



*"Rapid" Team*

## MAIN SOCCER GAMES

**TOMORROW — SUNDAY, 17th JULY**

### THE STATE PREMIERSHIP NORTHERN SECTION

- West Wallsend v. Mayfield United — Johnston Park.
- Lake Macquarie v. Wallsend — Speers Point Oval.
- Cessnock v. Weston — Cessnock Sports Ground.
- Merewether v. Cardiff — Charlestown Oval.
- Adamstown v. East Lakes — Crystal Palace, Wallsend.

## The Sportsman's Prayer

If I should win let it be by the code,  
With my faith and my honour held high.  
But if I should lose, let me stand by the road,  
And cheer as the winners go by.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FOOTBALL  
ASSOCIATION

2nd TEST

NEWCASTLE SPORTS GROUND

**AUSTRALIA**

versus

**"RAPID" (AUSTRIA)**

SATURDAY, 16th JULY, 1955  
at 3 p.m.



R. KORNER



T. JACK

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**NEXT SATURDAY**  
**New South Wales v. South China**  
**at Sydney**

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"RAPID" (Austria) AND SOUTH CHINA  
TOUR OF AUSTRALIA, 1955

"RAPID" AUSTRIA

versus

- July 13: Northern Districts at Cessnock.  
July 16: Australia (2nd Test) at Newcastle  
July 20: Queensland at Brisbane.  
July 23: Australia (3rd Test) at Brisbane.  
July 27: Victoria at Melbourne.  
July 30: Australia (4th Test) at Melbourne.  
Aug. 3: South Australia at Adelaide.  
Aug. 6: West Australia at Perth.  
Aug. 8 or 10: West Australia at Perth.  
Aug. 13: An Australian XI at Adelaide.  
Aug. 15: Tasmania at Launceston.  
Aug. 17: Tasmania at Hobart.  
Aug. 20: Australia (5th Test) at Sydney.



SOUTH CHINA

versus

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July 16: Australian XI at Melbourne.  
July 19: Tasmania at Launceston.  
July 23: N.S.W. at R.A.S.  
July 24: South Coast at South Coast.  
July 27: South Australia at Adelaide.  
July 30: Australian XI at Adelaide.  
Aug. 3: Queensland at Brisbane.  
Aug. 6: Australia (1st Test) at Brisbane.  
Aug. 7: Northern Districts at Cessnock.  
Aug. 13: Australia (2nd Test) at Newcastle.  
Aug. 17: Metropolis at S.C.G. No. 1.  
Aug. 20: 3rd Test at Sydney Sports Ground.

SOCCER GOSSIP

by "Dingy"

The South China team was very delighted to arrive in Australia. You see, everywhere they went in New Zealand, they struck bitterly cold weather and played mostly in heavy mud, to which they are, of course, unaccustomed. When beaten 4-3 at Otago the China boys could not really play soccer at all and no wonder — they played the match on a snow-covered ground.

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They are, as you can imagine, used to hard, dry, grounds and the soft, muddy, grounds over there had them all at sea. It will be a vastly different story when they appear on the hard and bone dry grounds of our Australian cities.

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I am prepared to say that in eight days of soccer in Sydney and the South Coast, Australian players learned more about soccer skill than they ever knew before. The "Rapid" team has been the best "teacher" ever to come here. Watch for yourself and see our Australian lads emulate the "Rapid" players' close weaving of the ball. Previously it was the long pass with far too much ariel soccer thrown in. Now the Aussie boys are appreciating the wisdom of "keeping the ball on the carpet" and, while you do that, ALL players are the same size.

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I had a talk with Mr. Gold, the Austrian manager, last week and commended his team for its mastery of the close passing style. Mr. Gold immediately pointed out it was nothing new, as it was the identical style perfected by the famous Glasgow Rangers' F.C. over thirty years ago. You Scots can take a bow on that one.

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State secretary Bill Orr was rather embarrassed last week when a lady rang him to complain of the attitude of two Scotsmen on the hill at the Sydney Sportsground. The Scots, she said, spoke contemptuously of the qualities of Australian players and their ability to ever learn how to play soccer. She told Bill she "went" for them and if they didn't like our style they should go back to Scotland and watch their own brand over there. A little belatedly she "woke up" and said, "I don't suppose you are a Scot yourself?" Bill, of course, replied in the affirmative, but set her at ease when he heartily concurred with her sentiments.

