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# An Editorial Note

MR. P. GUPTA, manager of the Indians struck a popular note at the reception on Monday afternoon when he recalled that so far the team had played five games, and had lost four of them. "But," he added, "in the sense of entertainment I think we have beaten Australia every time. And after all, does anything else matter? Does it matter, for instance, whether you win, or I win? The game is too big for results to count at all. This I know—that after we have gone you will know us better, and we shall know you better. We have already learned much about your Australia—for instance, we know now that the Australia we thought played only cricket can also play Soccer of a very high standard."

Why is it that we all cannot look at football from the Indian point of view? So long as they enjoy their game, so long as they please those who want to see them play, they do not particularly care who wins. Perhaps that is why they provide such a spectacular and carefree type of football, why they get away so completely from the modern tendency to intensive "spotting" tactics which give neither side a chance to do well.

There may be a moral in that speech of Mr. Gupta's—a moral which Australian Soccer would do well to note. Is the general development of rivalry against the best interests of the code?

First impressions are that the Indians will be retrospectively considered the most likeable combination Australia has ever entertained. A more sprightly team could

not be desired, nor could there be found any crowd of young fellows more keen to show their appreciation of anything that can be done for them.

Anxious though we may be that Australia should embellish her footballing reputation by winning all five Tests, there yet remains a hope that the Indians will do everything except win the Ashes in this inaugural set of games between the two countries. One thing predominates in all that Mr. Gupta has to say, officially or informally—this tour is being treated by he and his boys as the forerunner of many more similar visits. And they have made it clear that when an Australian side journeys to India, a right royal welcome will be waiting. We mouth hackneyed phrases about the value of Sport as an Empire builder and Empire binder, but very few of us realise that international tours ARE valuable.

The Indians, for example, started this tour under the great handicap of having a collective inferiority complex. They came to a strange land, knowing not what sort of a reception they would meet, knowing not whether they would be regarded as Britishers or people of a foreign race. They know now, and have warned to Australia in consequence.

There will be no room for any doubt whatsoever in their minds by the time they leave our wattle-country behind them next week. Queensland, first in the warmth of its glorious sunshine as in the warmth of its hospitality, will make them glad they came—and make them long to come again.

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also play full back or forward. He is also a good hockey player. Usually plays his football with boots. A good type of footballer and particularly reliable in defence or attack.

16.—**Noor Mohammed Jnr.** The baby of the team, 18 years of age. Playing his first year in first class football, has come into 1st class football with a flash; an outside right to be reckoned with, speedy and nippy, better player without boots, but should please the Australian people. (c)

17.—**K. Dutt.** Native of Bengal; age 25. Playing 1st class football for the past six years. A goalkeeper considered to be one of the best keepers in the country. Has played against China, English Amateur, All Burma. Plays without boots, and handles the ball with almost uncanny certainty. Rather short, but has remarkable anticipation and jumping ability. A mercantile employee.

18.—**M. Rozario.** Native of Bengal. Goalkeeper; age 27. Playing first class football for the past six years, and considered one of the leading goalkeepers in the country. Has played in many representa-

tive matches. Tall and clears a ball well. Picks up cleanly and cleverly. Should prove an attraction.

**General**—Most players play without boots, but if the weather doesn't suit then boots are worn, but very seldom. Players are quick and use very uncanny methods of attack and defence. Use their heads very frequently, and are apt to use the head when it means a high long pass, they seem to get a good deal of pace out of a headed ball. All players are good jumpers and runners, and think nothing of jumping high over an opponent's head for a ball. The speedy methods of the players are attractive and the ball is kicked mainly with the instep and ankles. Being without boots is nothing to them, just as much at home against opposition with football boots as without. The feet are looked after and are tough more or less to the eye, not unsightly, but well formed. Most of the football is played on hard grounds, but players are also used to good turf, the speed of the players is reduced, however, when on softer grounds.

