

## Blackstone Rovers Internationals

Redvers Kitching



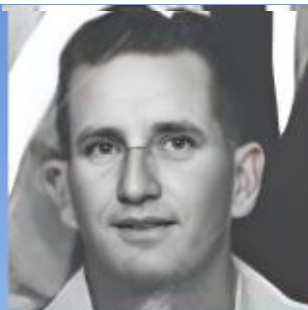
Mervyn Shanks



Les Halls



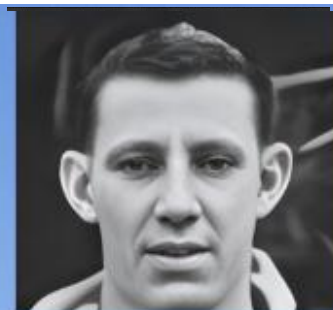
Robert Lawrie



Duncan McKenna



Alwyn Warren



Brian Vogler



Jack Edwards



Col Kitching



Ron Hughes



Don Leo

# Soccer club gutted



2008



2009

Billy Williams, who is well known as treasurer and providor of the Booval Bowling Club, and who spent 50 years in various mines in the Ipswich district, recalled during the week that he had scored for the Blackstone team before the old Coolgardie shaft was put down at Blackstone, prior to 1893

He was only a schoolboy then, but he can remember games being played in the Coolgardie paddock before the mine was flooded. It was necessary to build a drain across the playing field, so the late Lewis Thomas cleared another site and gave it to the sporting bodies. It was necessary to shift five houses which were erected on the creek bank and two near the railway line. Today that ground is still known as the Blackstone oval and is used for Soccer fixtures



**Blackstone Rovers Ground (right of bridge)(1891)**





*Thomas H Follett,  
William Halls, Albert Harrison  
John Gambling, George Jackson  
George Law*

*1904  
Blackstone Rovers Football Club  
Winners Challenge Cup*

*Jack Tapp, Robert Tapp  
George Taylor, J Williams,  
William L Williams (Capt)  
William Wright*



1907

## Blackstone Rovers

Back Row (L-R): Thomas Salisbury, -, Wallace Dawson

Third Row: -, George Jackson, -, Arthur Perry, -

Second Row: William Halls, Arthur Foote, Bill Williams, George Law, John Edwards, Robert Jones

Front Row: , David Halls, Peter Taylor, Albert Shelton

Other players George Tapp, Frederick Evans, Thomas Halls, William Follett, Gib Reason



Champions

1912  
**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**  
**Premiers**



Back row: George Reeks (Selector) Arthur Irvine, Arthur Perry, James Barron  
Middle row: Eric Clowes, Eli Jones, Albert Shelton, William Paterson  
Front row: Jas Law, William Halls, George Law (Captain) David Halls, Selector  
Sitting: George Bullock, G(Gif) Evans Inset: Frederick Evans, George Burns

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**Circa. 1910-1920**

**Blackstone Rovers Soccer Club**

Bert Dobbie first on the Left front row



Champions

1915  
**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**  
**Premiers**



\* Killed on the  
 Western Front 1916

Back row (L-R) John Halls (Chairman) Geo. Hill, Frederick Elson, Arthur Perry, Joseph Follett

Second row - W Evans (Selector) William Halls (Treasurer) Charles Davis, William Jones

Private Alfred E Law (WW1 Veteran) Jas Halls (Selector).

