine years ago. Mr. Maxwell reported on his activities in connection with the formation of the Queensland Soccer Junior Association.*

*Ipswich delegates to the meeting which formed this new body were Messrs. W. Burton and T. Smith, with himself, Brisbane also Having three representatives. Mr. T. Conway was informed that the junior body would not be under the jurisdiction of the senior body, but the latter would expect affiliation. Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. T. C. Johnston, moved that a junior association, to be styled the Ipswich and West Moreton Junior Football Association, be formed. The Chairman explained in reply to a question that the new body would be able to send three representatives to the Queensland Junior Association, and two from the latter body would be appointed to the Queensland Soccer Council..*

*After a short debate the motion was carried unanimously, and the Chairman congratulated the junior players on their decision. In New South Wales the movement was strong, and, as an illustration, the church league had 110 teams playing. The association would have full control of junior football. Mr. J. Maxwell was elected president. Mr. Gibb thought the meeting had made a wise selection, and under his guidance he did not doubt that the association would prosper.*

**27<sup>th</sup> July 1936** *Queensland Times*

Original Bush Rats team player William Bailey passes away at age 67

**12<sup>th</sup> November 1937**

Original Bush Rats team player Joe Jeffrey who first played at age 17 passes away at age 75

**1939** Original Bush Rats team player Robert Campbell passes away at age of 68

**26<sup>th</sup> June 1940**

Original Bush Rats team player John Besgrove passes away at age 81

**4<sup>th</sup> January 1941**

Original Bush Rats team player Matthew Bailey passes away at age 79

**30st August 1941** *Queensland Times* (114)

### **Patriotic Game**

*Considered to be a first class combination a Chinese team, picked from the Chinese residents of Brisbane, will oppose a strong Bush Rats eleven on Sunday at Bundamba.*

*The game, which is in the nature of a challenge (the proceeds to go to patriotic funds) is expected to attract a large attendance.*

*Bush Rats: Ron Campbell, Ken Campbell, J Wilson, J Howell, William Malcomson, J McKeown, J Smith, Thomas Young, Col Smith, Tholmes, Leslie Peck S Stewart*

**1942** Original Bush Rats team player John Campbell passes away at age of 75

1945

## Dinmore Bush Rats reform

**(President)** Frank Corbett

**(Vice President)** Richard Jackson

**(Treasurer)** W Evans

**(Secretary)** Albertus Duyvelshoff

**(Committee)** Thomas Young, Walter Nunn, Jim Verrall, Ernie Verrall, G Winterbottom, D McClurg, J C Lawrie, W Thomson  
Henry Randolph

13<sup>th</sup> September *Queensland Times* (115)

### Death of Alexander(Arthur 'Mick')Burns

*In the death of Alexander (Mick) Burns of Dinmore, Soccer has lost one of its most sincere supporters and one of its grandest exponents of a generation ago, when the round ball code was passing through its brightest era. "Mick," as he was known to Soccer supporters--both young and old--will be remembered as a Bush Rats forward, and later as a full-back. He represented Ipswich and Queensland. He was one of a family of sportsmen. whose first love was for the round ball game. Garnet, a brother. wore the Queensland Jersey at Soccer, also represented the State at foot-running Jack ("Aces") played for Queensland at Soccer. whilst Francis also represented the State in the code. The Burns record in Soccer has been a grand one. Of "Mick," a supporter of the day said he was "one of the most honest players in the State." No higher tribute could be paid. His death occurred at 40 years of age after a long illness. The funeral took place to the Ipswich Cemetery on Monday.*

Albertus Duyvelshoff



**A PUBLIC MEETING**  
WILL BE HELD IN THE  
**Dinmore State School,**  
on  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24,**  
AT 7.30 P.M.  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING  
MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL COM-  
MITTEES OF **BUSH RATS** SOCCER  
FOOTBALL CLUB.  
Roll up and Support Your Local Boys.

**2<sup>nd</sup> October** *Queensland Times* (116)

## **Public Meeting**

*Residents of Dinmore attended In full force on Monday night for a public meeting to form the Bush Rats Soccer team.*

*Mr.W.Thomson opened the meeting. Officers elected were: President, Mr. F. Corbutt Secretary, Mr. A. Duyvelshoff; Treasurer, Mr. H. Evans. Committee, Messrs.T.Young,W. Nunn J.Verrall, E.Verrall, G.Winterbottom, D. McClurg, J. C. Lawrie.W.Thomson, and H. Randolph. It was decided players' sweaters should be the same as those of the old Bush Bats, black and white in horizontal stripes. Mr. J. C. Lawrie promised to donate the Soccer ball to be used in the first game*

*It was decided to approach Mr.W. Haenke when he returned from holidays, about a block of land for playing.*

*Members of the Ladies Social Committee formed are: Mesdames E.Verrall. H. Evans. J. C. Lawrie, G.Winterbottom, R.Young W.Thomson, H.W. Randolph, R. D. Randolph, M. E.Young. and Misses G. Randolph and G. Maxwell. Mr. G.Winterbottom and Mr.W.Thom son were elected Auditors. Cr. Lock congratulated the residents on the interest they had taken in the formation of The club. Donations received were: R. Evans 5 / . H. Chandler :. M. Lock 10 / - A. Duyvelshoff 10 / - H.Verrall 5 / - H.W. Randolph 5 / - F. Corbutt 5 / - T. Morris 10 / - R D. Randolph 5 / - T Morris 5 / - K.Thomson 5 / - . L. Verrall 6 / - W.Thomson 5 / - Mrs H. C.Young 6 / Mr. F. Corbutt thanked everybody for kind co operation*

**27<sup>th</sup> October** *Queensland Times* (117)

## **New field**

*The Rats of Dinmore in preparation for their re entry into Ipswich district Soccer fixtures, Dinmore Bush Rats are busily engaged in preparing of another field' as headquarters.*

*This time it is on the Brisbane road, a few hundred yards past the Dinmore station. Grubbing and levelling is in progress, and there appear to be plenty of willing hands for the task.*

*Integrating theory as to how the Black and Whites got the name they have carried to Soccer heights in the past is given by Ern Rumble, Rats and Queensland Inside right, who played between Tom and John Hainsworth.*

*He said that many years ago, when the club was preparing one of its other playing areas, members worked till well after dark. "Come on, we'd better go home." said one of their number. "otherwise people will think we are bush rats." Since then the name has stuck and always has meant something in the Soccer world.*



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## Dinmore Bush Rats Junior Minor Winners of Premiership(Cribb and Foote Cup) and Callow Cup

**Seniors Second Division:** Norm Follett, Les Webb, Henry Randolph, Morris Dawes, Col Verrall, Cec Verrall, Dave Bailey, Merv Peck, Ron Coleman, Keith McKeand, \*John Topping, \*James Morris, Keith Maxwell, Tom McClurg, Lindsay Bucknall, M Hansen, Walter Nunn, Eric McKeand, M Follett

**Juniors/Junior Minor:** K Miller, Robert Miller, Evan Wedmaier, Alan Verrall, Les Verrall, Allan Smith, D Holland, Willys Humphreys, Albertus Duyvelshoff, Gerald Duyvelshoff, H Duyvelshoff, Thomas Nunn, Tom Morris, Bert Randolph, Harry Wiggins, J Wiggins, Alfred Hansell, H Gemmell, Robert Gemmell, Mervyn Brewer, Ron Campbell, K Thompson, Maurice Hansell, D. Smith, Daniel McClurg, Noel Kitching, Noel Wilson, Dave Morris, John Morris R Campbell, John Norman

\*WW2 Veteran

*Mervyn Brewer, H Gemmell, Keith Maxwell, John Morris, Harry Wiggins, J Wiggins R Campbell, Willys Humphries (Captain) B Campbell, K Miller R Miller, Dave Morris, Bert Randolph, Allan Verrall, H Verrall, Les Verrall represent Ipswich Juniors Keith Maxwell represents Queensland Juniors*

**\*Dave Bailey became a life member of St Helens**

**\* Represented Ipswich\***

**(President)** Frank Corbett

**(Vice President)** Richard Jackson

**(Treasurer)** W Evans

**(Secretary)** Albertus Duyvelshoff

**D**ANCE. Dinmore Hall, Friday,  
February 1st, in aid Bush Rats  
Soccer Club. Mrs. Hodgkinson's Band.  
Admission 1/3. c573

**A**LL intending players and support-  
ers of Bush Rats' Soccer Club are  
invited to attend a General Meeting.  
to be held in Dinmore School, Febru-  
ary 12, at 7.30 p.m. c616



**1946**

**Dinmore Bush Rats**

Back row: ----, Les Webb, Norm Follett, ----, ---- Walter Nunn, Keith McKeand

Front row: ----, Lindsay Bucknall, Ron Campbell, Dave Bailey, Merv Peck

**Junior  
Champions**

**-1946-**

**Dinmore Bush Rats**

Junior Minor Winners of Premiership and Callow Cup



Back Row(L-R):Robert Miller,Evan Wedmaier,Les Verrall,Allan Smith,John Morris

Second Row:Richard Jackson (Vice President) D Holland,Willys Humphreys,Gerald Duyvelshoff,Thomas Nunn,T Morris

Sitting:W Evans(Treasurer) Ron Campbell,Alan Verrall (Captain) Frank Corbett (President) Dave Morris,Bert Randolph,Albertus Duyvelshoff (Secretary)





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## **Dinmore Bush Rats**

### **B Senior**

Back Row (L-R): Norm Follett, Keith McKeand, Lou Webb, Walter Nunn, Henry Randolph

Second Row: ---, Maurice. Dawes, Cec Verrall, Linesman, Linesman, Lindsay Bucknall, Richard Jackson (Vice President)

Front Row: Albertus Duyvelshoff (Secretary) Col Verrall, Dave Bailey Frank Corbett (President) Merv Peck, Ron Coleman, W Evans (Trainer)

Other Players: John Topping, Jim Morris, Mervyn Brewer, Keith Maxwell, L Verrall

Source Private collection Lost Ipswich

1947

## Dinmore Bush Rats Second Division Undeclared Premiers

**Seniors:** \*Maurice Dawes, Cec. Verrall, Merv. Peck, \*Col Verrall, Keith Skellern, Les Webb, Lou Webb, Norm Follett, Dave Bailey Keith McKeand, Les Webb, Des Wishart. Gordon Peck, Ivor Howells, John Topping, M Davies (Coach Dick Jackson)

**A Junior:** Alan Verrall, Stewart Hill, M Chalk, Mervyn Brewer. Alfred Hansell, Ron Irving, J Richards, Lloyd Verrall, Harry Wiggins R Strathie, Keith Maxwell, John Norman, Frederick Bucknall, Lindsay Bucknall, Bert Randolph Henry Randolph

**B. Junior** D. Holland, Daniel McClurg, David Strathie, A Miller, Ernest Duyvelshoff, R Fowler, R Maxwell, Eric Follett, C Gray, Don Young Thomas Young, D Ihle, S Malcolmson, J O'Dwyer Thomas Nunn, S Meridith, Colin Tronson, K Thompson

**Junior Minor:** Les Allen, E Hallewell, Gerald Duyvelshoff, Noel Wilson, Les Verrall, Mervyn Bucknall, Glen Hodgkinson, Robert Miller Allan Smith, Evan Wedmaier, Robert Wedmaier, Noel Bognuda, John Kitching, Noel. Kitching

**Juvenile:** C Lotz, Desmond Wedmaier, Ray Noble, Norm Morris, C Thompson, I Miller, I Crain, L Hellig, S Cross, V Silvester, L Taylor V Thompson, Trevor Randolph, L Williams, A Hudson, Brian Randolph, Barry Randolph, J Tait, Allan Verrall, D. Dobbie, R Smith, Iann Cain Brian Sander, Graham McCrea, G Hickey, E Wilson, B Morris, H Bognuda, G Cross, T Heaton, A Wilson F Nunn, Gemmell

\*WW2 Veteran

*Les Verrall (Captain) Gerald Duyvelshoff, E Halliwell, Robert Miller, Mervyn Brewer, Lindsay Bucknall, Mervyn Bucknall, Stewart Hill, Keith Maxwell Norm Morris, Frederick Bucknall, Harry Wiggins, Noel Wilson, R Strathie, Alan Verrall, K Thompson*

*selected for Ipswich Juniors*

*Lindsay Bucknall, Stewart Hill selected for Queensland Juniors*

**President:** Richard Jackson

**Treasurer:** Merv Peck

**Committee:** Ron Kelly, Norm Verrall

**Secretary:** D Maxwell

**\*Maurice Dawes becomes the first players selected for Queensland from the second division**

**Col Warrell is Qld selector for matches against South Africa**

**Col is also President of the Soccer Committee of the Ipawich Railway Institute**



Col Warrell





**16<sup>th</sup> December** *Queensland Times* (118)

## **Bush Rats promoted**

*Dinmore Bush Rats, winners of the second division premiership last season, were promoted to the senior grade for 1948 at to-night's annual meeting of the Queensland Soccer Football Association.*

*The presidential vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. Peebles was filled by the Y.M.C.A. President, Mr. P. R. Yates. Mr. Jack Revie was elected Queensland member on the Australian selection panel. Officers elected for the season were*

*-Patron, Sir John Lavarack; President, Mr. Yates.; Treasurer, Mr. M. Wintour; Secretary, Mr. H. V. Barwick; Assistant Secretary, Mr. L. Todd; executive members, Messrs. W. P. Walker and Todd; Queensland selection panel, Messrs R Erskine, J. Love, D. Cumberford, A. Jamieson, and C. Warrell; rules revision panel, Messrs. W. Sander, W. P. Walker, and H. Ormiston; publicity officer. Mr. Todd*



Maurice Dawes



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**Dinmore Bush Rats – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division**  
**Undefeated Premiers and Guthrie Shield Winners**

Back Row: Des Wishart

Second Row (L-R) Ron.Kelly (Committee) Keith McKeand, Col Verrall, Ivor Howells, Lou Webb, Norm Verrall (Committee)

Sitting: Miss D. Jackson (A/Secretary) Maurice Dawes Cec Verrall, Merv Peck (Capt & Treasurer), Les Webb, Kev Skellern, Richard Jackson (President)

Inset:: Dave Bailey (Vice-Capt) Norm Follett

**1948**

## St Helens Champions

**Dinmore BushratsSeniors:** Dave Bailey (Captain) Merv Peck,Keith Brittain,R Brittain,Cec Verrall Col Verrall,Maurice Dawes  
Keith McKeand,Lou Webb,Des Wishart,C Cowan,Eric Robertson,Keith Skellern,Allan Humphrey,Ivan Robertson,Ken Caswell

**Reserve Grade:** Tom McClurg,Lindsay Buckinall,Walter.Nunn,Mervyn Chalk,Alfred Hansell, Leonard Irving,Ronald Irving  
R Maxwell,William Broom,J Maddock Col Howells,M Howell,Ivor Howells,Gordon Peck,Mervyn Brewer,Mervyn Wraight,Les Webb  
HarryWiggins, S Wiggins,Mervyn Wraight

