

**" QueenslandTimes (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Saturday 10 August 1946 (15)**

The "old Soccer pill" has a long history, but it was not until 1895 that a 'new type" ball made its appearance in the district Mr Joseph Hodgson, one-time licensee of the Racehorse Hotel, says this six or eight-piece ball, which he presented, was the first of its kind in the district, and it was made by Mr. Frank McMahon, saddler, of Nicholas-street. The ball was won by the Monty's, who played in the paddock about the back of the Silkstone Baptist Tabernacle. In 1895 Mr Hodgson also presented a cup for competition-the first one in the district when games were played in the area opposite the then site of the hotel

**Ern Richards(1895 Bundamba Rangers) QueenslandTimes (1947)**

Some of the players have proper Jerseys, but some have makeshifts strips of red ribbon sewn on to singlets. Some have only singlets with sashes over shoulders. They were the days when a player bought a jersey if he could afford one. If he couldn't, he did the best he could with the material at his disposal. They were the days of short work in the mines, end Butcher boots (with bars or studs fitted as Soccer gear. They also were the days when anyone who showed the slightest sign of going for the ball could be knocked over, and when the goal-keeper was nobody's friend who often went In danger of his life from charges. Clashes with the Bush Rats and Blackstone Rovers were classic occasions on the Bundamba ground in the 1890's. "We used to get fairly big crowds at our games," said Ern. "We did not charge for admission, but depended on passing the hat along the side line for funds." Playing shorts usually were moleskins cut down to fit below the knees, and shin guards were made at home from moleskin and strips of cane.

Price of Football Boots

1904	9 Shillings(\$80 in today's value)
1909	15 Shillings
1930	17-30 shillings
1954	45 Shillings

\*White ball was used for the first time in 1952



Early 1900'S



1920's



1900'S-1940'S



1950'S



1950'S-1960'S