Front row - Richard. Herbert. Lewis (Vice-President) Joseph Pedley, Titus Bowen (President)

\*Private William Paterson (Captain WW1 Veteran) Geo Reeks (Selector) G(Gif) Evans (Secretary) Jas Law (Vice-president)

In front - Geo. W Law, Albert Halls



Frederick Evans



Joseph Follett



G(Giff) Evans



William Evans



Albert Halls



George Halls



James Clarkson



Alfred Law



Vernard Greisbach



Joseph Pedley



Walter Williams



George Law



William Jones



Richard Williams



Arty Williams



John Williams



Jack Edwards



Norman Edwards



William Halls(Captain)



William Williams



Charles Davies

-1919-

## Blackstone Rovers Soccer Club

Undefeated Premiers/Intercity Champions

No photo :H Morris, William Williams

*(Blackstone Rovers defeated Brisbane Premiers Pineapple Rovers 4-nil)*





-1921-

## Blackstone Rovers

### Undefeated Premiers and Challenge Cup Winners B Grade Senior

Back row: Ben Williams, Jos Elliot, N Evans

Second row: R Williams, David Hamilton, H Morris, George Reeks, John Woolley, T Davies

Sitting: ----, James Clarkson, William Halls (Captain) J Edwards, ----

In front: Reg Edwards, R Mathewson

Insets: Fredeick Evans, Walter Williams



James Clarkson



David Halls



John Woolley



Walter B Williams



Robert Mathewson



Frederick Evans  
Premiership Medal



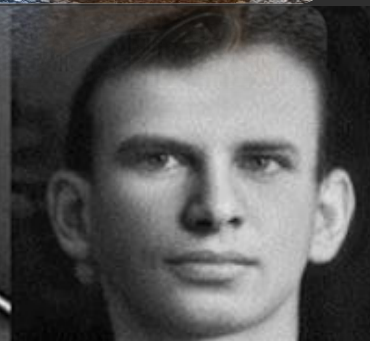
Arty Williams



Jack Edwards



Norman Edwards



William Halls(Captain)



Fred Evans(Vice Captain)

## Blackstone Rovers Soccer Club

-1921-

### Second Division Undefeated Premiers

*Goals scored 56 against 4*

Other Players no photo :David Hamilton,Robert McQueen,J(Tros)Elliott



**Junior  
Champions**

**-1923-  
Blackstone Rovers Football Club  
Premiers (Juniors)**



**Back Row: H Thomas, Thomas Dobbie,, W Nunn**  
**Second Row: J Howells, Morris Williams, Les Halls, David Creighton, Clifford Elms, Roy Woolley**  
**Front Row: J Davis (Supporter) Charles Jones, Iohn Greisbach (Vice Captain) William Greisbach (Captain) Richard Jones, Bert Dobbie, Robert Dobbie (Vice President)**  
**Frank Woolley (Mascot)**