**Junior: Brooks Cup Winners:**Noel Wilson(Captain)Trevor Cruickshanks,Gerald Duyvelshoff,J O'Dwyer, Les Verrall,John Norman  
Charles Fysh,D.Herbert,Don Young,Bert Randolph,Alan Verrall,Thomas Nunn,A Wilson,Robert Wedmaier,Allan Smith,R Millar  
D Holland,J Odwyer,L Allen,Len Bales

*Trevor Cruickhanks,Gerald Duyvelshoff,Robert Miller,Bert Randolph,Allan Smith,Allan Verrall,Les Verrall Charles Fysh selected for Ipswich Juniors*

**President:** Richard Jackson

**Secretary:**Albertus Duyvelshoff

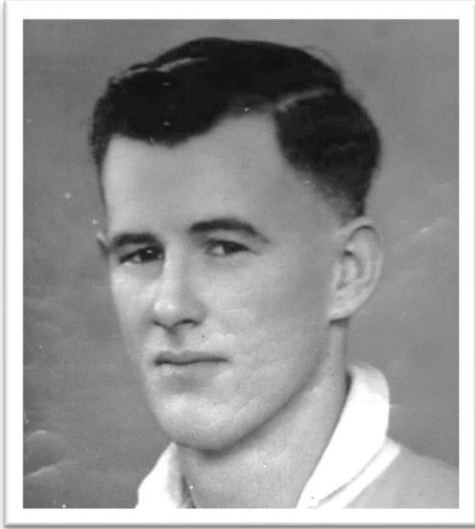
**Treasurer:** Merv Peck

**20<sup>th</sup> February**

Original Bush Rats team player Jack Jeffrey who first played at age 17 passes away at age 75

|   | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | St Helens         | 14      | 9   | 2     | 3    | 38  | 17      | 20     |
| 2 | Corinthians       | 14      | 10  | 0     | 4    | 43  | 25      | 20     |
| 3 | Bundamba Rangers  | 14      | 8   | 1     | 5    | 39  | 30      | 17     |
| 4 | Thistle           | 14      | 8   | 0     | 6    | 37  | 40      | 16     |
| 5 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 14      | 5   | 3     | 6    | 29  | 39      | 13     |
| 6 | Blackstone Rovers | 14      | 4   | 2     | 8    | 36  | 38      | 10     |
| 7 | YMCA              | 14      | 4   | 1     | 9    | 31  | 43      | 9      |
| 8 | Easts United      | 14      | 3   | 1     | 10   |     |         |        |

## Queensland Representatives



**Des Wishart**



**Maurice Dawes**



**Merv Peck**

### **Redbank people Honour State Soccer player (119)**

*A successful and enjoyable presentation function, in honour of Mr. Des. Wishart, selected goalkeeper in the Queensland Soccer team to play against New South Wales, was held in the Redbank Hall on Wednesday night. It was organised by the School of Arts Tennis Club, of which Mr. Wishart is an active member.*

*Mr. A. Meade, a member of the club, was Chairman. He said that Redbank people should be proud and happy to know that Des. Wishart, one of their local young men, had gained a place in the Queensland team. Mr. Castle (President of the Tennis Club) eulogised Des. Wishart for his progress in the football field. and presented to him a wallet of notes from members of the Tennis Club and his many local friends. He wished Des the best of luck. All sang "He's a jolly good fellow" and gave hearty cheers.*

*Mr. Wishart expressed thanks to all concerned. He said he hoped he would justify his selection in the team. Mr. R. Jackson (President of Bush Rats Club) spoke in glowing terms of Des. Wishart as a member of the club and a player. He stated that the team to tour New Zealand would be selected from the players, in the forthcoming interstate matches, and he felt sure that Des would catch the eye of the selectors. He hoped he would, and wished him the very best. Mr. Wishart (father) and Mr. J. Dickie (grandfather) also spoke*





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**Dinmore Bushrats**

**Junior**

**Winners of McMahon Shield and Brooks Cup**

Back Row: (L-R) Gerald. Duyvelshoff, Albertus Duyvelshoff (Secretary) J O'Dwyer

Second Row: Merv Park (Treasurer) Les Verrall, John Norman, Charles Fysh, D Herbert, Richard Jackson (President)

Front Row: Don Young, Bert Randolph, Noel Wilson, (Captain) Alan Verrall, Trevor Cruickshanks





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### Queensland select team vs The Rest

Back Row: Third from left Maurice Dawes (Dinmore Bush Rats) Fifth on left Lex Gibb (Bundamba Rangers) Sixth on left William Mitchell (Bundamba Rangers)



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Queensland team**

**Back Row L-R: R Porter, R Shaw, (Trainer) W Mitchell, H Crewdson, J Borland (Trainer)**  
**Second Row R Hudson, Ron Coleman, (Bundamba Rangers) Merv Newlands (Bundamba Rangers) M, J Johnson, Ron Kelly (St Helens) B McCarthy**  
**Front Row: L Gray, J Revie (Coach) Dan Roderick (Bundamba Rangers) W Sander (Manager)**  
**Alf Gibb (Bundamba Rangers) R Yates (President) Merv Peck (Dinmore Bush Rats) Insets: A Greaves, G Haggert**





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## Queensland team

(South Brisbane Railway Station)

Back Row: Third on left Alf Gibb (Bundamba Rangers) Fourth on left ,Alec Duncan, Fifth on left Lex Gibb(Bundamba Rangers)

Sixth on left Des Wishart (Dinmore Bush Rats) Seventh on left Gordon Nunn(St Helens)

Front Row: Second on left Herb Bool Sixth on left Robert Hill (St Helens) Seventh on left Maurice Dawes (Dinmore Bush Rats) Wal Robbins(St Helens)

Others C Stewart, S Cansick,A Williams

Source:Private Collection/Wishart family



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### **Dinmore Bush Rats**

Back row: Bert Randolph, Gerald. Duyvelshoff, J O'Dwyer,-----,-----

Front row: Allan Smith,----, Noel Wilson (Captain)----- Trevor Cruickshanks

Thomas Nunn, Alan Verrall, Les Verrall, Robert Miller, Don Young, D Holland, L Allan, John Norman, Charles Fysh, Robert Wedmaier

1949

## St Helens Champions

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Des Wishart,Robert Gemmell,Cliff Jones,David Halls,Merv Peck,Trevor Cruickshanks  
Bert Randolph,Maurice Dawes,Keith McKeand,Alan Verrall Les Verrall,Harry Wiggins Eddie Wilson,J Wilson,Noel Wilson

**Reserve Grade:** Tom McClurg,Gerald. Duyvelshoff, Leonard. Irving,Dave Bailey,Col. Verrall,Mervyn Brewer,Allan Smith  
David Burrum,Charles Fysh,Robert Miller,Keith Skellern, Walter Nunn,David Strathie,Eric McKeand,J Maddlcks.

**President:**Richard Jackson

**Secretary:** Albertus Duyvelshoff

**Manager and Selector:** Richard Jackson

|   | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | St Helens         | 14      | 8   | 4     | 2    | 55  | 32      | 20     |
| 2 | Corinthians       | 14      | 8   | 4     | 2    | 47  | 29      | 20     |
| 3 | Blackstone Rovers | 14      | 5   | 4     | 5    | 40  | 39      | 14     |
| 4 | YMCA              | 14      | 6   | 2     | 6    | 42  | 48      | 14     |
| 5 | Thistle           | 14      | 6   | 1     | 7    | 36  | 42      | 13     |
| 6 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 14      | 4   | 4     | 6    | 37  | 36      | 12     |
| 7 | Bundamba Rangers  | 14      | 4   | 3     | 7    | 31  | 41      | 11     |
| 8 | Caledonians       | 14      | 2   | 4     | 8    | 26  | 47      | 8      |





Dinmore Bush Rats vs Corinthians



Dinmore Bush Rats vs Corinthians



It's a go for the ball in this set-to in the Corinthians—Dinmore first grade Soccer match at Langlands Park



Quick attempt to intercept by McKenna (Dinmore) failed here, because Johnston (Corinthians, white shirt) nodded the ball away just in time in yesterday's Soccer.

## Sharp Threat To Goalie



A threat to Dinmore's goal in yesterday's Soccer, as Johnston (Corinthians) races in to challenge Wishart, gathering the ball. But Wishart is protected by watchful backs, Jones (nearest camera) and Wilson. Below, Johnston's in the camera spotlight again, as he cleverly nods a high ball away just in time to beat a quick move to intercept by McKenna (Dinmore). Below, Bill Callinan (Eastern Suburbs) dashes and dummies as a Brothers' back moves across in defence in yesterday's 'Gazza League game, which Easts won soundly.

**4<sup>th</sup> April** *Queensland Times* (120)

## **Bush Rats test Champions** (2<sup>nd</sup> April)

*Last season's triple competition winner, St. Helens. were very lucky not to suffer defeat against Bush Rats at Ebbw Vale.*

*Down 3-1 at halftime, the position looked grim, and had it not been for a bad misunderstanding by Bush Rats goalie, they would have been defeated. An. early goal by D. Halls within the first minute of play completely upset St. Helens. However, within the next minute Nunn had equalised..*

*Soon after goals by Morris. Dawes and Trevor Cruickshanks gave Bush Rats a lead f 3-1 which they maintained until halftime. Aided by a very strong wind during the second half, Saints attacked and had Bush Rates on the defensive for most of the 45 minutes. Nunn brought, the score to 3-2 with a good shot, and soon after Des' Wishart, who had been playing a magnificent game in goals, threw it against Dave Morris, one of Bush Rats half backs. The ball rebounded back into the net to bring the match to a draw. Cliff Jones, at left fullback, Maurice Dawes, and Merv Peck were outstanding for Bush Rats, while Gordon, Nunn, Ron Kelly and Robert Hill were the best for Saints*



Des Wishart





**1950**

## **Dinmore Bush Rats**

### **Champions**

**\*First Senior Premiership in 25 years**

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Merv. Peck (Captain) Trevor Cruickshanks, Gerald Duyvelshoff, Alf Gavioli, Keith McKeand Robert Miller, Dave Morris, John Morris, Allan Verrall, Col Verrall, Les Verrall, Clive White

**Reserves:** Dave Bailey (Captain) Colin Lebeter, Keith Sander, Norm Morris, Les Beilby, J Earl, Keith Skellern Allan Smith, Cec Verrall Lloyd Verrall, Don Young

**Juvenile: Premiers, Round Shield and Busby Cup Winners:** Peter Camplin

**Junior team won Premiership**

**\*Merv Peck represents Queensland**

**President:** Frank Corbutt

**Secretary:** Albertus Duyvelshoff

**Manager/Trainer:** G Roberts

**Trainer:** A Stewart

**Linesman:** Tom McClurg

Swaggies are reported to be living in the Clubhouse during this time

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|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
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| 2 | Thistle           | 14      | 8   | 2     | 4    | 39  | 26      | 18     |
| 3 | Bundamba Rangers  | 14      | 8   | 1     | 5    | 47  | 37      | 17     |
| 4 | St Helens         | 14      | 6   | 2     | 6    | 24  | 24      | 14     |
| 5 | Corinthians       | 14      | 5   | 4     | 5    | 29  | 32      | 14     |
| 6 | Easts United      | 14      | 4   | 3     | 7    | 22  | 29      | 11     |
| 7 | Blackstone Rovers | 14      | 5   | 0     | 9    | 34  | 49      | 10     |
| 8 | YMCA              | 14      | 3   | 2     | 9    | 37  | 47      | 8      |

**11<sup>th</sup> February** *Queensland Times*

## **Dinmore Bush Rats may not field team rumour**

*'Rumour has been busy regarding Dinmore Bush Rats Club. It is being freely stated that the club may not field a First Division team this season.*

*They are reported to have lost Des Wishart and Cliff Jones, their two best defenders and also the spearhead of their attack, M. Dawes. The loss of three such stars would be a severe blow to any club*

**18<sup>th</sup> February** *Queensland Times*

## **Dinmore Bush Rats signings**

*Dinmore Bush Rats will field two senior Soccer teams this season — First Division and Reserve.*

*Despite the loss of Wishart, Jones, and Dawes, the club is facing the season confidently. Its secretary, Mr. A. Duyvelshoff, tells me that it has secured the services of O Gavioli, former Oxley and Bundamba goalie, and several other (former Oxley) players. In addition, it has many promising youngsters who may make good in First Division football.*

*The club is fortunate to have Gavioli to replace Wishart. He was chosen to represent Ipswich in preference to Wishart in 1948 but was unable to play because of illness. This gave Wishart the opportunity that took him into the State team that toured N.S.W. that season. There is no doubt about his ability and good judges place him as one of the State's best keepers. He is spectacular but has an inclination to take risks.*

*The news that Dinmore will field will delight all followers of Soccer, for the name of this club goes far back in records of the code in this State. It was among the pioneers of the game and although it was out of existence for a short time, they came back and won promotion from Second Division football three seasons ago. Floodlight training has already begun and the club ground has been put in first-class order.*

31<sup>st</sup> July *Queensland Times* (121)

## Dinmore Bush Rats lead Premiership (29<sup>th</sup> July)

*Dinmore Bush Rats went further ahead in the Soccer premiership on Saturday, when the team defeated Y.M.C.A. at Dinmore*

*The defeat of Corinthians by Bundamba Rangers has given Bush Rats a clear five-points lead.*

*An excellent display by Dinmore wing forward, D. Morris, played a big part in Bush Rats' defeat of Y.M.C.A. Despite injuries to two players, the visiting team played hard football, and went down by the narrow margin of two goals to one. Morris, who has played consistently on the right flank this season, scored one goal, and crossed for Cruickshank to add the other goal. Merv Peck, full-back, and Les Verrall, centre-half, were solid in defence for Dinmore. K. Eden, goalkeeper, and D Creedon full-back, defended well for Y.M.C.A. R. Hudson netted the visitors' only goal.*

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# QUEENSLAND SOCCER FOOTBALL Association



## SOCCER NEWS

1950

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### Well Done, Dinmore!

We offer Dinmore our heartiest congratulations on their magnificent achievement in winning this year's premiership so decisively.

With odds against them in the early stages, they developed a strong team spirit that has been largely responsible for carrying them through.

In the Hilton Shield competition they gained only two points in the first four rounds. This did not deter them, and, finally striking a successful combination, they won the remaining three games, to finish only two points behind the leaders—Corinthians and Y.M.C.A.

Since then they have gone from strength to strength, overcoming one obstacle after another, to finish with a clear four-point lead over their nearest rivals, with still one game to go.

It is good to see the name of Dinmore Bush Rats recorded once

more as the premier team after a spell of 20 years.

Their performances this year will recall to many old-timers the glories of the past, when the Dinmore Club was really a power in the game.

Well done, Dinmore!

#### STANTHORPE VISIT

The match arranged between a Brisbane junior team and a Stanthorpe team, which was to have taken place at Stanthorpe on Sunday, 27th August, has been postponed until Sunday, 3rd September.

