

First Interstate match(Queensland 3 v New South Wales 1) 16 August 1890

19 August 1890 *Telegraph* (1)

Tom Barker and Ipswich brothers George and *Sam Shelley tour

The intercolonial football match, under 'British Association rules, and between New South Wales and Queensland attracted a fair sprinkling of spectators to the Sir Joseph Banks Ground's this afternoon. The weather was beautiful, and much interest was evinced in the contest, which from the outset was keenly contested.

The rival elevens were :

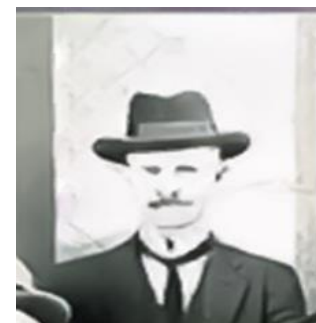
Queensland Goal, J. O. Bennett; backs, R. Blake and S. Shelley ; half-back J. Brown, J M' Cosh, W Collie forwards, W. Dreghorn A Brown, G Shelley, D. Menzies, A Manson.

New South Wales Goal, Logan backs, D. Reid, T. Barrington, half backs, B. Pringle, W Kidd, J. Greig; forwards T M'cCreadie, J Connolly, A Miller, E Ferguson, and J Thompson

"There was no wind, so that no advantage was gained by winning the toss. New South Wales "kicked towards the northern goal, and were not long in gaining a goal, through the instrumentality of Ferguson Alter a brief interval Queensland made matters level Manson being the successful kicker. The game thence to half time was very even, and the scores when the whistle sounded were 1 goal each, Soon after starting again, Queensland carried the ball forward, and Brown evading Logan in goal, kicked the second goal .for Queensland, and after a number of unsuccessful shots Queensland again carried the ball forward, but Logan shaped in fine style. Once more the scene of battle was in Queensland territory, but the ball was again sent to tho front of Now SouthWales goal, when Logan ran out to. save, but collided with Menzies and fell heavily, breaking his leg While Shelley, of Queensland, left in undisputed possession of the ball, placed the third goal to the credit of the Queenslanders. Tho unfortunate accident to young Logan caused tho suspension of the play ten minutes before time, and tho game terminated in a "victory 'for Queensland by 3 goals to 1 Menzies who was also injured in the collision with Logan, is believed to have some of his "ribs broken."

*J Inglis was selected and played in a game at Newcastle against the Northern District then returned to Brisbane. Another full back, Lamont, was on the wharf but failed to board the ship, leaving only two reserves Instead of three. While the team was on the ship the great maritime strike started. The ship made for Newcastle and delayed the arrival of the team to Friday morning instead of Thursday The first inter State match was played on Saturday, the day following the arrival of the team, which left little time for practice or training. At the end of the tour due to Maritime strike the players had to find their own way back to Brisbane

*Sam Shelley also represented Qld in cricket



(Sam Shelley in 1925)

First Intercity matches

(Blackstone and Bundamba vs Brisbane) 17th September 1889

This was the first match between Brisbane and a combined Ipswich team.

The match was in aid of the Ipswich Hospital and raised two pound ten shillings

The match did not include Dinmore teams and the first Ipswich representative match was in 1891

(Ipswich 2 vs Brisbane 8) 11th July

13th July 1891 *Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser (2)*

A team representing Ipswich and district journeyed to Brisbane on Saturday last, and met a combined metropolis team, being vanquished to the tune of 8 goals to 2. The game was very evenly contested till within a quarter of an hour of time being called, at which period the scores were Ipswich 2 Brisbane 1, but after that the local players seemed to go to pieces and Brisbane very quickly registered five more goals, without Ipswich scoring. For Ipswich Gordon and Noble were the goal kickers (the latter being a magnificent one, and for Brisbane, Fowler kicked 4, and J. Brown and W. Gardener 1 each. All the Brisbane men played well, especially Fowler and Jimmy Brown, while G. Shelley Lindsay (two)) T. Barker, E. Noble, Gordon, W. Henderson and W. Wright played splendidly for Ipswich.*

