

Alec Gibb (1888-1976)

Alec represented Australia fourteen times

Alec Gibb was Captain of first 1922 Australian team that toured New Zealand

Born in Ireland, moved to Scotland, Alec migrated to Australia in 1911

He played with Bundamba Athletics in 1912 winning a premiership and then Bundamba Rangers

In 1914 he played for Dinmore Bush Rats and in 1916 for St Helens and in 1925 Ipswich City.

Alec played Right half and was captain of the 1922 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

In 1923 he became Captain/Coach of South Brisbane Scottish

From 1913 to 1924 (with the exception of the war years) he played in every Ipswich and Queensland team and played 16 times for Ipswich and 21 times for Queensland

In the 1922 series in New Zealand Alex was captain and again against New Zealand in Australia

Alec won two medals presented for the best Australian player in both series.

- In a report of a match in New Zealand

Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954), Monday 26 June 1922 (10)

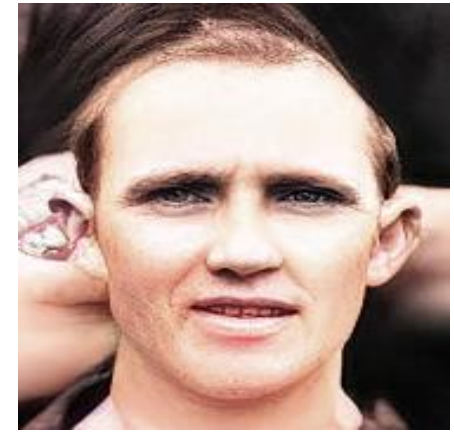
About 15,000 people attended the soccer game between Australia and New Zealand.

It ended in a draw 1 goal each. The match was "willing" and no fewer than five men were temporarily knocked out

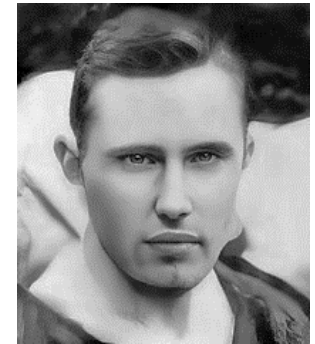
In 1970 Alec at the age of 82 attended the Qld Auckland match in Brisbane and donated a Trophy

for the Best and Fairest Auckland player to reicprocate his 1922 Medal

Alec was offered the captancy of the Australian team against the Chinese XI in 1923 but could not accept for business reasons



1922



Alec continued his association with the game, when he retired as an Ipswich, Queensland and Australian selector and was also President of the local Association from 1926 until 1940.

Alec was on the Queensland Football Association Executive and was Patron of the Ipswich and West Moreton Junior Committee and also wrote for the Queensland times

During the war years Alec was President of the Ipswich Soccer Patriotic organisation that raised funds for the war effort

Alec played centre forward for Bundamba Rangers (old boys) against Latrobe at the age of 59 in 1947

Alec was the first of five from the Gibb family to represent for either Ipswich, Qld or Australia.

The others were Alf, Allan, Lex and Lex (Buddy).

Alec worked for 25 years at Cribb and Foote before retiring in 1954

In retirement Alec played bowls and became secretary of Booval Bowls Club

In 2020 the Gibb-Masters Cup was named for matches between Qld and NSW

* Alec was inducted in to the Soccer Hall of Fame in 2000



Alec's No 1 Australia cap



ALEC GIBB

*The Ashes

The Soccer Ashes were created after Australia first win over New Zealand(2-1) in Brisbane in 1923.

The ashes consisted of the remains of cigars smoked by the two captains, Alex Gibb and George Campbell and all team members and officials

The ashes were collected by the NZ team manager into a cigarette case used at Gallipoli by W Fisher who was the Australian manager and Qld FA secretary

The case was then set in wood from both countries.

The trophy was played for until 1954 and then lost.it was discovered in 2023 and played for again



Soccer Ashes



Back in the day:
Soccer's version of
The Ashes are
weighed in Sydney
in 1948. The
'Soccer Ashes'

SOCCER "ASHES."

MORE THAN A MYTH.

Mr. Alex. Gibb's
Contribution.

With the Australian Soccer team who arrived at Auckland by the Wanganella recently came a real casket of ashes to be the stake of the three Test matches that are to be played between the Commonwealth and New Zealand (states the Auckland "Star" in a recent issue). Admittedly the idea of playing for "the ashes" is cribbed from international cricket, but on the outcome of this season's matches between Australia and New Zealand depends the custody of a casket of actual ash.

It happened this way. At the conclusion of the New Zealand eleven's tour of Australia in 1923 George Campbell, captain of the New Zealand team and Alec Gibb, captain of the Australian team, sat puffing cigars at the farewell banquet and dropping their ashes into the same tray. Mr. H. G. Mayer, who, with Mr. H. I. Graves was managing the New Zealand team suggested that the ashes in the tray should be made the stake of future Soccer matches between the Commonwealth and the Dominion.

The ashes were placed in a plate safety-razor case 4in. long by 1in. deep and 2in. wide, which Mr. W. Fisher, Secretary of the Queensland Football Association that year, has carried with him at the historic landing at Anzac Cove. He gave it to Mr. Mayer, who offered it as a suitable receptacle for the ashes.

With the cigar ashes in it, the metal case was soldered, and subsequently enclosed in a casket of Australian and New Zealand woods. The body is of Australian maple, and the lid and base of rewarowa—New Zealand honeysuckle. It is surmounted with a Soccer ball of silver, with a silver kangaroo between the twin fern leaves of New Zealand, with the letters "N.Z." in blue enamel.

On the underside of the lid an inscribed plate tells the story of the ashes, while the base bears a silver plate with the following inscription:—

"New Zealand and Australian Soccer Ashes. This casket is made of New Zealand and Australian woods and was presented by H. G. Mayer manager of the New Zealand team touring Australia, 1923 season. The ashes are contained in a canister inside this casket."

Clarence Shenton (1901-1934)

Clarrie represented Australia eleven times

Clarrie was selected in first Australian team to New Zealand in 1922

Born in Nambour he lived in Ebbw Vale Ipswich and was a natural sportsman

Clarrie played for Ipswich Grammar and was selected in the Ipswich Shoolboy team in 1914

He played for Bundamba after leaving school before moving to Wynnum in 1918 with his father who was a Methodist priest

He played a season of Rugby with the Gordon Club in 1919 and a season of Australian Rules as Wynnum did not have a soccer Club

When Wynnum Soccer Club was formed in 1921 he joined and he made such an impression at Wynnum in their inaugural

season that he was selected in the first ever Australian side to tour New Zealand at centre half. He turned 21 on the tour

Clarrie represented Queensland seven times from 1922-1924

He played for Wynnum from 1921-1924 and Thisle in 1925 (Vice Captain)



Player Medallion



Australian Badge (1922)

His football career was short-lived and he settled with tennis as his sport of choice where he became President of the Ipswich Tennis Association and the clubhouse was named in his honour (Shenton House)

Clarrie was a partner in Walker and Shenton who were Stationers and Sports goods retailers

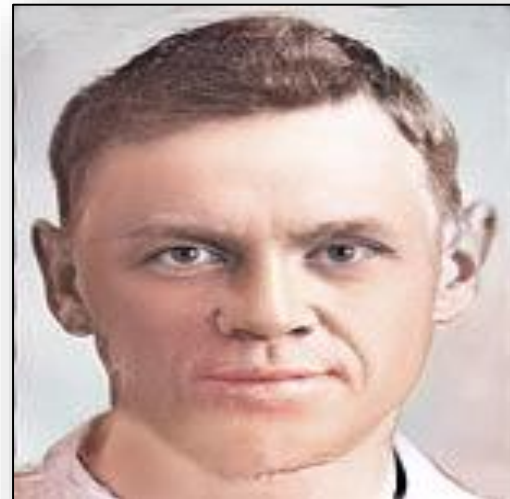
He was a member of the Ipswich Rotary Club and President of the Ipswich Grammar Old Boys Association, and a trustee of the Ellenborough Street Methodist Church

He was also the Patron of several cricket clubs

Sadly Clarrie died in 1934 at the age 34. A life lost too early

His brother Maurice who played for Bundamba Rangers died in 1940 age 36

Both preceded their father William who died in 1944



Moses Burton (1896-1975)

Mosie represented Australia on one occasion

Moses immigrated to Queensland from Scotland in 1920 on the Ship “SS Euripides”

He was an Engineer in Scotland and a miner in Ipswich

Mosie played for Bundamba Rangers Premiership team in 1922 and Tristram Shield winners in 1923

He represented Qld against New Zealand in 1923

He was selected in 1923 to play one match against New Zealand in Brisbane as Inside Right

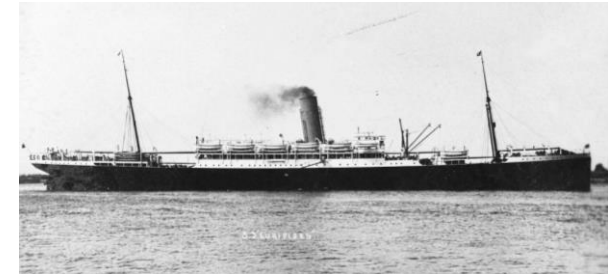


Career

Represented Ipswich five times and Queensland on eight occasions

Was a qualified referee and refereed the Ipswich vs New Zealand match

Played Cricket and was Secretary of the Jacaranda Cricket Club



“SS Euripides”



Moses Australian cap



Cliff Gedge (1899-1973)

Cliff represented Australia three times

Cliff was selected in 1923 for Australia against New Zealand at Left Back.

Cliff was the first player born in Ipswich to be selected

Career

Represented Queensland Schoolboys in 1912

Represented Ipswich against a Chinese XI in 1923

Represented Ipswich and Qld against New Zealand in 1923

Represented Ipswich 8 times and Queensland on 4 occasions

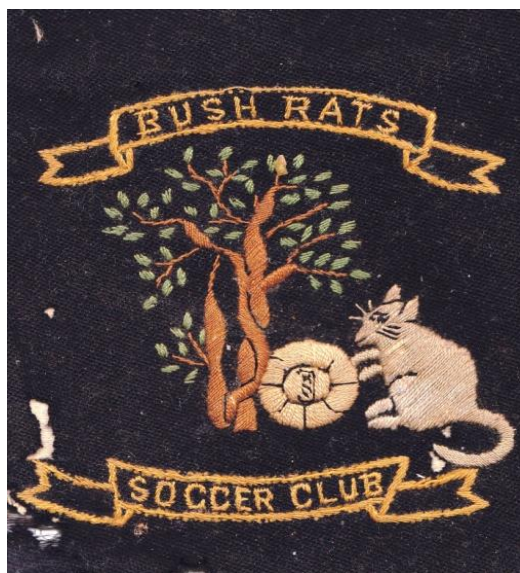
Played for Dinmore Bushrats when selected in 1923 and was in the 1923 and 1925 Premiership teams

Turned to Goalkeeping after a knee injury

Played for Booval Stars, Bundamba Athletics, and was in the 1922 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

Represented Ipswich in Cricket

Cliff was selected by Johnny Peebles in his best Australian team from 1922-1933



Jack (Toddy) Edwards (1900-1981)

Toddy represented Australia three times

Toddy Edwards was selected in 1924 against Canada in Australia at Outside Right.

(Green and Gold worn for the first time)

He was subsequently advised another player would play, but eventually played after an uproar and the team refusing to play.

Toddy was playing for Blackstone Rovers when selected



* Brisbane Courier Monday 9 June 1924 (13)

Before the big match started it was reported that the Australian players took decided objection to Edwards being dropped for Mitchell. They adopted their attitude on the principle that once a player was selected he should play. It was stated that the team would not go on without Edwards and the officials were at once confronted with a delicate situation. Conferences took place, and it was finally resolved by the Australian executive, by nine votes to two, that Edwards should play. The news of the dispute caused something of a sensation and was the cause of free and outspoken comment. The Press were informed that Edwards refused to stand down in favour of Mitchell. The voting shows that this action was officially endorsed'

Toddy was again selected for Australia in 1927 for matches against Chinese XI and Bohemians (Czechoslovakia)

Career

Toddy played 26 times for Ipswich and 19 times for Queensland

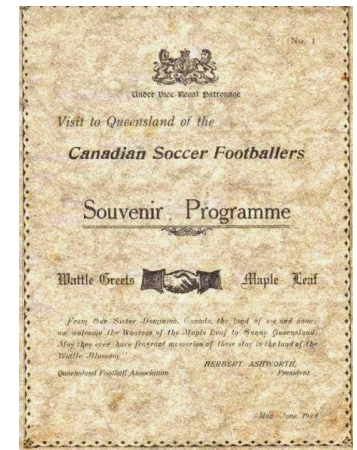
Toddy represented against touring teams.

1923 Ipswich and Qld (New Zealand , Chinese XI)

1924 Ipswich and Qld (Canada and England)

1927 Ipswich and Qld (Bohemians (Czechoslovakia))

1927 Ipswich (Chinese



Member of the 1926 Blackstone Rovers Premiership team that won four trophies
 Played with Dinmore Bush Rats Premiership team in 1925
 Vice President of St Helens in 1932
 International honours as a referee and refereed the match between Australia and England in 1937 and Australia against India in 1938
 Lifetime member of the Qld Schools Soccer Association
 Represented Ipswich in cricket.
 Jack was a miner



J. EDWARDS.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

—
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),
JUNE 2.
IPSWICH RESERVE.
 —

(By Courtesy Ipswich Rugby League.)

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1.45. CURTAIN RAISED
 —
3.15
IPSWICH
 v.
NEW ZEALAND.
 —

90 Minutes of Science, Skill and Strategy.
SPARKLING SOCCER

—
ADMISSION: To Ground, 1/6; Grandstand, 1/ extra, plus tax.



Toddy heading the ball for Ipswich in 1926

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INTERNATIONALS
DINNER

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WHITEHOUSES CAFE
 Doeholm Street, Ipswich

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SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 1959
 T.P.M.

Feast List

Chairman — Mr. ERN PATRICK

"The Queen" — The Chairman

"Sport" — Duncan Thompson, Esq.
Former Australian Rugby League International
 Response — The Chairman

"The Man with the Whistle" — Mr. A. Ware
 Requisite — Mr. J. Edwards

"Artist" — Mick Cannon
A Whisking man with a Spoken Bow

Toddy Guest speaker
 (Ipswich International night)



"Feed Toddy"

Eric Nunn (1902-1990)

Eric represented Australia on one occasion

Eric was selected in 1924 for Australia against Canada in Australia at Left Half

Playing for Dinmore Bush Rats when selected

Career

Played for Ipswich and Qld against a Chinese XI in 1923, and for Qld against Canada in 1924

Eric was a St Helens Junior and member of the 1923 Dinmore Bush Rats Premiership team and the 1922, 1924 and 1928

Tristram Shield winning teams. Eric is the only player to win three Tristram Shields

Helped reform and played for Booval Stars and was the club captain in the first year of the reformed club in 1930

Eric was a State selector.