#### THANKS TO REFEREES

To the referees who offered their services to the Junior Committee during the visit of the Newcastle Police Boys' Club the thanks of that committee are tendered.

## PALMERS HOTEL

Home of Soccer  
Players  
for a Spot  
Before or After  
the Game . . .

Palmers Hotel  
MAIN STREET  
KANGAROO POINT

### ★ POISED FOR ACTION ★



Dinmore Bush Rats, almost certain winners of the State Soccer premiership, defeated Corinthians at Dinmore on Saturday 3-1. Rats were on the attack for most of the game. D. Morris, Rats' right wing (left), scored Rats' third goal when the ball came down in this incident above. Col. Verrall is on the right.

**21st August** *Queensland Times* (122)

## **Bush Rats Clinch Premiership Title**

### **Enthusiastic supporters mobbed the Dinmore team, and chaired the victors off the ground**

*Dinmore Bush Rats gave a magnificent display of solid, defensive football in their 1-nil victory over St. Helens at Dinmore on Saturday. Virtually two men short in the second half, the Rats put the premiership issue beyond doubt, and capped a series of good efforts with their best performance of the year*

*. Feature of the game was the work of the Dinmore hacks, of whom L. Verrall in the half position was the star. Gavioli, as goalkeeper, performed with his customary brilliance. These two defenders were the mainstays in the solid front which St. Helens forwards found impassable. In Bush Rats forward line. A. Verrall made the most of opportunities presented to him. Early in the game the Dinmore side received a setback when right winger. Morris, took a knock, which caused a recurrence of a knee injury sustained the previous Saturday. Morris was badly handicapped, and limped through the rest of the match. Another stroke of bad luck for Bush Rats came soon after the start of the second half, when McKeand fell heavily, and was carried from the field. - and was later taken to hospital and admitted, suffering from concussion.*

*Players took the field and, with officials, stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late Mr. P. Hickey. A former keen supporter of Bush Rats.*

*Heavy showers which fell early soon had the ball heavy and greasy, and made the ground slippery. tush Rats took the offensive from the outset, and within the first five minutes, from a free awarded to Rats, Morris forced a corner. but the shot was cleared by taints' defenders. Another corner to the Dinmore side seconds later was cleared by Hill, and sent upfield by right-back Jones. After about 10 minutes' play, Saints swung into the attack. A clearance from Gavioli was returned from well out by G. Sander. The ball had plenty of pace, but the shot went wide of the posts.*

*The only goal of the match came about five minutes later. from a free awarded to Rats. the half-back, L Verrall, kicked the ball right Into the goalie's arms. Williams tumbled the greasy ball, and Rats centre-forward. White, made no mistake about putting it away. Missed Saints came bark strongly and pressed the attack, but the Dinmore defenders were too strong. Good work by L Verrall, supporting Gavioll, saved what looked like a sure goal, when the Dinmore back cleared from right on the goal line. At this stage Saints lost a golden opportunity to equalise. when they were awarded a penalty kick. The kick was taken by R. Hill. but his shot went wide of the right upright. Gavioll performed brilliantly as keeper for Rats. and his saves and clearances were a major factor in his team's victory. With about 15 minutes left in the first half. Saints left winger. Hainsworth, made several attempts to pierce the defence of the opposition, but Gavioli was always too alert. A corner from Nunn was punched out by the Dinmore keeper, and the halftime whistle blew with Rats leading 1- 0 (see over)*



*Play resumed in the second half with Saints on the attack. and a cross from Hainsworth to Pitcairn was headed over he bar. St. Helens were concentrating on a leftwing attack, but the Rats defenders stood the test.*

*Ten minutes later play switched to the other end as Miller carried the ball past several Saints' players, and passed to his left winger, whose kick went close, but was well saved by Williams. Bush Ruts suffered a severe setback about this time, when McKeand took a hard knock. and was carried from the field. With one man short, and their right-winger, Morris, hardly able to run. Rats were battling gamely to keep the opposing forwards away from the goalmouth. With about 10 minutes to go. Hainsworth cut through nicely. but his shot went wide of the mark. A corner taken by Nunn was headed out by a Dinmore back, and a few minutes later a corner from Hainsworth was well cleared. The full-time whistle went with Rats the match and premiersip winners. Enthusiastic supporters mobbed the Dinmore team, and chaired the victors off the ground.*



Trevor Cruickshanks medal and Guernsey number blazer pocket

Champions

-1950-  
**Dinmore Bush Rats**  
**First Division Premiers**



**Back Row (L-R):**G Roberts (Manager/Trainer) Les Verrall, Kevin Sander,Gerald Duyvelshoff

**Third Row:** G. McLean,Kev Skellern,Alf Gavioli,Keith McKand,Robert Miller

**Second Row:** A Stewart (Trainer) Col Verrall,Cec Verrall,Clive White,Dave Bailey,Tom McClurg (Linesman)

**Sitting:** Albertus Duyvelshoff (Secretary) Dave Morris,Jim Morris,Merv.Peck (Captain) Alan Verrall,Trevor Cruickshanks,Frank Corbutt (President)



**-1950-**

## **Dinmore Bush Rats**

### **Reserves**

**Back Row:** G McLean(Ball boy)Colin Lebeter,Allan Smith,G Roberts(Manager-Trainer)

**Second Row:** A Stewart (Trainer) Don Young,Lloyd Verrall,Kevin Sander,Cec Verrall, GeraldDuyvelshoff (Treasurer)

**Sitting:** Albertus Duyvelshoff (Secretary) Norm Morris, Les Beilby,Dave Bailey (Captain) J Earl, Keith Skellern, Frank Corbutt (President)

1951

## Easts United Champions

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Merv.Peck (Captain) Alf Gavioli,Keith McKeand,Robert Miller,Dave Bailey,Dave Morris  
Jim Morris,Malcolm Thompson,Ron Dobinson,Syd Dobinson,John Clarkson,Trevor Cruickshanks,Tom Johnstone,Willys Humphries  
John Norman,Tom McClurg,James Johnstone,Charles Stirling, Alan Verrall,Col Verrall,Cec Verrall,Les Verrall Lloyd Verrall

**Juniors:** John Jenkins,Owen Jones,David Dempsey

**Dinmore Bush Rats Juniors:** Busby Cup winners  
**\*Dave Morris selected for Queensland**

**15<sup>th</sup> March** *Queensland Times* (123)

*All local clubs, except Bundamba Rangers, have suffered losses, but perhaps the worst off are Dinmore Bush Rats .Dinmore will be without the Morris brothers (Jim and Dave, both of whom will play tennis. Dave Is still suffering from torn ligaments in his right leg; and Jim, who has commenced a business of his own, feels that the risk of injury and consequent loss of work is too great. The only other player to give the game away is Col Verrall, who is suffering from a foot ailment*

**Despite this report all players took the field in 1951**

|   | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | Easts United      | 14      | 10  | 0     | 4    | 39  | 32      | 20     |
| 2 | Blackstone Rovers | 14      | 9   | 1     | 4    | 42  | 41      | 19     |
| 3 | Caledonians       | 14      | 7   | 1     | 6    | 35  | 31      | 15     |
| 4 | Thistle           | 14      | 6   | 1     | 7    | 41  | 35      | 13     |
| 5 | St Helens         | 14      | 5   | 3     | 6    | 38  | 34      | 13     |
| 6 | Bundamba Rangers  | 14      | 6   | 0     | 8    | 32  | 37      | 12     |
| 7 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 14      | 5   | 1     | 8    | 35  | 49      | 11     |
| 8 | Corinthians       | 14      | 4   | 1     | 9    | 34  | 37      | 9      |





-1951-

### Qld vs England FA XI Brisbane

Back Row: A Ross, Ron Hughes(Blackstone Rovers), Wal. Mitchell, Takasc, Alec Duncan, Des Wishart(Dinmore Bush Rats)

Second Row: Ron Coleman(Bundamba Rangers), Gordon Nunn, Merv Newlands(Bundamba Rangers) A Larkin,, Harry, Brophy, Malcolm Wild, Robert Jardine

Front Row: E Yates, Charlie Takasc,, Lex Gibb(St Helens), Robert Lawrie (Bundamba Rangers) Dave Morris (Dinmore Bush Rats) Brian Bruce(Blackstone Rovers)



1952

## Corinthians Champions

**Seniors:** Merv Peck (Captain) Lloyd Verrall, Dave Morris, Maurice Dawes, Les Verrall, Keith McKeand, Robert Miller, Jim Morris Ron Dobinson, Norm Morris, Les Beilby, Colin Miller, Brian Vogler, Kevin Sander, James Johnston, Trevor Cruickshanks Tom Johnson, John Norman, Willys Humphreys, Bert Randolph, Alan Smith, Clive White

**Juniors:** John Jenkins, Graham Kathage, O Jones, W. Spencer, Milson, David Dempsey, M Jones, Jim Morris, A Hudson, Lyle Grimmond

**\*Dave Morris and Des Wishart selected for Queensland**

**Dinmore Bush Rats Juniors: Brooke Cup, McMahon Shield Winners**

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors: O'Callaghan Shield defeated by Bundamba Rangers 5-2 after extra time**

|    | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | Corinthians       | 17      | 15  | 1     | 1    | 71  | 32      | 31     |
| 2  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 12  | 1     | 5    | 68  | 40      | 25     |
| 3  | Caledonians       | 18      | 12  | 1     | 5    | 60  | 46      | 25     |
| 4  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18      | 9   | 3     | 6    | 58  | 49      | 21     |
| 5  | Thistle           | 18      | 9   | 2     | 7    | 51  | 44      | 20     |
| 6  | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 8   | 0     | 10   | 53  | 51      | 16     |
| 7  | St Helens         | 18      | 6   | 4     | 8    | 43  | 49      | 16     |
| 8  | Easts United      | 18      | 5   | 1     | 12   | 42  | 55      | 11     |
| 9  | YMCA              | 17      | 4   | 2     | 11   | 43  | 70      | 10     |
| 10 | Bulimba Rangers   | 18      | 0   | 3     | 15   | 27  | 80      | 3      |

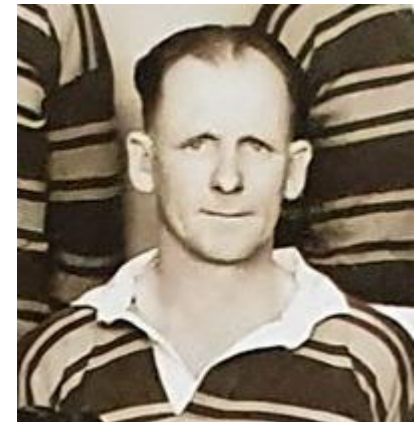
**23<sup>rd</sup> February** *Queensland Times* (124)

*Dinmore Bush Rats have signed on 13 young German players between the ages of 19 and 23 years, this season, as well as nearly all of last season's players. The migrants will be given a trial tomorrow to see how they perform.*

*The club hopes some of them will make the first division side and bring it up to its 1950 strength when it won the premiership.*

**30<sup>th</sup> June**

Original Bush Rats team player William Jeffrey passes away at age 83



Tom Johnson

\*Tom Johnson at the age of 40 turns out for Dinmore Bush Rats  
He also played for Blackstone Rovers and Bundamba Rangers  
He would coach Juniors at Rats and St Helens  
(Authors Junior coach)

**15<sup>th</sup> September** *Queensland Times* (125)

**O'Callaghan Shield Final** (13<sup>th</sup> September)

**Bush Rats 2 vs Bundamba Rangers 5**

*Bundamba Rangers centre-forward Colin Kitching ended the Soccer season with five goals to clinch the O'Callaghan Shield final for his side against Dinmore Bush Rats after 30 minutes extra time. The teams turned 2-all at the end of the first 90 minutes. Kitching's tally this season is 60 goals, seven ahead of Australian centre forward, Gordon Nunn.*

*There was more steadiness about Bundamba's play which built up its advantage. Although Rangers deserved to win on the general trend of play, it was not until the last quarter of an hour that they could clinch victory, as there was always plenty of fight in Dinmore. Dinmore's defensive strength again centred on Merv Peck and Les Verrall, with R Dobinson showing flashes of brilliant goalkeeping. The "old firm" of Dave Morris and Maurice Dawes in Bush Rats' forward line was again a dangerous striking force. An outstanding display for Bundamba was given by left half Ron Jones. There was also rock-life strength in the defence of Merv Newlands and Norm Rule. Spencer Kitching played a star role at inside-right for Rangers, and his combination with outside-right Gordon Anderson. was a big factor In Rangers success. Rangers opened the scoring after 20 minutes when All Gibb slipped the ball through to Spencer Kitching, who gave to Colin Kitching.*

*The centre took an easy ground shot which trickled through Dobinsson's fingers into the net. It was bad luck for Dinmore who had been doing well against Rangers attacks. Bundamba was having more of the play, but flourishes by Dinmore often had Bundamba in trouble. Rangers led 1-nil at half time, and upon resumption there was a sensational happening when Cruickshanks beat four players directly after the kick off in a sparkling run downfield to give to Dave Morris who gave Dan Williams no chance.*

*Dawes put Dinmore ahead after 18 minutes of the second half with a glorious header. He had received a perfect cross from Morris, who had gone wide to the wing. Colin Kitching equalised for Bundamba at 30 minutes. The goal came In unusual circumstances as Dinmore had given the ball away apparently thinking it had rolled out, but Gordon Anderson recovered it and crossed for the centre-forward to score R Dobinson and C. Kitching sparred up to each other after both had gone for a rising ball. but they shook hands after being spoken to by the referee. The teams turned at 2-all for the extra 30 minutes. A minute after the start of the last 15 minutes, Kitching scored to put Rangers ahead 3-2, and in the closing stages of the game. he scored twice, to give Bundamba a 5-2 victory.*

1953

## Blackstone Rovers

### Champions

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Merv. Peck (Captain) Dave Morris, Maurice Dawes, Jim Morris, Ron Dobinson, Colin Miller  
Brian Vogler, Les McCrea, William Bullen, John Jenkins, Tony Zeppleni, Tom Jones, Dave Poole, Malcolm Thompson, Lyle Grimmond  
Owen Jones, Ken Jones, Ken Spencer

**Junior:** David Dempsey, Ken Bognuda, A Hudson T Nash

**\*Dave Morris, and Malcolm Thompson selected for Queensland**

**Patron.** H. Randolph

**President:** Richard Jackson

**Vice President:** R. Jones

**Secretary:** Neville Hillard

**Treasurer:** J Kennedy

**Assistant Treasurer:** Ron. Kelly

**Publicity Officer:** E Jones

**Senior Manager:** C Verrall **Junior Manager.:** R Jones **Juvenile Manager:** N Irwin

**Committee members:** Messrs. Norm. Verrall, Dave. Bailey, J. Hunt, John Morris, Tom McClurg, Col Verrall.

|    | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 14  | 2     | 2    | 62  | 30      | 30     |
| 2  | Thistle           | 17      | 8   | 5     | 4    | 49  | 33      | 21     |
| 3  | Caledonians       | 17      | 7   | 4     | 6    | 52  | 47      | 18     |
| 4  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 7   | 3     | 8    | 47  | 48      | 17     |
| 5  | Easts United      | 18      | 6   | 5     | 7    | 49  | 58      | 17     |
| 6  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 17      | 7   | 2     | 8    | 44  | 37      | 16     |
| 7  | YMCA              | 18      | 5   | 5     | 8    | 38  | 47      | 15     |
| 8  | St Helens         | 17      | 7   | 1     | 9    | 39  | 54      | 15     |
| 9  | Bulimba Rangers   | 17      | 7   | 0     | 10   | 43  | 55      | 14     |
| 10 | Corinthians       | 17      | 5   | 1     | 11   | 33  | 47      | 11     |



