

## Telegraph Soccer Blue (Player of the Year)



Year	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club	Third	Club
1934	Remo Cicutto	Pineapple Rovers	Eric Gorring	Latrobe	A Campbell	YMCA
1935	Jim McDougall	YMCA	Eric Gorring	Latrobe	<b>Lex Gibb</b>	Latrobe
1936	Jim McDougall	YMCA	A Campbell	YMCA	Jack Cooms	Toombul
1937	Jim McDougall	YMCA	Albert Murray		Tom Parry	Corinthians
1938	<b>Eric Petie</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	<b>Lex Gibb</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	Cec Brittain	Oxley
1939	<b>Dan Roderick</b> <b>Robert Lawrie</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b> <b>Blackstone Rovers</b>	<b>Lex Gibb</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	<b>Redvers Kitching</b>	<b>Blackstone Rovers</b>
1945	Alec Duncan	Eastern Suburbs	<b>Robert Hill</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	<b>Lex Gibb</b>	<b>St Helens</b>
1946	<b>Lex Gibb</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	Jim Mc Dougall	YMCA	J Morris	Corinthians
1947	<b>Lex Gibb</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	<b>Gordon Nunn</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	<b>Maurice Dawes</b>	<b>Dinmore Bush Rats</b>
			<b>William Mitchell</b>	Thistle		
1948	<b>Dan Roderick</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	<b>Gordon Nunn</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	<b>Merv Newlands</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>
1949	<b>Gordon Nunn</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	<b>Robert Lawrie</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	Malcolm Wild	Corinthians
1950	<b>Robert Lawrie</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	<b>Gordon Nunn</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	Harry Brophy	Corinthians
1951	<b>Robert Lawrie</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	Malcolm Wild	Easts	<b>Cliff Sander</b>	<b>St Helens</b>
1952	Roy Porter	Corinthians	<b>Col Kitching</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	<b>Cliff Sander</b>	<b>St Helens</b>
1953	<b>Robert Lawrie</b>	Bulimba Rangers	<b>Gordon Nunn</b>	Corinthians	Malcolm Wild	Corinthians
1954	<b>Cliff Sander</b>	<b>St Helens</b>	Malcolm Wild	Corinthians	<b>Spencer Kitching</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>

# Sporting Blue of Blue(Outstanding Sportsman of the Year)



(1949) Gordon Nunn

## “Bunny” Nunn Blue of Blues

Queensland and Australian Soccer representative, Gordon (“Bunny”) Nunn, is the “Brisbane Telegraph” Blue of Blues for winter 1949.

This fine sportsman, the outstanding centre forward in Australia, at 22 years, is the first Soccer player to have been awarded the Blue of Blues, which rates him Queensland’s No. 1 sporting identity.

Nunn commenced playing soccer in 1939, with a schoolboy record of 48 goals in 10 games.

At 15 years he played for St. Helens first division, and his goal scoring record is unchallenged in Queensland.

He has never been penalised for a deliberate infringement.

“Bunny” comes from a real footballing family. His father played for Bundamba, Uncle Cec. (“Bunny”) Nunn represented the State, Uncle Roy was one of the stalwarts of the old Toombul club, and brother Doug, also plays for Saints.



Details of Nunn’s career, and Blue awards are on pages 29, 30, and 31



Gordon “Bunny” Nunn  
Bob Lawrie  
Allan Johns  
Reg. Date  
A Johns Testimonial 1954

Gordon Nunn Robert Lawrie



Blue of Blue Cup



(1950) Robert Lawrie

## ‘A’ DOUBLE TO SOCCER Lawrie brains of Honour Board

AT DAILY TASK



Bob Lawrie was busy at his task of school teaching at Silkstone when told he had won the Blue of

Soccer football this winter completed a “double” in Blue of Blue awards with the selection of Australian captain Bob Lawrie for the honour. Last winter it went to “Bunny” Nunn.

Lawrie’s performance in South Africa justified the description of “the finest Soccer captain ever to have left Australia.”

When South Africans severely criticised the Australian team and freely expressed doubts of its ability to test even the strong provincial teams, they reckoned without Bob Lawrie.

He first enthused his men with confidence and team work, and then settled down to leading them into a match-winning combination.

To him goes the bulk of the credit for the team’s success.