## The Indians

	Age	Weight	Height
P. GUPTA .. .. .			Manager
M. DUTTA RAY .. .. .			Assistant Manager
K. BHATTACHARJEE .. .. .	29	10.9	5.11
P. RAHIM .. .. .	25	10.13	6.0
L. SABOO .. .. .	22	10.7	5.11
R. ABBES .. .. .	25	10.9	6.0
S. CHOUDHURY .. .. .	30	11.4	5.11
H. JOSEPH .. .. .	28	10.8	6.0
P. DAS GUPTA .. .. .	22	10.6	5.10
C. McGUIRE .. .. .	29	11.4	5.11
JUMMA KHAN .. .. .	26	11.0	6.0
A. NANDI .. .. .	23	10.6	5.11
R. SEN .. .. .	23	10.8	5.10
A. PROMMAL .. .. .	28	11.6	5.11
C. ROBELLA .. .. .	25	10.9	5.11
NOOR MOHAMMED JNR. .. .. .	18	10.12	5.10
K. DUTT .. .. .	25	11.3	5.9
M. ROAZRIO .. .. .	27	10.9	6.0
K. PROSAD .. .. .	18	7.8	5.3
R. LUMSDEN .. .. .	23	11.3	5.10
B. MUCKERJI .. .. .	24	9.0	5.3

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## BRISBANE JUNIORS v NEW SOUTH WALES

### NEW SOUTH WALES (Blue)

<b>E. ALLEN</b> Goalkeeper				
(1) <b>W. Burnett</b> Back		(2) <b>J. Roeback</b> Back		
(3) <b>J. A. Castleden</b> Half	(4) <b>W. Waskett</b> Half	(5) <b>R. Watson</b> Half		
(6) <b>S. LeCornu</b> Forward	(7) <b>A. Wilton</b> Forward	(8) <b>A. Wheeler</b> Forward	(9) <b>R. Steel</b> Forward	(10) <b>R. Wales</b> Forward
●				
(10) <b>McCaskell</b> Forward	(9) <b>Morris</b> Forward	(8) <b>Brittain</b> Forward	(7) <b>Henderson</b> Forward	(6) <b>Bell</b> Forward
(5) <b>Oldham</b> Half	(4) <b>Buckland</b> Half	(3) <b>Murray</b> Half		
(2) <b>Jenkins</b> Back	(1) <b>McNeal</b> Back	<b>Slater</b> Goalkeeper		

Referee: MR. H. LINDSAY

BRISBANE (Red)

## The Queenslanders

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Name	Age	Height	Weight
R. NEVILLE	24	5.7	10.7	R. KITCHING	24	5.8½	11.12
H. SEENEY	26	5.11½	11.0½	T. PARRY	23	5.8½	10.9
E. PETTIE	28	5.8½	11.1	G. PETERSON	24	5.8½	10.3
J. PITCAIRN	25	5.10	11.3	CREWSDON	21	5.10	10.13½
W. MALCOLMSON	24	5.9½	10.6	G. HOSKINS	20	5.10	10.6
L. GIBB	20	5.9	9.13	T. GREENE	24	6.1	11.4
M. DALE	20	5.10	10.13	A. NEWTON	24	5.9	10.3
E. YOUNG	23	5.9½	10.7	R. ERSKINE	23	6.0	10.13
C. BRITTAIN	23	5.8	10.0	C. HOOPER	25	5.9	10.10

## The Tristram Shield.

TWO Ipswich teams, St. Helens and Booval, will meet in the final of the Tristram Shield, a coveted Soccer trophy which is closely interwoven with the traditions of the game in this State.

Set up in 1921, the Tristram Shield was first won by the now defunct Corinthians—a name carried on nowadays by a lively combination which may ultimately achieve great local fame. It was competed for every year until 1937, when the pressure of the Club competition and the visit of the English Amateurs made it impossible for space to be found for the playing of Shield matches. The original Tristram Shield was won outright by Latrobe-Milton, and a new trophy was then offered—and gratefully accepted. To the donors, Messrs. T. Tristram, Soccer makes full acknowledgment of the help this firm has given to the game.