**14<sup>th</sup> March** *Queensland Times* (126)

## **Dick Jackson returns**

*Ardent Soccer follower Dick Jackson, who coached Dinmore Bush Rats from B grade to A grade honours has again taken the reins of the club after several years on the sideline.*

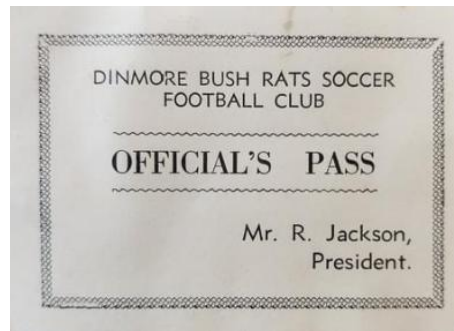
*Dick has seen Soccer from every point of view.*

*H played as a schoolboy for the Newtown School, and later played A grade on the South Coast of New South Wales where he made a name for himself as a centre forward. He returned to Queensland and after a few seasons as a player before here he took the whistle and officiated as a referee for 15 years, during which time he handled some of the most important game of his day. When Dick decided he was too old to run the full 90 minutes he joined Bush Rats as an official and before long was elected president.*

*He had the satisfaction of seeing the club win the second division premiership and then go into first Division. where it has remained ever since. He left the club in 1949 to watch the game from the sideline, but when Bush Rats were in need of a leader this season, he needed little persuasion to again accept the position of President.*



Future International with Dick Jackson Dinmore School Shield



Dick Jackson's blazer pocket



-1953-

## Queensland Team

Back Row L-R::Gordon Nunn,Don Leo(Blackstone Rovers,Des Wishart,Charles Tackacs

Second Row: Ron Porter,Dave Morris (Dinmore Bush Rats) Col Kitching(Blackstone Rovers) Derek Clark,Cliff Sander(St Helens)Alan Pitcairn(St Helens)

Front row: Spencer Kitching(Bundamba Rangers) E Bool,L Eastment(President)Robert Lawrie (Bundamba Rangers)

Harry Brophy(Manager and Coach)Alec Duncan,Merv Newlands (Bundamba Rangers)

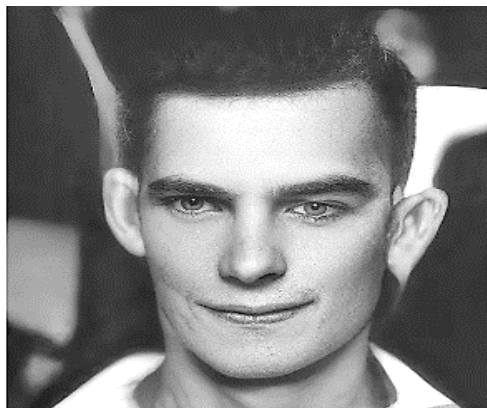
Inset Gordon Anderson(Bundamba Rangers)

Source Private collection Lost Ipswich

## Verrall brothers move to Blackstone Rovers

*Besides the "captures" reported to have been made by Blackstone Rovers Soccer Club for this season, there are two who formerly played with Dinmore Bush Rat.*

*They are twins Les and Alan Verrall. Les played centre-half in the Ipswich side last season. and Alan is a wing half. It Is rumoured that Jack Hodge. former English professional, who will coach Blackstone, this season, will be the first paid professional coach in Ipswich Soccer history. Jack. who is 41 is at present is living in Tweed Heads.*



Alan



Dave Morris playing for Queensland



Les



**1954**

## **Dinmore Bush Rats**

### **Champions**

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors::** Tom Jones (Captain) Brian Vogler (Vice Captain) Willys Humphreys, Graham McCrea, Maurice Dawes, Des Wishart, James Johnstone, Les McCrea, Keith. McKeand, Archie Clarke, William Bullen, Cecil Anderson, D Robinson Errol Woolley, Evan Noble, Jim Morris, Neil Campbell

**Junior Representatives:** Graham Bannister, F Johnston, Ken Bognuda, Jim Pringle, G Jeffrey

**\*Brian( Chookie)Vogler selected for Queensland**

**Qld Junior Representatives Ken Bognuda. J Pringle. and G Jeffrey**

Colin Lowe was the Proprietor of what was know as the Little Shop on the Corner of Brisbane Rd and River Rd

**President:** Colin Lowe

**Treasurer:** J Kennedy

**Hon Bearer** J.Hunt

**Secretary :** Neville Hillard

**Selectors:** Norm Verrall, Bert Randolph, Dave Bailey

**Manager :** Col Verrall

**Committee:** Euston Noble, Ron Kelly



**\*In the Cencus 38,953 people are living in Ipswich**

|    | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18      | 11  | 2     | 5    | 43  | 27      | 24     |
| 2  | St Helens         | 18      | 10  | 3     | 5    | 54  | 46      | 23     |
| 3  | Thistle           | 18      | 10  | 2     | 6    | 46  | 28      | 22     |
| 4  | Easts United      | 18      | 10  | 2     | 6    | 52  | 38      | 22     |
| 5  | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 10  | 2     | 6    | 40  | 40      | 22     |
| 6  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 9   | 2     | 7    | 51  | 29      | 20     |
| 7  | Bulimba Rangers   | 18      | 6   | 1     | 11   | 31  | 50      | 13     |
| 8  | Oxley United      | 18      | 4   | 4     | 10   | 19  | 35      | 12     |
| 9  | YMCA              | 18      | 5   | 1     | 12   | 44  | 63      | 11     |
| 10 | Caledonians       | 18      | 5   | 1     | 12   | 35  | 59      | 11     |

**29<sup>th</sup> May**

Original Bush Rats team players George Duck pass away at age 86

**2 August** *Queensland Times* (127)

**Bush Rats win Premiership Maurice Dawes scores vital goal** (31<sup>st</sup> July)

*A goal half-way through the second half of their match against Eastern Suburbs in Brisbane gave Dinmore Bush Rats the first division Soccer premiership for 1954. Rats and Easts finished 1-1, but it was enough to give the Dinmore side the title by one point.*

*Rats earned the title the hard way. St Helens (23) did very well to finish the competition only one point behind Bush Rats (24). Thistle. Eastern Suburbs. and Blackstone finished with 22 points each. Bundamba Rangers were next on 20. Other points were: Bulimba Rangers 13. Oxley 12, Caledonian and Y.M.C.A. 11 Easts had Rats 1-0 at half-time, and midway through the second half it looked as if there might have to be a play off for the premiership.*

*At that stage, however. right winger Morrie Dawes who made a comeback to Soccer after the season had started, scored the equaliser.*



Les McRea and Bill Bullen

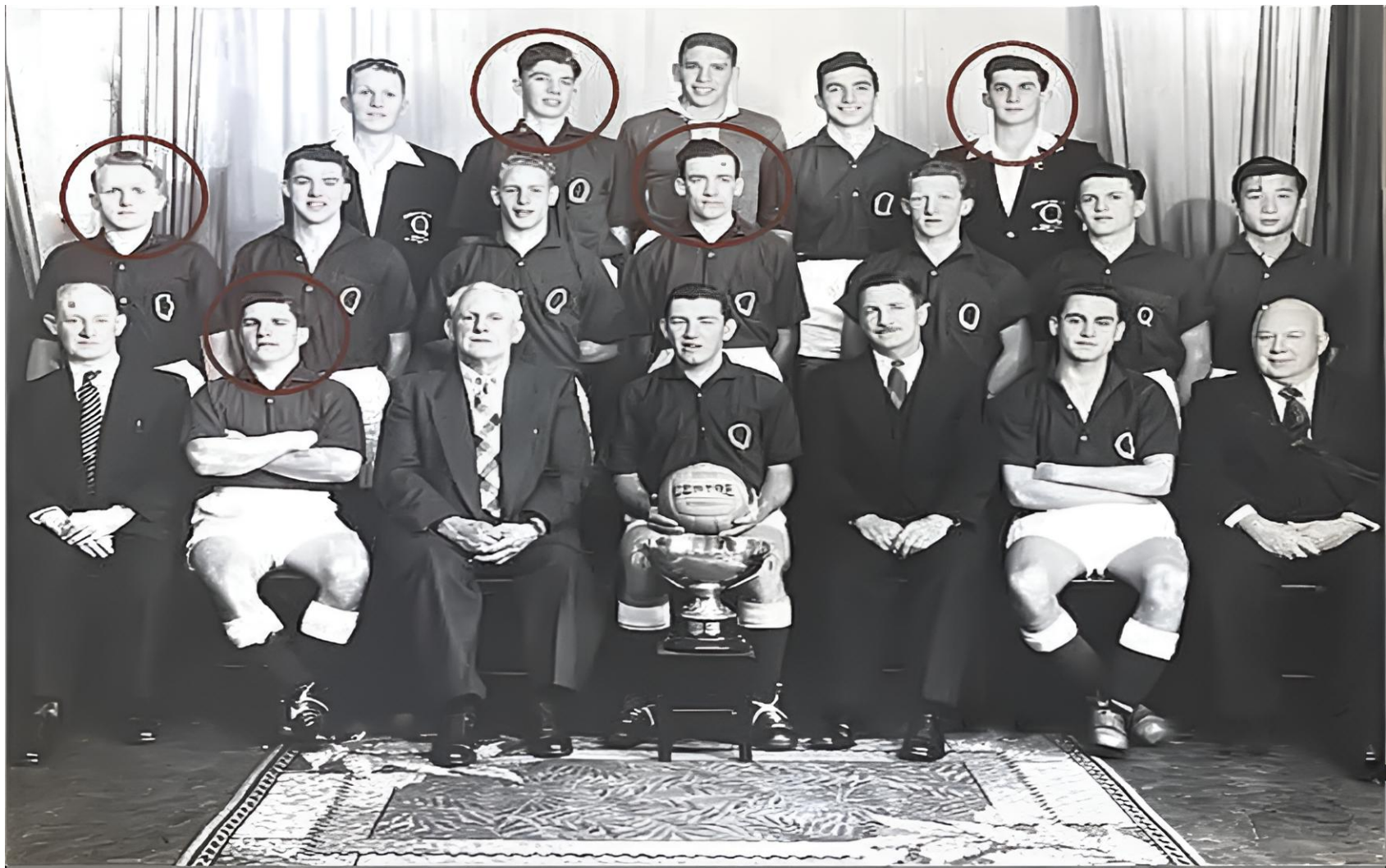


Des Wishart



Brian(Chookie)Vogler





-1954-

**Queensland Junior team  
Winners Interstate Carnival(Undefeated)**

Jim Pringle(Dinmore Bush Rats) (front row second on left)

Ken Bognuda(Dinmore Bush Rats) second row first on left, G Jeffrey(Dinmore Bush Rats) second row fourth on left

R Clarke (Bundamba Rangers) back row second on left. Ken Brown first on right

Source:Private Collection/Lost Ipswich



-1954-  
Queensland Team

\* Ipswich with a population of 30,000 compared to Brisbane 500,000 had 11 of the 15 players selected for Queensland

Back Row L-R: Alwyn Warren (Blackstone Rovers) Don Leo, (Blackstone Rovers) Derek Clarke Brian Topfer, Merv Newlands (Bundamba Rangers)  
 Second Row; Malcolm Wild, Ron Hughes (Blackstone Rovers) Ron Coleman, (Bundamba Rangers) Gordon (Bunny) Nunn (St Helens)  
 Cliff Sander (St Helens) Alan (Osacar) Pitcairn (St Helens)  
 Front Row: Spencer Kitching (Bundamba Rangers) Robert Lawrie (Bundamba Rangers) Alec Duncan, Brian (Chookie) Vogler (Dinmore Bush Rats)

**13 September** *Queensland Times* (128)

## **Tristram Shield Final**

**Bush Rats nil vs Bundamba Rangers 4** (11 September)

*Playing splendid Soccer-probably the best display of the code this season-Bundamba Rangers on Saturday won the Tristram Shield for 1954 by defeating Dinmore Bush Rats 4 goals to nil.*

*From the kickoff whistle the pattern of Rangers trap was clear. It was a combination of speed, grand round passing, and positional play. Premiers Dinmore were hardly in the picture, but they always were full of light and went down defiantly, but confused by Rangers tactics. The display by Bundamba was the type that had knocked team after team out early in the season, but for some inexplicable reason, eluded them as the premiership competition wore on. Captain Bob. Lawrie naturally was very pleased at Rangers winning so convincingly their first major trophy since 1949. but his deepest satisfaction came from the knowledge that his side had taken the shield by an exhibition of Soccer as it should be played.*

*Probably no team in Queensland could have stood against Rangers the way they played on Saturday. Goalkeeper. full-backs. half-backs and forwards. nor one man in the Bundamba side could be faulted as they worked as a machine.*

*Rangers were so fast that Rats were hardly able to get a clean pass away. Lawrie was the outstanding player on the field. both for the way he knocked out Rats attacks and then became an attacking centre half but, more particularly for his tactics that had been so cleverly planned, and put into operation. Rangers led by 1-nil at half time, but were a much more superior side than that score would indicate. They missed a number of easy chances and struck Dinmore goalkeeper Des. Wishart again in great form.*

*At one stage of the first half, Rangers were peppering the Dinmore goal and only Wishart stood in their way. Rangers had had a wind advantage in the first half and there were some who thought that they would never have been able to keep up the pace of the first 45 minutes in the second session. They were wrong, because the Light Blues were just as penetrative.*

*They scored another three goals and missed a few more. Dinmore's best attacking play came late in the second half when they were unlucky not to have scored. It was during those assaults that Bundamba goalkeeper Wal "Spots") Mitchell really had to take a prominent, and very capable. part in the game.*

*Apart from winning the shield, probably the most satisfactory feature of the game from Rangers point of view was the way in which their centre forward Colin Kitching struck form. He scored three smart goals. He did miss others from easy range, but it can be said that at last he has regained the form which had been missing for so long this season. Spencer Kitching scored the other Bundamba goal*



16<sup>th</sup> October *Queensland Times* (129)

## Trophy Presentation

### Winners of the 1954 First Division Soccer Premiership and the Ambulance Shield Sportsmanship award to Des Wishart

*Dinmore Bush Rats gave the trophies their first public airing last night.*

*The club went to the Redbank School of Arts for the presentation of trophies social function, and draped the 1954 premiership pennant of a wall. Together with the 1950 flag.*

*Representative of the Brisbane - Ipswich Soccer Committee, Mr. W. Kitching congratulated Dinmore on the way they had recovered from an early season setback. and unwound a strong finish to win and deserve the 1954 premiership. President of the club. Mr. C. Lowe presented the Tristram Cup, for the Premiership and the Ambulance Shield to Vice-Captain Brian Vogler, who was deputising for skipper Tom Jones. "The boys did a good job." Mr. Vogler said in return.*

*The Brisbane Ipswich Committee provided 12 individual trophies for the premiership, and the club bought six more to give everyone who had played a first division game a memento. These trophies were ash trays surmounted by medallions.*

*The club also made presentations to Queensland junior representatives, K Bognuda, J. Pringle. and G. Jeffrey. and schoolboy and juvenile stars. G. Bannister and F Johnston.*

*Mr. J. Hunt's annual trophy for sportsmanship was awarded to the club's first division goalkeeper, Des. Wishart.*

*"Des has got everything," Mr. Hunt said. A presentation was also made to the club trainer, Mr. Bill Dale.*

*A club vice-president, Mr C. McKenzie. also congratulated Dinmore on the way the game had been*

*Played and the premiership won. During the evening reference was made by Mr. Lowe to the fine*

*work done by the club's Ladies Committee. Dancing was enjoyed by the large gathering.*

**Schoolboys  
Soccer Team**  
The Ipswich schoolboys Soccer team to play New South Wales at Bundamba at 3.15 p.m. on Thursday is: Bannister (Dinmore), King (Bundamba), Wilson (Silkstone), Jordan (Central), Young (Dinmore), Richards (Silkstone), Pettie (Central), Camplin (Bundamba), Johnston (Silkstone), Freeman (Silkstone), Bryce (Central), Phillips (Central), one to be omitted.  
Reserves: Richards (Silkstone), Kitching (Bundamba), Mercer (Silkstone).