Undaunted by defeats in the first two Tests, Lawrie continued to work on his men and did such a good job that Australia took the

winners of Blue of Blues since the award was first made in 1931-2 are:

- 1931-2, summer, Vic Lucas, (Salford).
- 1932, winter, N. Van Nida (Golf).
- 1933-4, summer, Don Hallon (Cricket).
- 1936, winter, N. Van Nida (Golf).
- 1936-7, summer, C. E. Armstrong (Rifle Shooting).
- 1937, winter, May Hardcastle (Tennis).
- 1937-8, summer, V. E. Mullisworth (Rifle Shooting).
- 1938, winter, Vay Wilson (Rugby Union).
- 1938-9, summer, Don Hallon (Cricket).
- 1939, winter, Bill Stelzan (Hawking).
- 1939-40, summer, Don Huxley (Billiards).
- Winter, 1940, in summer, 1941-2, no awards.
- 1945, winter, Jim Miller (Athletics).
- 1945-6, summer, Herbie Spencer (Swimming).
- 1946, winter, Bill Stelzan (Rugby Union).
- 1946-7, summer, Laurie Hinks (Hawking).
- 1947, winter, Ken Caves

These are Blue winners

# Eric Petie—Soccer Blue

L. GIBB, BRITTAIN, NEVILLE  
AND MURRAY FILL PLACES

By "JUNJUS"

The five outstanding Soccer players in a season not yet closed are, as I see them—Eric Petie, Lex Gibb, Cec Brittain, R. Neville, and Bert Murray.

More difficult than choosing the quintet was the task of deciding whether Petie or Gibb would be the Soccer Blue. Finally, I plumped for Petie because in addition to winning his international caps he has captained the State and his club, St. Helens, and has been almost a model of consistency in premiership matches. Not brilliant, but you, but over is sound.

In the first month of the year I was up to my eyes in the Premier League. I was only half-heartedly concerned in the matter and did not want to commit to myself, but I was serving on a committee on the days I have seen him. I was in the line of the attention of the eyes of players who is the very best of the game.

LEX GIBB

Lex Gibb has always held in his feet. His lack of concern and it is not surprising that he has been able to win his club's championship and to have won the State and international caps. He has been a model of consistency in premiership matches and in the eyes of players who is the very best of the game.



ERIC PETIE, captain of St. Helens and Queensland, an international to-morrow, and Soccer Blue to-day.

1938

# RODERICK IN SOCCER

St. Helens' veteran centre half, DAN RODERICK, has earned this year's Soccer Blue.

After playing senior football for more than 15 years, Dan made a grand comeback this year when he took over the captaincy of St. Helens. This season he has many times proved that the years have not dulled his ability to play sterling football. Dan's efforts, on the eve of his retirement, were largely responsible for St. Helens' successes this season.

1948

# 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 rush man in Queensland than the hard-working Bundamba centre-half, and to him goes the credit of Bundamba's victory in the premiership contest.

He has proved himself a master in defence, and through his assistance of attack of some orthodox lines he is of great assistance to his forwards on the offensive. Roderick has announced his intention of not leaving his club, but he is to be commended in many other respects. He has won the Soccer Blue for four years and will make his second Test appearance in the second Test match against Palestine in Brisbane on the 20th of next month.



1939

# Austn. captain is soccer blue

By "GOALIE"

Soccer "Blue" for 1951 must of course go to last year's "Blue of Blues," Bob Lawrie.

Following his successful captaincy of the Australian team in South Africa, Bob was chosen to lead Australia against England.

Though Australia suffered five successive defeats, Bob not only retained his place in the side, but also retained the captaincy. This in itself speaks volumes for his prowess.

He must have been right at his top, for it is no mean effort for a Queenslander to retain Test captaincy even with a winning team, but to do so with a team being soundly trounced is an even greater performance.

When he played in the fifth Test this season Bob brought his aggregate of consecutive Test appearances to 19.



R. LAWRIE (Soccer)

1951

# Soccer Award To Ipswich

By "JUNJUS."

The Soccer Blue is Lex Gibb, captain of St. Helens, who led Queensland in both matches against New South Wales, and will captain "The Telegraph" side on Saturday in the Charity Day match against the premiers, YMCA.

Gibb, who already has gained international honours, is one of the most polished players Queensland has developed. He seems a probable choice for Australia against South Africa next season.

All the season L. GIBB Gibb has been a model of consistency, and his polished skill has been backed up by his exemplary conduct on the field.