Les Halls

James Clarkson

John Woolley

Roy Woolley

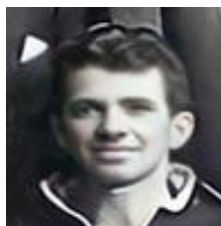
Frederick Poulton

Jack Potts

Jack Williams

Arthur Williams

James Murphy



Norman Edwards



George Halls



Walter B Williams



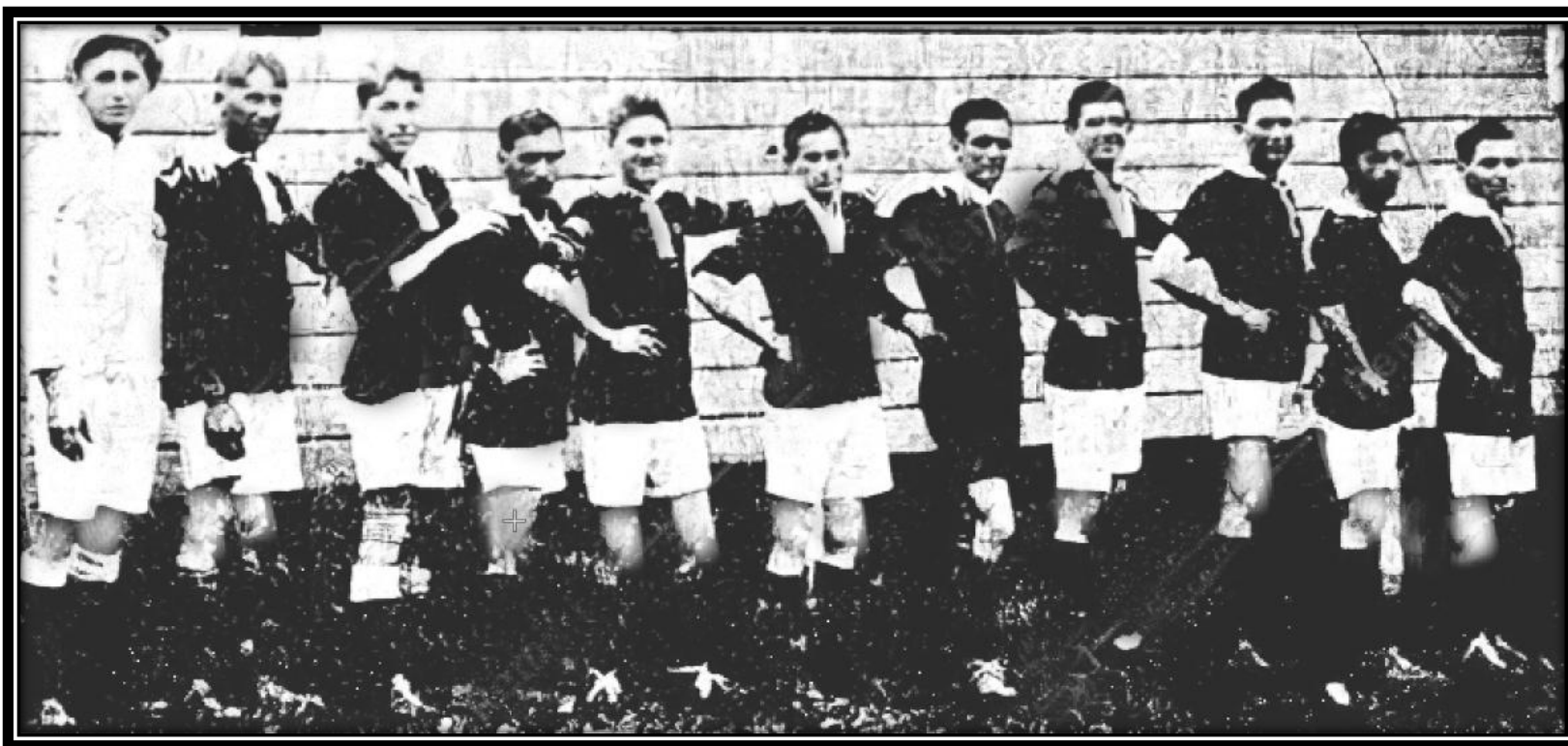
William Burns

Others William Edwards, J Murphy, A Walker

1923

**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**





Les Halls



James Clarkson



John Woolley



Roy Woolley



Frederick Poulton



Jack Potts



Jack Williams



Arthur Williams



James Murphy



Norman Edwards



George Halls

Others William Edwards, J Murphy, A Walker

1923

**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**



Walter B Williams



William Burns



1920'S  
**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**





-1924-

## Blackstone Rovers

### Premiers of Second Grade Senior and Winners of Memmott Cup (Outright)

Back row(L-R) James Clarkson,B Williams (Trainer) Walter Woolley,Roy Woolley

Second row- Richard Price( Selector) Jack Edwards,Les Halls, Frederick Poulton,J Edwards(Selector)

Third row- R.E. Bell (Selector) Bert Dobbie (Hon Secretary) Ernest Percy Alcorn (Vice-President) W O'Hagan, F Elliott,Frederick Parsons (President)

Sitting-Joseph.Greenland,Richard Jones,Bert Greisbach,Norman Edwards (Captain) John Woolley,David Creighton, Robert Dobbie

In front- Hugh Tite, Frank Woolley,Colin Edwards (Mascot) H Morris. Inset- Morris Williams