(Des Wishart)

Champions

-1954-  
**Dinmore Bush Rats**  
**Premiership and Ambulance Shield Winners**



**Back Row (L-R):** Willys Humphreys, Graham McCrea, Maurice Dawes, Des Wishart, James Johnstone, Les McCrea

**Third Row:** Keith McKeand, Euston Noble (Committee) A Clark, Ron Kelly (Committee) William Bullen, Dave Bailey (Selector) Cecil Anderson

**Second Row:** Brian Vogler (V Capt) Col Verrall (Manager) Ron Dobinson, Norm Verrall (Selec) Bert Randolph (Selec) Errol Woolley, J Hunt (Hon Bearer) Evan Noble

**Sitting:** Neville Hillard (Secretary) Jim Morris, Colin Lowe (President) Tom Jones (Captain) B Dale (Trainer) Neil Campbell, J Kennedy (Treasurer)



**1955**

## **Dinmore Bush Rats Tristram Shield Winners**

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Brian Vogler, Jim Pringle, Des Wishart, Ken Bognuda, Rudolph(Eddie)Braun, Maurice Dawes Cecil Anderson, Bert Randolph, Les McRea, Ron Dobinson, Evan Noble, Neil Campbell, Tom(Spike)Jones, Keith McKeand, Len Hughes Lloyd Verrall, Norm Morris, Erroll Woolley, Lyle Grimmond, Owen Jones, John Phillips, Bullock

**Junior:** Graham Dann

Dinmore Bush Rats have 55 registered players

**Patron:** Henry Randolf

**President:** Col Low

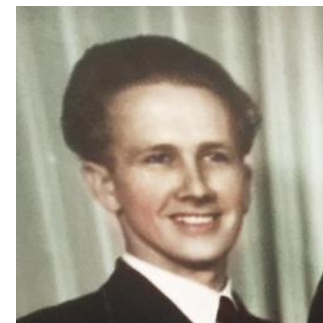
**Secretary:** Neville Hillard

**Treasurer:** J Kennedy

**Ass Treasurer:** R Kelly

**Committee:** H Noble, Norm Verrall

Original Bush Rats team players Owen Coleman(11<sup>th</sup> July) age 85 and Joseph Skellern(14<sup>th</sup> November) 82 pass away



Bert Randolph

|    | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 12  | 4     | 2    | 66  | 36:     | 28     |
| 2  | St Helens         | 18      | 12  | 1     | 5    | 66  | :42     | 25     |
| 3  | Easts United      | 18      | 8   | 6     | 4    | 63  | :47     | 22     |
| 4  | Thistle           | 18      | 8   | 4     | 6    | 49  | :34     | 20     |
| 5  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18      | 8   | 4     | 6    | 50  | 41      | 20     |
| 6  | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 7   | 3     | 8    | 44  | 51      | 17     |
| 7  | Oxley United      | 18      | 6   | 3     | 9    | 58  | 57      | 15     |
| 8  | Corinthians       | 18      | 5   | 3     | 10   | 29  | 62      | 13     |
| 9  | Bulimba Rangers   | 18      | 4   | 3     | 11   | 38  | 62      | 11     |
| 10 | Caledonians       | 18      | 3   | 3     | 12   | 24  |         | 9      |



-1955-

## Dinmore Bush Rats Tristram Shield Winners

Back Row : Owen Jones,H Noble (Committee)

Third Row:Ron Kelly(Ass Treasurer) John(Hardy)Phillips,Lloyd Verrall,Des Wishart,Dave Bailey (Selector)

Second Row:Norm Verrall (Committee) Evan Noble,Len HughesEddie Braun,Errol Woolley,J Hunt (Hon Bearer)

Sitting Richard Jackson (Coach) Maurice Dawes,Brian Vogler (Vice Captain) Mr Henry Randolph (Patron) Keith Mc Keand,Jim PringleNeville Hillard (Secretary)

Source Private collection Lost Ipswich



-1955-

## Queensland vs Rapid Vienna

Back Row: L-R:Col Kitching(Bundamba Rangers), Des Wishart(Dinmore Bushrats),A Ross(Trainer) Don Leo(Blackstone Rovers) Alan Pitcairn(St Helens)  
 econd Row: Graham Kathage(Bundamba Rangers) Cliff Sander(St Helens) D Clark, Alwyn Warren(Blackstone Rovers), Merv Wild, G Nahuysen  
 Front Row: Spencer Kitching(Bundamba Rangers) Norm Rule (Bundamba Rangers H Brophy(Manager and Coach) Alex Duncan,W Kitching(Manager)  
 Gordon Nunn(St Helens) Ron Porter

Source:Private Collection/Rule family

1956

## St Helens Champions

**Dinmore Bush Rats Seniors:** Brian Vogler, Jim Pringle, Des Wishart, Maurice Dawes, Evan Noble, Keith McKeand, Ray Noble  
Lloyd Verrall, Erroll Woolley, Lyle Grimmond, John Morris, Les Verrall, Alan Verrall, Tom(Spike)Jones, Rudolph(Eddie)Braun

Dinmore beaten by St Helens 5 -1 in Duce Cars Sales Final

**\*Brian Vogler selected for Queensland and Australia**

**President:** L Jackson

**Secretary:** N. Hillard

**Treasurer:** J. Kennedy

|    | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | St Helens         | 18      | 15  | 3     | 0    | 89  | 29      | 33     |
| 2  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 13  | 5     | 0    | 72  | 21      | 31     |
| 3  | Easts United      | 18      | 10  | 3     | 5    | 55  | 47      | 23     |
| 4  | YMCA              | 18      | 7   | 3     | 8    | 49  | 45      | 17     |
| 5  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18      | 7   | 2     | 9    | 47  | 54      | 16     |
| 6  | Bulimba Rangers   | 18      | 6   | 4     | 8    | 41  | 48      | 16     |
| 7  | Oxley United      | 18      | 6   | 2     | 10   | 30  | 51      | 14     |
| 8  | Thistle           | 18      | 5   | 3     | 10   | 36  | 57      | 13     |
| 9  | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 5   | 2     | 11   | 33  | 55      | 12     |
| 10 | Corinthians       | 18      | 1   | 3     | 14   |     |         |        |





-1956-

### **Dinmore Bush Rats**

Back row: Jim Pringle, Les Verrall, J Hunt(Hon Bearer) Maurice Dawes, Norm Morris,---- ,Rudolph(Eddie)Braun

Front row from left: Alan Verrall, Brian Vogler, Erroll Woolley, Keith McKeand, Peter Camplin, Des Wishart

Other players :Evan Noble, Ray Noble, Lloyd Verrall, Jim Morris, Tom Jones, Lyle Grimmond



-1956-

## Queensland team

Back Row:Col Kitching(St Helens),D Bullock,K Kirkley (Manager)J Speare,D Clark

Second Row:Graham Kathage(Bundamba Rangers) Gordon Nunn(St Helens) M Wild,,Spencer Kitching,Cliff Sander(St Helens) Alan Pitcairn (St Helens)

Front row L-R:J Pattison(Coach)Norm Rule(Bundamba Rangers) Alex Duncan,L Eastment(President)Alwyn Warren(Vice Captain)(Blackstone Rovers)  
Graham McMillan,S Ross (Trainer)

Sitting:R Bedford Inset:Brian Voglerr(Dinmore Bush Rats)

Source:Private Collection/Rule family

## Brian (Chookie) Vogler (1932-2009)

### Brian represented Australia thirteen times

Brian was first selected in 1956 against India at Outside Left .

Playing for Dinmore Bush Rats when selected

He represented Australia in following matches:

1956 (India)Olympics

1957 (Blackpool,England)

1958 (Wellington Province)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian,Scotland)

### Career

Played with West End Soccer Club and then as a St Helens Junior

Played for Blackstone Rovers and Hellenic/St Helens Senior

Brian represented Queensland thirty three times Ipswich eighteen times

Represented Qld in the following matches:

1954 (New Zealand)

1958 (Blackpool,England)

1961 (Fiji)

1964 (Everton,England)

1965 Chelsea(England)

Member of Qld team for BOAC tournament in New Zealand

\*The nickname “Chookie” started from playing Farmyard at St Mary's prep school All the children had to pick an animal Brian chose a chook



1958 prior to match against Blackpool



## Career

Member of the 1954 Dinmore Bush Rats Premiership/ Ambulance Shield winners.

Member of Hellenic team that were Premiers in 1960, 1961 (Undefeated), 1962 (Undefeated) 1963 and 1965  
( between 1960 and 1962 Hellenic were undefeated for 46 games }

Member of the 1967 St Helens Ampol Cup Winners

Played Bulimba Cup (Rugby League) for Ipswich as well as cricket where he captained Brothers to the A Grade Premiership in 1960-61. He also played Lawn Bowls

Brian was runner up in the Courier Mail Best and Fairest in 1970 at age 38

Brian finished his career with St Helens at the start of 1971

When Brian retired he coached Juniors at St Helens and became President of Booval Bowls club

Brian's family was heavily involved in sport.

Peter became a state football representative and dual baseball andr was named Ipswich's 1992/93 Sportstar of the Year.

Olympian. Anne was an Australian softball player, Christine played netball, Mark was a Norths rugby league player

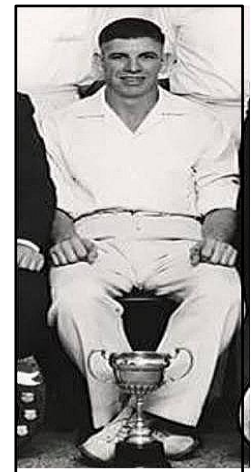
Gary earnt state baseball honours and played soccer for St Helen's and Matthew was a representative baseballer.



Playing with St Helens



Playing for Qld



Brothers Cricket Club  
(1960-61)



## 1957

**Seniors:** Des Wishart, Graham Kruger, Alan Verrall, Evan Noble, Rudolph (Eddie) Braun, Lloyd Verrall, Loreck Hocbaum Maurice Dawes A Jones, Tom Jones Erroll Woolley, Keith Mc Keand, Hartman, Bergholz, Jim Pringle, Ken Bognuda, Tom Edwards, Lyle Grimmond Owen Jones, Brian Avis, Roderick Wilson

**Juniors:** M Lotz, F Johnston, William Nunn, Leslie Healing, F Gorman, R Peck, W Rishton, Keith Besgrove D Cochrane, Neville Fountaine, Graham Dann (Vice Captain) Elwyn Humphries (Captain) V Thompson, Nev Sloane, L Besgrove Dale Mortimer

**President:** David. Grimmond

**Secretary:** W. Hillard

**Treasurer:** J. Kennedy

**Manager:** R Jones

**Assistant Manager:** Percy Dann

**Senior Grade Manager:** N Ravister

|   | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 15  | 0     | 3    | 59  | 23      | 30     |
| 2 | St Helens         | 18      | 14  | 0     | 4    | 92  | 37      | 28     |
| 3 | Easts United      | 18      | 13  | 1     | 4    | 57  | 28      | 27     |
| 4 | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 8   | 1     | 9    | 42  | 44      | 17     |
| 5 | Thistle           | 18      | 8   | 1     | 9    | 42  | 46      | 17     |
| 6 | Annerley          | 18      | 6   | 2     | 10   | 26  | 42      | 14     |
| 7 | Oxley United      | 18      | 6   | 1     | 11   | 29  | 40      | 13     |
| 8 | YMCA              | 18      | 6   | 1     | 11   | 38  | 64      | 13     |
| 9 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18      | 4   | 3     | 11   | 30  | 59      | 11     |

**Junior  
Champions**

**-1957-  
Dinmore Bush Rats Juniors  
Premiers and McMahon Shield Winners**



**Back Row (L-R) Merv Lotz, F Johnston**

**Third Row: William Nunn, Leslie Healing, Frank Gorman, R Peck**

**Second Row: Percy Dann (A/Manager) W Rishton, Keith Besgrove, D Cochrane, Neville Fountaine, N Bavister (Snr Grade Mgr)**

**Sitting: J. Kennedy (Treasurer) Graham Dann (V-Cap) D. Grimmond (President) Elwyn Humphries (Captain) W. Hillard (Secretary) V Thompson, R Jones (Manager)**

**Absent: Nev Sloane, Leslie Besgrove**

## 1958

**Seniors:** Graham Kruger, Neville Fontaine, Les Verrall, Tom Jones, Erroll Woolley, Keith McKeand, Neil McNeill, Frank Johnson Lloyd Verrall, Graham McRea, Neil Campbell, William McRea, Merv Peck, Lyle Grimmond, Maurice Dawes, Jim Pringle Alan Stewart, Ray Brown, Lotz, Wally Phee Peter Camplin, Ken Phillips, Alan Verrall, Wilson,

**Junior:** D Bannister, Neville Fountaine, S Hansell, Ian Anderson, Evans, Bassett, Dale Mortimer  
Dinmore Bush Rats have 44 registered players