(Ipswich 4 vs Brisbane 2) 8th August

10th August 1891 *Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser (3)*

The match was played on the reserve. North Ipswich, on Saturday afternoon last, and resulted in a victory for the local players. G. Shelley, winning the toss, decided to play with the sun at his back. Fowler started the ball for the visitors and play became fast from the start. Shelley and Wright, getting possession, quickly transferred the ball to the visitors end when S. Shelley with a long kick sent it back to the locals half where there was some splendid play at mid field. Fowler, obtaining possession, made it warm for the home team, but Henderson, in goal was not to be caught napping, as he stopped the shot in splendid style, and was heartily cheered by the on lookers. Kicked off again, the Ipswich forwards got it, and made a determined onslaught on the Brisbane goal, and, after Weir had stopped from G. Shelley, Lowden secured first goal for Ipswich, amidst cheers. (See over)

ANGLO-QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL
Brisbane v. Bundamba and Blackstone.
A FOOTBALL MATCH, under Anglo-Queensland Rules, will be played at North Ipswich, on **SATURDAY AFTER-NOON** next, September 14, between Brisbane combined and Bundamba and Blackstone combined.
Proceeds in aid of **IPSWICH HOSPITAL.**
Kick-off at 3 o'clock. **1093**

The Brisbane Courier.
THE CLYDE-NO. 10401 FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1891 PRICE, TWOPENCE

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL
A GRAND MATCH.
BRISBANE V. IPSWICH AND DISTRICT,
Will be played (by permission of the Northern Rugby Union) on the
NORTHERN RUGBY UNION GROUND,
(Late Association Ground.)
Bowen Bridge.
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 11th JULY.
Admission: One Shilling.



(Tom Barker)

This seemed to excite the players on both sides, as they all tried hard to score, and, although S Shelley and Fenton played a splendid game for Brisbane at back the Ipswich lads were not to be denied, and, led by their skipper, they passed in fine style, and from a pass, Barker kicked the ball through, but it was given as off side. The ball started again each side in turn brought it near their opponents goal the Brisbane forwards shooting well on several Occasions, but Henderson was always on the alert and saved grandly. The Ipswich forwards now made a determined rush, when some splendid hard work between Lowden M'Murtrie, and G. Shelley ended by M'Murtrie heading a capital goal for the home team The ball started again the visitors rallied and made a combined rush at the home goal when they obtained a corner which was well placed by Jas Brown and Manson secured the ball and scored first goal for the Brisbane team, The visitors then tried to make matters equal but the whistle blew half time before either side scored further.

After the usual spell McMurtrie kicked off and it was at once seen that the teams had settled down for work, and some splendid play was witnessed as the forwards on each side were doing their utmost to increase the score but the back play on both sides for a time prevented all attempts till at last, from a determined rush J. Brown scored a second goal for the visitors.

It is only fair to say that the ball had previously been over the line, but as the whistle had not blown the referee decided to allow the goal and the scores were now equal 2 goals each.

The home team now began to play a rattling game and some pretty passing between the forwards resulted in G. Shelley by a grand kick, scoring the third goal for the home team.

The ball was again sent flying and the excitement of the spectators increased as the Ipswich forwards were playing well and Shelley by a long shot, again scored fourth goal for the Ipswich team amidst considerable applause The ball was started by Fowler when both teams tried their hardest to increase their score. Ipswich having a little the best of it Barker being several times within an ace of scoring, but just missed on each occasion.

Times was now called, Ipswich winning by four goals to two. As this is the first time that Ipswich has defeated Brisbane the team are to be congratulated on their victory.

Players who were most prominent for the visitors were Fowler, Shelley, Dreghorn, Inglis. For Ipswich all the team played well and it would be unfair to mention individual players with the exception of perhaps Shelley, W Lowdes

In the evening the visitors were entertained at supper at the late Imperial Hotel.