**Champions**

**1926**  
**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**  
**Premiers and Tristram Shield Winners**



**Back Row(L-R) I Raive,Thomas Morgan(Life Member) Frank McMahon,J Richards,James Clarkson,Hugh Tite**  
**Second Row:Joseph Greenland,J Davis(Selector)Vic Hamilton,Les Halls,Jack (Toddy) Edwards,Morris Williams,Richard Jones (Life Member)**  
**Third Row:Robert Jones (Life Member) Stephen Bentham,F Bartlett,J McMahon (Trainer)W Evans (Selector)John Jones (Vice President)**  
**Siiting: Frederick Parsons (President) Bert Dobbie (Hon Secretary) Jack Williams (Vice Captain )Norman Edwards (Captain) John Woolley**  
**W Woolley (Treasurer and Selector) Robert Dobbie(Life Member)**  
**In Front:Cec Nunn,Arthur Hawkins,Roy Woolley,Frederick Poulton,Artie Williams,Inset Jabex H Taylor**





**BLACKSTONE SOCCER TEAM.**—The players who will be seen in action to-day against Toombul, at Toombul.



**THE BLACKSTONE ROVERS SOCCER TEAM**, winners of the Tristram Shield and Soccer premiership, and victors over Latrobes in the final on Saturday last.

normal met faster men, who knew where the goal was, and went for it by the direct route.

blowing strongly at the time, Windsor launched a consistent attack, eventually breaking through



**BLACKSTONE'S SPEEDY VANGUARD.**

J. Edwards, Nunn, Hamilton, Evans, and A. Williams.

Blackstone have won every match this season, and have the highest goal average. They defeated Latrobes at the Cricket Ground on Saturday.



**BLACKSTONE ROVERS.**

Who defeated Thistles at Blackstone by 2 goals to nil, and who have come right through the first round unbeaten.

Top row (left to right).—J. Williams, A. Hawkins, J. Woolley, N. Edwards, L. Halls, and B. Woolley.

Bottom row.—J. Edwards, C. Nunn, V. Hamilton, C. Evans, and A. Williams.





**-1927-**

## **Blackstone Rovers Juniors**

**Winners of Queensland Cup and runners-up in I. & W.M. Premiership Competition**

Back row(L-R) J Grant,John Reeks,Evan Marginson,William Hamilton,Vernard Greisbach

Second row- Bert Dobbie (Hon. Sec) Hugh Tite, J McMahon (Trainer) William Jones (Selector) Evan Howells,William.J Jones,Norman Edwards

Sitting- J Taylor, Peter Dawson,Harry Woolley,Thomas Heaton (Captain) Frank McMahon (Vice-Captain) J Allen, Robert Dobbie

In front- Allan Woolley (Mascot) Walter Williams

**Junior  
Champions**

**1933**

**Blackstone Rovers Football Club  
Winners of Juvenile Premiership and Round Shield**



**Back row(L-R) Ernest Jones,H Jackson,George Trevis**

**Second row- J Hughes, Frank Woolley, F Watson, Leslie Williams, James Evans**

**Front row- J Parsons, Mervyn Tapp, R Johnstone (Captain) Frederick Parsons (Patron) Thomas Pennell (Vice-Captain) H Ramsay, Bert Dobbie (Secretary)  
Jack Dobbie (Mascot)**

**Inset- Fred Reeks**

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-1935-

## **Blackstone Rovers**

### **Juvenile Premiers**

Back row: Frank Woolley, A Jones, T Campbell, E Jones, Reg Edwards, Leslie Williams

Sitting: Bert Dobbie, Fred Reeks, Mervyn Tapp, Morris Williams, Colin Spall, J Hughes, Jack Edwards. In front: Jack Dobbie

Inset: James Evans.