He was also proficient in playing Gum Leaf solos and performed at the reception for the visiting South African team in Ipswich in 1947

Eric was one of nine Nunns from Dinmore and Booval to play-----

(Alf, Dick, Roy, Vic, Arn, Cec, Gordon (Bunny) Doug and Eric)

Eric represented Ipswich 5 times and Queensland on 10 occasions

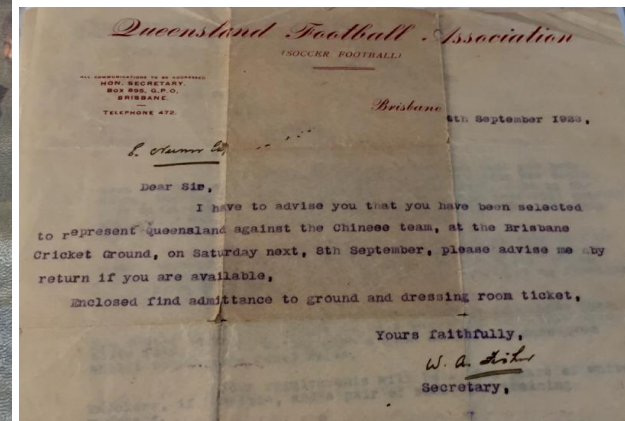
Eric was a miner



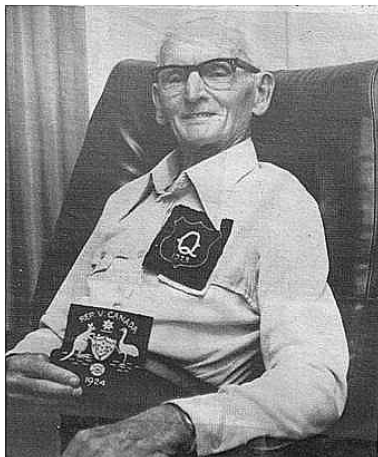
(1924)



Eric in 1988



(Courtesy Melanie Rush)



Eric in 1984



Tom Hainsworth (1894-1976)

Tom was selected for Australia on one occasion

Tom was first selected in 1924 against Canada in Brisbane

He was playing for Dinmore Bush Rats at the time

Career

Played for St Helens as a Junior

Played with Dinmore Bush Rats from 1920-1927

He moved to St Helens in 1928 where he was also Auditor of the club

Represented Ipswich 22 times and Queensland 14 times

First selected for Queensland in 1920

Played against touring teams

1923 New Zealand and China

1924 Canada

1927 China

Tom won three Premierships with Dinmore Bush Rats and was Treasurer and Auditor

Tom was employed as a clerk

Tom's brother John also played for Queensland



(1947)



Len Warrell (1904-1986)

Len was selected for Australia on one occasion

Len was first selected in 1924 against Canada in Brisbane

He was playing for Dinmore Bush Rats at the time

Career

Played for St Helens as a Junior

Played with Dinmore Bush Rats from 1921-1929 and St Helens in 1930/1931

Represented Ipswich 14 times and Queensland twice

First selected for Queensland in 1924

Len was a selector and Life member of St Helens

Played against touring teams

1923 New Zealand and China

1925 England

1927 Bohemians, China

Len won two Premierships with Dinmore Bush Rats

Len was a coachbuilder at the Ipswich Railway Workshops

Len's brother Col also played for Queensland



Les Halls (1902-1984)

Les represented Australia on one occasion

Les was selected 1927 as Goalkeeper against Czechoslovakia in Brisbane

Played for Blackstone Rovers when selected

Les was selected for the 1928 tour of Java but was unable to tour

Les was the first of eight Ipswich Goalkeepers to be selected

Career

Played for St Helens as a Junior

Selected for Queensland Junior team in 1922

Played against touring teams

1924 Ipswich(Canada)

1925 Qld(England)

1927 Ipswich and Qld(Bohemians (Czechoslovakia)

Represented Ipswich 19 times and Queensland on 6 occasions

Member of the 1926 Blackstone Rovers Premiership team

Member of the 1930 Premiership winners Dinmore Wanderers

Also played for Norman Park

Qld selector and referee

Les was a labourer

**INTERNATIONAL
SOCCER THRILLS.**

IPSWICH RESERVE ————— WEDNESDAY NEXT.

ENGLAND v. IPSWICH, 3.30,

ATTRACTIVE EARLY PROGRAMME
SEE THE FAMOUS ENGLISH "PROS."

ADMISSION: 2/1. ——— GRANDSTAND, 1/1 EXTRA.

ENGLAND v. QUEENSLAND, IN BRISBANE, SATURDAY NEXT.



Les in 1947



1927 Australian Jersey



James (Jim) Donaldson (1911-1982)

James represented Australia nineteen times

James was selected in 1931 to tour the Dutch East Indies and played Outside Left. He also represented Australia in 1933 against New Zealand. James was playing for Booval Stars when selected.

He also toured New Zealand with the Australian team in 1936 and was selected against Palestine in 1939

Career

Member of the 1932 Qld team that played in the first ever interstate carnival in Sydney

Represented against touring teams.

1933 Qld and Ipswich(New Zealand)

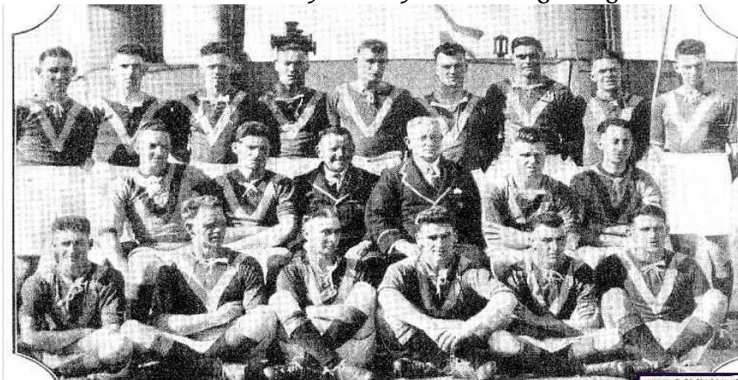
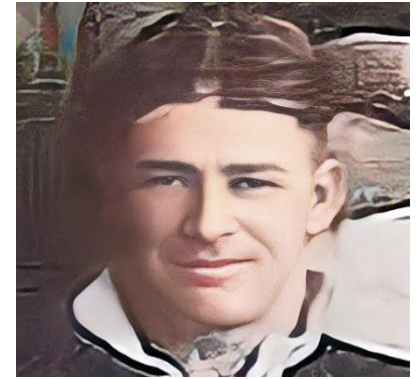
1936 Qld(New Zealand)

1938 Ipswich(India)

1939 Qld(Palestine)

James started with Booval United, Raceview Royals and Jacaranda as a Junior. Represented Ipswich 22 times and Qld on 16 occasions. James became Chairman of Booval Stars. In 1936 James accepted an offer to play with the Granville club in Sydney for employment reasons he returned to Ipswich in 1937 after losing employment due to industrial action

**James Donaldson has one of the most scarred right legs in Ipswich. Behind one of those scars is a story of perseverance in circumstances which, by ordinary standards, should have stopped him from playing Soccer, much less win international honours. When Jimmy was a boy he damaged a shin, and spent months having pieces of bone taken away in the Ipswich General Hospital. He wore a bandage and a special pad over his injured leg all the time he played Soccer. Jim pulled out of Soccer in 1946 when a piece of pit timber struck the already heavily scarred right leg. He went out of the game at his top.*



1931 Australian team



Russ Buchanan (1908-1986)

Russ represented Australia eight times

Russ was selected in 1931 and toured Dutch East Indies and played Centre Half and Left Half.
He played for Booval Stars when selected

Career

In the Qld team that played in the first ever interstate carnival in Sydney in 1932

Represented Ipswich 12 times and Queensland 9 times

Member of 1928 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

Member of the 1935 Booval Stars Tristram Shield winning side

Played for Booval Pompadours, Jacaranda Sports team

Russ was a carpenter

Played piano with the Russ Buchanan band



Richard (Dick) James (1909-1963)

Richard represented Australia seven times

Richard was selected in 1931 to tour the Dutch East Indies and played Outside Right

Richard was the leading goal scorer on the tour

Richard played for Rosebells Football Club when selected

Career

Member of the Qld team that played in the first ever interstate carnival in Sydney in 1932

Represented Ipswich 14 times and Queensland 4 times

Richard was a Jacaranda FC Junior and played for Booval Stars, Bundamba Rangers, New Bundamba and Blackstone Rovers

Member of 1932/33 Rosebells Championship Teams.

Referee and Linesman for several QLD and Australia games in the late 1940's early 1950's.

Chairman of the Referees Association.



William (Sally) Oliver (1897-1974)

William represented Australia twelve times

William was selected in 1931 to tour the Dutch East Indies and played Left Back.

He played for Bundamba Rangers when selected.

William played 12 matches in 22 days on the tour

Career

Selected for Queensland Junior team in 1922

Played four times for Qld and was captain in 1930

Played Junior with St Helens and also played for Bundamba Athletic, Bundamba United and Bundamba Rangers

Represented Ipswich 22 times and was captain in 1932

Captain of the 1931 Bundamba Rangers' Premiership side and member of the 1927, 1928, 1936, 1937 and 1938 Premiership teams.

Captain/Coach of the 1936 Bundamba Rangers' Premiership side

Founded Strollers Cricket Club

Bill's son Gary was a Qld Schools Junior Representative and Ipswich Kruger Cup player

TOUR OF JAVA - 1931

Four New South Wales players were suspended for life by the NSW Association for going on this tour.

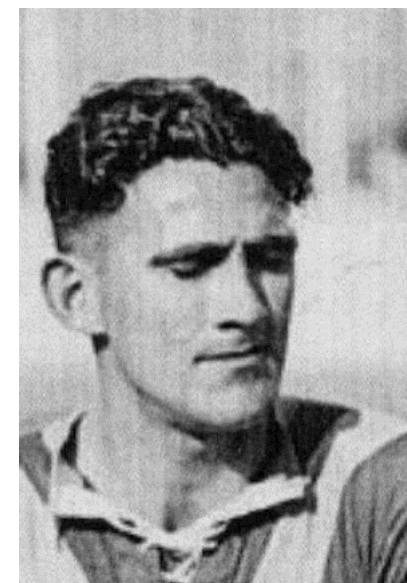
NSW was in dispute over various issues with the Australian Association

The tour took place in late August – September and the bans were subsequently lifted in January 1932 after the squabbling parties resolved their differences. This was reported as an unhappy tour as there was a player revolt over payment and conversion to local currency.

Selection issues also marred the tour. On the ship home an argument between players saw a chair that had been purchased as set of three was thrown overboard.

*Three Ipswich players toured Richard James, Russ Buchanan and William Oliver

*Alec (Buller) Kitching was nominated by the QSFA and was considered unlucky not to be selected



Mervyn Shanks (Born 1910-2001)

Mervyn represented Australia on one occasion

Mervyn was selected in 1933 in the team for New Zealand match in Brisbane

He played for Bundamba Rangers when selected.

Career

Mervyn broke a leg in 1928 playing in a Junior match with Rustlers but went on to the following

Mervyn played Juniors with Kangaroos and St Helens

Represented Queensland seven times and Ipswich twice

In the Ipswich team that defeated New Zealand 5-3 in 1933

Member of 1931 and 1936 Bundamba Rangers Premiership sides.

Played for Rosebells in 1934 Blackstone Rovers in 1937

Mervyn was a labourer



Mervyn Shanks playing for Ipswich against Brisbane



Lex (The Duke) Gibb (1918-1997)

Lex represented Australia nineteen times

Lex was selected in 1938 against India at Left Half. He played for Bundamba Rangers when selected.

Lex's selection meant the Gibbs became the first father and Son to play for Australia.

Whilst at Alpha Football Club as a Junior Dan Roderick suggested Lex move from Left Wing to Left Half and Lex subsequently went on to play for Australia.

Lex represented for Australia as follows:

1939 (Palestine XI)

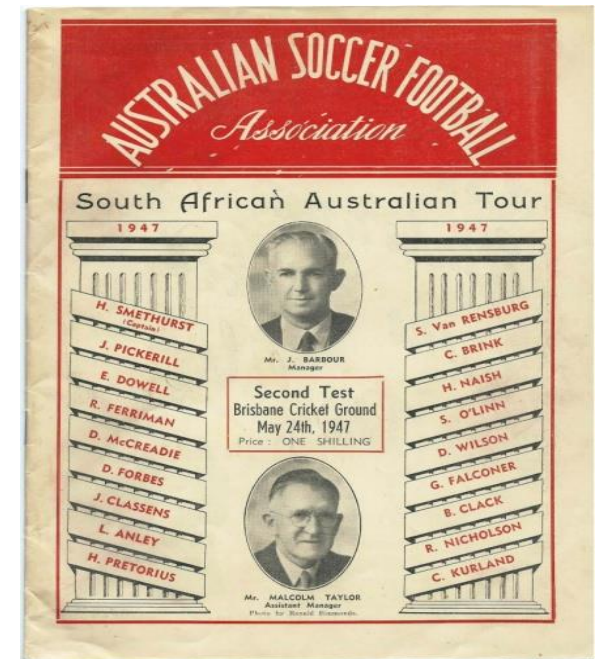
1941 (Chinese XI)

1947 (South Africa)

1948 (New Zealand)

1949 (Hadjuk Split (Yugoslavia))

1951 (England FA)



Career

Represented Queensland Schoolboys in 1931 and Queensland Juniors in 1936

Represented Queensland seventeen times Ipswich thirty one times

Played as a Junior with Booval Stars and Alpha Pastime Club and selected for Ipswich in 1936

Member of the 1937/1938 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

Captain of Qld in 1946/1947 and was Captain/coach in 1948

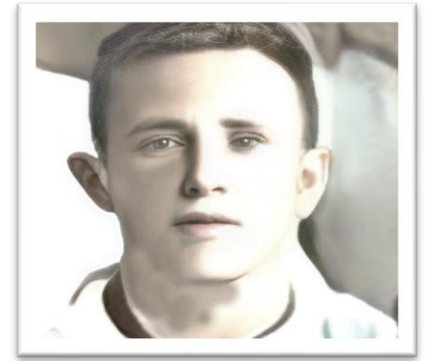
Received an offer to play with Metters FC in Sydney in 1946

Played with Latrobe in 1940/1941 Corinthians in 1948

Telegraph Soccer Blue (Player of the Year) in 1946,1947 and runner up in 1938,1939 and third in 1945

Captain of 1944,1945,and 1947 St Helens Premiership teams and member of the 1956 Premiership team.

Qld selector in 1962



Queensland's champion Soccer international half-back, Lex Gibb, recently accepted one of the biggest offers ever made to a Queenslander to transfer from St. Helens to Corinthians. His signing-on fee was reported to be £50, with substantial weekly payments. He is shown signing his agreement with Corinthians, one of the most progressive Brisbane clubs. From left is L. Robertson, Corinthians' secretary, Lex Gibb, and H. Ormiston, Corinthians' chairman.

Redvers (Fat) Kitching (1912-1979)

Redvers represented Australia three times

Redvers was selected in 1938 to play against India in Brisbane at Inside Left

He played for Oxley United when selected.

He also was selected in 1939 against Palestine XI

Redvers was the first Ipswich Kitching to represent Australia

Career

Represented Qld against touring teams as follows:

1933 (New Zealand)

1938 (India)

1939 (Palestine XI)

1937 (England, Amateurs)

1941 (Chinese XI)

Represented Queensland eleven times and Ipswich twenty six times

Captain of the Bundamba Rangers Tristram Shield winning team in 1946 that won the competition without conceding a goal

Played for Blackstone Rovers in 1950. Redvers played 12 seasons without missing a club game

Coached the Bundamba Rangers undefeated Junior team in 1951 that produced three Kitchings in the Qld under 21 team (Col, Keith, Spencer)

Coached the Bundamba Rangers women's Premiers in 1953 and Manager of the 1955 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

Played for Starlights Junior/Raceview Royals and also St Helens.