**Graham Kruger selected for Australia**

**President:** David Grimmond

**Secretary:** N Hillaard

**Treasurer:** D Cockrane

|    | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | Oxley United      | 18      | 12  | 2     | 4    | 53  | 35      | 26     |
| 2  | St Helens         | 18      | 11  | 3     | 4    | 85  | 43      | 25     |
| 3  | Hellenic          | 18      | 11  | 3     | 4    | 52  | 40      | 25     |
| 4  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 9   | 2     | 7    | 62  | 41      | 20     |
| 5  | Annerley          | 18      | 8   | 3     | 7    | 41  | 41      | 19     |
| 6  | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 7   | 3     | 8    | 40  | 44      | 17     |
| 7  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18      | 5   | 4     | 9    | 48  | 62      | 14     |
| 8  | YMCA              | 18      | 5   | 3     | 10   | 36  | 62      | 13     |
| 9  | Thistle           | 18      | 5   | 2     | 11   | 37  | 59      | 12     |
| 10 | East United       | 18      | 3   | 3     | 12   | 32  | 59      | 9      |

### **Rudolph(Eddie)Braun**

*Eddie, who played German soccer before he came to Australia, has helped to build the Dinmore Bush Rats into one of the finest teams in the Queensland; first division. After one game in the reserve grade he was switched to first division. Since then he has helped his team win competitions and has played for Ipswich in major intercity matches In 1955 he came close to selection for the Queensland side. But Eddie has less time now for sport. At weekends j and in the long summer evenings he works on the important job of building; a home. Christine and Sylvia help him.*



## **Graham Kruger (Born-1937)**

### Graham represented Australia two times

Graham was first selected in 1958 against Blackpool(England)

Played for Dinmore Bush Rats when selected

Also represented in 1965 (Chelsea,England)

### **Career**

First represented Queensland as a schoolboy in 1950

Represented Queensland eleven times and Ipswich six times

He represented Qld against touring teams as follows

1964 (Everton,England)

1965 (Torpedo Moscow, USSR)

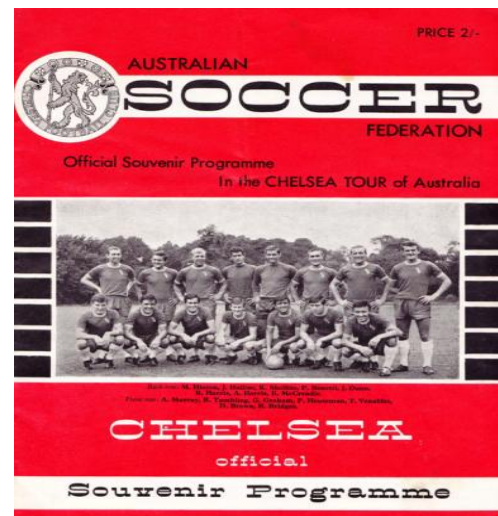
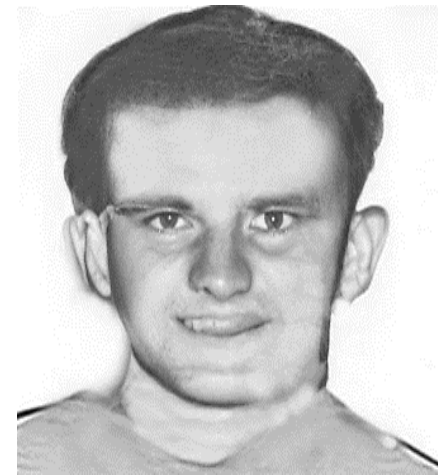
1965 Member of Qld team for BOAC tournament in New Zealand

(Qld were Champions) against New Caledonia, New Zealand provincial teams and Australian states)

Also played Booval Stars and St Helens and Azzurri



Graham at the Internationals night(2019)





## 1959

**Seniors:** Graham Kruger, Alan Verrall, Les Verrall, Lloyd Verrall, Tom Jones, Neil Campbell, Owen Jones, William McRea, Lyle Grimmond, Peter Camplin, Evan Noble, S Marshall, Bernie Troy, Phillips, Stan McCrea, Ken Morgan, Maurice Dawes, Brian Melosovic, Ron James, Ed Atwell, I Anderson, T Camplin, Des Wishart, Erroll Woolley

**Juniors:** Dale Mortimer

Dinmore Bush Rats have 44 registered players

**President:** David Grimmond

**Secretary:** N Hillard

**Treasurer:** R Jones

**F**ORMER State keeper **DES WISHART**, who retired from football a few seasons ago, turned out for his club Dinmore, last Sunday.

Injury to present star keeper **GRAHAME KRUGER**, left Dinmore without a suitable replacement, and Wishart obliged.

He showed that he is still a fine goalie.

|    | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | Annerley          | 18      | 11  | 3     | 4    | 71  | 40      | 25     |
| 2  | Oxley United      | 18      | 11  | 3     | 4    | 47  | 31      | 25     |
| 3  | Hellenic          | 18      | 10  | 3     | 5    | 62  | 44      | 23     |
| 4  | St Helens         | 18      | 9   | 2     | 7    | 59  | 45      | 20     |
| 5  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18      | 8   | 3     | 7    | 47  | 38      | 19     |
| 6  | YMCA              | 18      | 9   | 1     | 8    | 54  | 62      | 19     |
| 7  | Blackstone Rovers | 18      | 7   | 2     | 9    | 48  | 62      | 16     |
| 8  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18      | 6   | 3     | 9    | 48  | 56      | 15     |
| 9  | Thistle           | 18      | 5   | 2     | 11   | 47  | 67      | 12     |
| 10 | Corinthians       | 18      | 2   | 2     | 14   | 29  | 67      | 6      |

# 1960

**Seniors:** John Jenkins,Des Brown,Vince Gorman,Tom Jones,Adam Kitching,Jim Pringle,Neil Campbell,S Melosovic,V Prasad  
Lloyd Verrall,Stan McRea,Maurice Dawes,William McCrea,Phie,Stewart,H Van Weeran

**Juniors:**Dale Mortimer

Dinmore Bush Rats had 46 registered players

**President:**Norman Bavister

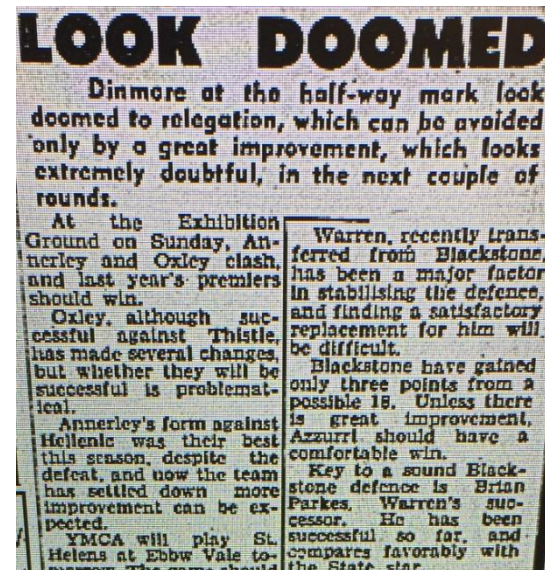
**Secretary.** C Mensforth

**Treasurer:** R Jones

\*Original Bush Rats team player William Duck passes away at age 97

William was the last of the original team

The connection with the time of the pioneers of the most successful club comes to an end



|    | Team              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |     | Points |
|----|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|--------|
| 1  | Hellenic          | 18     | 15  | 3     | 0    | 81    | 28  | 33     |
| 2  | Annerley          | 18     | 13  | 2     | 3    | 78    | 30  | 28     |
| 3  | Azzurri           | 18     | 13  | 1     | 4    | 82    | 48  | 27     |
| 4  | Bundamba Rangers  | 18     | 11  | 0     | 7    | 46    | 40  | 22     |
| 5  | Oxley United      | 18     | 8   | 1     | 9    | 46    | 54  | 17     |
| 6  | Thistle           | 18     | 6   | 2     | 10   | 38    | 42  | 14     |
| 7  | YMCA              | 18     | 6   | 2     | 10   | 47    | 55  | 14     |
| 8  | St Helens         | 18     | 4   | 3     | 11   | 47    | 57  | 11     |
| 9  | Blackstone Rovers | 18     | 5   | 1     | 12   | 37    | 59  | 11     |
| 10 | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18     | 1   | 1     | 16   | 22    | 111 | 3      |

**1961**

**(Second Division)**

**Juniors:**Ken Bognuda, Ray Freeman, Stan Freeman, Chas Matters, Neville Sparks, Stan McCrea, Ken Morgan, Dale Mortimer, Joe Gilbert  
George Bowles, H Van Wehring

**President:** Colin Lowe

**Secretary.** Neville Hillard

**Treasurer:** R Prowd

|    | Team              | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|----|-------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1  | Latrobe           | 18     | 15  | 2     | 1    | 56    | 11 | 32     |
| 2  | Merton Rovers     | 17     | 12  | 3     | 2    | 46    | 24 | 27     |
| 3  | Sandgate          | 18     | 10  | 4     | 4    | 26    | 22 | 24     |
| 4  | Mitchelton        | 18     | 9   | 2     | 7    | 30    | 29 | 20     |
| 5  | Dinmore Bush Rats | 18     | 8   | 2     | 8    | 41    | 37 | 18     |
| 6  | Dnipro            | 16     | 7   | 1     | 8    | 26    | 29 | 15     |
| 7  | Taringa Rovers    | 18     | 6   | 3     | 9    | 18    | 32 | 15     |
| 8  | Bulimba Rangers   | 17     | 6   | 1     | 10   | 25    | 31 | 13     |
| 9  | Wynnum            | 18     | 4   | 4     | 10   | 31    | 39 | 12     |
| 10 | Postal Institute  | 18     | 0   | 0     | 18   | 15    | 60 | 0      |

**1962**

**\*After 75 years Dinmore Bush Rats cease to be a club  
Dinmore Bush Rats and Redbank merge to form Redbank Dinmore**

**Seniors:** Joe Gilbert,G Mathers,N Payne,Stan McCrea,Don Follett,Ray Freeman,Stan Freeman,C Colthorpe,R Colthup,Maurice Dawes  
Merv Lotz,S,Hirsch,A Robson,N Sparkes,P Wilson

**President:** Colin Lowe

**Treasurer:** R Prowd

|    | Team                     | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss | Goals |    | Points |
|----|--------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 1  | Germania                 | 18     | 13  | 4     | 1    | 91    | 24 | 30     |
| 2  | Redbank Dinmore          | 18     | 12  | 3     | 3    | 63    | 26 | 27     |
| 3  | Dnipro                   | 18     | 12  | 3     | 3    | 56    | 27 | 27     |
| 4  | Mitchelton               | 18     | 11  | 3     | 4    | 54    | 22 | 25     |
| 5  | Bulimba Rangers          | 18     | 10  | 4     | 4    | 42    | 25 | 24     |
| 6  | Polonia                  | 18     | 6   | 4     | 8    | 43    | 42 | 16     |
| 7  | University of Queensland | 18     | 5   | 2     | 11   | 29    | 56 | 12     |
| 8  | Postal Institute         | 18     | 4   | 2     | 12   | 26    | 60 | 10     |
| 9  | Redcliffe                | 18     | 2   | 2     | 14   | 23    | 83 | 6      |
| 10 | Sandgate                 | 18     | 0   | 3     | 15   | 16    | 78 | 3      |



## 1963

Redbank Dinmore gain promotion to Division 1

**Seniors:** Neil Campbell, Noel Dann, Dale Mortimer, Daryl Wilkins

**Juniors:** J Murray, John Dann

Dale Mortimer and Daryl Wilkins selected in Qld under 18 team

**Treasurer:** R Prowd

|   | Team                     | Played | Won | Drawn | Loss |
|---|--------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 1 | Redbank Dinmore          | 14     | 12  | 1     | 1    |
| 2 | Mitchelton               | 14     | 12  | 0     | 2    |
| 3 | Polonia                  | 13     | 8   | 2     | 3    |
| 4 | Postal Institute         | 14     | 6   | 0     | 8    |
| 5 | University of Queensland | 14     | 5   | 2     | 7    |
| 6 | Dnipro                   | 13     | 5   | 1     | 7    |
| 7 | Croatia                  | 12     | 2   | 0     | 10   |
| 8 | Excelsior                | 14     | 1   | 0     | 13   |

## Unity Competition

|   | Club              | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss |
|---|-------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|
| 1 | Redbank Dinmore   | 4       | 4   | 0     | 0    |
| 2 | Hollandia         | 4       | 2   | 1     | 1    |
| 3 | St Helens         | 4       | 2   | 1     | 1    |
| 4 | Blackstone Rovers | 3       | 1   | 2     | 0    |
| 5 | Annerley          | 3       | 2   | 0     | 1    |
| 6 | East United       | 4       | 1   | 0     | 3    |
| 7 | Taringa           | 4       | 1   | 0     | 3    |
| 8 | Germania          | 4       | 0   | 0     | 4    |

### **Redbank promoted**

It was poetic justice, when Redbank-Dinmore staged a fight-back against St. Helens at Bundamba in the final round of the "Unity-series", and came from a two goal deficit to score three goals in just over 10 minutes and win 3-2.

Redbank won all four matches in the competition and now take the place they rightfully won in the first division.

The four play-offs were instituted to give the top four of the Association clubs a chance of filling the one vacancy in the State League for 1964.

For the sake of unity, Redbank agreed, though reluctantly, and then proceeded to show they were worthy first division champions, beating off all four challengers in convincing style.

It was a thrilling game, full of excitement rather than scientific football, but the crowd had their money's worth.