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1922:	BUSH RATS
1923:	BUNDAMBA
1924:	BUSH RATS
1925:	LATROBE
1926:	BLACKSTONE
1927:	LATROBE
1928:	BUSH RATS
1929:	LATROBE-MILTON
1930:	LATROBE-MILTON
1931:	LATROBE-MILTON
1933:	DINMORE
1934:	LATROBE-MILTON
1935:	BOOVAL
1936:	MILTON
1937:	No Competition

The progress of this year's finalists can be followed by perusal of the following table, which shows the St. Helens and Booval games in bold type:—

### First Round—

Shafston	3
Milton	0
Brothers	0
St. Helens	1
Latrobe	1
Booval	4
Booval	3
Evans Deakin	5
Bundamba	2
Latrobe	1

### Replays—

Shafston	1
St. Helens	5

### Second Round—

Blackstone	1
Corinthians	3
Evans Deakin	0
Oxley	0

### Third Round—

Bundamba	1
Pineapple Rovers	0
St. Helens	4
Booval	7

### Semi-Finals—

St. Helens	2
Booval	5
Blackstone	1
Corinthians	3

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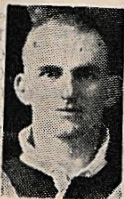
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## Some of the Players



BILL COOLAHAN

### BILL COOLAHAN

Bill Coolahan, burly captain of the Australian side in next Saturday's game, has proved himself over and over again to be the greatest player Australia has ever developed. Coolahan was one of the three players whom the English manager, Mr. C. Wreford Brown, spoke of regarding a position with an English club. His club, Adamstown, was unable to reproduce its form early this season whilst Coolahan was absent. He returned to the side at the beginning of the second round, since when they have not lost a game, and after conceding a ten points start, Adamstown has reached the semi-final and is the popular Southern selection for the Cup. Coolahan considers the fastest wing man who has played in Australia is "Mickey Mouse" Prosad.

### J. HUGHES

Most good footballers in New South Wales come from the North—J. Hughes, a protege of Clarrie Coutts, is one of them. He achieved phenomenal things as a school-boy footballer, but for a few years after that dropped away to such an extent that his future was almost despaired of. However, he came good with a vengeance, and no Australian team is nowadays complete unless Hughes occupies one of the inside forward positions. His brother, Ben, plays inside right for Metters, and the pair have given that team much of its success this year. Hughes is another Australian player of whom Mr. Wreford Brown had a high opinion.

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J. HUGHES



K. BHATTACHARJEE

### K. BHATTACHARJEE

K. Bhattacharjee, captain of the Indians, is one of the most intellectual men ever to visit Australia in connection with any sporting tour. He holds the degrees of M.A. and B.A., and practices professionally as a barrister at law. In addition to all this he is one of the most scientific players in the Indian association and is the only member of the present team who has held his place consistently in Indian national sides. Last year he captained All India in its tour of South Africa, during which matches were played on gravel-topped grounds.

### P. RAHIM

P. Rahim, inside-right for the Indians, runs a hundred yards in 10-1/5, and has won scores of trophies for his prowess in this direction though Soccer is his first love. By profession he is a clerk in the government service stationed at Calcutta. He is considered the best inside forward in Indian football, and Bill Douglas, shrewd manager of the crack Sydney club, Metters, said of him—"Rahim—that's the boy I want in my team!" Very fast with the ball, and a shrewd judge of the requirements of positional play because of his infallible sense of anticipation. Give Rahim an opening, and the defence will be floundering in an instant.

**Soccer Council Official:** "Would you like to see the Indians play?"

**Five Years Old Son:** "Are the cow-boys playing too?"

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P. RAHIM

## Soccer Simplified

**SOCCER** is not handball, it is **FOOTBALL**. None of the players, except the Goalkeeper, is allowed to touch the ball with his hands. Even the Goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball only in the Penalty Area. He must not take more than four steps whilst holding the ball, otherwise a Free Kick will be awarded against him.

There are eleven players in a Soccer Team—five Forwards, three Half-backs, two Backs and a Goalkeeper. The duration of the game is 45 minutes each way.