On the undercard for the Qld Welterweight title fight in 1936 and was Captain of Bundamba Strollers cricket team.

Redvers was a miner



William (Bill) Malcolmson (1914-1985)

William represented Australia on one occasion

William was selected in 1938 against India in Brisbane at Centre Half.

He played for St Helens when selected

Career

Played for Ipswich on seven occasions and Queensland against India in 1938.

Played for Bundamba Rangers, Dinmore Bush Rats and Dinmore Wanderers

William was a miner



India v. Australia Soccer Test Attracts Crowd



The Australian goalkeeper fists out between two Indian attackers during the Soccer Test match India v. Australia at the Exhibition Grounds.

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Startlingly Elusive! Daringly Original!
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**YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!
THE SPECTACLE OF THE YEAR!
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Featuring the
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A game in which the Stars will scintillate! See Mickey Mouse Pressed, the most unusual footballer Australia has ever seen. Seven stars, 1 1/2 - but a handful of dynamite! And Queensland's Test Stars - Britain, Kitching, Pettie and Parry - plus the mercurial Neville.

Supporting Feature: BRISBANE v. N.S.W. JUNIORS.
Admission 2/-, Stands 2/- extra. Special trains to gates.

Eric (Itcho) Petie (1906-1979)

Eric represented Australia on one occasion

Eric was selected in 1938 against India at Right Fullback

He played for St Helens when selected

He represented against the following touring teams

1938 Qld (India)

1939 Qld(England)

1941 Ipswich and Qld (Chinese XI)

Career

Represented Queensland eight times and Ipswich eighteen times

Eric represented Ipswich for fourteen successive seasons from 1928 to 1941 with no more games played until the end of WW2

Captained Ipswich and Qld (1938/1941)

Member of Dinmore Bush Rats Tristram Cup Winners in 1928

Captained St Helens(1931/32 Challenge Cup/Java Cup,

Won the Tristram Shield in 1939 with Bundamba Rangers

New Bundamba(1940 Hilton Shield Winners)

Won the Telegraph Soccer Blue player of the year in 1938

Coached Bundamba Rangers in 1946 winning the Tristram Shield

Lifetime member of St. Helens, Dinmore Bushrats and Bundamba Rangers.

Qld Soccer Federation delegate

Captain of Bundamba School

Coached both Bundamba/Blackstone School teams.

In May 1941 a Telegraph newspaper article MEET the WINNERS described Eric as “one of the most sensational fullbacks produced by Queensland”.



Eric continued to play during WW2 in colliery teams and captained the Ipswich team in 1942

Eric was a member of the organizing committee for the Colliery competition and the Patriot games, he also participated as Captain/player of the Walkers colliery team and he was also a volunteer linesman for matches.

During this period some matches were played against Navy and Air Force teams. These games gave entertainment to the public and also raised money for essential items during the war. Eric's other efforts led him into being Captain the local Miners Rescue Brigade in Ipswich during his soccer years

Eric retired in 1944

Eric's claim to fame is that he was "anecdotally", the first player in Queensland to be paid (2 Shillings a week)

Eric was a speedway rider of some renown and was offered a place in the Australian team to tour England. He lost an arm in a car accident and the state body, on June 10th 1946 in recognition of his service, played a testimonial match between Ipswich and Brisbane

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Eric was a miner



ERIC PETIE

- A FOOTBALLER -



Article by Terence Petie

EXTRACT FROM AUSTRALIA V INDIA TEAM PHOTO 1938

CLUB TEAM CAPTAIN

IPSWICH TEAM CAPTAIN

QUEENSLAND TEAM CAPTAIN

AUSTRALIAN TEAM VICE-CAPTAIN

WINNER OF TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER 'SOCCER BLUE' - BEST AND FAIREST FOR 1938

HONARARY LIFE MEMBER FOR SERVICES TO:

- > ST. HELENS SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB
- > BUNDAMBA RANGERS SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB
- > DINMORE BUSHRATS SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB

Summary of a Footballer

Eric Petie was born in Freemantle West Australia on 8th December 1906; his parents returned to Ipswich, Queensland some time later. Like most soccer players of that era, he began his soccer career on the football fields of the local primary school before graduating to Junior Minor Football at the St. Helens football club in the Ipswich suburb of Ebbw Vale. During his life Eric displayed an inclination to be an adventurous person who was willing to put his hand to whatever took his attention. One such instance is when Eric was working as a coal miner which he did for most of his playing years. Because coal mining was a dangerous occupation he could see the need for miners to join the local Miners Rescue Brigade, which he did. He was trained for the dangerous job of rescue and retrieval of fellow workers from mine cave-in and gas explosions. He eventually undertook the role of captain of the Ipswich Rescue Brigade but it is not known for how long he continued to lead the Brigade in the rescue of miners that were either trapped, injured or deceased from colliery incidents.

The first recordings of Eric's playing days are in a club team photo where the St. Helens Football Club Junior Minor team won the Brook's Challenge Cup in 1924. He was the team captain at 17 years of age. He was also in the premiership winning Senior B team at St. Helens in 1926. Winning the premiership promoted St. Helens into the top tier competition and he would have been 19 years of age at that time. Eric's birthday was 8 December meaning that the football season was always completed some months before his birthday.

In 1928 he signed to play for Dinmore Bushrats and then stayed for the 1929 season. Newspaper articles report him playing at center forward during his Bushrats years so he would have shown some flair for attacking football. He would later return to a fullback position for which he is better known. 1928 is the first year that Eric was included in the Ipswich team, on one occasion he played left wing and received praise for his game.

During these early football years he ventured into racing motor bikes and he proved to be very competitive. His ability to race motor bikes earned him the offer of a place in an Australian team that was being assembled to travel to Great Britain and race against a British team, he declined the offer. Newspaper articles record him racing his bikes while he was playing for Dinmore Bushrats in 1928 and 1929. He would have been age 20 and 21 at that time. In 1929 in a one mile race with a flying start, competitors raced around the training track at the local Bundamba racecourse; he won his heat by 100 yards.



Eric in his early twenties

He returned to St Helens in 1930 and in 1931 he was appointed captain of the St. Helens team at age 24. He remained at St. Helens as the team captain until the end of the 1938 season. In 1939 he moved to Bundamba Rangers where he stayed until he retired in 1944.

The years of 1937 to 1941 were the years where Eric achieved his highest honors as a footballer. Even though he had an outstanding record of being selected in the Ipswich team from 1928 to 1941, the years between 1937 and 1941 produced Queensland state and Australian team selection, accompanied by the Captaincy of Queensland and the Vice-Captaincy of Australia. He was also awarded the Telegraph newspaper Soccer BLUE.

His Queensland and Australian representative statistics are:

1937	Queensland v English amateur	Brisbane
1938	Queensland v NSW	Newcastle
	Queensland v NSW	Brisbane - Eric was Captain
	Queensland v India	Brisbane - Eric was Captain
	Queensland v India	Toowoomba - Eric was Captain
	Australia V India	Brisbane - Eric was Vice-Captain
1939	Queensland v Palestine	Ipswich
1941	Queensland v Chinese	Brisbane



1938 Australia v India

The player's commemoration badge is in the corner



The year of 1938 was a proud year for Eric, in this year he was appointed the Captain of the Queensland team and Vice-Captain of the Australian team and to add a little more satisfaction to his year, he was awarded the Soccer BLUE which is a Best and Fairest award, donated by the Telegraph newspaper and judged by their soccer reporter. He was 31 years of age. The soccer BLUE is only a small blue badge that attaches to the button hole in the lapel of a coat but carries great prestige because it is awarded for being the best among your peers. Eric won the award above fellow state players and international representatives.



In his reasoning summary of why Eric Petie was awarded the Soccer Blue, the reporter wrote “But month after month he has maintained his form varying not a little on the days I have seen him. Club man, State player or International, I see the same dour Petie. I see in him all the attributes of that style of player that is the very salt of the game”. Newspaper commentators saw Eric as not being a brilliant flashy player but as a very consistent, strong, determined and reliable player that was cool in a crisis.

In 1939 Eric left St. Helens and joined Bundamba Rangers which in that year won the premiership for the third consecutive year. In 1940 there was disruption in the club when the club committee decided to go into recess rather than affiliate with the Queensland Soccer Football Association, this resulted in players leaving the club and joining other clubs. Eric played a prominent role when he and other concerned members of the club set about resurrecting the situation by recruiting more players and committee members, after which they affiliated with QSFA. Eric encouraged his younger brother Raymond to be the club secretary, which Raymond nominated for and was accepted. Following the restructure of the club, Eric was appointed the club delegate for Queensland Soccer Football Association meetings and was also appointed as captain of the team. With a new committee and some new players the newly formed team performed creditably in the 1940 competition by finishing fifth of eight teams, one place ahead of the team that most players left to join.

Leading Bundamba Rangers again in 1941, Eric and the team improved their position on the premiership table by moving into third position. In 1941 at age 34 he continued his captaincy of the club team and the Ipswich team despite there being other Queensland and international players in the Ipswich team.

In 1941, a newspaper article titled MEET THE WINNERS, the author said of Eric Petie, “Ted (Eric) Petie claims the proud distinction of having represented Ipswich (Q), at soccer for thirteen (actually 14) successive seasons against Brisbane and hopes to add further to that score. He is one of the most sensational full-back produced by Queensland. In addition, Ted (Eric) has been in the Queensland team eight times...”

Although the newspaper article MEET THE WINNERS credits Eric with representing Queensland on eight occasions, only seven occasions have been verified to date. It can also be confirmed that he was the team captain on three of those occasions. An enquiry was made in 1981 at the office of the Queensland Soccer Federation at Perry Park in Brisbane to have access to past records for the names of players who were selected to play for Queensland. In reply to the request a QSF officer stated that most of the records held by the QSF were destroyed in 1974 when flood waters entered the office of the QSF. The destruction of records has put reliance upon newspaper reporting and other printed material to verify Eric’s representative career.

The years of 1942/43 were very unique years for Ipswich soccer, the Brisbane/Ipswich football competition was shut down because of domestic effects caused by World War 2. The Bundamba Rangers football grounds and neighboring Bundamba racecourse were taken over by the Australian Army for the war effort.

In an effort to keep the sport active in Ipswich and provide spectator entertainment as well as raising money for essential purposes, two new competitions were started and conducted under the rules of the Queensland Soccer Football Association. They were the Collieries Competition and the Patriotic Games and although they were promoted separately and for different reasons, the matches appear to be conducted as a joint competition. Newspaper reports appear to indicate that the same organizing committee conducted both the

Colliery Competition and the Patriotic Games and although played on the same days and against all teams, they may have had different grand finals. The four teams of Bonnie Dundee, Walkers, Klondyke and New Chum that formed the Collieries Competition also played teams in the Patriotic competition which included RAAF 1 and RAAF2 plus teams from what were deemed to be essential industries.

Eric's contribution to the continuation of soccer during this two year period was considerable. He was a member of the committee that organized and conducted the matches; he acted as a neutral linesman for other teams as well as participating in the competition as the captain of the Walkers colliery team.

At this time in Eric's working life he was a colliery manager and there is no doubt that he would have used his position as the colliery manager to urge the owners (Walkers) to provide some monetary support to the Walkers team nominated for the Colliery Competition.

With the return of the Brisbane/Ipswich competition in 1944, Eric signed on for one last time with Bundamba Rangers and he called time on his career at the end of the season, just a few months before his 38th birthday. He had competed for 16 years in top grade football.

In 1945 he was appointed coach of Bundamba Rangers and although they didn't win the premiership, the team won the premier shield knockout competition, the Tristrams Shield.

Eric played for three clubs during his football career, St. Helens, Dinmore Bushrats and Bundamba Ranger. Each of these clubs bestowed upon him honorary life club membership for services to their clubs.

On the 25th of January 1946 Eric was involved in a motoring accident. While waiting to turn onto Brisbane road at Booval, a truck that was turning into the street where Eric was waiting, ploughed into the driver's side of the car, critically injuring Eric. His five year old son Lance was in the car by his side. As a result of his injuries, Eric's right arm was amputated above the elbow.

Messrs. A. Thurburn and Dan Roderick (Qld captain and Australian rep.) headed a committee that organized an intercity testimonial match between Ipswich and Brisbane to raise money as a benefit fund to assist Eric and his family through his recovery period.

The inter-city match was played at Bundamba Rangers ground on 8 June 1946 with an Ipswich/Brisbane schoolboys match played as the curtain raiser. Eric's son Graham was the captain of the Ipswich schoolboy's team. The local newspaper reported that many Brisbane soccer supporters were expected to attend the testimonial match in support of Eric Petie who was held in very high esteem by metropolitan players.



Son Graham with Eric on 8 June 1946

Eric passed away in 1979, aged 72 years

Terence Petie July 2020

ERIC PETIE - SOCCER BADGES



IPSWICH SOCCER TEAM



TRISTRAMS SHIELD 1939



**TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER
SOCCER BLUE**



AUSTRALIA V INDIA 1938



**PREMIERSHIP WINNERS
ST. HELENS DIV 2 1926**



**NSW AMATEUR SOCCER
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**



**LIFE MEMBERSHIP
BUNDAMBA RANGERS**

Robert (Bob) Lawrie (1920-1989)

Robert represented Australia forty three times

Robert was selected in 1939 against Palestine at Right Half
Played for Blackstone Rovers when selected.

Matches for Australia as follows

1941 (Chinese XI)

1949 (Hadjuk Split. Yugoslavia)

1950 (South Africa) gruelling 19 match, 86 day tour

1951 (England)

1953 (Chinese XI)

Bob captained Australia 27 times and was Australian team manager in 1959

Bob served in the RAAF in WW2 and spent time in England playing five games with London club Brentford.