1946

# LAWRIE No. 1 IN SOCCER

By "GOALIE"

Soccer Blue goes to Bob Lawrie, who won the Blue of Blues in 1950

Bob led Queensland to two successes against Victoria, the champion soccer State. His play in these games proved him to be still one of the finest players in the game.

He played against China in the first three Tests—in the second he was easily the outstanding Australian and played his best game of the year in the Third Test—but was amazingly omitted from the remaining Tests. His work for Bulimba Club has been outstanding.

1953

# Austn. Half In Soccer

By JIM DELANEY.

This season's blue is again Lex Gibb, captain of the premiers, St. Helens, who gained international honours by playing as half back in all five Tests against the Springboks and had the distinction of being the only Queenslander selected.

The State's leading player, Lex has played the benefit of his Test experience on to his club and has welded it into a first class team. His coaching played a big part in the team's premiership success.

G. Nunn (St. Helens) and W. Mitchell (Thistle) have tied for second place. Nunn, one of the best centre forwards in Australia who threatens to eclipse even Australian Test centre, Reg Dale, has played his way to fame this season and his record total of 70 goals in club and representative play earned for him the title of "The goal scoring machine."



1947

# Young halfback shone in Test

By "GOALIE"

Youthful international half-back, Cliff Sander, gains the Soccer Blue for 1954, and becomes the fourth St. Helens' player to gain the honour since the war.

Previous St. Helens winners were Lex Gibb, Danny Roderick, and "Bunny" Nunn.

Sander's performances throughout the season have been of a particularly high standard. He gained a special award with his displays for Queensland in the Adelaide Carnival.

A creditable Test debut in Brisbane made him an automatic choice for the Third Test.

In this Test he gained unanimous praise from sports writers and commentators, many of them naming him the outstanding player.

He has represented Ipswich in all Kruger Cup games since 1950, and Queensland from 1952 to 1954. Sander, a fine ball player, with a real football brain, he will go far in Australian Soccer.



CO-WINNERS OF The Courier-Mail Best and Finest player award, Graham Kerridge, centre left to Coopers' left, and Hollanda centre half Phil Sunderland with the trophies they received when the Soccer Grand Final at the Exhibition Ground yesterday.

1954

1965

## Sunday Mail Best player

1952	<b>Rip Porter</b>	Corinthians
1953	<b>Robert Lawrie</b>	Bulimba Rangers
1954	<b>Spencer Kitching</b>	Bundamba Rangers

## Courier Mail(Best and Fairest)

Year	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club	Third	Club
1960	<b>Brian Parkes</b>	<b>Blackstone Rovers</b>	<b>Norm Rule</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	<b>Robert Lawrie</b>	<b>Bundamba Rangers</b>
	<b>Les McCrea</b>	Hellenic			<b>Col Kitching</b>	Hellenic
					Graham McMillan	Annerley
1961	<b>Cliff Sander</b>	Assurri	<b>Brian Bruce</b>	<b>Blackstone Rovers</b>	<b>Andy Greaves</b>	<b>St Helens</b>
1962	Ron Clark	<b>Latrobe</b>				
1963	<b>Cliff Sander</b> <b>Robert Lawrie(Age 43)</b>	Assurri <b>Bundamba Rangers</b>	Graham McMillan	Hellenic		
1964	<b>Cliff Sander</b>	Assurri	Billy Haigh	Oxley United		
1965	<b>Graham Kathage</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>				
	Phil Sunderland	<b>Hollandia</b>				
1966	Matt Jackson	Hellenic	Billy Haigh	Oxley	<b>Graham Kathage</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>
1967	<b>Gary Wilkins</b>	Hollandia	John McIntosh	St Helens		
1968	Ray Richards	Hollandia	George Whittaker	Grange Thistle	<b>John McIntosh</b>	<b>St Helens</b>
1969	Roy Scott	Oxley	Matt Jackson	Hellenic	Len Willett	Germania