Junior  
Champions

1935  
**Blackstone Rovers Junior Soccer Team**  
**Junior Minor Premiers**



Back row: Colin Taylor, T Johnston

Second row: George Williams, A Parsons, George Dale, Arthur Halls, Albert Perry, Selwyn Jones

Sitting: Bert Dobbie (Hon Secretary) L Jones (Vice Captain) Thomas Dobbie (Selector) R J Jones (Captain) G Hughes (Selector) A Davies, Jack Edwards (Selector)

In front: Jack Dobbie    Insets: T Allan, Reg Edwards

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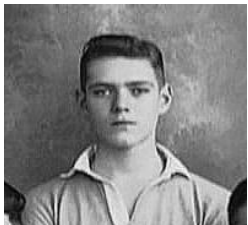




Selwyn Jones



Lloyd Jones



Cecil Evans



Fergus Allan



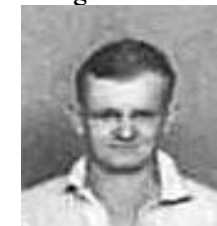
Thomas Allen



sitting Bert Dobbie first on left J Edwards first on right



Reg Edwards



Lou Webb



George Williams



Tom Johnston



Ernest Jones

1937

## Blackstone Rovers Football Club

Senior B Grade Premiers Winners of G. H. Price, Tedman, and Nissen Cups

Players no order

Tom Johnston, Lloyd Jones, Ernest Jones, Cecil Evans, Reg Edwards, Lou Webb, George Williams  
Bert Dobbie, Fergus Allen, F Johnstone, James Shanks, S Burns, M Hardy, Selwyn Jones, Thomas Allen



**1938**

**Blackstone Rovers**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

No order: Arthur Halls, Frank Woolley, Frank Tite, Robert Lawrie

Alexander Loy, T McAllan, Leslie Williams, Mervyn Evans, Fred Reeks, R Gould, A Williamson, J Allan

Front row: First on left Bert Dobbie, third from left Robert Lawrie (International) Fourth on left Malcolm Hogg (Captain)





-1939-

## Blackstone Rovers Soccer Club

### Junior Minor

Back row: George Reeks second on right, Cecil Evans first on right

Sitting:-----William Lawrire,-----,Samuel Rice,-----Bert Dobbie,Keith Woolley

Others:Des Haswell,,John Clarkson,John Williams,C Brown,R Smith,H Wilson,Cecil Shuker

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**Junior  
Champions**

**Blackstone Rovers Junior Soccer Team**

**-1940-**

Junior-Minor Undefeated Premiers,I and W M F A, and winners of Brooks Cup and Round Shield



**Back row: Ron Jones**

**Second row(L-R) D Green, Len Hughes, Cecil Evans, Col Hughes,Alan Hughes, Ronald Dobbie**

**Sitting: Robert Rush, Thomas Rush (Committee) Jim Lawrie (Vice-Capt) Bert Dobbie (Secretary) John Williams (Captain), W Parker (Committee) Keith Woolley**

**Front: Duncan McKenna, John Dobbie**

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1940

## **Blackstone Rovers Junior Soccer Team**

**Winners, Reserve Premiership, Q.S.F.A., and runners-up, Brough Cup**

Back row- William Evans

Second row- Samuel Clarkson, Alan. Dowell, I. Reeks, R. Gould, Frank Tite, James Evans

Sitting- T Williams, Thomas Rush (Committee) Mervyn Evans (V-cap) Bert Dobbie Secretary) James Rush (Captain) William Parker (Committee) Victor Campbell

In front- Duncan McKenna, James Dobbie

Source Picture Ipswich

Champions

1941  
**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**  
**Premiers**



**Back Row:** Henry Wilson (Linesman) Roy Woolley, James Evans, Percy Haswell, Cecil Evans, William Bertram, Thomas Rush

**Second Row:** N Llewellyn, Frank Woolley (Trainer) Ron Kelly, Mervyn Haswell, J Simpson, M Hudson, W Parker

**Sitting:** Norman Edwards (Committee) George Williams (Treasurer) Robert Lawrie, Robert Lawrie (President) James Rush, Reg Edwards, Bert Dobbie