After full justice had been done to the good thing provided, harmony was indulged in for the remainder of the time



(James Gordon)



(Billy Wright 1903)

First Ipswich (nil) vs NSW(3) match 12th August

13th August 1898 *Queensland Times* (4)

The New South Wales team of British Association footballers arrived in Ipswich by the 1.55 train, on Thursday afternoon last, and, on their stepping on to the platform, were greeted with three hearty cheers from a large contingent of Ipswich and West Moreton representatives.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr. R. McLeod) and Messrs. J. Stephenson, M.L.A. (President of the Rover Football Club)

C. S. Twemlow (vice-president of the Rangers Football Club, Bundamba) and W. McGregor (sec of the Rover Football Club) were present to receive the visitors; and, at the invitation of the Mayor, the New South Wales representatives were taken into Mrs. J. B. Hooper's bar-parlour at the railway refreshment rooms, where his Worship (who occupied the chair) officially welcomed them to Ipswich by proposing the visiting team, coupled with the name of the manager,

Mr. J. Logan, who responded in a brief speech, and thanked the Mayor for what he termed an unexpected manifestation of Ipswich's hospitality, concluding by calling upon his men to drink the health of the West Moreton team, coupled with the names of Messrs. A. J. Stephenson and S. Shelley.

The toast having been replied to in appropriate terms, Mr. C. S. Twemlow, as vice-president of the Ranger Club, proposed the health of the Chairman (Mr. McLeod), and on behalf of the West Moreton footballers thanked him for his kindness in coming forward to receive and entertain the New South Wales players. This toast having been duly honoured, a move was then made for the convincing ground, Mr. R. Battye's Queensland Hotel being made the head-quarter of both teams

. Taking into consideration the fact that Thursday was "Ipswich day" as the Brisbane exhibition, there was a good attendance, including a fair number of ladies, on the North Ipswich cricket reserve, between 400 and 500 persons being present inside-exclusive, of course, of those who were content with an outside view. The districts of Dinmore, Bundamba, and Blackstone were well represented, and, at times, the enthusiasm among the collier folk ran very high.

Jack Routledge captained the West Moretonites, and, winning the toss from J. Gibson (the skipper of the Blues), decided to kick up from the Woollen Factory goal, with a slight wind in his favour. The local men wore red jackets.

The following are the name of the team. Joe Jeffrey (West Moreton) and A. Jackson (New South Wales) standing out.

West Moreton In goal, T. Morris (Rovers); backs, Sam Shelley (Rovers) and J. Routledge (Bush Rats); half-backs, J. Lucas (Bush Rats), A. Hamilton (Rovers) and Alex Dobbie (Rangers); forwards, J. Dobbie (Rangers), H. Skellern (Bush Rats) H. Verrall (Bush Rats), S. Skellern (Bush Rats), and G. Marsh (Rovers)
New South Wales In goal, A. Baillie (W. Newcastle); backs, J. Gibson (Balmain) and C. York (Balmain) half-backs, S. Hotson (Volunteer), W. Harrison and J. Syms (W. Newcastle); forwards, Con. Harrison. T. Hotson (Pyrmont Rangers) A. Trenholm, J. Carey (Volunteer), A. Rae (Balgownie). (Over page)



Mr. Malcolm Finlayson handled the whistle as referee, and the line umpires were Messrs C Marsh (West Moreton) B. Taylor (NSW) Andy Trenholm, the Blue tricky centre forward, kicked off. The first half right from the jump was a well-contested game, and some pretty expositions of British football were witnessed. Through a smart piece of work by Jim Dobbie on the right wing, the ball was taken up to shooting distance of the Blues' citadel, but the sphere went outside of the goal.

Kicked off again, the Blues worked the leather into West Moreton territory, where a splendid battle ensued, the local goal-mouth being bombarded in right earnest, the attacking tactics of Trenholm, Hotson, and Carey being very fine, resulting in the first corner being declared for the Blues nothing occurred, except anxious moments for Tom Morris, the West Moreton goal-keeper, whose skill was taxed to the utmost, he being ably assisted by Sam Shelley, Routledge, and Sandy Dobbie.