Robert was offered a trial with Tottenham Hotspur but declined

After the war in 1946 he played with Whyalla and 1947 in Sydney with Leichhardt-Annandale.

before going back to South Australia playing for Sturt in 1948

He returned to Ipswich in 1949 as Captain Coach of Bundamba Rangers

Career

Robert started out as a right winger before becoming a half back and played only one season as a junior before making his senior debut

Selected for Ipswich, Qld, Australia in his first year in Senior football and awarded "Colts Blue of the Year in 1939"

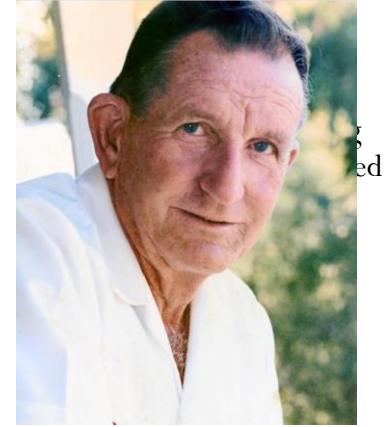
Represented Qld 22 times and coached the team in 1954 Represented Ipswich 17 times

Played for Qld in every year from 1939 - 1955 when available

Captain of the 1941 Blackstone Premiership team at 21 years of age

Selected for South Australia in 1946 and New South Wales in 1947

Member of the 1949/1954 Bundamba Rangers Tristram Shield winners and the 1955 and 1957 Bundamba Rangers Premiers



Career

Telegraph Colt of the Year 1939

Telegraph Sportsman of the Year in 1950

Coached Bulimba Rangers in 1952

(Bundamba Rangers did not make an offer to retain Bob as the club did not want to set a precedent as no player had ever been paid

Leading goalscorer in the 1957 Premiership

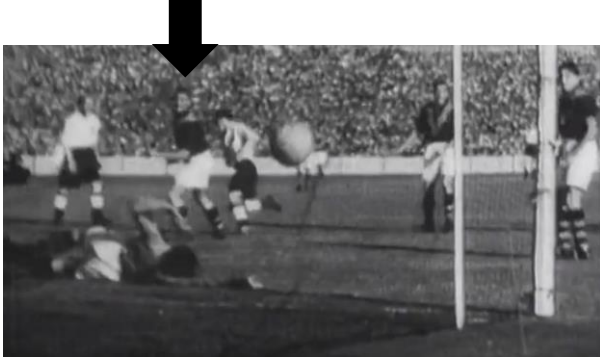
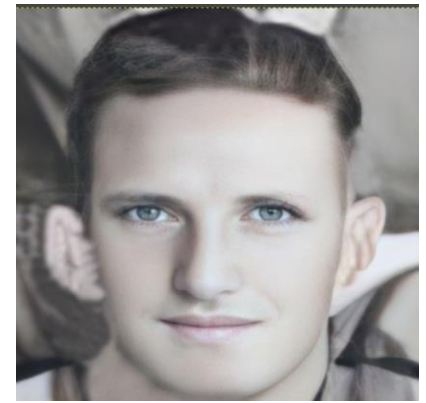
Won the Telegraph player of the year 3 times and at the age of 46 won the Courier Mail best and fairest award in a tie with Cliff Sander

Inaugural coach of Coalstars in 1964

President and Life member of both the Ipswich and Queensland Primary Schools Football Associations

Teacher at Silkstone School and coached future senior soccer players.

* Bob was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in 1999



Bob playing against England in 1951



THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.
YUGOSLAVIAN TOUR OF AUSTRALIA 1949.
MATCH NO. 11. YUGOSLAVIA v AUSTRALIA.
FIELD: ST. LOUIS STADIUM. DATE: 27. 7. 1949.

Name.	Goals.	Assists.	Total.	Assisted by:-
CONQUEST. N.	2	3	5	W. G. G. G.
PARKE. H.	1	3	4	W. G. G. G.
DRINGMAN. C.	1	3	4	W. G. G. G.
LAWRIE. R.	5	2	7	W. G. G. G.
WILSON. N.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
BYRNE. R.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
STUBBS. R.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
JONES. R.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
NICH. G.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
HUGHES. R.	1	2	3	W. G. G. G.
ROBERTSON. H.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
SMITH. J.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
MARSHALL. H.	2	2	4	W. G. G. G.
COOTE. D.	1	2	3	W. G. G. G.
GRACE. R.	1	2	3	W. G. G. G.
PARKE. H.	1	2	3	W. G. G. G.
DRINGMAN. C.	1	2	3	W. G. G. G.
TOTAL	33	51	84	

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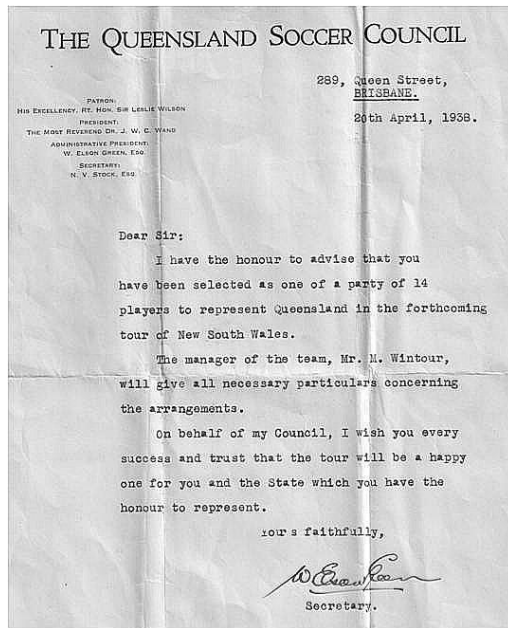
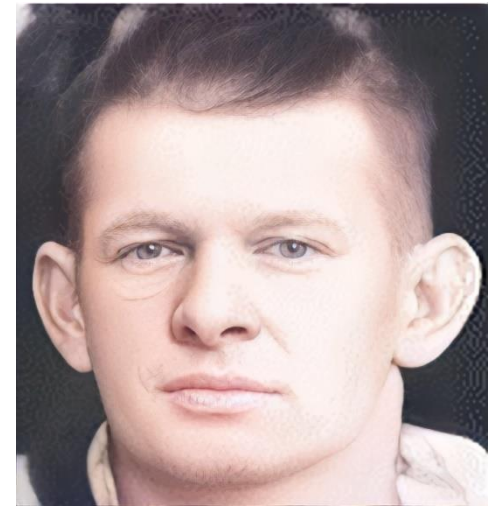
Daniel Roderick (Born 1912-1992)

Dan represented Australia on one occasion

Dan was selected 1939 against Palestine at Centre Half.

He played for Bundamba Rangers when selected.

Represented Queensland ten times and Ipswich twenty times captained Qld 1939 and 1948



1938 Qld team selection



Presented to Dan by Palestine Team (1939)



Dan Roderick is First In Soccer Ranking Bundamba Man Not Brilliant, But Consistent

By C.W.

To Dan Roderick, captain of the premiership winners, Bundamba, captain of the first Queensland team to beat New South Wales for four years, and centre-half for Australia in the second Test match against Palestine in Brisbane, goes "The Telegraph" Soccer Blue for 1939.

Although not a brilliant player, Roderick has earned for himself the title of Queensland's best Soccer player this season because of his efforts which have been most consistent throughout the season.

There is no stronger club man in Queensland than the hard-working Bundamba centre-half, and he has won the credit as Bundamba's savior in the premiership campaign.

He has shown himself a master in defence, and although his methods of attack are some orthodox lines he is of great assistance to his forwards on the offensive.

Roderick has announced his intention of "not leaving his home town" and in the meantime will make only occasional appearances that this season, which he has no doubt expects will make him a contender for selection. After all he is a man of only 26 years of age and has many football years to him.



Career

Member of Bundamba School premiership team 1926

Played Juniors with Rustlers

Signed by Alex Gibb in 1936 for Bundamba Rangers

Captained Ipswich against India in 1938

Winner of Premierships with Rosebell's(1932,1933) Latrobe(1935)

Bundamba Rangers (1936,1937,1938,1939) and St Helens 1944,1945,1947,1948

Played for Latrobe after having transfer originally denied in 1936

Dan also played Rugby League with Rialto in 1940

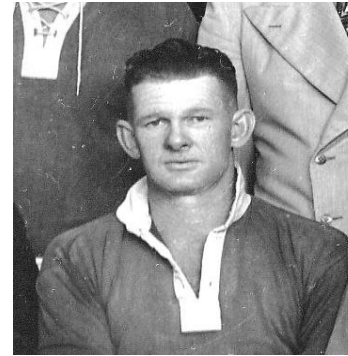
* Winner of Tristram Shield with Bundamba Rangers and St Helens in 1941

Won two Telegraph Blues in 1939 and 1948

Played for nineteen seasons retiring in 1940

Life member of St Helens

Dan was a miner

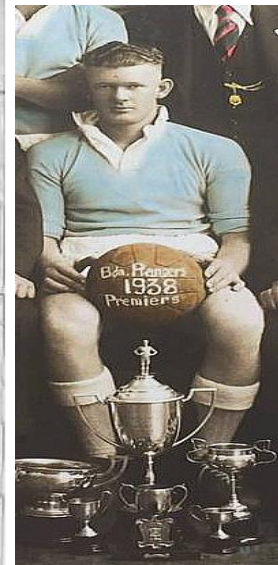
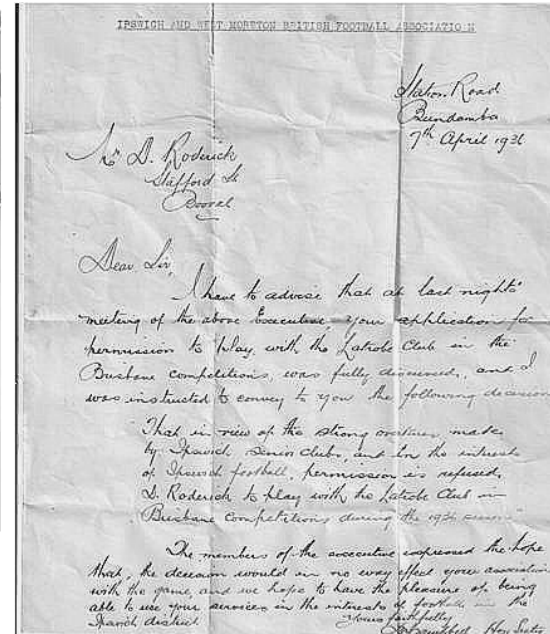


Lang Park 1937



J Gordon Trophy
St Helens

Player of the year 1948



Gordon (Bunny) Nunn (1927-2008)

Gordon represented Australia fifty two times

Gordon was selected 1948 against New Zealand at Centre Forward.

He was playing for St Helens when selected

Bunny represented Australia in the following years:

1948 (New Zealand)

1949 (Hadjuk Split, Yugoslavia)

1950 (South Africa) Leading goal scorer(20)

1951(English FA XI)

1953(Hong Kong XI)

1954(New Zealand)

1955(Rapid Vienna, Austria), (Hong Kong XI),(South Africa)

1957 (FK Austria),(Hong Kong XI)

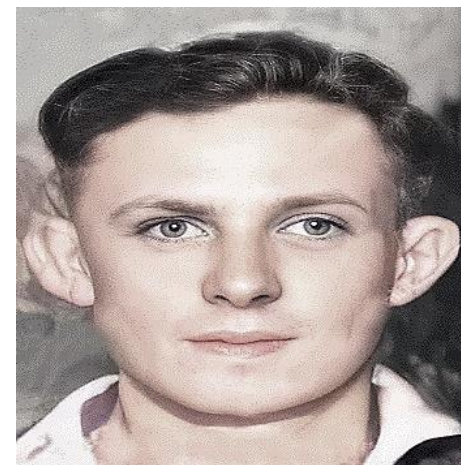
1958(Blackpool),(New Zealand)

In 1948 in a trial match in Sydney between Australia XI and The Rest Bunny scored all five goals in a 5-2 win.

Bunny was not eligible for the Olympics in 1956 as he was considered professional for signing in 1951 for

1 pound three pence a match for Caledonians.

Gordon was offered a contract with Fulham but declined



Career

Represented Queensland forty three times and Ipswich twenty seven times
In 1947 represented Ipswich and Qld against South Africa as a 19 year old
Coached Queensland from 1962-1966 winning the Boac tournament in 1965

Selected in the Qld State Schoolboy team in 1939

Played Senior with St Helens at 16 years of age in 1943

Member of the 1944,1947,1948, and 1956 St Helens Premiership teams.

Member of the 1948 St Helens team that won the Hilton and Tristram Shield.

Lead scorer for St Helens in 1944 at age 17

Signed a three year contract with Caledonians in 1951 and was refused a transfer to St Helens in 1953

Member of the undefeated 1956 St Helens team that won the Ambulance and Tristram Shield

Player coach of Azzurri for three years from 1960 and coach of Hellenic in 1966

Reported to have scored about 700 goals.

Scored eight goals in a match against Blackstone Rovers

1945,1946,1947 scored 132 goals for St Helens despite several months absence for military service

1949 100th goal this year.

1950 Scores seven goals in one match and scores a record 89 goals

1957 Leading goal scorer with 37 goals

1959 Leading goal scorer with 30 goals

Bunny was the Grandson of James Dobbie who was in the first Bundamba Rangers team in 1895

He served in the Australian Air force in World War 2 in the Air Sea Rescue

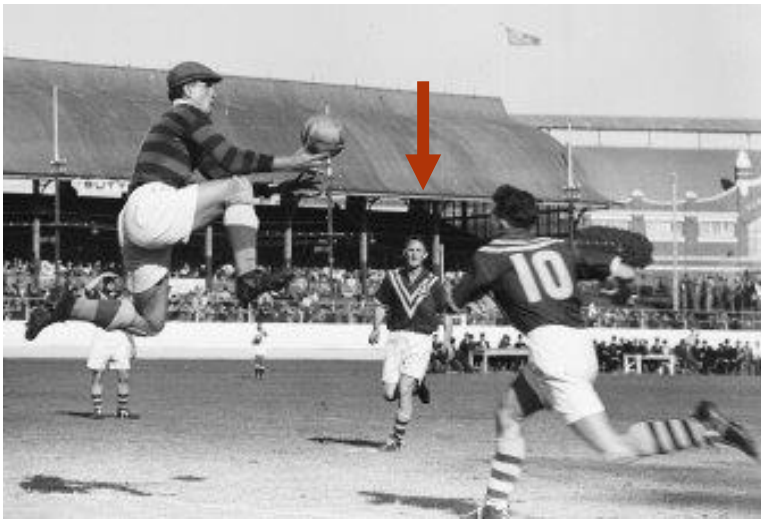
Bunny took up Lawn Bowls with considerable success winning the club singles, doubles, triples and was club President

Gordon was a signwriter and licence of the Caledonian Hotel in Ipswich for 10 years

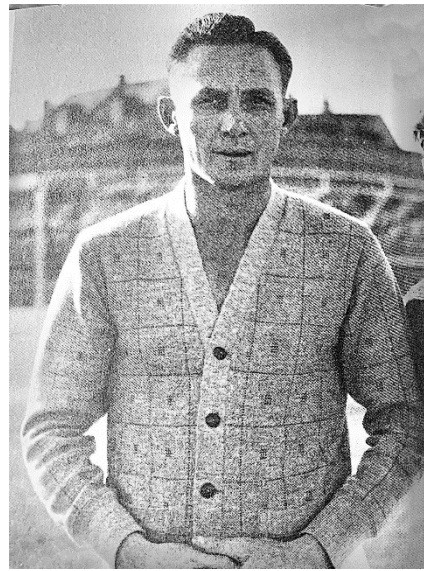
* Gordon Nunn was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in 1999



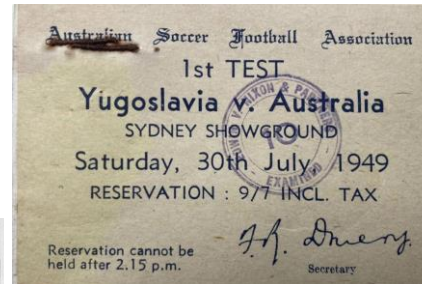
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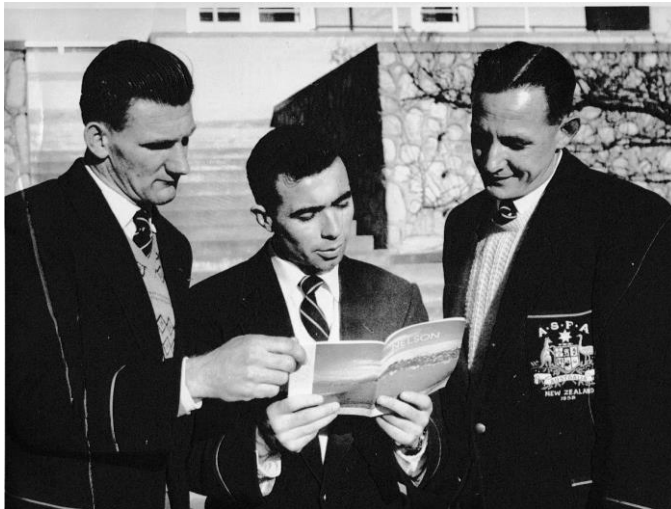
Playing for Australia against Hadjuk Split in 1949



(Signing with Caledonian's)



Gordon in 1941



In New Zealand in 1958



In Qld blazer with Elizabeth in 1947

William (Spots) Mitchell (1925-2021)

William represented Australia seven times

William was selected in the following matches

South Africa in 1947, Hadjuk Split (Yugoslavia) in 1949 (Reserve)

New Caledonia in 1950, England in 1951

Career

Represented Queensland against South Africa in 1947 and Hadjuk Split (Yugoslavia) in 1949

Member of State Railway team 1948

Member of the Qld team that defeated NSW 3-2 in Ipswich in 1950.