1963  
**Queensland Under 18**

**Back row Left to Right John Roderick(Blackstone Rovers) Daryl Wilkins(Hollandia)**  
**Front Row:Dale Mortimer(Redbank Dinmore) Ian Johnston (Bundamba Rangers)Noel Puet(Blackstone Rovers)**

## 1964

**Senior:** Dale Mortimer, John McIntosh, Joe Gilbert, Ray Freeman\* William Webb

**Treasurer:** R Prowd

**\*Selected for Queensland**

|   | Club            | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|---|-----------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | Latrobe         | 21      | 20  | 1     | 0    | 95  | 29      | 41     |
| 2 | Merton Rovers   | 21      | 13  | 3     | 5    | 77  | 43      | 29     |
| 3 | Grange Thistle  | 21      | 13  | 1     | 7    | 60  | 39      | 27     |
| 4 | Hellenic        | 21      | 10  | 2     | 9    | 50  | 44      | 22     |
| 5 | Azzurri         | 21      | 7   | 2     | 12   | 50  | 55      | 16     |
| 6 | Oxley United    | 21      | 6   | 3     | 12   | 35  | 59      | 15     |
| 7 | Coalstars       | 21      | 6   | 1     | 14   | 49  | 78      | 13     |
| 8 | Redbank Dinmore | 21      | 1   | 3     | 17   | 31  | 100     | 5      |

## 1965

|    | Club                     | Matches | Won | Drawn | Loss | For | Against | Points |
|----|--------------------------|---------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1  | St Helens                | 22      | 19  | 1     | 2    | 83  | 62      | 39     |
| 2  | Redbank Dinmore          | 21      | 13  | 3     | 5    | 72  | 41      | 29     |
| 3  | Polonia                  | 21      | 12  | 5     | 4    | 66  | 36      | 29     |
| 4  | Easts United             | 22      | 10  | 6     | 6    | 38  | 6       | 26     |
| 5  | Annerley                 | 22      | 10  | 5     | 7    | 46  | 13      | 25     |
| 6  | Budapest                 | 22      | 11  | 2     | 9    | 57  | 4       | 24     |
| 7  | Mitchelton               | 22      | 7   | 7     | 8    | 47  | -2      | 21     |
| 8  | Germania                 | 22      | 9   | 3     | 10   | 45  | -15     | 21     |
| 9  | Wynnum                   | 22      | 8   | 2     | 12   | 54  | -15     | 18     |
| 10 | Taringa Rovers           | 22      | 5   | 4     | 13   | 46  | -17     | 14     |
| 11 | Southside Belmont        | 22      | 5   | 2     | 15   | 43  | -42     | 12     |
| 12 | University of Queensland | 22      | 2   | 0     | 20   | 19  | -71     | 4      |

## 1966

\*Dinmore Redbank merge with St Helens and becomes a feeder Club to St Helens

They continue as Redbank Dinmore for the season. John McIntosh and Spencer Kitching move to St Helens

**President:** N Hillard **Secretary:** E Watham \*After 89 years Dinmore Bush Rats cease as an entity

## 1973

Dinmore Bush Rats recommence as a Junior and lower Senior club

**President:** Ken Bognuda

## 1975

**President:** Ken Bognuda

**Secretary:** N Evans

## 1976

**President:** Ken Bognuda

**Secretary:** S Hammond

## 1977

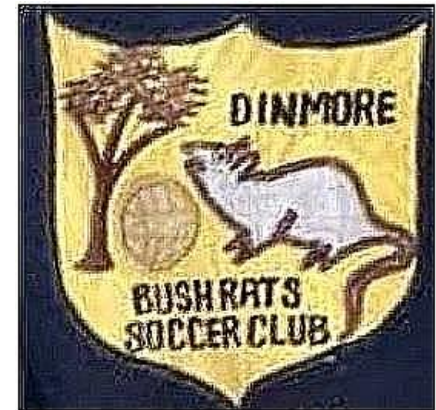
**President:** C Brown

Dinmore Bush Rats win promotion to the Sixth division

Dinmore Womans team win the Second Division Premiership and Grand Final



Les Verrall in 1965





## **1978**

**President:** J Devonshire

## **1980**

**President:** N Evans

Dinmore Bush Rats make the Stewart Shield Final(Under 18 but were defeated by Leichhardt Eagles

## **1981**

**President:** J Ferguson

Dinmore Bush Rats have Junior teams in,under 8,9,11,13

## **1988-1989**

**President:** G Noble

## **1992**

The Club reappears in the seventh and moves to Division five before not appearing in 1993

It will be another 25 years before players take the field again

## **2012**

Lloyd Verrall passes away. Lloyd worked tirelessly to keep the club alive from the seventies

## **2022**

Greg Broad named Ipswich Senior Citizen of the Year



-1975-

### **Dinmore Bush Rats**

Andrew Ogden, Clif Lawson, Steve Evans, Neil Heston, Mark Evans, Harvey Watson, Ian Ogden, Allen Gilbey  
Michael Hogan, Glen Swenson, Ross Phie, Stephen McDowie, Norm Evans (Manager) Harvey Evans (Coach)





Dinmore Bush Rats proved too strong for the recently-formed Ipswich City under 12 Soccer team in a match played at Sutton Park, Brassall, on Saturday. The Ipswich City combination, playing only their second fixture game of the season, went down 5-1 to the visiting side. Bush Rats player Neil Taylor is pictured (left) beating a City player in a shot at goal. Kevin McCarthy (right) was there to offer support.

1975



1977

## Dinmore Bush Rats

Chris King, Anton King, Peter King, Peter Cumner



**1978**  
**Under 7**

Back row L-R: N Payne(Coach) M Payne,D Cruic,C Hibberd,L Sheppherd-Ashby,J Collins(Manageress  
 Second row:M Robinson,P McKendrick,J Payne,D Ferguson,G Hicks  
 Front Row:S Dulley,D Collins,A Farquahar





-1981-

## Under 11 Premiers

Back row L-R:Trevor Dawes,Barry Conroy,Kenan Hibbard,Jerry Sika,Lyall Oldham,(centre)Adam Wilman,Martinn McKendrick,Sean Tinney,Wayne Noe  
Front row:Brett Mirecki,Richard Smith AbsentMichael Woodford(Captain) Hugh McKendrickCoach) Rhonda Noe(Manager)



UNDER 11 – 4TH DIVISION TEAM





## Rats enjoy good start to season

THE Dinmore Bushrats Junior Soccer Club had a successful start to the 1987 football season with four wins and a draw out of six games played.

Leopards, the Under 7 team, played two games drawing the first and going down to Camira in the second by 0 - 2.

In the Under 8's, the Magpies defeated Centenary 2 - 0 in the first game and then backed up to defeat them again, 8 - 0 in the second.

Their coach was extremely pleased with their efforts and achievement awards were earned by Damien Bracken, Shannon Woodward, William Noble and Steven Petersen.

The Under 9 Vipers gave a 100 per cent effort in their game against St Helens and won by 3 goals to 1.

In Under 12, the Centurians played Lions and won by 8 - 0. Brendon Camp-

bell won an achievement award.

Last Sunday week, the club travelled to Loganholme to a carnival.

They played extremely well and went through the day undefeated and without conceding a goal against them.

The whole club is very proud of the trophy they won.

In another club activity, the Bushrats Under 9's travelled to Brisbane to meet Grange-Thistle in the semi-finals of the Coca Cola cup.

They were beaten but not disgraced when Grange Thistle scored the only goal of the match just a few minutes before full time.

In another carnival held at Inala for Under 9's, the Bushrats held their opposition to a nil all draw in the final, but were beaten by a goal in the penalty shoot out.



# Never beaten

THE DINMORE Bushrats under-11 soccer team, pictured here with coach Hugh McKendrick and manager Rhonda Noe, had few worries collecting the division four premiership this year.

On Saturday they beat Inala City 3-0 to emerge from the series undefeated.

with 58 goals for and only one against. Their next game, on Saturday week, is against division three winner Mooroodu for the championship. Members of the team come from Dinmore, Riverview, Bundamba, Booval and Redbank Plains. Their home ground is at River Rd, Riverview.





• The mighty Under 9 Bushrats

## Premier Bushrats undefeated

THIS year's Under 9 Premiership Shield has been taken out by the Dinmore Bushrats.

The Bushrats have gone through the season undefeated and have conceded only two goals against them.

The team, coached by Gerard

Noble, has worked and played hard to win the premiership.

Team members are captain Mathew Hilli; vice captain Brett Mitchell, goal keeper Terry Kerr (who has taken up meditation for the want of something to do!),

Brian Peters, Lance Avenall, Ben George, Damien Noble, Craig Dalton, Danny Ellem, Adam Lewis and Tracy Topfer.

The lady who does all the paper work also deserves a mention — Lyn Mitchell the manager.



COME KIDS: Durrville Bushrangers Soccer and Sports Club president Scott Morrison and junior coach Andrew Walker are keeping the soccer traditions alive in the Riverina area.

PHOTO: ANDREW WALKER









2021  
Under 12





2021  
Under 9

**2017**

**Reformation** (As described by Scott Morrison)

I started this journey about 13yrs ago. I would go past the field during my regular visits to the tip and stop in front of the field for a while, dreaming about what could be. At that stage my playing days had ended but I was wanting to give something back to the community that I grew up in. The State Government closed Dinmore school, the scout association closed the Dinmore/Riverview scout group and the soccer club was non-existent. I couldn't do anything about the school and the scouts but I could rebuild this club. I contacted Trevor Nardi, the sitting councillor for that division at that time to find out who was the current contact for the club. Trevor put me in contact with Lloyd Verrall and we met to discuss the club.

I had met Lloyd many times prior to this meeting. My mother was the club secretary back in the early 90's and Lloyd often visited our house to talk about the club. Lloyd and I met at the club and sat in one of the dugouts for hours one Saturday afternoon. I remember this because my legs were almost maroon with sunburn, I don't sunburn easy hence why I remember this meeting so clearly. We spoke about where the club has been and what was happening at that present time. Basically, the club existed on paper only. The clubhouse was forever being broken into so they removed the stairs so the kids couldn't get into it. Most of the break ins were just to do damage, there was nothing left to steal. Energex condemned the building so there was no electricity. Underneath the clubhouse had people sleeping in it but it was open to the elements. Needles were all over the floor and it was basically a no-go zone. He told me that they kept up the maintenance on the field themselves by coming down with their own push mowers and mowing it as best they could. The canteen block had been torn apart and someone had been sleeping in it.

Taking all of this on board I still wanted to get the club going again.

In 2009 I was at work and I saw in the Queensland Times that the Dinmore Bushrats clubhouse was burned to the ground overnight. Lloyd was quoted saying in the newspaper that the club had "Had it". (Lloyd passed away in 2012) I still had my plan to kick start the club but it was going to have to be without a clubhouse. I know that he (Lloyd) is watching over the club though, and I'm not saying that he's wandering around the field down there but there have been times that I have been there by myself marking the lines and I swear that someone is watching me, making sure the lines are straight and double marked.

So I ran a title search on the field to see who the asset belonged to and it came up with the Public Trustee. I then contacted them to speak to them about my plan to reignite the club and I wanted the field back. Unfortunately, I was too late the transfer was already well underway for the asset to be placed in the name of the Ipswich Knights & West Moreton Darts Club. I registered complaints with the Public Trustee and the State Government Ombudsman as we are the rightful owner of the land. I had a phone call from the Manager of the Ombudsman's office to advise that although sympathetic the decision to gift the land was law and I was unsuccessful. (see over)

The next step was to form a committee and register the club as an incorporated body. Once this was finalised I could look at negotiating use of the field for our club. The new owners finally came back with a no so it was on to Ipswich City Council to arrange the use of a field. Originally we were granted use of a flood lit field at Riverview State School which was leased from the Education Department by Ipswich City Council. The field is amazing, flat, a hill for spectators and lights. The trouble is there is no access to the field except through the school which would have made night games impossible. So I sat down again with Council and I was asked that if I had the choice of playing at Riverview School or our old field on Riverview Rd which would I want. Hands down I said Riverview Rd.

A return to our spiritual home, the field where so many players before us played. And we got it. The Council tabled a deal to the owners and now we have a seasonal arrangement to play there. Now we had a field, we needed a football association. Ipswich City Council went above and beyond in helping me along this journey. If it wasn't for past councillors Kerry Silver & David Morrison and Bryce Hines from ICC this would never have got off the ground.

I contacted Football Brisbane to register the club and get us back where we belong, on the field. Our application was rejected as we didn't have a ready to go field and Riverview School was not an option because they didn't want clubs playing out of schools. They told me to try Queensland Christian Soccer Association, so I did and I'm glad I did, they have been fantastic.

We received the formal green light from Council to use Riverview Rd on or about the 31st January 2018. We started advertising for players through Riverview School and Facebook and booked 2 sign on days in February. We were behind the 8 ball straight away as all other clubs in the area had already commenced sign on days but we had to make this work, we had to prove that we were the real deal and can do this. Over the 2 sign on days and a mountain of advertising we managed 23 players to form Under 6 & Under 11 teams, we were back.

That first season back was rough. We were regularly being beaten 15-0 in the under 11's and the field wasn't available for play until round 5. When we finally got to play on our home field there were no amenities just port-a-loos, a shed that didn't lock, a canteen set up under a gazebo and a big dirt line up the middle of the field from where the trench for the power cable to the darts clubhouse had sunk. But we were back and people were talking about us again. The second season back we jumped to 83 players making up U/6,7,8,11,12 and RugRats (3-5yo). The field was looking great and the toilet block was rebuilt and ready. The shed could be locked so that meant we didn't have to store all of the clubs goals ect at our homes but the canteen is still under a gazebo. We were awarded grants to buy new equipment for the club and we were awarded the organisation of the year at the Ipswich Sports Awards. 2020 was a crazy year with covid but we held our own as a club and didn't really lose any players from the previous year, but didn't gain any.

(see over)

We worked hard to ensure that we were compliant with Government requirements. The association proposed a shortened 10-week competition which was great for us because we needed continuity. It would have been hard to rebuild the club from scratch again if we had to sit out a season. 2020 also saw us pick up our first on-field trophy as one of our Under 12 teams finished the season runners-up. Not a bad effort for an old yet new club. 2021 is looking very promising with approx 80 players already registered including our first senior team in many years.

We can't change the recent past, but we can learn from the mistakes made. We will continue to promote this club and stick to our business plan to ensure this club is around for many years to come. It has been nothing short of a slog getting this far, and I nearly gave up many times, but I'm so glad that I didn't. There was brick wall after brick wall but I had to remain positive and optimistic. The future is looking bright for us. People love an underdog and we are building this from nothing but a name.