The applause was loud and prolonged at the grand defence offered by the Reds, and when the ball was worked up into the New South Wales boundary again the excitement was still greater, Jim Dobbie, who was in good form, leading a rush for the Blues' goal. "Shoot!" came from about 200 throats all at once, and when the ball went flying over the top of the bar, one spectator sang out: "Ah! you can't shoot for sour apples!" Down again into West Moreton ground went the leather, and, for a few minutes, the Blues' forward division "waltzed round" the Red-jackets, and the West Moreton goal was in imminent danger several times, so persistent was the bombardment - once Tom Morris saved just by "the skin of his teeth," and another time the ball went by just outside the post. Sam Shelley had it all on, his kicking being excellent; and then Routledge got his foot on the ball, and away "she" skithered up towards the Blues' goal, in the vicinity of which a most exciting encounter at close quarters took place. George Marsh was to the fore here several times, and Baillie, the New South Wales goalkeeper, was kept busy on the defence.

Once, during this battle-royal, the ball was lodged just at the bottom of one of the New South Wales goal posts, the Reds being close upon Baillie (goal-keeper), who, however, was too active, he carrying the ball a few yards in his hands, when he was collared - just too late, however. Directly afterwards the ball was kicked between the posts, the assemblage thought, and a with shout rent the air, lasting for several seconds, some of the spectators doing "war dances" with delight, the New South Welshmen appealing to the referee in the meantime. "Goal! Goal!" No - the ball just went outside the post! Why couldn't it - while it was so close - have gone inside!

Here's where the advantage of the nets comes in. Down again and up again; and so until the half-time whistle was blown, neither side having scored. Of course, there were "fouls" and "corners" in the meantime, but no matter about them.

*The West Moretonite's worked well - particularly Sam Shelley, Tom Morris, Sandy Dobbie, *Hamilton, Jim Dobbie, Routledge, and G. Marsh; not withstanding which some of the forward division were, however, slow at times, especially so in the second half. On the New South Wales side Trenholm (who is a "daisy"), Hotson, Andy Rae, (who, by the way, is a native of Bundanba), Syms, S. Hotson, Gibson, and York were most conspicuous After a ten minutes' spell, the ground was cleared, and the end changed. **(Over page)***

he whistle was the signal for another severe battle as, with a slight wind in their favour, the Blues meant "business" in this half. although one of the Red-jacketed half backs took matters very calmly by smoking a cigarette while the play was going on, which circumstance the crowd noticed, one of the spectators whistling the tune "'E dunno where 'e are!" For a time the Reds made things hum, but the Blues then set to work with a will, and took the ball into the Red-jackets' territory, through a beautiful piece of passing, and Hotson shot a hard, low kick into Tom Morris, who missed it, and New South Wales thus scored first blood. From this out, the West Moreton for-wards seemed to completely lose heart, and, notwithstanding the great efforts by Andy Hamilton, Sam Shelley, Routledge, Jim Dobbie, George Marsh, and Sandy Dobbie, the New South Welshmen ran over the local fellows, their beautiful and well-judged passing (both with head and foot) being the feature of the game. At this stage, the feats of the visitors with the ball were indeed admirable, the "over" kicks receiving well merited recognition. Syd Hotson (who "jinked" his back once, and was hors-de-combat for a few moments played a rattling game, as did also Trenholm (who was shifted on to the right wing), Tommy Hotson, Rae, Syms, and York. Watson's corner kicks were beauties, from which Hotson secured two other goals, and, when time was called, the New South Wales combination were victorious with 3 goals to nil. Cheers were exchanged, and thus terminated one of the best exhibitions of British football ever given in Queensland. The better team won, of course; but the visitors frankly admitted that the West Moretonite's were a tough lot to beat.