Represented Queensland seven times Ipswich fifteen times

The following report appeared in the QT *Tuesday 13 June (14)*

'An outstanding contributor to Queensland's 3-2 victory over New South Wales in the return Soccer match played at Bundamba yesterday was State custodian Wal. ("Blue") Mitchell. who gave one of the soundest goalkeeping exhibitions ever witnessed at the 'Bundamba Oval'

William was Secretary of Bundamba Rangers and was the first inaugural Life Member of Coalstars in 1968

William worked at the Ipswich Railway Workshops



1949



Ronald Coleman (1929-1973)

Ron represented Australia three times

Ron was first selected in 1950 against New Caledonia at Right Half

He was playing for Bundamba Rangers when selected

Ron was the Grandson of Owen Coleman the original Dinmore Bush Rats player in 1890

Career

Represented Queensland nine times and Ipswich twenty times

Member of the Qld team that defeated NSW 3-2 in Ipswich in 1950

Represented Ipswich against Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)

Played for Dinmore Bush Rats in 1946

Member of Bundamba Rangers 1949 Tristram Shield winners

Ronald Hughes (1927-2013)

Ron represented Australia four times

Ron was first selected in 1950 to tour New Caledonia

He played Left Back, Inside Left, and Centre Forward and was the leading goal scorer.

Ron was playing for Blackstone Rovers when selected

Career

Played Juniors with Wattles

Ron represented Queensland nine times Ipswich and Ipswich twenty times

Captain of the State Railway team 1948

He played for Ipswich against Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) in 1949

In 1951 scored a hat trick in a Kruger Cup match.

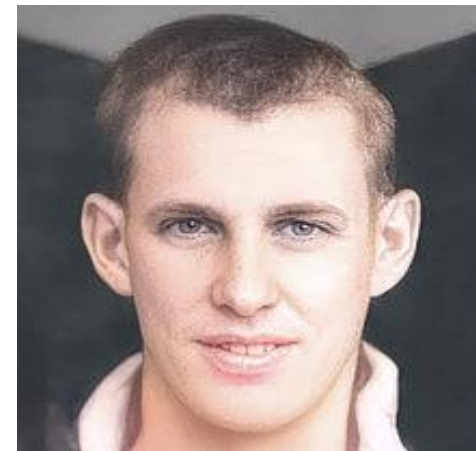
In 1952 he was a member of the Blackstone Rovers Cribb and Foote Cup winners

Captain of the 1953 Blackstone Rovers team that won all trophies, Premiership, Tristram Shield, Hilton Shield and Ambulance Cup

President at Blackstone Rovers in 1962.

Involved with the amalgamation of Blackstone Rovers and Bundamba Rangers to form Coalstars

Ron worked at the Ipswich Railway Workshops



Cliff Sander (Born 1932-2022)

Cliff represented Australia twenty times

Cliff was first selected 1950 against New Caledonia at Inside left scoring in his first game

He was playing for St Helens when selected

Cliff represented Australia in the following matches

1953 (China) 1954 (New Zealand)

1955 (Rapid Vienna) (Hong Kong XI) South Africa

1956 (Japan) (India) Olympics

1957 (Hong Kong) (Ferencvaros, Hungary)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian Scotland)

Cliff was also selected in an Australian team in 1952 to play Western Australia in an exhibition match

Career

Played Juniors at Ipswich Technical College

Represented Ipswich 22 times

Represented Queensland forty seven times the most of any player and was captain in 1963

Represented Qld against touring teams as follows:

1953 (Hong Kong Chinese XI) 1954 (New Zealand)

1955 (Rapid Vienna, Austria) (South China Athletic Association Hong Kong) (South Africa)

1957 (Ferencváros (Hungary)(Eastern Athletic Hong Kong)

1958(Blackpool England)1959 (Heart of Midlothian Scotland) 1964 (Everton England)

Also represented Queensland 1952 Victoria, NSW South Australia 1953 Victoria

1954 Victoria, NSW, South Australia, Western Australia, Rest 1956 NSW (4) Australian (11)

1957 NSW (4) Victoria (2) Rest

1958 Victoria (2) 1960 South Australia Victoria, NSW. Rest 1961 Victoria (2) NSW 1962 South Australia Victoria

1963 Northern New South Wales, Tasmania, ACT 1964 NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia



(1959)
Heart of Midlothian

Member of the 1949 and 1956 St Helens Premiers, and Hilton Shield winners

Cliff won Soccer Blue for player of the year in 1954 and 1961 and tied with Robert Lawrie in 1963

Won the Courier Mail Best and Fairest in 1961, 1963, 1964, He was third in 1951 and 1952

Joined Azzurri in 1959

Cliff's International career was interrupted in 1960 after Australia was banned from International Football

In 1963 Cliff wanted to return to St Helens but Azzurri sought a transfer fee of 1500 pounds

Azzurri had only paid a nominal fee of 10 shillings for his transfer from St Helens.

St Helens could not afford this and under Association rules Azzurri retained Cliff's services and could withdraw him from any representative team which they did withdrawing him from Queensland teams during the dispute

Cliff retired in 1966 but in 1969 at 39 years of age came out of retirement to play for St Helens

After Cliff retired he coached Juniors at St Helens

* Cliff was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in 1999



Azzurri 1961

SANDER BACK WITH SAINTS
 (By A.B.)
 The biggest news in local Soccer this week is that Cliff Sander has signed on for St. Helens and will play at left-half in the first division premiership match against Hollandia at Ebbw Vale on Sunday.



SANDER'S MOVE PENNIES TO £'s

By Ron Mitchell
WHEN Soccer star Cliff Sander transferred to Azzurri, his club St. Helens received a 10/ transfer fee.

Now, four years later, defence as a half-back, St. Helens want Sander to be equally at home back, but it will cost them £500.

The £500 fee imposed by Azzurri on Sander is a record for a Soccer player in Queensland.

It followed a recent approach by St. Helens for Sander's services.

Won big award
 Sander, State and Australian half-back, won The Courier-Mail Best and Fairest award in 1961.

He played with St. Helens through junior and senior football before joining Azzurri in 1959.

At that time, Azzurri and St. Helens were affiliated with the Brisbane and Ipswich Soccer Association. Azzurri was a Second Division club and the set transfer fee to Second Division was £1. 00 per cent being retained by the Association.

Later, the Association constitution was amended to provide no limit on transfer fees. Both clubs are now members of the breakaway Federation, which has no place restriction on transfer fee amounts.
 Brilliant in attack and

Was suspended

Azzurri then suspended Sander for a brief period for what is believed to have been among criticism by Sander of his club officials and supporters following incidents after the League-Azzurri match at Heath Creek.

This suspension led to Sander being withdrawn from the Queensland team which played New South Wales the following Saturday, in Sydney, in the Australian Soccer championship final.

Azzurri officials are awaiting St. Helens' reply to the transfer fee demand.

Sander in Soccer

A 29-YEAR-OLD Soccer international, who was formerly a prominent Ipswich cricketer, has won The Courier-Mail Best and Fairest Soccer Award for 1961.

He is **CLIFF SANDER**, of the Azzurri team, which won last Saturday's grand final against Hellenic.

Cliff, a former coal-miner, is a trainee nurse at Goodna Mental Hospital.

He has represented Australia in Soccer on 16 occasions since 1954.



C. SANDER

against South Africa, New Zealand, Austria, Hungary, China, and the Scottish team, Heart of Midlothian.

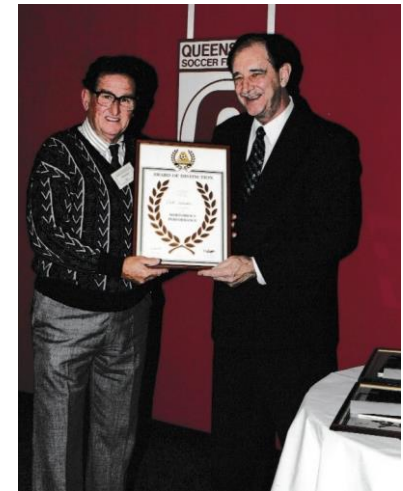
He also played for Australia in two matches in the 1956 Olympics and at 19 years of age toured New Caledonia with an Australian XI.

Normally a half-back, Sander has proved his versatility in the forward line with great success.

He is a brilliant attacking and defensive player, always in superb condition, and has many years of top football still ahead.

His consistent displays and teamwork earned Sander this year's award with 28 points.

"Evergreens" Brian Bruce (Blackstone) 23 points, and Andy Greaves (St. Helens) 21, also gave impressive performances during the season.



Reward of Distinction Meritorious Performance and Contribution to the game in QLD in 1999

Mervyn Newlands (-2004)

Merv represented Australia on one occasion

Merv was selected in 1951 against England FA XI at Right Back

He was playing for Bundamba Rangers when selected

Career

Merv represented Queensland eleven times Ipswich twenty two times

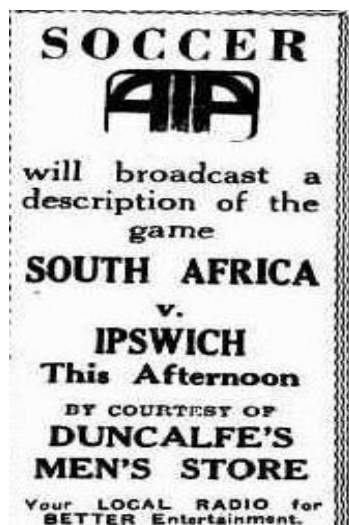
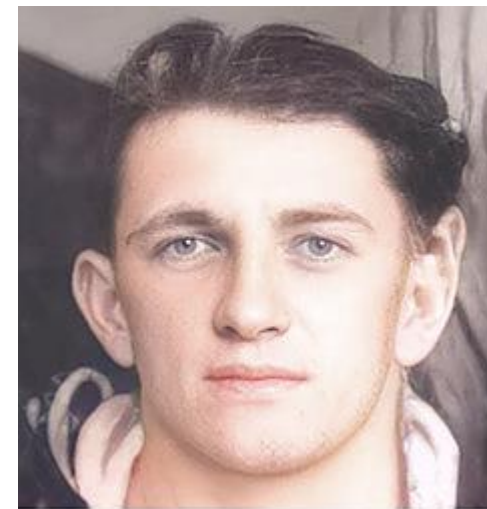
Member of Queensland team against England FA XI in 1951 and Hong Kong XI in 1953

Played for Ipswich against South Africa in 1947, the match being broadcast in full on 4IP

Awarded J Gordon trophy for most consistent player for Bundamba Rangers in 1947

Member of 1954 Bundamba Rangers Tristram Shield winners. Also played for Booval Stars

Merv was a Policeman for a time before returning to coalmining



Donald Leo (1932-)

Don represented Australia on two occasions

Don was first selected in 1953 against Hong Kong Chinese XI as Goalkeeper

He was playing for Blackstone Rovers when selected

In 1955 he was selected against South China

Career

Played as a Junior for Booval Stars and Wattles

Represented Queensland Schoolboys in 1947

Don represented Queensland thirteen times and Ipswich thirteen times

Represented Qld against touring teams as follows:

1953 (Hong Kong Chinese XI)

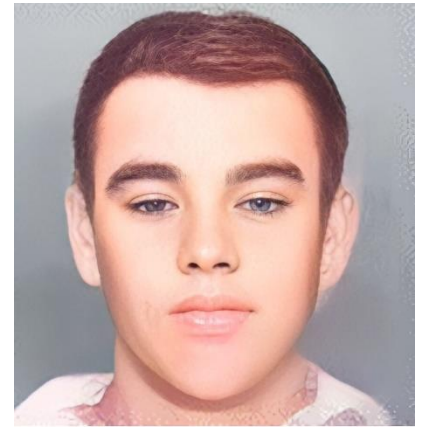
1955 (Rapid Vienna, (South China Athletic Association, Hong Kong) (Union of South Africa)

1957 (Eastern Athletic, Hong Kong) (Ferencváros, Hungary)

Member of the 1953 Blackstone Rovers Premiership team that also won Tristram/Hilton Shield and Ambulance Cup

When Don retired he coached Coalstars and Juniors at St Helens

Don worked at the Ipswich Railway Workshops



Don at the Internationals night (2020)

Colin Kitching (Born 1933-2022)

Col represented Australia seven times

Col was first selected in 1955, he played against South Africa at Centre Forward

He was playing for Bundamba Rangers when selected

Col was selected in the 1956 Olympic team against India/Japan and in 1959 against Heart of Midlothian

Career

First represented in 1946 for Ipswich Schoolboys and scored 122 goals (record) playing Juniors for

Bundamba Rangers in 1950. Scored 60 goals in Undefeated Rangers Junior team in 1951 and was selected for Qld Under 21 team

Selected for Qld in 1953 at 19 years of age and represented Queensland thirty one times and Ipswich twenty times

Represented Qld against touring sides:

1955 (Rapid Vienna, Austria)(Hong Kong)(South Africa) 1959 (Heart of Midlothian, Scotland)

After playing in the three all draw with Hearts they expressed interest in signing Col

In 1961 for Qld against Fiji Col scored 8 goals in the match which remains a record

Selected for a representative team at 18 in 1952 in his first year in senior soccer after scoring 122 goals as a Junior in 1951

Col was the leading goalscorer in 1952, 1953, 1956, 1960 and runner up in 1957 and 1959

Member of Bundamba Rangers 1952 O'Callaghan Shield winners and leading goalscorer with 60 goals

Member of the Blackstone Rovers team in 1953 that won the Premiership, Tristram Shield, Hilton Shield, Ambulance Cup and was the leading scorer in the competition with 31 goals

Member of 1955 Bundamba Premiership team and the 1956 St Helens Undefeated Premiers, Tristram/Ambulance Shield winners

Member of the 1967 St Helens team that won the Ampol Cup

Retired in 1969 but made a comeback in August 1970 with St Helens

Won eight Premierships. Blackstone Rovers(1) Bundamba Rangers(1) St Helens(1) Hellenic(5) Col won a record total of 24 Club trophies

State Selector, Ipswich Coach, Coalstars coach in 1974 and also coached Juniors at St Helens



Hellenic Career

Member of Hellenic Premiership teams in 1960,61(Undefeated)62(undefeated)63, 65

(Between 1960 and 1962 Hellenic were undefeated for 46 games)

Won the Ampol Cup in 1960,61,62,63/64 and the Grand Final in 1960/63

Gordon(Bunny)Nunn rated the 1962 and 1963 teams as the best club team he had seen

First Division's leading goal scorer In 1960

Captain Coach of Hellenic from 1960-1964

Played in front of 10,000 spectators In 1965 Grand Final against Latrobe a record for a club match

Captain/ Coach of Hellenic in 1968 after returning from St Helens

Ipswich players who played for Hellenic in this period were

(Col Kitching, Brian.(Chookie) Vogler,Les McRea,Duncan McKenna,Lance Petie,Graham Kitching,Chas Matters

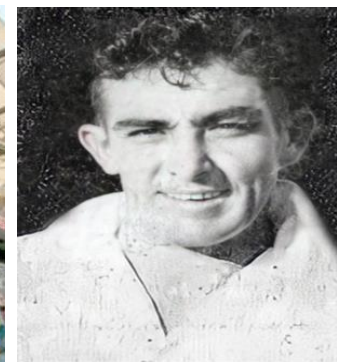
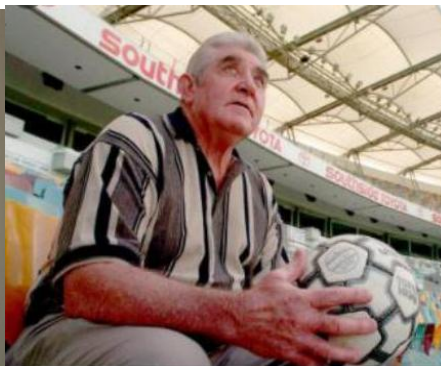
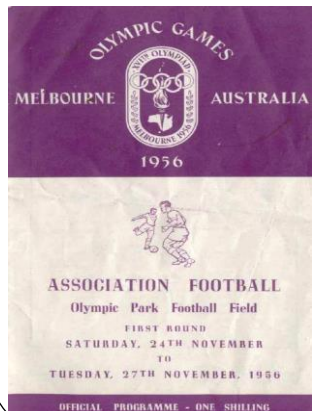
In 1961 Hellenic offered a challenge to the winner of the NSW Ampol Cup.When Sydney Prague won that competition the

Sydney Morning Herald report asserted Prague had "re-established themselves as the No. 1 club team in Australia

" Hellenic defeated Prague 2-1

Col played in a carnival at St Helens in 1972 with the old Hellenic team against the 1972 Hellenic Premiers.