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In the first test match the Austrian players arrived on the field in red shirts, white pants and red and white hooped socks. Each carried a small bouquet of flowers and, before the toss, they raced to different parts of the various enclosure and handed their bouquets to ladies amongst the spectators. Austrian Manager Mr. Max Gold then presented to Australian Soccer Chairman Mr. Sydney Storey a silk flag of the "Rapid" Club.

Australia's turn came when the teams were lined up and after the anthems of both countries had been played. Skipper Tommy Jack held up a giant koala bear, decorated with the green and gold ribbons of Australia, for everyone to see and then handed it to the "Rapid" skipper, Robert Korner.

## SHORT BIOGRAPHIES



**ROBERT KAFFKA**

**ROBERT KAFFKA** (Back, Half-back).—Born in Vienna on the 5th of June, 1930; employee. A good head player and enormous "kick". Played three times in the Vienna City Team.

**KARL GIESSER** (Centre-half).—Born in Vienna, 29th October, 1929. Civil servant. Great player with a very great action radius. Excellent ball control. Splendid marksman. Seven times in the Austrian National Team and member of the Austrian World Championship Team.



**KARL GIESSER**

**GERHARD HANAPPI** (Half-back).—Born on the 16th February, 1929. Student. Plays as left back in the Austrian Team and was one of the most efficient players as left back in the FIFA team. His dribbling is very good, his efficiency outstanding. Although playing mostly as half-back he scored so many goals during the last Austrian Championship that he ranges second in the list of the goalgetters. Played 56 times in the Austrian National Team; played all the matches of the Austrian Team during the World Championship in Bern.



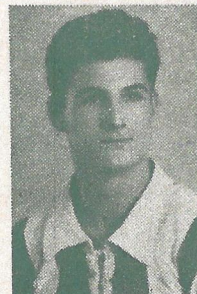
**GERHARD HANAPPI**

**JOHANN RIEGLER** (Half-back, Forward).—Born in Vienna on the 17th of July, 1929. Employed with an insurance company. Known for his "iron lungs"; has an outstanding ball control. Played 26 times in the National Team; member of the World Championship Team.



**JOHANN RIEGLER**

**PAUL HALLA** (Right Winger).—Born 10th April, 1931. Dentist. Very fast, eminent marksman, jumps very high when heading the ball. Coming from the Austrian province (Styria) he joined "Rapid" last year. Played already 12 times in the National Team and was a member of the World Championship Team of Austria.



**PAUL HALLA**



**H. GARTNER**

**H. GARTNER** (Reserve Goalkeeper).—Born May 29, 1933, in Vienna. Started playing in Vienna with Venus Sports Group. He was selected in the National Team against Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. Has been with "Rapid" for 12 months. Last season he played 80 per cent. of the games for "Rapid" while Zeman was ill.

**ROBERT DIENST** (Centre Forward).—Born on the 1st March, 1928; employed with the Austrian National Bank. Strongly built, tall player of extremely high shooting power. Leading goalgetter of the "Rapid" team and of the Austrian State League. Played 40 times in the National Team. Member of the World Championship Team in Austria.



**ROBERT DIENST**



**ALFRED KORNER**

**ALFRED KORNER** (Left Winger).—Born in Vienna on the 14th February, 1926. Employee of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria. Excellent dribbling and ball control with both legs. One of the most reliable players of the Austrian National Team for which he has played already 47 times. All matches in Bern.

**BRUNO MEHSAROSCH** (Centre Forward).—Born in Vienna on the 19th March, 1934. Electrician. Very good ball control and dribbling. Played nine times as centre-forward in the Austrian Representation Youth Team.



**Bruno Mehsarosch**



**LOTHAR BILEK**

**LOTHAR BILEK**.—Born on the 9th of August, 1932. Good ball control, excellent play with head. Plays in all positions as half-back.

## ROUND THE GROUNDS

with "Spotter"

Lake Macquarie team is making a belated effort to get into the final four which competes in the State Premiership quarter finals. The Lake team's only chance appears to be that it must overhaul Adamstown. The Rosebuds, however, have a four points advantage over their rivals and will hang on with that determination which has made the club's name famous in soccer.

Cliff Almond, Australia's right-back to-day, is better than ever since his sojourn in big Scottish football. But he finds it harder to play here than over there, because of the perfect understanding in team work amongst Scottish clubs. My idea is that players such as he and J. Marston are the very people to promote and improve on that understanding amongst our own fellows.