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After the battle. The visitors were entertained at Mr. R. Battye's Queensland Hotel, where a substantial dinner was thoroughly enjoyed, quite a number of "fowls" being "cornered" during this operation. Mr. A. J. Stephenson, M.L.A., was at the head of the table, on his left being his Worship the Mayor and the manager of the New South Wales team (Mr. J. Logan). Mr. A. Inglis, the hon. secretary of the Queensland British Football Association, was also present. A smoke concert followed, presided over by Mr. Stephenson, and a very enjoyable evening was spent until train time. Mr. S. Watson (a New South Welshman) proved to be not only a capable pianist, but a host in himself, his humorous songs and manners being decidedly entertaining. Speaking to the toast of "The New South Wales visitors," proposed by Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Logan spoke in most praise-worthy terms of the cordial reception they had received at Ipswich, and, while stating that they had thoroughly appreciated the hearty welcome, thanked the Mayor (Mr. McLeod) and Mr. A. J. Stephenson for their efforts in making the Southern men feel "at home." The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of a verse of "Auld Lang Syne" and of the National Anthem.

The visitors returned to Brisbane by the Sydney mail train, the Mayor and Mr. Stephenson seeing them off, and hearty cheers greeting their departure.

First Ipswich vs National Team 2nd June 1923 (Ipswich 1 vs New Zealand 3)

4th June *Brisbane Courier* (5)

The New Zealand Soccer players defeated a representative Ipswich eleven on the Ipswich reserve on Saturday afternoon by four goals to two, giving a clever and, at times, brilliant exhibition of football.

The Ipswich combination was outclassed in every department of the game, and the margin of points between the teams was larger than the scores would indicate. Had one or two of the New Zealand forwards not been so eager when shooting for open goals, New Zealand would have won by at least six goals to two.

The match was really a try-out for the visitors, and they fielded their best eleven. They had previously been defeated by Granville played a draw with New South Wales, but Saturday's team was slightly stronger than the previous elevens placed in the field. The star player of the afternoon was the New Zealand 14-stone centre-half, J. Kissock. Innes, the outside right, crossed beautifully, and was responsible for more than one of New Zealand's goals. Balk, the outside left, is a fine shot, but appears to experience some little difficulty in steadying the ball. The forwards all played well. W. Warrell, the outside left, stood head and shoulders above the rest of the Ipswich players, and Gedge, the left back, kept the ball well up to the forwards and kicked with sound judgment in the first half. The weakest section of Ipswich's defence was the half-back line, which was totally outclassed. The game was witnessed by between 4000 and 5000 spectators.

The teams were:-Ipswich Goalie, G. Hughes; full backs, A. Burns and C. Gedge; half backs, J. Williams, L. Warrell, G. Teasdale; forwards, J. Edwards, E. Rumble, T. Hainsworth, D. Potts (captain), W. Warrell.

New Zealand Goalie, B. Craxton; full backs, R. Braithwaite and R. McAuley; half backs, N. McArthur, J. Kissock, W. Brownlee; forwards, Innes, C. Dacre. C. Ballard, G. Campbell (captain), H. Balk

*. The New Zealand skipper won the toss, and T. Hainsworth set the ball in motion. The first bright piece of play was provided by Potts and W. Warrell. The Ipswich skipper sent over a nice pass to Warrell, who centred in good style, but none of the inside forwards was able to turn it into the net. New Zealand cleared, but Ipswich attacked again, and E. Rumble placed the ball slightly wide of the posts. Immediately after the kick out E. Rumble, Potts, and W. Warrell brought the play over to New Zealand's goal, where the latter sent in a hot ground shot. Craxton cleared. New Zealand were first to score. Brownlee, left half, sent across a fast corner shot. Dacre trapped it in fine style, and netted, five minutes after the commencement, with a shot well out of the reach of Hughes. New Zealand, 1 goal; Ipswich nil. **(over page)***



After Ballard and Dacre had each unsuccessfully shot for goal Ipswich was forced to concede a corner, but Gedge eventually headed clear. Gedge placed two long shots to T.Hainsworth, but Craxton saved both drives without difficulty. The New Zealand centre forward (C.Ballard) was playing good football, and often looked dangerous. On one occasion he tricked the two Ipswich backs and shot at goal, and on another he narrowly missed turning a centre from Balk into goal.