The old team included Col Kitching, Brian Vogler, Les McRea, Duncan McKenna, Lance Petie and Brian Topfer



Col in 1947

Spencer Kitching (1934-2017)

Spencer represented Australia twenty one times

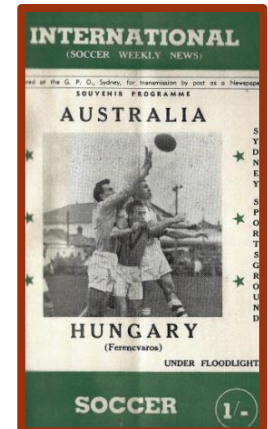
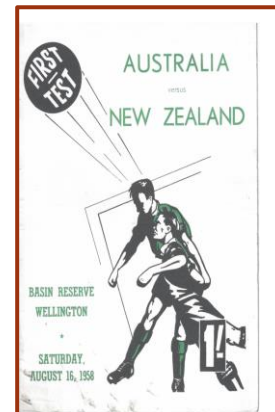
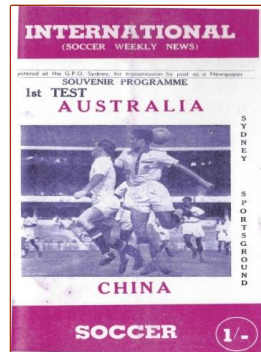
- Spencer was first selected in 1955 against Rapid Vienna (Austria) at Inside Right.
- He was playing for Bundamba Rangers when selected. He represented Australia as follows
- 1955 (South China Athletic Association, Hong Kong)
- 1956 (Olympic squad)
- 1957 (FK Austria Wien), (Eastern Athletic, Hong Kong)(Ferencváros, Hungary)
- 1958 (Blackpool, England)(New Zealand)

Career

- Captain of Qld under 21 team in 1951 Ipswich at the age of 18 in 1952 for Qld at 19 years of age in 1953
- Represented Queensland thirty two times and Ipswich nineteen one times. Also represented NSW in 1958
- Represented Qld in the following matches:
- 1953 (Hong Kong XI) 1954 (New Zealand) 1955 (Rapid Vienna, Austria), (Hong Kong), (South Africa)
- 1957 (Hong Kong), (Ferencváros, Hungary)
- 1958 NSW and Northern Districts against Blackpool
- 1959 (Heart of Midlothian, Scotland) *The match was a 3 all draw. The only match Hearts did not win on tour
- 1961 (Fiji)



Azuuri 1961



Career

First represented in 1946 for Ipswich Schoolboys

Member of the 1952 Bundamba Rangers O'Callaghan Shield winners

Member of the 1954 Bundamba Rangers Cribb and Foote Cup winners

Sunday Mail Player of the Year and leading goal scorer in 1954

Member of the 1955 Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

Member of the 1957 Bundamba Rangers Premiership/Tristram Shield winners

Member and leading goalscorer for premiers Adamstown (Newcastle) in 1958

Offered terms with Cardiff City but declined the offer

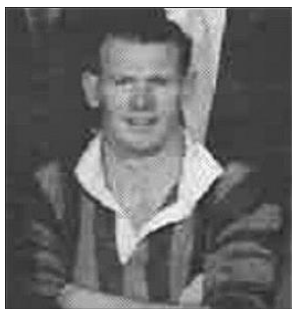
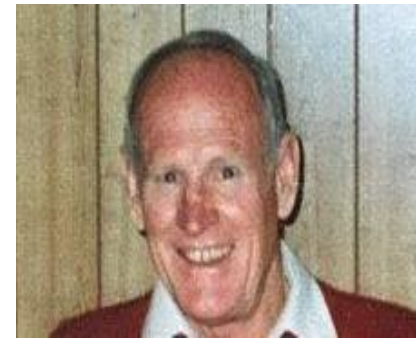
Joined Azzurri in 1959 before playnig with Redbank Dinmore and St Helens

Won all-codes sprint challenge to be the fastest in all codes

When Spencer retired he coached Juniors at St Helens and the senior team in 1981

The Spencer Kitching Memorial Shield was named in his honour

Spencer worked at the Ipswich Railway Workshops



1958



Playing for Adamstown/Rosebud
(Premiers) in Newcastle

Alan (Oscar) Pitcairn (1927-2012)

Alan represented Australia on one occasion

Alan was first selected in 1955 against Rapid Vienna (Austria) at Inside Left

He was playing for St Helens when selected

Alan was selected in an Australian team in 1952 to play Western Australia in an exhibition match

Career

Played Juniors with Bundamba Rangers and Wattles Football Club

Represented Queensland twenty five times and Ipswich thirty four times the most of any player

Member of State Railway team 1948

Represented Qld against touring teams:

1954 New Zealand

1955 (Rapid Vienna, Austria)

1955 (South China Athletic Association, Hong Kong) (Union of South Africa)

1958 (Blackpool, England)

Member of the St. Helens Premiers 1947, 1948, and 1956

Won the Hilton Shield with St Helens five years in a row 1945-1949

Won the Tristram Shield with St Helens in 1947, 1948 and 1956, the Cribb and Foote Cup in 1953

and Ambulance Shield in 1956

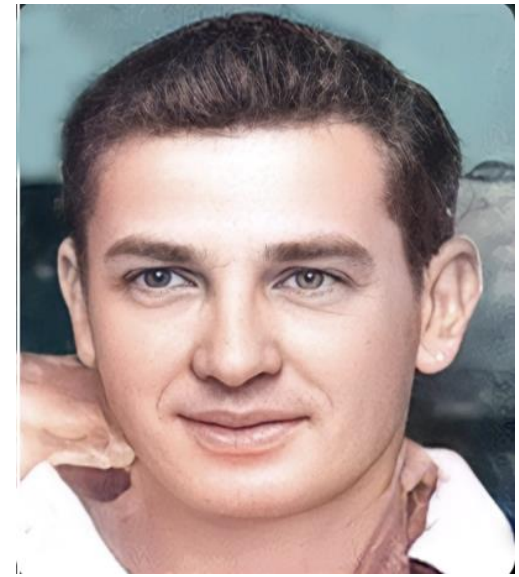
Member of St Helens team that won the Cribb and Foote Cup

State Junior selector

President of St Helens Juniors

Life member of St Helens

Alan worked at the Ipswich Railway Workshops



Alwyn (Al) Warren (1931-2004)

Alwyn represented Australia ten times

Alwyn was first selected in 1955 against South Africa at Centre Half

Played for Blackstone Rovers when selected

Represented for Australia as follows:

1956 (Yugoslavia),(Japan), (India)Olympics

1957 (Eastern Athletic,Hong Kong),(FK Austria Wien),(Ferencváros ,Hungary)

1958 (Blackpool,England)

Career

Played for Booval Stars as a Junior

Represented Queensland twenty eight times and Ipswich twenty one times

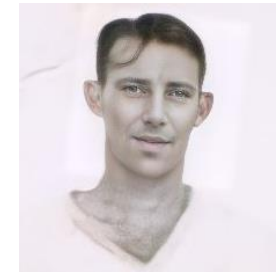
Member of 1953 Blackstone Rovers Premiers, Tristram Shield, Hilton Shield and Ambulance Cup winner

Played for Azzurri

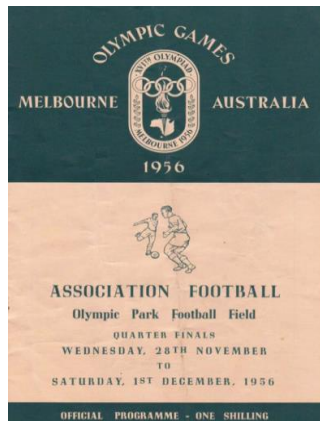
Coach of St Helens and Ipswich United

Life Member Ipswich Knights Football Club

Alwyn was a miner



Azzurri 1961



1956 Olympics



Brian (Chookie) Vogler (1932-2009)

Brian represented Australia thirteen times

Brian was first selected in 1956 against India at Outside Left .

Playing for Dinmore Bush Rats when selected

He represented Australia in following matches:

1956 (India)Olympics

1957 (Blackpool,England)

1958 (Wellington Province)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian,Scotland)

Career

Played with West End Soccer Club and then as a St Helens Junior

Played for Blackstone Rovers,Dinmore Bush Rats,Hellenic and St Helens Senior

Brian represented Queensland thirty four times and Ipswich eighteen times

Represented Qld in the following matches:

1954 (New Zealand)

1958 (Blackpool,England)

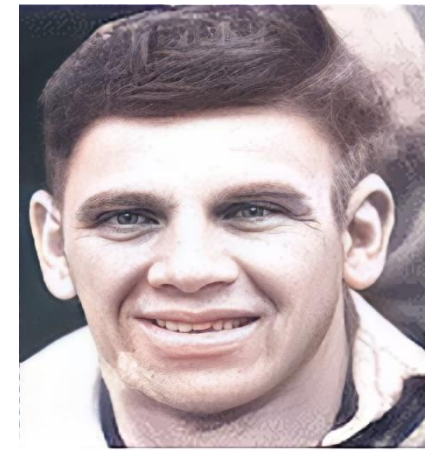
1961 (Fiji)

1964 (Everton,England)

1965 Chelsea(England)

Member of Qld team for BOAC tournament in New Zealand

*The nickname “Chookie” started from playing Farmyard at St Mary's prep school All the children had to pick an animal Brian chose a chook



1958 prior to match against Blackpool

Career

Member of the 1954 Dinmore Bush Rats Premiership/ Ambulance Shield winners.

Member of Hellenic team that were Premiers in 1960, 1961 (Undefeated), 1962 (Undefeated) 1963 and 1965
(between 1960 and 1962 Hellenic were undefeated for 46 games }

Member of the 1967 St Helens Ampol Cup Winners

Played Bulimba Cup (Rugby League) for Ipswich as well as cricket where he captained Brothers to the A Grade Premiership in 1960-61. He also played Lawn Bowls

Brian was runner up in the Courier Mail Best and Fairest in 1970 at age 38

Brian finished his career with St Helens at the start of 1971

When Brian retired he coached Juniors at St Helens and became President of Booval Bowls club

Brian's family was heavily involved in sport.

Peter was a Qld representative and Australian baseball representative and was named Ipswich's 1992/93 Sportstar of the Year.

Anne was an Australian softballer, Christine played netball, Mark was a Norths rugby league player

Gary earned state baseball honours and played soccer for St Helen's and Matthew was a representative baseballer.

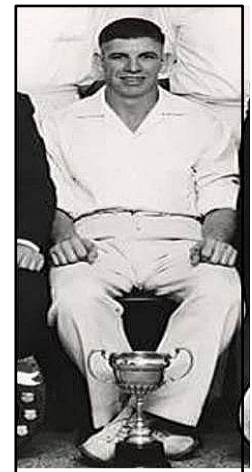
Brian was a miner



Playing for Qld



Playing with St Helens



Brothers Cricket Club
(1960-61)

Graham Kathage (Born 1934)

Graham represented Australia five times

Graham was selected in 1958 against Blackpool (England)

He was playing for Bundamba Rangers when selected

He also represented against Heart of Midlothian (Scotland) in 1959

Selected for Qld against the following touring teams:

1955 (South Africa)

1957 (Eastern Athletic, Hong Kong), (Ferencváros, Hungary)

1958 (Blackpool, England)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian, Scotland)

1964 (Everton, England)

1965 (Chelsea, England)

1966 (A.S Roma, Italy)

Career

Graham played for Dinmore Bush Rats Juniors in 1952

Graham played for Queensland thirty six times and Ipswich 16 times

In 1956 he was a member of the Qld team

(The team included eight Ipswich players that defeated NSW 6-2)

Member of 1955 Bundamba Rangers Premiers

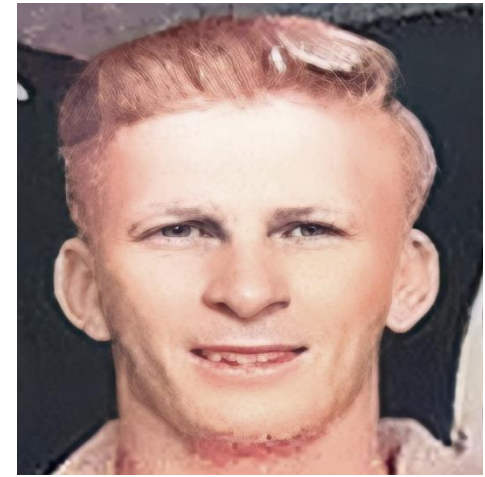
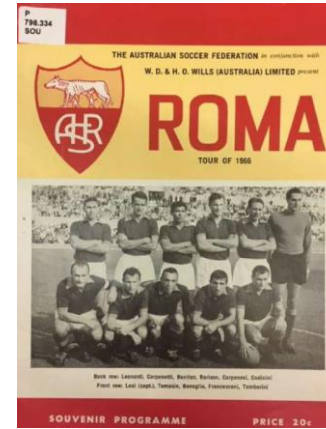
Joined Azzurri in 1959

Player coach of 1965 Ampol Cup winners Coalstars

Captain coach of Coalstars and coached Ipswich United in 1981

State selector

Graham was a miner



Graham Kruger (Born-1937)

Graham represented Australia two times

Graham was first selected in 1958 against Blackpool(England)

Played for Dinmore Bush Rats when selected

Also represented in 1965 (Chelsea,England)

Career

First represented Queensland as a schoolboy in 1950

Represented Queensland ten times and Ipswich six times

He represented Qld against touring teams as follows

1964 (Everton,England)

1965 (Torpedo Moscow, USSR)

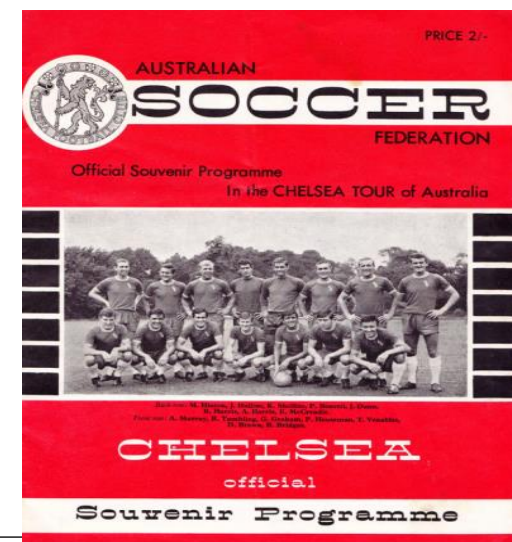
1965 Member of Qld team for BOAC tournament in New Zealand

(Qld were Champions) against New Caledonia, New Zealand provincial teams and Australian states)

Also played Booval Stars and St Helens and Azzurri



Graham at the Internationals night(2019)



Duncan McKenna (1931-2006)

Duncan represented Australia on two occasions

Duncan was first selected in 1958 against Blackpool (England)

He was playing for St Helens when selected

In 1959 he was selected for matches against Heart of Midlothian (Scotland)

Career

Wattles Junior and also played for Blackstone Rovers

He represented Queensland nine times and Ipswich nine times

Duncan represented Qld against touring teams as follows:

1958 (Blackpool, England)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian, Scotland)

Member of the 1952 Blackstone Rovers Cribb and Foote Cup winning team

Member of the 1953 Blackstone Rovers Premiers, Tristram / Hilton Shield and Ambulance Cup winners.