Most soccer judges will regard outside-left M. Wild, of Queensland, as an experiment in that position to-day. N.S.W. people, in particular, have known him as an inside-forward in which position he was not inspiring in the first test. He may be the outside-left that Australia is looking for, but to-day should tell.

Australia's inside-right to-day is Col. Kitching, of Queensland, who will be somewhat a stranger to N.S.W. fans. He played extremely well in the 1954 interstate carnival at Adelaide.

Former Australian captain Bob Lawrie is now retired. Bob commenced this season O.K. but met with a facial injury which required an operation to his jaw. He is still active, however, and is now doing an excellent job coaching Queensland schoolboys.

Did you know that the N.S.W. Soccer Club is being built in Sydney? Work is proceeding on the building purchased by the Association and the club will be one of Sydney's best when completed. It would be the ideal place for you to visit when you journey to Sydney, and for country members the fees are £1/1/- per year. If you have not already joined, get an application form by writing to the secretary of the N.S.W. Soccer Club, 654a George Street, Sydney.

Jacky Lennard, of Mayfield, has had an unfortunate season thus far. An early season injury caused a temporary loss of form and he has accordingly not been seen in the teams for the international matches. The former Australian inside-forward is still a grand player and his turn will come again.

Hundreds of enquiries have been received regarding a reported visit of the Hungarian International Team to Australia in November of this year. The position is simply this: A prominent European journalist advised the Australian Soccer F.A. he was authorised to arrange a Hungarian visit and Australian authorities rightly intimated that direct approach should be made by the Hungarian soccer authorities. The Hungarian people were advised we would accept them here, but so far no reply has been received.

## TO-DAY'S EARLY GAMES

12 Noon

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

(Under 14 Years)

#### NEWCASTLE (Blue and White)

- G. B. Richards (Adamstown)
1. B. See (New Lambton Sth.)
2. L. Richardson (Booralee)
3. W. Bush (Adamstown)
4. T. Hincliffe (Booralee)
5. W. Wagstaffe (New Lam. Sth.)
6. J. Burrige (Dudley)
7. M. Black (Cardiff Sth.)
8. J. Adamson (Booralee)
9. A. Padgett (West Wallsend)
10. K. Whitmore (Jesmond)

#### SYDNEY (Gold)

- G. A. Rolostoff (Yagoona)
1. D. Rottenbury (Blakehurst)
2. R. Masters (Hurstville)
3. D. Lawrence (Ramsgate)
4. M. Teague (Woollahra)
5. J. McMahon (Marrickville)
6. J. Craik (Marrickville)
7. D. Newell (Rose Bay)
8. S. Ash (Bondi Beach)
9. K. Oleskin (Paddington)
10. S. Calabrese (Paddington)

Referee: Mr. C. Jack.

Linesmen: Mr. A. Nelson (Red Flag), Mr. R. Adams (Yellow Flag).

Reserves: J. Gregory (Dudley)  
D. Hilpin (Adamstown)  
A. Walsh (Mayfield E.)

Reserves: B. Critten (Paddington)  
M. Thomas (B'vue Hill)  
K. Buckle (Canterbury)  
B. Hall (B'town Nth.)

1 p.m.

### NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SOCCER F.A.

Under 18 Years Premiership

#### CHARLESTOWN (Black and Gold)

- G. R. Morrison
1. J. Cowan
2. K. Corrigan
3. G. Robertson
4. W. Burrows
5. D. Single
6. G. Dobbins
7. T. Donnelly
8. A. Corney
9. B. Burgess
10. T. Hugo

#### MAYFIELD (Green and White)

- G. R. Oliver
1. B. DeFlor
2. D. Hamilton
3. D. Mink
4. R. Humphries
5. D. Roberts
6. L. Ryan
7. J. Sheehan
8. N. Proud
9. R. Lewis
10. C. Taylor

Referee: Mr. K. Roberts

Linesmen: Mr. W. Jones (Red Flag), Mr. R. Roth (Yellow Flag).

# TEAMS FOR TO-DAY'S GAME

Manager: Mr. A. Cameron  
Coach: Mr. A. Quill

**AUSTRALIA**  
(Green and Gold)

Trainer: Mr. ....