Onwards and Upwards for the Mighty Dinmore Bush Rats.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 Dinmore Bush Rats commence playing again in the Junior Christian Association



The first Dinmore Bush Rats team takes the field



## Dinmore Bush Rats Ground (2020)



# Premierships (1892 -1954)

| <u>Player</u>   | <u>Premierships</u> | <u>Player</u>     | <u>Premierships</u> | <u>Player</u>   | <u>Premierships</u> | <u>Player</u>   | <u>Premierships</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Edward Hawkins  | 11                  | Herman Pioch      | 4                   | John Besgrove   | 3                   | Matthew Bognuda | 2                   |
| Arthur Wilson   | 11                  | William Jeffrey   | 4                   | James Jackson   | 3                   | John Morris     | 2                   |
| Herb Verrall    | 9                   | James Lucas       | 4                   | Tom Hainsworth  | 3                   | Len Warrell     | 2                   |
| Thomas Young    | 9                   | Martin Randolph   | 4                   | William Warrell | 3                   | Cliff Gedge     | 2                   |
| Henry Skellern  | 8                   | Harry Brittain    | 4                   | John Williams   | 3                   | Keith McKeand   | 2                   |
| Joe Skellern    | 7                   | Matthew Bailey    | 4                   | Thomas Hudson   | 3                   | William Duck    | 1                   |
| *Garnett Burns  | 7                   | William Bailey    | 4                   | Vern Rumble     | 3                   | R Lee           | 1                   |
| Sydney Skellern | 7                   | George Duck       | 4                   | Arthur Williams | 3                   | H Stewart       | 1                   |
| James Tedman    | 7                   | xDan Potts        | 4                   | John Campbell   | 2                   | James Muir      | 1                   |
| James Campbell  | 6                   | xxAlexander Burns | 4                   | David Franklin  | 2                   | Richard Price   | 1                   |
| William Dawes   | 6                   | John Hainsworth   | 4                   | Owen Coleman    | 2                   | J Hughes        | 1                   |
| William Potts   | 6                   | Alec Stewart      | 3                   | Edward Ansell   | 2                   | James Atterton  | 1                   |
| Arthur Tedman   | 5                   | Ern Rumble        | 3                   | William Lindsay | 2                   | J Mitchell      | 1                   |
| Jack Routledge  | 6                   | Edward Shearer    | 3                   | James Burns     | 2                   | Charles Gooch   | 1                   |
| Joe Jeffrey     | 5                   | James Jordan      | 3                   | William Tait    | 2                   | William Caddies | 1                   |
| Ernie Verrall   | 5                   | William Lucas     | 3                   |                 |                     | JackWhalley     | 1                   |
| Arthur Jordan   | 5                   | Jack Jeffrey      | 3                   | Thomas Stewart  | 2                   | Edward Hudson   | 1                   |
| Robert Jeffrey  | 5                   | Victor Bognuda    | 3                   | David Nielson   | 2                   | William Hudson  | 1                   |
| William Wright  | 5                   | Alex Campbell     | 3                   | Thomas Wade     | 2                   | *Arthur Shearer | 1                   |
| Arthur Verrall  | 5                   | Robert Campbell   | 3                   | George Sparks   | 2                   | A McRea         | 1                   |

\*Won Premiership with Blackstone Rovers in 1912 x Bundamba Rangers in 1913 xx Bundamba Rangers 1n 1928

| <u>Player</u>        | <u>Premierships</u> | <u>Player</u>        | <u>Premierships</u> | <u>Player</u>       | <u>Premierships</u> | <u>Player</u>   | <u>Premierships</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| A Hood               | 1                   | Richard Roach        | 1                   | Jack Potts          | 1                   | Neil Campbell   | 1                   |
| Michael Egan         | 1                   | R Jones              | 1                   | William Burns       | 1                   | Dave Morris     | 1                   |
| David Lilley         | 1                   | Robert Tait          | 1                   | Robert Miller       | 1                   | Merv Peck       | 1                   |
| Michael Devereaux    | 1                   | Eric Nunn            | 1                   | Col Verrall         | 1                   | Alan Verrall    | 1                   |
| Matthew. Powell      | 1                   | Tom Morris           | 1                   | Cec Verrall         | 1                   | Wilys Humphreys | 1                   |
| T Bennet             | 1                   | Robert Sparks        | 1                   | Clive White         | 1                   | Graham McCrea   | 1                   |
| Eli Jones            | 1                   | Thomas Coogan        | 1                   | S Rogers            | 1                   | Maurice Dawes   | 1                   |
| Frederick Jordan     | 1                   | Howard Nunn          | 1                   | Harry Jarvis        | 1                   | Des Wishart     | 1                   |
| J Smith              | 1                   | J Burgess            | 1                   | Cecil Coleman       | 1                   | James Johnstone | 1                   |
| W Thompson           | 1                   | George Hughes        | 1                   | Trevor Cruickshanks | 1                   | Les McRea       | 1                   |
| George Humphrey      | 1                   | Percy Pedley         | 1                   | Dave Bailey         | 1                   | A Clark         | 1                   |
| Henry Randolph       | 1                   | A Randolph           | 1                   | Les Verrall         | 1                   | B Bullen        | 1                   |
| *George Law          | 1                   | J Ruddock            | 1                   | Kevin Sander        | 1                   | Cecil Anderson  | 1                   |
| William Rolls        | 1                   | R Williams           | 1                   | Alf Gavioli         | 1                   | Brian Vogler    | 1                   |
| Joseph Jordan        | 1                   | Peter Jeffrey        | 1                   | Thomas Jones        | 1                   | D Robinson      | 1                   |
| *William Halls       | 1                   | xxA Ifred Law        | 1                   | Keith Skellern      | 1                   | Errol Woolley   | 1                   |
| William Jordan       | 1                   | Walter Nunn          | 1                   | Alf Gavioli         | 1                   | Evan Noble      | 1                   |
| Frederick Weatherhog | 1                   | X Jack(Toddy)Edwards | 1                   | Thomas Jones        | 1                   |                 |                     |

\*Won Premiership with Bundamba Rangers in 1913,1919

x Won Premiership with Blackstone Rovers in 1919,1926 xx Won Premiership with Blackstone Rovers in 1919

# Dinmore Bush Rats Representative players

\*Indicates playing for another club when selected

|                     | Ipswich | Year      | Queensland        | Year      | Australia | Years |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Dave Bailey         | 1       | 1947      |                   |           |           |       |
| Matthew Bailey      | 1       | 1893      |                   |           |           |       |
| R Balueaves         | 1       | 1926      |                   |           |           |       |
| Tom Blackburn       | 14      | 1934-1939 | 2                 | 1935      |           |       |
| Rudolph Braun       | 1       | 1955      |                   |           |           |       |
| William Breslin     | 7       | 1912-1920 | 1                 | 1914      |           |       |
| Keith Brittain      | 1       | 1948      |                   |           |           |       |
| George Bullock      | 4       | 1909-1922 | 4                 | 1912      |           |       |
| William Bullen      | 1       | 1954      |                   |           |           |       |
| Arthur (Mick)Burns  | 15      | 1920-1926 | 8                 | 1920-1925 |           |       |
| Garnet Burns        | 11      | 19081921  | *12               | 1912-1920 |           |       |
| James Burns         | 2       | 1912-1915 |                   |           |           |       |
| William Caddies     | 1       | 1893      |                   |           |           |       |
| Robert Campbell     | 2       | 1893      |                   |           |           |       |
| Ron Coleman         | 20      | 1941-1953 | *8                | 1948-1954 | *3        | 1950  |
| Trevor Cruickshanks | 1       | 1949      |                   |           |           |       |
| Percy Dann          | 8       | 1934-1936 |                   |           |           |       |
| Ernest Dawes        | 1       | 1912      |                   |           |           |       |
| Eric Dawes          | 14      | 1933-1936 | *3                | 1935-1937 |           |       |
| Maurice Dawes       | 22      | 1947-1956 | 6(+1 vs The Rest) | 1947-1950 |           |       |



|                        | Ipswich | Year      | Queensland         | Year      | Australia | Years     |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| William Dawes          | 1       | 1904      |                    |           |           |           |
| Ron Dobinson           | 1       | 1954      |                    |           |           |           |
| George Duck            | 2       | 1893      |                    |           |           |           |
| Jack (Toddy) Edwards   | 26      | 1922-1928 | *19                | 1922-1927 | *3        | 1924-1927 |
| Norm Follett           | 2       | 1947      |                    |           |           |           |
| Alf Gavioli            | 3       | 1948-1950 |                    |           |           |           |
| Cliff Gedge            | 8       | 1921-1923 | 4                  | 1922-1923 | *3        | 1923      |
| John Hainsworth        | 7       | 1920-1924 | 1                  | 1921      |           |           |
| Tom Hainsworth         | 22      | 1915-1927 | 13                 | 1920-1923 |           |           |
| George Hughes          | *5      | 1922-1923 |                    |           |           |           |
| William Humphreys      | 1       | 1954      |                    |           |           |           |
| Joe Jeffrey            | 1       | 1898      |                    |           |           |           |
| William Jeffrey        | 1       | 1893      |                    |           |           |           |
| John Jenkins           | 3       | 1954-1956 |                    |           |           |           |
| James (Jimmy)Johnstone | 4       | 1949-1954 | *1(+1 vs The Rest) | 1948      |           |           |
| Tom Johnstone          | 1       | 1944      |                    |           |           |           |
| Cliff (Digger) Jones   | 9       | 1947-1954 |                    |           |           |           |
| Thomas Jones           | 6       | 1953-1956 |                    |           |           |           |
| Alan Kathage           | 5       | 1951-1953 | *1                 | 1953      |           |           |
| Graham Kathage         | 9       | 1954-1966 | *37                | 1955-1966 | *5        | 1958-1959 |
| Graham Kruger          | 1       | 1966      | *10                | 1962-1965 | *2        | 1958-1965 |
| George Law             | 4       | 1912-1915 | *4                 | 1912      |           |           |

|                           | Ipswich | Year      | Queensland         | Year      | Australia | Years |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| J Lucas                   | 2       | 1898      |                    |           |           |       |
| William (Bill) Malcolmson | 7       | 1936-1940 | *1                 | 1938      | *1        | 1939  |
| Graham McCrea             | 1       | 1954      |                    |           |           |       |
| Les McCrea                |         | 1954      | *14                | 1958-1964 | *1        | 1959  |
| William Mc Dowell         | 8       | 1925-1929 |                    |           |           |       |
| Keith Mc Keand            | 7       | 1947-1954 |                    |           |           |       |
| Robert Millar             | 2       | 1950-1951 |                    |           |           |       |
| Dave Morris               | 9       | 1950-1953 | 6                  | 1951-1953 |           |       |
| Jim Morris                | 3       | 1950-1952 |                    |           |           |       |
| David Nielson             | 2       | 1919-1920 |                    |           |           |       |
| Evan Noble                | 3       | 1954-1956 |                    |           |           |       |
| Alf Nunn                  | 1       | 1912      |                    |           |           |       |
| Eric Nunn                 | 5       | 1926-1928 | 7                  | 1923-1930 | 1         | 1924  |
| Andrew Ogden              | *1      | 1989      |                    |           |           |       |
| John Ogden                |         |           | *13                | 1980-1987 |           |       |
| Merv Peck                 | 20      | 1941-1954 | 4(+1 vs The Rest)  | 1948-1949 |           |       |
| Alf(Spokes)Pedley         | 13      | 1921-1928 | 4                  | 1923-1928 |           |       |
| Percy Pedley              | 3       | 1921-1924 |                    |           |           |       |
| Eric (Itcho) Petie        | 19      | 1928-1941 | *7(+1 vs The Rest) | 1937-1941 | *1        | 1938  |
| Dan Potts                 | 21      | 1912-1924 | 25                 | 1912-1922 |           |       |
| Jack Potts                | 12      | 1924-1936 | 3                  | 1925-1930 |           |       |
| H Routledge               | 1       | 1904      |                    |           |           |       |

|                     | Ipswich | Year      | Queensland | Year      | Australia | Years |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| John Routledge      | 2       | 1898      | 1          | 1898      |           |       |
| Ernest Rumble       | 5       | 1923-1925 | 4          | 1923-1924 |           |       |
| Vern Rumble         | 6       | 1921-1924 | 6          | 1922      |           |       |
| William(Pete)Sander | 3       | 1927-1929 |            |           |           |       |
| R Scholes           | 2       | 1913-1914 |            |           |           |       |
| Henry Seeney        | 11      | 1928-1935 | *2         | 1935-1938 |           |       |
| Albert Shearer      | 1       | 1912      |            |           |           |       |
| George Skellern     | 1       | 1919      |            |           |           |       |
| Henry Skellern      | 2       | 1898      |            |           |           |       |
| Joseph Skellern     |         |           | 1          | 1930      |           |       |
| J Smith             | 3       | 1924-1925 |            |           |           |       |
| George Sparks       | 1       | 1920      |            |           |           |       |
| Alec(Sandy)Stewart  | 1       | 1893      |            |           |           |       |
| George Teasdale     | 15      | 1923-1926 | 1          | 1926      |           |       |
| Arthur Tedman       | 1       | 1904      |            |           |           |       |
| James Tedman        | 2       | 1904      |            |           |           |       |
| Malcolm Thompson    | 7       | 1951-1956 | *1         | 1953      |           |       |
| Arthur(Lick)Verrall | 4       | 1904-1920 | 5          | 1912-1913 |           |       |
| Alan Verrall        | 3       | 1950-1954 |            |           |           |       |
| Cec Verrall         | 1       | 1950      |            |           |           |       |
| Col Verrall         | 5       | 1941-1948 |            |           |           |       |
| Ernie(Dad)Verrall   | 4       | 1903-1910 |            |           |           |       |

|                        | Ipswich | Year      | Queensland          | Year      | Australia | Years     |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Herbert Verrall        | 2       | 1898      |                     |           |           |           |
| Leslie Verrall         | 8       | 1949-1956 |                     |           |           |           |
| Lloyd Verrall          | 3       | 1951-1952 |                     |           |           |           |
| Brian (Chooky)Vogler   | 9       | 1954-1966 | *33(+1 vs The Rest) | 1954-1965 | *18       | 1956-1959 |
| Thomas Wade            | 6       | 1913-1921 | 7                   | 1913-1915 |           |           |
| Col Warrell            | 20      | 1927-1933 | 8                   | 1928-1933 |           |           |
| Len Warrell            | 14      | 1922-1928 | 2                   | 1924-1926 |           |           |
| William Warrell        | 12      | 1912-1926 | 7                   | 1920-1923 |           |           |
| Les Webb               | 3       | 1940-1947 |                     |           |           |           |
| William Webb           |         |           | 1                   | 1964      |           |           |
| Cec White              | 3       | 1950      |                     |           |           |           |
| Daryl Wilkins          | 1       | 1969      | *2                  | 1971      |           |           |
| Gary Wilkins           | 5       | 1965-1975 | *18                 | 1967-1974 | *4        | 1967      |
| Alan (Arty)Williams    | 13      | 1919-1925 | 8                   | 1924      |           |           |
| John(Jack,Fat)Williams | 28      | 1919-1927 | 13                  | 1920-1926 |           |           |
| Des Wishart            | 13      | 1947-1956 | 7(+1 vs The Rest)   | 1948-1954 |           |           |
| Eric Woolley           | 2       | 1950-1954 |                     |           |           |           |
| William Wright         | 4       | 1891-1903 |                     |           |           |           |
| Walter Yates           | 1       | 1903      |                     |           |           |           |
| Eric Young             | 13      | 1933-1941 | 2(+1 vs The Rest)   | 1938      |           |           |



## Presidents

|           |                   |           |                 |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1890-1891 | William Lynch     | 1947-1949 | Richard Jackson |
| 1892-1893 | George Duck       | 1950-1951 | Frank Corbutt   |
| 1894-1895 | Michael Jeffrey   | 1952-1953 | Richard Jackson |
| 1895-1904 | William Lynch     | 1955-1956 | Colin Lowe      |
| 1904-1905 | Donald McInnes    | 1956-1957 | L Jackson       |
| 1906-1916 | Matthew Bailey    | 1957-1960 | David Grimmond  |
| 1919-1920 | Alexander Stewart | 1960-1961 | Norm Bavister   |
| 1920-1921 | O Butt            | 1961-1962 | Colin Lowe      |
| 1921-1922 | Alexander Stewart | 1966-1967 | Nev Hillard     |
| 1922-1923 | William Devlin    | 1975-1977 | Ken Bognuda     |
| 1923-1924 | William J Lynch   | 1977-1978 | C Brown         |
| 1924-1926 | Alexander Stewart | 1978-1980 | Lloyd Verrall   |
| 1926-1927 | Alfred Hudson     | 1980-1981 | N D Evans       |
| 1927-1928 | Matthew bailey    | 1981-1982 | J Ferguson      |
| 1928-1929 | Victor Bognuda    | 1988-1989 | Gerard Noble    |
| 1929-1930 | W G Cutler        | 1989-2013 | Lloyd Verrall   |
| 1931-1933 | Alfred Hudson     | 2017-2024 | Scott Morrison  |

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