Played with Hellenic team from 1960 -1966 that won 5 Premierships 4 Ampol Cups and the Hilton Shield/Memorial Cup and Presidents Shield

Won the Ampol Cup in 1967 with St Helens

Duncan was a long time President of Palm Beach Soccer Club

(Palm Beach Soccer Club Oval bears his name)

Duncan was a miner



Young Saints half-back, Tony Gregg, clears, with several opponents in close attendance. D. McKenna races in to assist.

Norm Rule (1932-2019)

Norm represented Australia eleven times

First selected in 1958 against Blackpool (England) at Right Half.

Playing for Bundamba Rangers when selected

Represented Australia as follows

1958 (New Zealand)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian, Scotland)

Represented Qld against touring teams as follows:

1955 (Rapid Vienna, Austria)

1957 (Eastern Athletic, Hong Kong)

1959 (Blackpool, England)

Career

Represented Queensland twenty two times and Ipswich eleven times

Captain of Queensland in 1959

Scored two goals in Bundamba Rangers Tristram Shield win in 1949 at seventeen

Member of the 1955 and 1957 (Captain) Bundamba Rangers Premiership team

Norm was runner up in the Courier Mail Best and Fairest award in 1960

Norm finished his career as Captain/Coach of Hollandia in 1963 and coached Ipswich that year

In 1969 he helped form the Christian Soccer Association

Norm was also a Qld cricket representative in 1946/47 at schoolboy level

Norm was Chairman of the Southern Queensland Mines Rescue Brigade

In 1998 Norm was Ipswich Citizen of the year

The Norm Rule fields in Silkstone are named after him



Les McCrea (-2022)

Les represented Australia on one occasion

Les was first selected in 1959 against Heart of Midlothian (Scotland) at Centre Half

He was playing for Bundamba Rangers when selected

Career

Les represented Queensland sixteen times and Ipswich five times

He represented Qld against touring teams as follows

1958 (Blackpool, England)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian, Scotland)

1961 Fiji

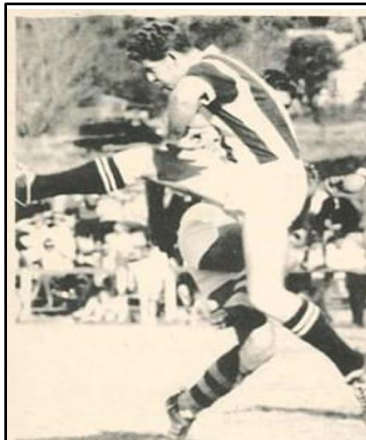
Member of the 1949 Qld Schoolboys team and 1951 and 1952 Queensland Junior team

Played for St Helens as a Junior and member of the 1954 Dinmore Bush Rats Premiership team

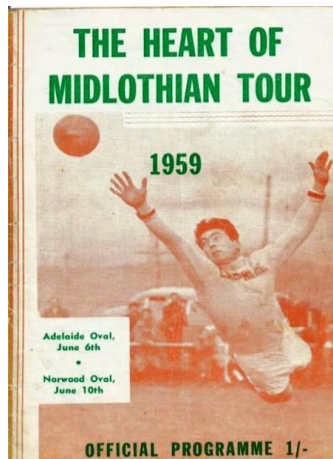
Played for the 1957 Bundamba Rangers Premiers and Tristram Shield winners

Member of Hellenic team from 1960-1965 that won five Premierships and 5 Ampol Cups

Played for St. Helens at the end of his career



Les with St Helens (1966)



Les with Hellenic (1961)
on the right



Australian club championship
1961

International suspension 1960-1963

Australia's membership of the FFA was suspended in 1960 after disobeying FIFA mandate on recruiting foreign players without a transfer fee. No further Australian teams were selected until 1963. This ban cut short the International career of many Ipswich players.

This period also saw the end of an era in Ipswich soccer with rich Brisbane ethnic clubs signing Ipswich Internationals.

From 1922 to 1938 there was an Ipswich player represented every year except in 1927, 1928 and 1936.

From 1936 until 1958 Ipswich teams won 16 of the 20 Premierships

There was at least one Ipswich player selected for Australia in every year from 1938 until 1959. In one year five players from Ipswich were selected.

Ian Johnston (Born 1947-1998)

Ian represented Australia three times

Ian was first selected in 1965 against Cambodia at Centre Forward.

He was playing for Coalstars when selected. He was also selected in 1965 for matches against Hong Kong/Malaysia.

In 1967 Ian was an under 23 representative against New Caledonia and New Zealand.

Ian was the first Ipswich player to play in a World Cup Qualifying match.



Career

Represented Queensland sixteen times once as Captain and Ipswich twenty times

Member of the 1963 under 16 team Qld team

In the Queensland squad for the Everton match in 1964 at the age of 17

Represented Qld in the following matches against touring teams

Represented Qld in 1965 in the BOAC Tournament at 18

1966 (AS Roma, Italy)

1967 (Manchester United, England) (Squad)

1968 (Papua Guinea)

1970 (Manchester City, England)

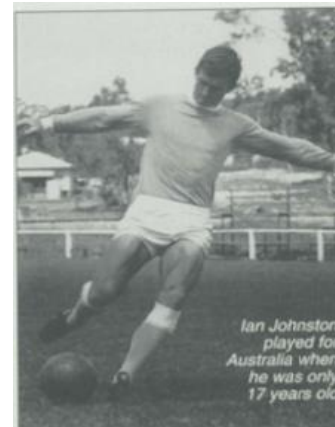
Won the Doug McLean Memorial Trophy for Ipswich Sportsman of the Year in 1965

Member of the Coalstars 1965 Ampol Cup winners

Member of 1970, 1971, 1976 Azzurri Premiership/Grand Final winners, 1973/1974 Grand Final winners

Played 25 times for Brisbane City in the National League

Won the Phillips Cup in 1977, National League Cup in 1978. Coached Ipswich in 1985 and Olympic in 1988



Gary Wilkins (Born 1945)

Gary represented Australia four times

Gary was first selected in 1967 against Singapore. Playing for Hollandia when selected

He represented Australia in the following matches:

1967 (Combined Services)

1967 (Indonesia)

1967 (Jakarta XI)

The 1967 Australian tourists were unbeaten on tour.

The trophy was the first International trophy won by an Australian soccer team. The term Socceroo was first used on this tour

Career

Started his career at Bundamba Rangers and then Redbank

Gary captained Qld 17 times from 23 appearances and represented Ipswich nineteen times

In the Qld squad for the Everton match in 1964 at the age of 19

Represented Qld in the following matches:

1967 Manchester United

1968 Cardiff City, Dallas Tornados, Papua New Guinea

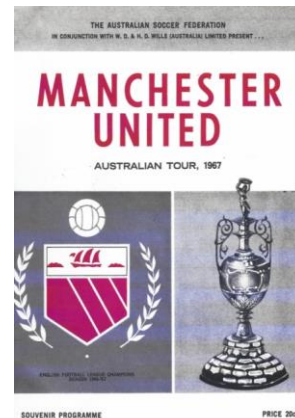
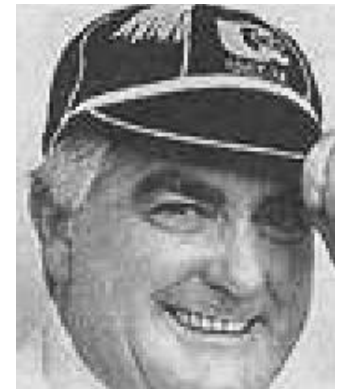
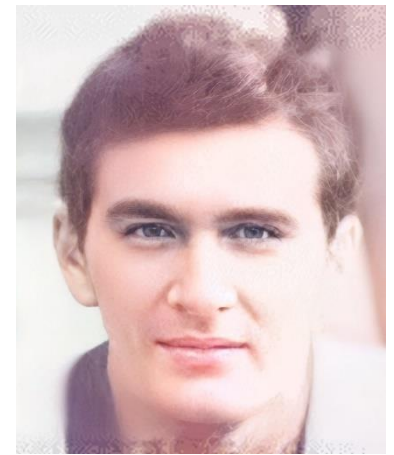
1970 Manchester City

1971 English FA, Moscow Dynamo

1972 Dundee, Wolverhampton Wanderers

1973 Birmingham City

1974 Aberdeen, Bristol Rovers, Chelsea



Quock Khanh Trophy

Career

Gary represented Qld at Schoolboy level and at Under 18 when only 14 years of age

He was captain of the under 18 Qld Junior team for three years and also captained the under 19 team

Won six Premierships with Hollandia/Lions

1967 Player of the Year

Coached Ipswich and Brisbane Junior Representative sides

Gary obtained the following Honours:

1979 Director of Brisbane Lions

1988 Coached Ipswich senior team

1993 Chairman of Brisbane Lions for 25 years

Chairman of Brisbane Roar

2000 Australian sports medal for services to soccer

2003 Centenary medal

Patron of Western Pride

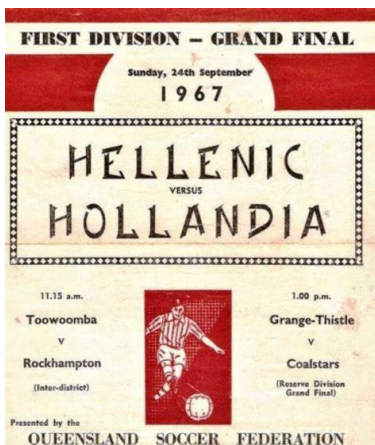
* Gary was inducted in to the Soccer Hall of Fame in 2005



Saigon 1967



Qld vs English FA



Ross Kelly (Born 1945)

Ross represented Australia on one occasion

Ross was first selected in 1968 against Japan as Goal Keeper.

He was playing for Western Suburbs when selected

In 1967 he was a member of Under 23 Australian Team to New Caledonia / New Zealand

Ross played for Coalstars when 42 years old

Career

Ross played as a junior for St Helens from 1954 -1964

Ross was selected for Queensland fourteen times and Ipswich five times

Represented Qld against touring teams as follows:

1965 (Moscow Dynamo, Russia) (Chelsea, England) (BOAC Tournament)

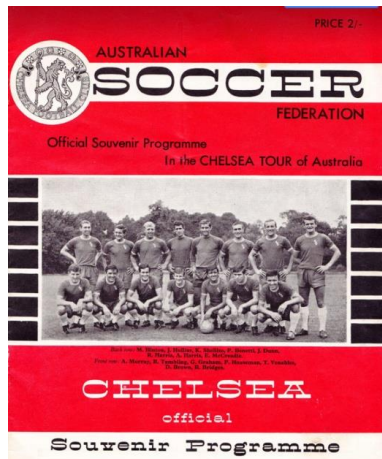
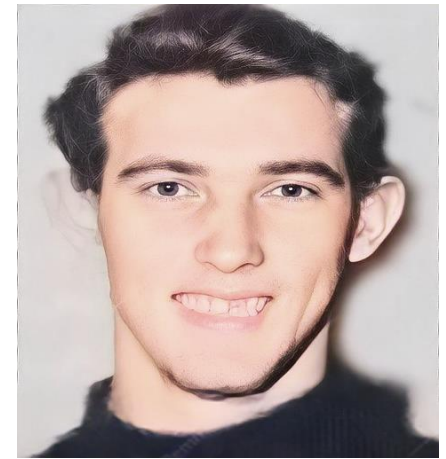
1968 (Papua New Guinea)

1967 (Manchester United, England)

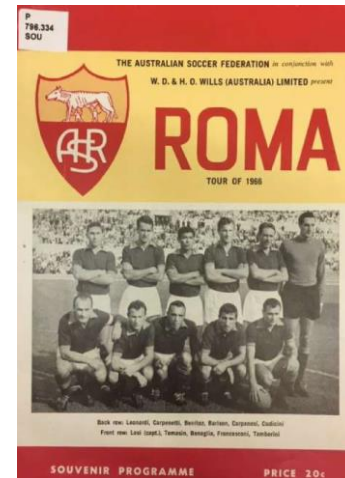
1973 (Aberdeen, Scotland)

1974 (Bristol Rovers, England), (Chelsea, England)

Played for Coalstars, Wests, Sydney, Azzurri, St George Souths, Richlands, Gold Coast and Ipswich United Grand Final winning team in 1982



Playing against A C Roma



Ian (Lodger) Lawrie (1957-2009)

Ian represented Australia on two occasions

Ian was first selected in 1975 against Burma

Playing for Coalstars when selected

With Ian's selection the Lawrie's were the second Father and Son to play for Australia

In 1977 Ian was selected for Australian Under 23 team



Career

Represented Qld seven times and Ipswich four times

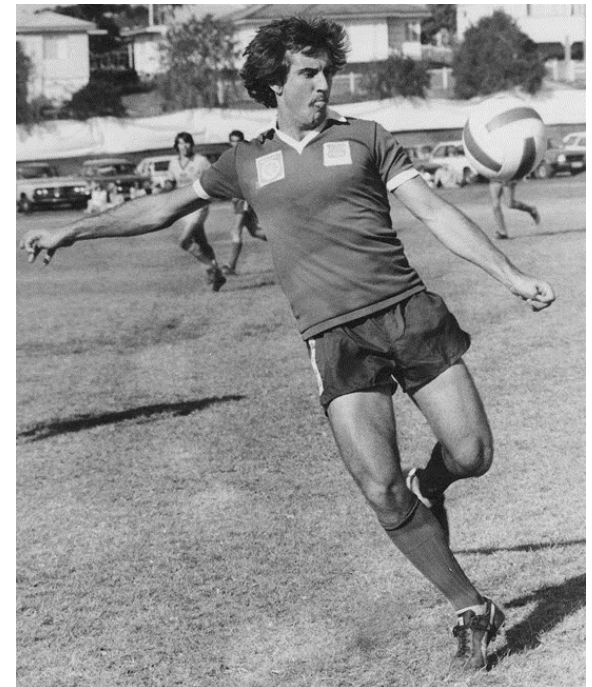
Played 27 National League Games with Brisbane Lions

Member of the 1982 and 1984 Ipswich United Grand Final winners

Member of the 1985 Ipswich United Premiers and Grand Final winners

Played for the 1986 Coalstars Ampol Cup, Presidents Cup and Grand Final winners.