### DEFINITIONS

**Goal Kick.**—When the ball goes behind the Goal Line after having been last touched by a player on the attacking side, it is kicked off by the defending side from that point in the Goal Area nearest the point where it went out.

**Corner Kick.**—When the ball goes behind the Goal Line after having been last touched by a player on the defending side, a player of the attacking side kicks it from the nearest corner flag.

**Penalty Kick.**—In the event of intentional handling of the ball, and tripping, kicking or holding an opponent and charging an opponent from behind, by the defending side in the penalty area, the Referee awards a penalty kick, which is taken from the Penalty Spot, with all the players, except the kicker and the opposing Goalkeeper, standing at least 10 yards behind the ball.

**Free Kick.**—A Free Kick is given for any of the above infringements committed outside the penalty area. The kicker's opponents must not approach within 10 yards of the ball.

**Off Side.**—A player is off side when he takes, or attempts to take, a forward pass

in other than his own half, and there are not at least two opponents in front of him. It is not an infringement to stand off side.

### SOME OF THE FINER POINTS

**Tackling.**—"A good old Australian shoulder charge" is one way of explaining a tackle. As the ball is the tackler's object, a good shoulder charge is not made with a rushing movement. It is made by getting close to an opponent with the object of dislodging him sufficiently to secure possession of the ball. Charging from behind is not permissible. Often a player mistakes a shoulder charge, which will result in something resembling a back charge, and is therefore not penalised. Jumping into a tackle is not permissible and seldom seen in first class football. A player is not permitted to trip, kick, jump at, hold or push an opponent with his hands or arms.

**Heading.**—In Soccer, "heading" is almost as important as kicking. The novice is generally shy of heading, and tends to hunch his shoulders, shut his eyes and let the ball hit the top of his head—which is quite wrong, and is also a painful experience.

The first thing to learn is to keep the eyes upon the ball right up to the moment

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of impact. To do this the head must be thrown back, and the player will then find that automatically he is using the proper part of the head, viz., the top of the forehead, to propel the ball. A player may find himself surrounded by as many as three or four opponents when he wishes to head, and under these circumstances it is absolutely essential that he should jump higher than they and that he should time his spring so as to leave the ground a fraction of a second before anyone else. But he must not be too early, for he should meet the ball just at the height of his jump or even a fraction of a second before that, when the flick of the neck, coupled with his upward spring, will give him maximum power.

**Trapping**—When a player traps a ball one might almost say that he treads on the ball. The sole of the boot is used to deaden or steady the ball. The player anticipates where the ball is likely to drop and places his foot well over the ball to prevent the bounce. A player will also combine a trap with a pass by using the inside of the foot, in one and the same movement, killing and pushing the ball with the inside of the foot.

**Goalkeeping**—Once safely in possession of the ball, the goalkeeper's duty is to get it away as soon as possible. You may see goalkeepers bouncing the ball three or four times before getting rid of it, a mistake seldom, if ever, perpetrated by an experienced goalkeeper. If he has time he will, of course try to kick it to one of his own forwards, and if he is wise, he will try to do this with a low rather than a high, ballooning kick. If his side is hard pressed, he may be quite content to clear anywhere, but in this case he will kick towards the touchline and not up the centre of the field. Anticipation and the consequent placing of yourself in the right position, is all-important. A good goalkeeper makes his work appear comparatively easy, because he is always in the right place.

**Full Back Play**—The full back position does not call for clever ball manipulation, but a full back must be sure-footed and two-footed, quick-witted, a good tackler and above all, quick off the mark over a short distance. The full back's motto is "Safety First"—first time clearances are an asset, but when circumstances permit, a study of the lay of the field before he makes his clearance makes a wonderful difference. You

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will not see a full back dribble the ball. He knows perfectly well that his half backs are always ready to carry on when he passes the ball on to them. He will also cover up or protect his goalkeeper by shepherding or legally obstructing an opposing forward until the goalkeeper has secured and cleared his lines. He will also play well forward, so that his goalkeeper can get a full view of play, and particularly the man with the ball.