After the game had been in progress 20 minutes Ipswich began to have a larger share of the play. Dan Potts was giving Edwards and W.Warrell many openings, but they were well watched

. A fine piece of play, in which W. Warrell, Potts, and Edwards participated, forced New Zealand to concede a corner. Edwards took the shot, which Potts headed into goal, but Craxton was alert and cleared. W.Warrell then put in a hard cross from the left wing, but Edwards was a fraction of a second too late to turn it into goal.

Well directed shots were also sent in by Potts and Edwards, but each of them was cleared. After Rumble had given Potts another opportunity Ipswich had the pleasure of seeing the persistent efforts of their forwards crowned with success. W.Warrell provided the opening by sending in a great cross, but it was T Hainsworth who added the finishing touches and caused Craxton to dive in a desperate, though futile, attempt to clear a shot well out of his reach.



(Dan Potts)

The game had been in progress 37 minutes. Ipswich, 1; New Zealand, 1. Immediately after this Rumble sent in two of the best shots of the day. One of them landed in the sure hands of Craxton, and the other flew over the cross bar at a great pace. One minute before the sounding of half-time, Ballard scored New Zealand's second goal, Kissock centred to Balk, who gave to Ballard. The latter beat Gedge, and ran to goal, where he scored with a short, well placed ground shot. New Zealand, 2; Ipswich, 1. During the first 15 minutes of the second half New Zealand had all the better of the game.

After that both sides fought strenuously for every inch of ground until 10 minutes from the finish, when the New Zealanders again asserted their superiority. Shortly after the commencing of the half the New Zealand forwards charged down on Gedge, who saw he was in difficulties, and sent the ball to Burns. The latter miss kicked, and a corner resulted. Innes's corner shot went over the bar. After Baker and Innes had each failed to find the net, Campbell scored the third goal for New Zealand. Ballard jumped over a centre from Innes, and let the ball go on to Campbell, who slammed it into the net, New Zealand, 3; Ipswich, 1.

First International match (Australia 3 vs Wanganui 1)

27th May 1922 *Evening Post* (6)

Alec Gibb(Captain) Clarrie Shenton represent Australia

The Australian Association football team opened its tour here to-day by defeating Wanganui by 3 goals to 1. The weather was fine, but bitterly cold, which affected the attendance, which was about 2000

.The teams were as follows:-Australia - Goal, Cartwright; backs, Fisher and D.Cumberford; halves, Gibb, Shenton, and Doyle forwards, Brown, Bratten, Maunder, J.Cumberford, Thomson

Wanganui - Goal, Thomas; backs, Healey and O'Neill; halves, McGorram, Mitchell, and Barker; forwards, Mackley, Beckett, Richards, McKechnie, and Cooper.

The visitors won the toss and played with a strong wind behind them. They immediately set up a hard attack, Thomas

on several occasions being called on to clear. The game was even in its early stages, but the visitors showed a fine turn of speed and better combination. With the exception of occasional incursions into the Australians' territory, the home side were kept repeatedly defending. The Australians kept up a systematic attack, and after Thomas brilliantly stopped a lightning shot by Maunder, J.Cumberford got in a beauty which beat the home custodian all the way, and incidentally won a gold medal presented by a local enthusiast for the first goal of the tour.

Play continued bright and attractive, the cleverness of the visitors' forwards being largely neutralised by the fine defence of the home backs. The Australians had several scoring opportunities, which were spoiled by over-eagerness. The score at half-time read: Australia..1, Wanganui..0 On resuming, Wanganui attacked strongly. Mackley made a fine opening, and sent to Beckett to Cooper; the latter sent in a hard shot, and although Cartwright touched the ball it finished in the net.