Coached the Ipswich City Bulls



Kim Wishart (Born 1957-2023)

Kim represented Australia three times

Kim was first selected in 1983 against England

Selected as Goalkeeper

Playing for Azzurri when selected

Career

Kim was a Coalstars junior and also played with St Helens

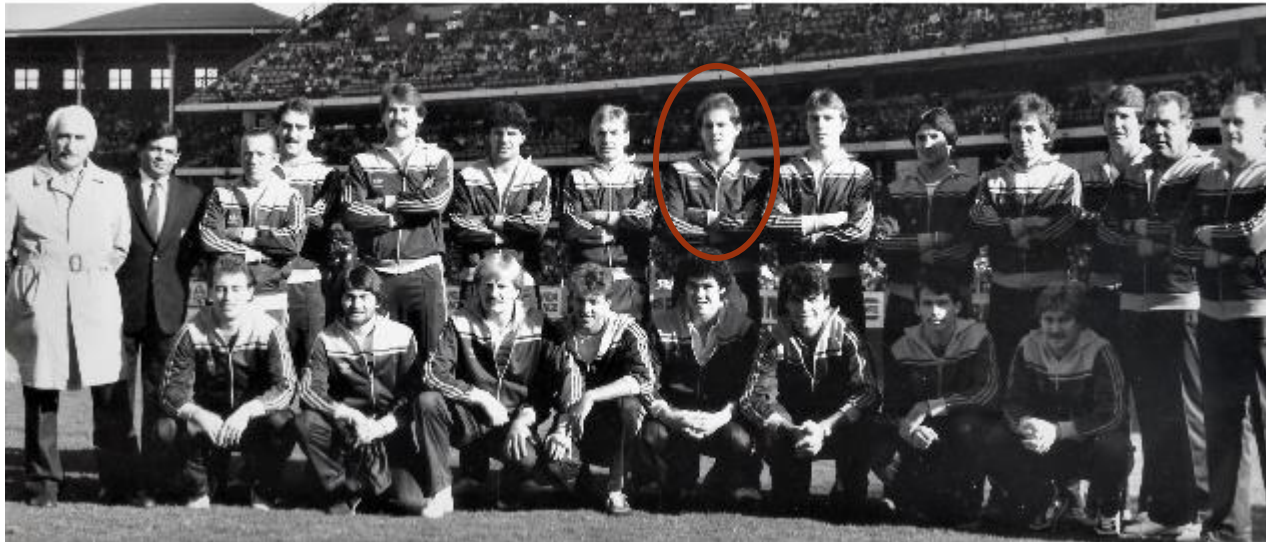
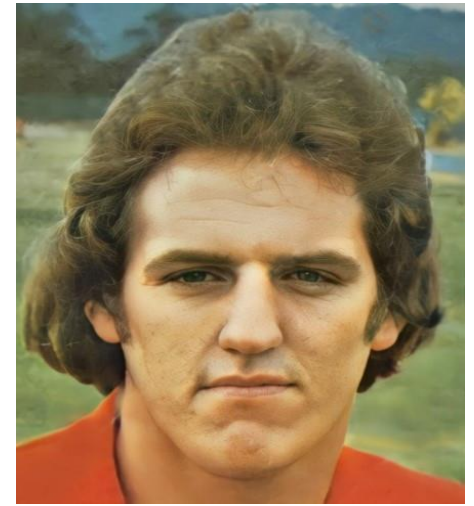
Under 16 Australian representative

Kim was selected for Queensland sixteen times and Ipswich once

Played 166 NSL games for Brisbane City

Member of the 1978 Brisbane City Phillips National League Cup winners

His father Des was also a Goalkeeper and Represented Queensland and won a Premiership with Dinmore Bush Rats



Jason Kearton (Born 1969)

Jason represented Australia on one occasion

First selected in 1992 against Germinal Ekeren (Belgium)

Career

Represented Under 20 Qld Schoolboys in 1985

Represented Qld in 1988

QSPA player of the year in 1988.

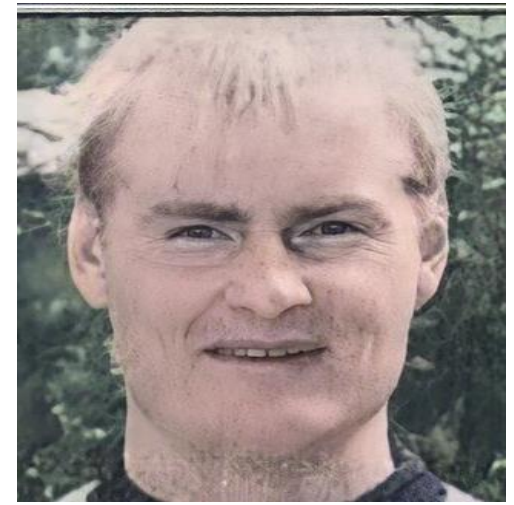
Signed for Everton in 1988 at 19 Years of age.

Played 207 games in England for Stoke City, Blackpool, Notts County, Crewe Alexander
Preston North End and Everton.

In 1995 he was a member of the Everton FA Cup and Charity Shield winners.

Played 55 National League games with Brisbane Strikers

He played for Coalstars Brisbane Lions before heading to England.



FA Cup Medal



The following players Represented Australia and played for Ipswich clubs

*These players were not from Ipswich

Cec Brittain (1913-1973)

Cec represented Australia on two occasions

Cec was selected in 1938 against India in Brisbane and Newcastle as Centre Forward. The Indian team played bare-foot.

He represented for Ipswich and Qld against India in 1938

Cec played for Oxley United which was a merger of Oxley Ramblers and Redbank Seekers.

Oxley was affiliated with the Ipswich and West Moreton competition and Oxley players represented Ipswich in Intercity matches in this period.

Cec was a member of the 1936 Milton team that won the Tristram Cup and played for Qld against England in 1937

Cec who worked at Brittain's Bricks at Oxley had a reputation of practising his heading by heading bricks in to Railway wagons.



You must have a head for football. Evidently Cec. Brittain, of Y.M.C.A. and Queensland, has. The story goes that a friend was seeking him at the brickworks, and was informed that he might be located by looking for a man standing beside a waggon and heading the bricks as they came down into the vehicle.



1938 Australian Team Emblem



1939 QLD vs Palestine Programme



Alec Duncan (1920-2012)

Alec represented Australia ten times

Alec was first selected in 1948 to tour New Zealand as Left Back

In 1953 he was selected for matches against China XI and again in 1955 for matches against South Africa and in 1957 against China

Alec played until he was 55 for Eastern suburbs

Career

United Rangers Junior

Represented Queensland thirty one times

Played for Qld in 1946 and was a member of Qld teams against touring sides in:

1947 (South Africa)

1949 (Hadjuk Split , Yugoslavia)

1951(England FA XI)

1953 (Hong Kong Chinese XI)

1954 (New Zealand)

1955 (Rapid Vienna(Austria),(Hong Kong XI)

1957(Hong Kong),(Ferencváros,Hungary)

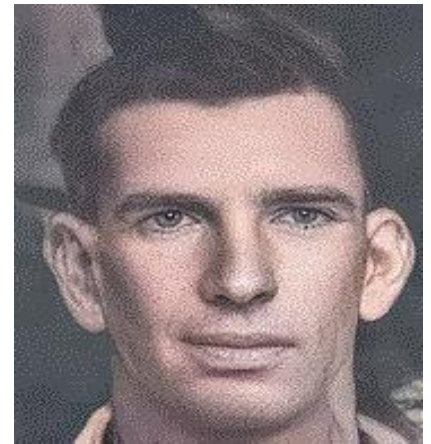
Captained Qld and was a Brisbane selector

Member of 1949 St Helens Premiership team Member of Easts Premiership team in 1951

Played for Bundamba Rangers in 1960

Coach of Germania in 1963

Alec played in 1973 at the age of 53 in a lower division match



Brian Topfer (Born 1934)

Brian represented Australia on two occasions

Brian was first selected in 1958 against Blackpool (England) as Goalkeeper

Career

Represented Queensland 13 times and Ipswich once

Represented Qld in the following matches against touring teams:

1954 (New Zealand)

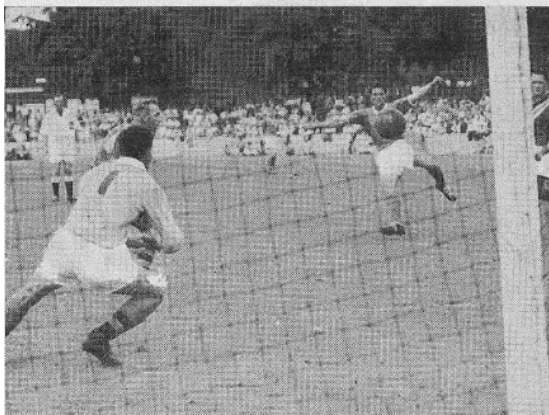
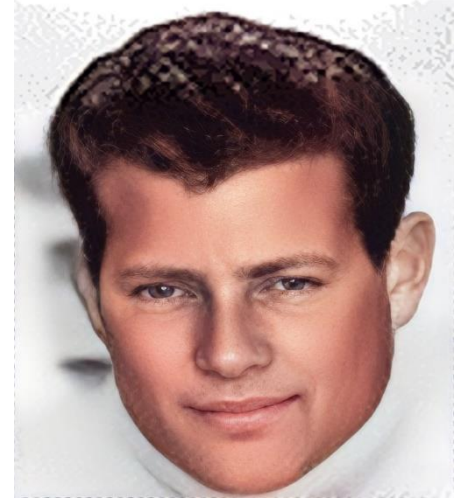
1958 (Blackpool, England)

1959 (Heart of Midlothian, Scotland)

Represented Qld in the Interstate carnival in 1954

Member of 1958 Oxley Premiership team and member of Hellenic team from 1960-1961

Also played for St Helens, Easts and Valleys when in his forties



Playing against Blackpool



Brian and Stanley Matthews



Mark Brusasco (Born 1960)

Mark represented Australia three times

Mark was first selected in 1980 Papua New Guinea at the OFC Nations Cup

In 1978 he was selected in the Under 19 Australian squad for the World Youth Championships

In 1979 he was selected in the Under 21 Australian team for the Oceanic Cup

Career

Represented Queensland nine times and Ipswich nine times

Played 30 National League games

Member of the 1978 Brisbane City National League Cup winners

Won the Rothmans Medal in 1981

Member of the 1982 Ipswich United Grand Final winners and leading goalscorer

Played for the 1986 Coalstars Ampol Cup/Presidents Cup/Grand Final winners

Member of the 1987 Coalstars Ampol Cup winners and was leading goal scorer

Coached Coalstars and Ipswich(1989)

Mark also played for Gap, Easts



1981 Queensland Soccer Medal

Left to right — Mr. Des Hancock, Queensland State Manager, Rothmans of Pall Mall (Aust.) Ltd., Mr. Mark Brusasco (Winner), Ald. Ian Brusasco, President, Queensland Soccer Federation.



Alan Niven (1955-1999)

Alan represented Australia eight times

Alan immigrated to Australia in 1976

Alan was first selected in 1981 against Fiji

He was playing for Brisbane Lions

Alan represented in 1982 against Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea

In 1983 against New Zealand twice

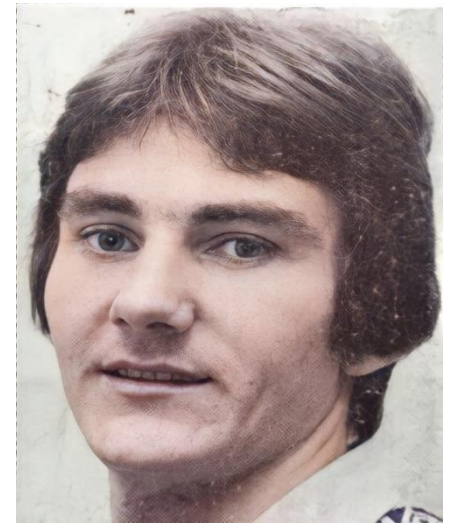
Career

Alan played for Brisbane Lions, Mount Gravatt, Rochedale Rovers and St Helens

Alan played 250 National Soccer League games from 1977-1988

Alan captained Queensland and represented nineteen times

Represented Ipswich in 1992



Sean Cranney (Born 1973)

Sean represented Australia three times

Sean was first Selected in 1995 against New Zealand and in 1996 against South Africa

In 1993 Represented Australia at the Under 20 FIFA World Youth Championships.

In 1996 he was selected for the Under 23 Olympic Games

Career

Represented Qld at 17 years of age in 1991

Sean played 115 NSL matches with Brisbane United, Brisbane Strikers, Northern Spirit

Member of Brisbane Strikers National League Champions in 1997

Sean played for Coalstars and Taringa Rovers



Kasey Wehrman (Born 1977)

Kasey represented Australia fourteen times

Kasey was first Selected in 1998 against Fiji.

Represented in the following matches:

1998 (Fiji),(Cook Islands), (New Zealand,) (USA)

1999(Manchester United,England)

2000 (Chile),(Slovakia),(Kuwait),(South Korea),(Scotland)

2001(Colombia),(Japan)

2006 (Ghana)

In 1997 he was selected for the Australian Under 20 team and in 1998 the Under 23 team.

Career

1997 Under 21 player of the year.

Played 125 NSL and A League games.

Played for Acacia Ridge, Brisbane Strikers, Perth Glory, Newcastle Jets , Western Pride,Kasey also played in Norway for Moss, Lillestrom, Fredikstad, Lyn.

In 1997 he was a member of Brisbane Strikers National League Premiership team.

Kasey also managed Om Horten in Norway and Western Pride



Neil Kilkenny (Born 1985)

Neil represented Australia sixteen times

Neil was first selected in 2006 against Liechtenstein

Represented Australia in the following matches:

2006 (VK Kloetingen)

2008 (China)

2011(United Arab Emirates),(Bahrain),(Iraq),(Uzbekistan),(Japan),(New Zealand)
Thailand),(Malaysia), (Oman),(Wales)

2012 (Denmark)

Neil was a member of the 2007 and 2008 Australian Under 23 team

Career

Neil was a Coalstars Junior coached by Jon Kitching. In 2011 donated his Australian shirt to to raise money for Ipswich flood victims

Played for Birmingham City, Oldham Athletic, Leeds United, Bristol City, Preston North End. Represented England at Under 18 and Under 20 and Republic of Ireland Under 18. Neil played for: 2017 Melbourne City (Player of the Year) 2019 Perth Glory Premiers 2022 A League Championship Western United