## Courier Mail(Best and Fairest)

Year	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club
1970	Eddie Carrigan	Latrobe	<b>Brian Vogler</b>	<b>St Helens</b>
1971	Jim Ancliffe	Grange Thistle	<b>Ian Johnston</b>	Azzurri
1972	Steve Dolan	Merton Easts	Jim Ancliffe	Grange Thistle
1973	Ben Docherty	Brisbane Lions	<b>Barry Payne</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>
			Jim Ancliffe	Grange Thistle
1974	<b>Ian Johnston</b>	Azzurri	Wim Spiekerman	Brisbane Lions
1975	Steve Dolan	Grange Thistle	Alan Marley	St George Souths
1976	John Neale	Brisbane Lions	Alan Marley	St George Souths
1977	Billy Fagan	St George	Colin Knott Sam Mancini	St George Souths Bardon Latrobe
1978	Eric Thompson	Mt Gravatt	<b>Wayne Warren</b>	<b>Ipswich United</b>
1979	Steve Dolan	Grange Thistle	Tom Walton Ian Boyce	Townsville United Townsville United
1980	Paul Trovaluski	Townsville United	Brian Kibber	Across the Waves
1981	Gary Bromfield	Across the Waves	Eric Thompson	Mount Gravatt
1983	<b>Ken Gordon</b>	<b>Ipswich United</b>	<b>Ron Millman</b>	<b>Ipswich United</b>
1984	Brett Beves	Acacia Ridge	Mike Savage	Taringa Rovers
1985	<b>Mark McNaughton</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>	Richard Van Wynn	Brisbane Lions
1986	<b>Mark Brussasco</b> <b>Peter Vogler</b>	<b>Coalstars</b> <b>Ipswich United</b>	Martin Kirsopp	Mount Gravatt
1987	Frank Mengotti	Brisbane City	Billy Williamson	North Star
1988	Stein Grodum	Easts	<b>Mark Brussaco</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>
1989	Frank Pimblett	Brisbane City	Steve Perry	Easts

## Rothmans Medal

Year	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club
1974	<b>Kevin Caldwell</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>	Jim Ancliffe	Grange Thistle
1975	Michael Rooney	Annerley	Steve Dolan	Grange Thistle
1976	Wim Spiekerman	Mt Gravatt	<b>John Dann</b>	<b>St Helens</b>
1977	Colin Knott	StGeorge	Sam Mancini	Bardon Latrobe
1978	Ian Steele	Mt Gravatt	John Wilkinson	Grange Thistle
1979	Steve Dolan	Grange Thistle	Phil Thompson	Mt Gravatt
1980	Ken Gordon	Southside Eagles	Billy Fagan	St George
1981	Mark Brussasco	Eastern Suburbs	Peter Tokesi	Across the Waves
1982	Ken Swan	Grange Thistle	Gary Bromfield	Across the Waves
1983	Ken Swan	Grange Thistle	Mike Mulvey	Brisbane Llons
1984	<b>Ron Millman</b>	<b>Ipswich United</b>	Michael Savage	Taringa Rovers
1985	Craig Low	Olympic United	Mark Gilbert	Taringa Rovers
1986	Keith Marsh	Grange Thistle	Jim McDonagh	Easts
1987	Richard Van Win	Redlands United	Frank Menghotti	Brisbane City
1988	Steven Glockner	Olympic	<b>S Bradford</b>	<b>Ipswich United</b>



**1974**

Kevin Caldwell  
*Coalstars*  
25 points  
Jim Ancliffe  
*Grange/Thistle*  
23 points  
John Ferguson  
*Annerley*  
16 points



**1975**

Michael Rooney  
*Annerley*  
20 points  
Steve Dolan  
*Merton East*  
20 points  
Jim Ancliffe  
*Grange/Thistle*  
19 points



**1976**

Wim Spiekerman  
*Mt Gravatt*  
23 points  
Jeff Dann  
*St. Helens*  
19 points  
Richie Wilson  
*Grange/Thistle*  
19 points  
Bob Barlow  
*North Brisbane*  
19 points



**1977**

Colin Knott  
*St. George*  
25 points  
Sam Mancini  
*Bardon/Latrobe*  
23 points  
Tony Brennan  
*Southside Eagles*  
20 points



**1978**

Ian Steele  
*Mt Gravatt*  
28 points  
John Wilkinson  
*Grange/Thistle*  
27 points  
Colin Knott  
*St. George*  
24 points



**1979**

Steve Dolan  
*Grange/Thistle*  
21 points  
Philip Thompson  
*Mt. Gravatt*  
17 points  
Ivor Schofield  
*Mareeba United*  
14 points



**1980**

Ken Gordon  
*Southside Eagles*  
18 points  
Billy Fagan  
*St. George*  
16 points  
Gary Bromfield  
*Across the Waves*  
16 points