Goal—W. HENDERSON (Granville)

R.B.—(2) : C. ALMOND (Cessnock)

L.B.—(3) : K. O'NEILL (Cessnock)

R.H.—(4) : R. BIGNALL (Corrimal)

C.H.—(5) : T. JACK (Queensland), Captain L.H.—(6) : C. SANDERS (Queensland)

I.R.—(8) : C. KITCHING (Queensland)

I.L.—(10) : R. NEAL (Canterbury)

O.R.—(7) : W. THOMAS (Victoria)

C.F.—(9) : K. LEARMONTH (Corrimal)

O.L.—(11) : M. WILD (Queensland)

*Reserves:*

D. Bone (Wallsend)  
R. Atkinson (West Wallsend)  
W. Paddock (Cardiff)  
J. Foster (West Wallsend)

Referee: Mr. H. Lonsdale

Reserve Goal: H. Gartner

Reserves : 12. W. Vyberal  
14. H. Nevhold  
15. J. Bertalan

Linesmen: Mr. H. Parker (Red Flag), Mr. K. Urwin (Yellow Flag).  
"Rapid" (Austria) Trainer/Coach: Mr. F. Wagner.

O.L.—11. A. KORNER

C.F.—9. R. DIENST

O.R.—7. R. KORNER

I.L.—10. B. MEHSAROSCH

I.R.—8. H. REIGLER

L.H.—3. R. KAFFKA

C.H.—6. K. GEISSER

R.H.—5. G. HANAPPI

L.B.—4. K. HONIG or 13. L. BILEK

R.B.—2. P. HALLA

Trainer:

W. ZEMAN, Goalkeeper

Manager: Mr. M. Gold

Team to be selected from these  
players.

**"RAPID" (AUSTRIA)**  
(Red)

## “Calling on the Field of Play”

by R. J. Wright

Misunderstanding persists regarding the powers of a referee in dealing with a player who calls out to another player during the course of a match. It would be utterly impossible for a game to be played in absolute silence, and no referee has any authority to insist that it be played in such, but the referee has power to see that unscrupulous players do not take unfair advantage by calling on the field of play.

Two players of the same side may both be going for the ball when one may call to the other to prevent a collision, or he may use the expression “right”, as an instruction for their team mate to allow the ball to go to them as a matter of a tactical move, any intrusion by the referee in a case of this nature would be against the best interests of the game.

Should a player shout in such a manner as to distract his opponent’s attention from playing the ball, such conduct could then be regarded as deliberately meant to deceive and maybe treated as ungentlemanly conduct. For such an offence the referee may order an indirect free-kick and, if necessary, administer a caution.

It is a difficult problem for a referee when a player shouts at the top of his voice an instruction to a team mate at the other end of the field, inasmuch that although this player is not guilty of any offence, technically, harsh shouting is against the general spirit of the game.

Hand clapping to attract attention between players could also be adjudged as ungentlemanly conduct, as it can cause distraction of an opponent’s concentration and lead them into making errors.

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# Soccer Tit Bits from Overseas

by "Unomi"

**Argentine:** A forward of the Independiente F.C. named Grilli is said to be the highest paid player probably in the world. The Australian tax commissioner must envy his vis-a-vis in the Argentine.

The Racing Club (that's a Soccer Football club) is said to owe the Argentine government £60,000. Arty would never let an Aussie club get THAT far.

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**Austria:** A group of financiers in Austria are going to form a firm to install floodlighting on various grounds.

Recently Hans Kaulick, who had taken over as team manager of Austria's international team, resigned. No reason is known to us.

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**Czechoslovakia:** For the first time in the history of Czech football the country's international team has been selected by a panel of coaches without reference to either managers or selectors.

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**Denmark:** Denmark is evidently not afraid of any further "Invasions." The Soccer Football Association of that country has invited the Russian international team to visit Copenhagen in 1956.

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**Rumania:** In the national championship competition, three new clubs have been added. They are: Locomotive-Constanza F.C., Progresul-Bucarest F.C. and Aventul-Reghin F.C.

Any of you fellows still feel like going crook about singing out: "Come on Canterbury-Marrickville?"

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**Germany:** German clubs are always complaining of the difficulties in completing their fixtures, but despite the growls, no less than 3,025 matches have been played with foreign clubs, and 2,024 of these were played outside of Germany.