**In front:** Allan Woolley, Victor Campbell Inset:----, William Nason

Source: Private Collection / Woolley family





-1941-

## Blackstone Rovers Football Club

### Junior Minor Premiers and Winners of Callow Cup

Back row: Thomas Rush (Committee) Norm Edwards (Committee) George Dyett, Ron Jones, R Potter, W Llewellyn, Percy Haswell Committee)

Second row: A Davis, Ronald Dobbie, I Simpson (Committee) Samuel Clarkson (Committee) John Williams, Ron Hughes

Sitting: Bert Dobbie (Hon Sec) Col Hughes, Keith Woolley (Captain) Robert Lawrie (President) Jim Lawrie, (Vice Capt) David Halls, W Parker (Committee)



**1940'S**  
**Blackstone Rovers**

Back Row: Norman Edwards, ---, ---, --- Ron Jones, ---, ---, Thomas Rush  
 Middle row: John Williams, Percy Haswell  
 Front Row: W Parker, ---, ---, Robert Lawrie, ---, --- Bert Dobbie





**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**  
**-1944-**

**Winners of Tristram Shield**

Back Row: William Edwards, James Bruce, Samuel Clarkson, William Nason, Mervyn Haswell

Second Row: David Kitching, Lambert Gardiner, James Churchett, Allan Woolley, Roy Woolley (Selector) Desmond Haswell

Sitting: A Davies (Selector) James Rush, Robert Dobbie (Hon Secretary) Frank Woolley (Captain) Harold Woolley (Selector) Keith Woolley



-1949-

## **Blackstone Rovers Football Club**

### **Reserve Grade Premiers and Cribb and Foote Centenary Competition Winners**

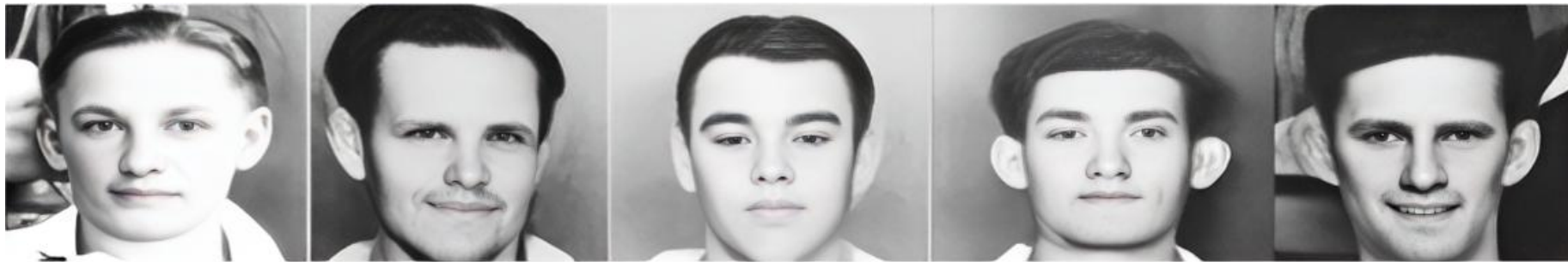
Back Row: William Eleison

Third Row: John Williams, Dudley Woolley (Secretary) Robert Dobbie, Ronald Rice, Eric Jones

Second Row: Selwyn Jones (Trainer) Eric Robinson (Committee) Basil Young, Tom Johnson, C Hughes (Committee) William Woolley (Committee)

Front Row: Lloyd Jones (Selector) Ray Woolley, Jim Donald (MLA Patron) Jim Lawrie (Captain) Owen Evans (Chairman) W Morris, G Williams (Treasurer)