**1981**

Mark Brusasco  
*Eastern Suburbs*  
17 points  
Peter Tokesi  
*Across the Waves*  
16 points  
Ian Lawrie  
*Ipswich United*  
16 points



**1982**

Ken Swan  
*Capricornia*  
27 points  
Gary Bromfield  
*Across the Waves*  
25 points  
Bobby McGuinness  
*Townsville United*  
20 points



**1983**

Ken Swan  
*Grange/Thistle*  
26 points  
Michael Mulvey  
*Brisbane Lions*  
19 points  
Eric Thompson  
*Mt. Gravatt*  
16 points



**1984**

Ron Millman  
*Ipswich United*  
26 points  
Michael Savage  
*Taringa Rovers*  
19 points  
Wayne Warren  
*Ipswich United*  
16 points



**1985**

Craig Low  
*Olympic United*  
26 points  
Mark Gilbert  
*Taringa Rovers*  
18 points  
Steve Dolan  
*Grange/Thistle*  
17 points  
Martin Kirsopp  
*Mt. Gravatt*  
17 points



**1986**

Keith Marsh  
*Grange/Thistle*  
21 points



**1987**

Richard Van Wynn  
24 points



**1988**

Stephen Glockner

**Gold Medal**  
**Replaced Rothmans Medal**

Year	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club	Third	Club
1989	<b>Andrew Ogden</b>	Coalstars				
1990	Frank Pimblett	Brisbane City	David James	Lutwyche	<b>Brent Read</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>
1991	John Stewart	Rochedale Rovers	J Stipancic	Brisbane Croatia		
1992	Frank Pimblett	Brisbane United	David James	Lutwyche	<b>Brent Read</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>
1993	Craig Collins	North Brisbane	Frank Mengotti	Brisbane Lions		
1994	Frank Mengotti	Brisbane Lions	John Stewart	Acacia Ridge		
1995	Tony McKinless (Clem Jones Medal)	Wynnum	Frank Pimblett	Brisbane City		
1996	John Preston	Pine Rivers	<b>Richard Hilli</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>		
1997	Steve Jackson	Brisbane Lions				
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1999	Eddie Lees	Gold Coast				

**Eye on Soccer Player of the year**

1995	Brent Read	Taringa Rovers	Rookie of the Year	Wayne Strange	Brisbane City
1996	Frank Mengotti	Brisbane Lions	Rookie of the Year	Ben wood	Wynnum



Year	Winner (Writers awards)	Club
1984	Ron Millman (ASPA Player of the Year)	Ipswich United
1985	John Stewart (ASPA Player of the Year)	Brisbane Lions
1986	Steve Jackson (Press Player of the Year)	Brisbane Lions
	<b>Alan McFarlane(Rookie of the Year)</b>	<b>Coalstars</b>
1987	Frank Mengotti (Press Player of the Year)	Brisbane City
	<b>Andrew Ogden (Players player of the Year)</b>	Coalstars
1988	Stein Grodum (Players player of the Year)	Easts
	<b>Jason Kearton QSPA (Player of the Year)</b>	Brisbane Lions
1989	Frank Pimblett (Press Player of the Year)	Brisbane City
1990	Lee Scriggins(Players player of the Year)	North Star

Year	Soccer Magazine Winners	Club
1991	<b>Brenley Jefferd</b> (Rookie of the Year)	Coalstars
1992	Andrew Brayshaw (Rookie of the Year)	Taringa Rovers
1993	Craig Collins	North Brisbane
1994	Keiran Cooper	Rochedale
	Anthony Brown	Rovers Willowburn
1995	<b>Brent Read (Eye on Soccer)</b>	Taringa Rovers
	Wayne Strange (Rookie of the Year)	Brisbane City
1996	Frank Mengotti (Eye on Soccer)	Brisbane City
	Ben Wood (Rookie of the Year)	Wynnum
1997	Chris Slater (Eye on Soccer)	Brisbane City
	Danny Invincible (Rookie of the Year)	Taringa Rovers
1998	<b>Mike Mulvey</b> (Cocach of the Year)	Ipswich Knights
	<b>Damian Conquest(Rookie of the Year)</b>	Ipswich Knights
	Daniel Duke(Player of the Year)	Brisbane City
1999	Peter Dwyer (Player of the Year)	Gold Coast
	<b>Scott Rocker</b> (Rookie of the Year)	Wynnum
2000		