Mr. A. CAMERON  
Australian Manager

**Russia:** Earlier it had been announced that the widely known Moscow Dynamo team would play either Chelsea or Milan at Luxemburg on May 1. The commissar came down on this proposed match and it was not played.

It was also stated this club would not play abroad again for some considerable time.

Could it be that the poor Dynamos are in disgrace because the Austrian Rapid team beat them 2-1 at Moscow and again 1-0 at Vienna?

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**France:** Racing Club de Paris planned a visit to America this year, and the story goes that Kentucky and Agua Caliente racecourses got a real face lift in anticipation of the visit.

A few more faces no doubt needed lifting when it was discovered that the Racing Club de Paris is one of France's leading soccer clubs.

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**America:** American baseball fans will get a mighty shock when troops from the overseas services divisions return to the United States. In Germany, for example, the American Air Force has a championship soccer competition with servicemen from ten airfields competing.

Soccer championships are also being organised amongst the American forces in England, France, Austria and North Africa.

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**ROBERT KORNER** (Inside Right)—Born 21st August, 1924. Employee of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria. Excellent tactician and brain of the forward line of the "Rapid" team. Nearly all the goals scored by the forwards were fruits of his cunning and ideal centre balls. Thirty-nine times in the Austrian National Team, he played all matches in the World Champion Team.



H. NEVHOLD

**H. NEVHOLD** (Right Wing and Inside Right).—Born 15th June, 1932. First played with the Vienna Football Group. Has been with the "Rapid" one year. Good ball control and shooting power.

The South China Soccer Team  
To Play in Cessnock  
7th August, 1955



## THE SOUTH CHINA TEAM

Thanks to the good impression left by the last Hongkong team, which visited here in 1953, we Soccer followers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Hongkong team of 1955.

So much can be written about this coming Hongkong team but here is a brief description of it for this issue:—

The line-up of the team is as follows:—

1: POU KING YIN, 2: LAU KIN CHUNG (goalies), 3: LAU CHEE PING (right-back); 4: LAU YEE (left-back); 5: LOK TAT HAY (right-half); 6: KO PO KEUNG (centre-half); 7: TONG SHEUNG (left-half); 8: CHU WING WAH (right-wing); 9: HO CHEUNG YAU (inside-right), 10: LEE YUK TAK (centre-forward); 11: YIU CHUEK YIN (inside-left); 12: MOK CHUN WAH (left-wing); 13: CHAN CHI KONG (left-wing).

Above players are from the South China Athletic Association, Hongkong.

14: SZETO YIU (back), 15: SZETO MAN (forward), 16: TANG SUM (half-back), 17: LEE CHUN FAT (forward or half-back), 18: CHU WING KEUNG (forward).

Manager and coach: Mr. LEE WAI TONG.

Treasurer-secretary: Mr. KWONG KIN ON.

Five of these players were here for the last visit, viz., Nos. 9 and 14 to 17. Readers will probably remember No. 16, Lee, who played centre-forward against Australia at the Cricket Ground in the Second Test and scored five goals.

Older people may well remember the coach, Lee Wai Tong, who played inside left for Hongkong here in 1927. Lee is known to all Chinese as "The King of Soccer". He took the China team to the Olympic Games just after the last war, also coached the Free China team which won the championship of the Second Asian Football Games at Manilla last year, in which Korea, India, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Indo-China, Pakistan, Burma, Singapore and Afghanistan took part, beating South Korea in the final. Many of these players were at Manilla playing for Free China last year.

We all know that Lee Chun Fat is the star player of this coming visiting team, but the most outstanding player to watch is No. 11, Yiu, who for the past few years has been named "The Pearl of Hongkong". The left-wing, No. 12, Mok, and No. 7, Tong, are also players of distinction. Tong has just won the medal in Hongkong as the best player of the year. He possesses the most outstanding skill in passing and has a particularly effortless long kick. Mok is the fastest winger Hongkong ever produced.

This visit is sponsored by the South China Association and though they secured a few guest players, the pattern of work is purely based on a South China model which uses entirely different tactics from the last Hongkong team. Most of their players are young and their passes are short and their movements fast. I am certain that they will give us an entirely new look compared with the Chinese teams we have seen.

Whether this team will be better than the last team has yet to be seen, but the South China Association has made a clean sweep in Hongkong competition this year by winning four trophies — the League championship, the senior shield, the Stanley shield and the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation Cup. We therefore should expect some good football from them.