Keith Woolley

Dud Woolley

Don Leo

Keith Kitching

Erroll Woolley



Col Hughes

George Hughes

Ron Hughes

Redvers Kitching

David Kitching

William Kean



Brian Bruce

Maurice Dawes

Tom Johnstone

Col Griesbach

John Clarkson

Roy Topping

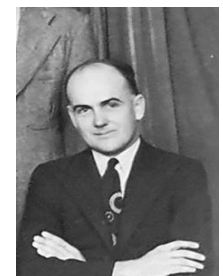
**-1950-**  
**Blackstone Rovers Soccer Club**



**William Woolley**



**Jim Donald**



**George Williams**



**1951**

**Blackstone Rovers Football Club**

**Fifth Division**

**Winners of Special KO Competition and Todd Cup**

**Back Row(L-R):** Richard Kearton, Jack Barram, Doug Ashe, Claude Stanley, Alan Follett

**Second Row:** Reg Edwards, Colin Follett, Col. Hughes (Committee) Ron Hughes (Assistant Secretary) Sidi Pontarollo, R Chapman

**Sitting:** Arnold. P. Jones (Hon. Secretary) Eric Thorburn, L.T. Bales, Eric Jones (Captain) P Farrell (Vice-Capt) L Palmer, M. Farrell (Manager)

**Absent:** William Woolley (President) George Williams (Treasurer) Jim Donald MLA (Patron)





1952

**Blackstone Rovers  
(Reserve Grade)**

**Back Row:** Ronald (Wonga) Warren, Allan Follett, Col Miller, Jack Barram, Nev Sander, Nicholas Rail  
**Front Row:** Billy Walker, John Clarkson, James Lawrie, Bill McMurdo, James Earl

Champions

1953

## Blackstone Rovers Soccer Club

First Division Premiers, Tristram, Hilton Ambulance Shield, Tristram Cup Winners



Back row: Dudley Woolley, Don Leo, Keith Kitching

Third row: Col Kitching, W Hughes (Committee) Les Verrall, C Mengle (Committee, Col Hughes, Jake Tapp (Co Trainer)

Second row: William Tonner, Erroll Woolley, Ron Warren (Selector) E Watham (Selector) Reg Range, Alan Verrall, F McMahon (Trainer)

Front row: Charles Morgan (Sel) Col Greisbach, Jim Donald MLA, Ron Hughes (Captain) William Woolley (President) Alwyn Warren, Arnold P Jones (Secretary)



1953

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

*Blackstone Rovers recent carnival featuring women's soccer was so successful that the club decided to stage a similar night this week Rovers have spent about £200 on materials for a new refreshment booth at their ground, and are trying to raise about £500 to build a new dressing shed, which will be fully lined, with hot and cold showers and other appointments. About all that can be salvaged from The existing building is the roofing*



From left: ,---,---Lorna Hughes, ,----, Shirley Hughes, Beryl Greisbach, Maureen Leo, Irene Range, Val Barram, Dorren Woolley, Clara Woolley

**1954 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Blackstone Rovers continually attacked the Bundamba goal in first division Soccer fixtures on Saturday to cause one of the biggest upsets in Soccer history**

*Steady Blackstone mowed Rangers down using the west wind with more Intelligence, and playing steadier football, Blackstone Rovers sprang a real surprise on Saturday by knocking Bundamba Rangers (3-nil) from the head of the first division Soccer premiership table. St. Helens, who won their fixture, now head the table. In the opening fixture of the season Bundamba Rangers defeated Blackstone Rovers 6-nil at Blackstone. On Saturday week Rovers were down 7-nil to Thistle. The uncrushable spirit of Blackstone was evident in the way they were able to come back after those two severe reverses. Rangers were under a handicap on Saturday with the Rule brothers - Ray and Norm. - out for the fixture. and an injury early in tile second half to Spencer Kitching. Rangers, how ever, had their opportunities and forwards threw them away with wild shooting. Rovers, playing against a .strong west wind in the first half, refused to be rattled into out-of-position play by the fast Bundamba forward line. They took everything Bundamba hurled against them and yet netted in the 30th minute of the half. Their other two goals were scored in the last quarter of an hour. Rovers' splendid use of the lessening wind in the see ond half was an object les son to Bundamba. Their backs with clean, precision punting gave the forwards a heavy delivery of the ball to run the Bundamba de fence ragged at times. It is doubtful if Rovers have played better positional Soccer this season than they did on Saturday.*