The ideal full back is one who has a thought for the needs of his own forwards and tries to turn defence into attack. He will, therefore, whenever possible, see to it that his clearances take the form of a long pass to his forwards, and while it is usually advisable that he should lift the ball, he will strive for length rather than height and will endeavour to keep the ball not more than twenty feet off the ground at the highest point of its flight. A kick of this nature takes far less time to reach his forwards and therefore affords less time for an opposing back to nip in and tackle them before they have the ball under control. Also it is easier for them to gather the ball. Tack-

ling is not so important for a full back as for a half, for a really good back, by positioning himself well, will contrive that he has far more kicking than tackling to do. On the other hand, when he does have to tackle, he must make no mistake, for, unlike the half, he will rarely have another man behind him. His tackle, therefore, must be uncompromising.

**Half Back Play**—A good team is judged by its half back line. "Show me a good half back line and I will show you a good team." A half back's job is to ply his regular attack on the opposing goal, and to break up any possible movement by the opposing forward line. It is always good policy for a half back to keep well behind his forward line, even until the forwards are well within the penalty area, because a weak clearance by a full back makes an excellent opportunity for a half back to become a goal scorer.

The half backs must be the fittest part of the side. Their stamina must be beyond question, for in anything but a very one-sided game, they are working from the kick-off right up to the final whistle. The second requisite, very nearly as important as stamina, is ability to tackle. Very nearly all the tackling in a game falls to the lot of the half-back, for if he does his job properly, he should leave his backs little to do but kick. Powers of quick recovery are needed also, for as soon as he is beaten the half-back must get back and worry the forward again. And to this end speed is a great advantage, especially quickness at getting off the mark and pace over short distances.

Around the centre-half the whole team should revolve. His job is to formulate the method of attack and defence. He should be quick-witted, a quick thinker and a constant mover, receiving and distributing the ball in almost mechanical movements. His main concern is operating down the centre of the field, which is considered a dangerous area. His wing halves are always on the lookout for a pass from him to commence a well constructed forward movement. When a corner kick is taken, the centre-half back will be noticed standing just outside of the goal area. When the kick is taken he will

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be seen to move well in to take the ball with his head. This is where he is dangerous as a goal scorer.

**Forward Play**—The forwards are the attackers of the team. Their job is to get goals. A great many teams favour their forwards working in a "W" formation, the centre forward and two outside wing men working forward and the inside wing men hanging well back to act as foragers for the three forward men. Dribbling, correct passing and shooting for goal is three most important points required in a good forward. The centre forward or pivot of the forward line is incidentally the main goal getter and the attack is usually worked from him to either wing men. An outside wing man will usually draw the opposing backs towards him before he passes into the centre of the field, a little forward of the pivot for him to complete with a possible goal by snapping up a well directed pass from his wing men. The wing men can, when the opportunity offers, run well in towards the goal and shoot for goal themselves. The five forwards should work as one, with uncanny understanding, anticipating each one's likely movements; this makes a perfect forward line.

## The Tour So Far.

v. South Australia, at Adelaide,	won 5-1
v. Victoria, at Melbourne,	lost 4-2
v. New South Wales, at Sydney,	lost 6-4
v. Northern Districts at Cessnock,	lost 2-1
v. Australia, at Sydney	lost 5-3

The Irish lad stumbled into the kitchen, a battered wreck, but beaming happiness. One eye was closed, the other cut; he limped on one foot whilst he hobbled on the other. His jersey was notable for its gaps rather than its covering.

"And did ye win, Terence, "that you smile so?" asked his mother.

"Sure, now," said Terence, "that I can't be tellin' ye, for 'tis losing the ball intirely we were after the first tin minutes. But 'twas a grand game!"



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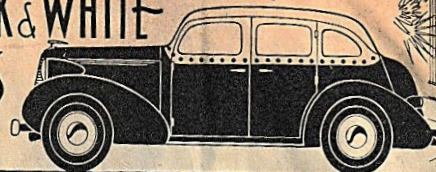
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