The score proved a stimulant to the home side, who infused life into their play. A corner beautifully placed gave Cooper another chance, but he headed the ball just outside. Thomson made a couple of fine openings for Australia, but the home defence was sound. Mitchell, with clever play, set his forwards going, and a beautiful passing effort saw the Australians fighting hard on the defence. Mitchell missed by the narrowest margin, and then the visitors turned defence to attack, Fisher sending in a long shot, which Thomas just managed to clear, and finally O'Neill, with a fine kick, sent play back to the neutral area. A couple of scoring chances came to the home side, but the workmanship was inaccurate. (Over page)



(Alex Gibb)

In the concluding stages of the game the home side started to tire. With five minutes to go, combined play by Maunder and Bratten gave the latter a great opening, and he made no mistake with the shot. Wanganui rallied temporarily, but just on the call of time Brown got away and sent to Thomson, the outside left, who dribbled into range and then passed back to J. Cumberford, who scored, and put Australia two goals in the lead. Australia 3, Wanganui 1.

On the day the visitors were much the better side, although faulty shooting lost several good opportunities. The defence of the backs was sound, while the forwards showed fine dash, the speed of Maunder and Thomson being exceptional. Shenton, Gibb, and Fisher were the best of the Australian backs, while Maunder and Thomson were the outstanding forwards.

The team should improve as a combination as the tour proceeds. Mitchell, at centre-half, was the best of the home backs, although the others were sound. Thomas gave a fine display in goal, and repeatedly saved his side. The forwards were not equal to the visitors' vanguard, Mackley and Cooper being best. The defence of the backs was sound, while the forwards showed fine dash, the speed of Maunder and Thomson being exceptional. Shenton, Gibb, and Fisher were the best of the Australian backs, while Maunder and Thomson were the outstanding forwards.



(Clarrie Shenton)



(Player Medal)



The 1922 tour squad was selected from players from Queensland and New South Wales only and played in a light blue and maroon strip Alex was not the original captain. Allen Fisher captained the first provincial game and games three & four while Alex captained game two. Fisher declared that Alex would be a better captain and Alex took over for the remainder of the tour

In a report of a match in New Zealand

Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954), Monday 26 June 1922 (7)

About 15,000 people attended the soccer game between Australia and New Zealand. It ended in a draw — 1 goal each. The match was "willing," and no fewer than five men were temporarily knocked out.

***The Ashes**

The Soccer Ashes were created after New Zealand defeated Australia in 1923. The ashes consisted of the remains of cigars smoked by the two captains, Alex Gibb and George Campbell. The ashes were encased in a razor case used by a New Zealand soldier during the Gallipoli campaign. The case was then set in wood from both countries. The trophy was played for until 1954 and is currently under consideration to be resurrected



Soccer Ashes

First Interstate Schoolboy match

Queensland Times (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Thursday 15 August 1912

This was a most interesting engagement between the youths of the two States, being the first school grade representative match, played under "soccer" codes in Australia. The ground was under water, consequently the ball became very heavy and greasy.

The first half terminated in favour of the New South Wales boys, they having gained 3 goals to their opponents 1. This half was marked by distinctly good play, J. M'Gill (of the Ipswich Central State School and P. Statham (of the Dinmore School) being frequently prominent

The second term was, however, responsible of brilliant exhibitions on both sides, the Southern boys giving a really attractive display. Shortly after the ball was put in motion, the New South Welsh boys gained their No. 4 goal. From this out, the Queenslanders warmed up, and their efforts were warmly applauded. Shirras the Queensland goalie, gave another attractive exhibition in goal. The following are the names of the players

-New South Wales school boys: In goal, Murray ; half-backs, Holliday, Neilsen, and Aikes; forwards, O'Hara, Thompson, Carts, Davies, and Neilsen.

Queensland boys: In goal, Shirras ; backs, R. Whiteman and W. McDonnell; half-backs, Cairns. L. Lindsay, Barnes; forwards, J. M'Gill (Ipswich), Leahy, P. Statham (Dinmore), Hay, and Nesbit.

The game ended--New South Wales, 4 goals; Queensland, 1.