*Outstanding player for them was centre-half, Alwyn Warren, whose splendid headwork and sure kicking strangled many Bundamba attacks. Running a close second to Warren was Ron. Hughes.*

*Whose wise use of the wind turned defence into attack. Reg. Range, switched from left wing to centre forward was a great success in the position. Colin Greisbach, a normal half back, was outstanding for Blackstone as an inside left. Greisbach's fine work was rewarded by a grand solo goal in the last couple of minutes of the game. Bundamba's right full back. Merv. Newlands, was the best of his side , and left half, Ron. Jones next to him. Of the forwards. Neville Cumming showed easily the most penetration. A little more luck and Cumming might have crashed a couple of goals. To the time he was injured, Spencer Kitching also was a trouble to Black. stone's defence. Rovers scored their first goal when Range. following a long drive to Alan Verrall tapped the loose ball into the net.*

*Range got his second goal when he threw himself at a cross by right winger Col. Miller, to take the bill into the net with his foot. Miller's lead-up work to the goal was good Soccer. Greisbach dribbled his way past a number of Bundamba players to beat goal. keeper Wal. Mitchell with a left foot drive 'in the last couple of minutes*



Keith Kitching





1958

## **Blackstone Rovers**

**Back Row L-R: Ray Wells, Neville Payne**

**Second Row: Neville Smith, Bill Hughes, Lance Milsom, Frank McMahon, Barry Payne**

**Third Row: Robbie Hughes, Morris Hughes (Assistant Secretary), John Livermore, Daryl Hughes, Billy Walker (Coach), Trevor Payne**

**Front Row: Noel Dowse, Charlie Morgan, Maurice Woolley, Ray Woodford, Rodney Jones, Norm Brooks (Secretary), Gary Lenehan**



**1959**

## **Blackstone Rovers**

### **Reserve Grade Premiers**

**Back Row: Frank McMahon (Manager) S McCrea, W Young (Selector)**

**Third Row: Robert Rea, Jack Barram (Selector) J Gilbert, William Hughes (Life Member) Ray Wilson**

**Second Row L-R: Ray Lock, Kenneth Caldwell (Assistant Secretary) George Hughes, Morrie Hughes, Mervyn Evans (Treasurer) Selwyn Hobbins**

**Sitting: Rom Freeman, Stewart Rea, C Morgan (President) Don Follett (Captain) N Brooks (Secretary) Stan Freeman (Vice Captain) Ron Wilson**

**Absent: Brent King, Ken Irnhoff, Reg Range, F Ashe, Don Leo (Selector)**





1962

**Blackstone Rovers (Under 18)**

**Stewart Shield. Len Eastman, Shield, Rosebowl Cup Winners**

Back Row: Eddie Payne (Manager) Trevor Payne, Graham Chandler, Kerry Hartwig, Barry Gillow, Trevor Gillow  
 Second Row: John Hindley, Kevin Page, John Roderick, Owen Williams, Noel Carter, Noel Puet, Ross Grant  
 Sitting: Ron Hughes (President) Barry Payne (Captain) Terrence Petie (Vice Captain) Kenneth Caldwell (Secretary)





1962  
**Blackstone Rovers(Under 18)  
Stewart Shield Winners**

Barry Gillow,Ross Grant,Terry Petie,Noel Puet,Barry Payne,John Roderick,Trevor Payne,John Hindley