

MEET OUR VISITORS . . .

By ALAN FOUCHE

These are the New South Wales players you will be seeing in action this afternoon:

GEORGE RAMAGE (South Coast United). This spectacular goalkeeper, who joined the reserves in 1967 from St. George, is in top form at present. Tall and strong, he has lightning reflexes and anticipation.

G. KING (Prague). A scrapper with great potential, King's main assets as a goalkeeper are his safe handling and keen anticipation.

GEOFF HARCOSBIE (Prague). Now entering his sixth consecutive season with Prague, this English-born defender is steady and reliable.

RAY ROOTSLEY (Prague). With club mate Harcosbie will probably form the full back pairing. A scrapper who is fast developing into a versatile and unflinching defender.

PETER WILSON (S.C.U.). Fresh from his trip to Sydney with Australia, Wilson will be the scrappier of the N.S.W. defence. This strong scrapper came to Australia last year from English second division club, Middlesbrough.

GEORGE McCULLOCH (Pan Helleski). A Scot now in his fifth season with Pan Helleski. He is a consecutive wing-half, although not a regular N.S.W. team member.

I. RUDIC (Ryde). This speedy wing-half, who joined Yagal from Ryde from Spitt F.C. last year, is likely to be a nuisance. He is reputed to be particularly fast in recovery.

ALAN HIGGINS (Pan Helleski). This former Chester wing-half, who joined Pan Helleski in 1967, could be one of the game's key players. He is another newcomer to interstate football.

E. CUTHBERT (S.C.U.). A cool and strong defender, having his first season in N.S.W. football. Formerly with English League club, Crewe Alexandra.

JOE ALAGICH (Ryde). One of the fastest wingers in Australia. This speedster, who has represented both N.S.W. and Australia, also packs a powerful shot.

GARY MANUEL (Prague). At only 20, has a long and exciting future in representative football. Already his immense honours, and earned Vietnam War credit with the Australian side. A scoring forward, who will be one of the chief dangers to Queensland's goal.

BRIAN TRISTRAM (S.C.U.). Oldie fans will remember this goal-grabbing inside forward who has stuck to dirt with their success in the early 1960's. Since moving to Sydney at the end of 1962, Tristram has played several times for N.S.W. He joined S.C.U. in 1965 from Prague.

LARRY ARMYTAGE (Prague). One of Prague's scoring "wreck kids", who has an exciting future ahead. A fast and surprising attacker who will give defence plenty to worry about.

G. ARMSTRONG (S.C.U.). This Scot, signing from Troon before coming to Australia only recently. He is reported to be an inside forward with a powerful shot.

BRIAN SMITH (Pan Helleski) is one of the few Australian-born players in the side. A strong centre-forward who has earned a reputation for opportunism. He is now in his eighth season with Pan Helleski, during which time N.S.W. has called on his services a number of times.

JINDY ROONEY (Pan Helleski) is a midfielder to the Sydney scene. This Melbourne fan can testify to the quick turn of speed, clever control, and powerful shooting he displayed with Lions.

and the Queenslanders . . .

DAVID NEAL, Azura's strapping British goalkeeper, is the "form" player in his position in Brisbane. Dan has enabled him to get the selectors' nod ahead of both goalkeepers selected in the original squad, Martin Cox and Barry Schreves.

GARY WILKINS (Hobart-Tasmania) is a defender with a strong penchant for swift counter-attacking. He showed this to good effect by scoring twice against Florida in club fixtures last week. A fast Australian international.

BARRY DANN (George-Thistle) has forced his way back into the State side after three years in the wilderness. Dann is one of many "form" players in the side is particularly strong in the air and quick in recovery.

GEORGE WHITAKER, the sturdy Florida centre-half, represented Australia's under-23 team several seasons ago. Steady and unflinching, he excels in defence.

GARY CATCHPOLE, like Dann, is back in the team after an in-and-out spell during the past few years. This young tackle is in great form for his club, Maroon-East.

EDDIE CARREGAN, Bardia-Latrobe's irascible minded player, will be one of the side's key men. His positional play and ability to find openings will be vital to the full by the skillful visitors.

PETER NELSON, who shares midfield duties, is a whirlwind dynamo with plenty of delicate touches as well. Nelson is one of Azura's longest-serving players.

IAN JOHNSTON, Azura's top striker, is recapturing the form which won him a tour of Asia with Australia in 1965. He is devastating anywhere near goal.

BILLY PAGAN, at 19 the "baby" of the side, comes from Helleski. His excellent ball control and deftly-rolling passes mark him as a potential mainstay.

TREVOR CATCHPOLE (Maroon-East) is another suffering this season from the "goal-kick". He is dangerous from all angles — on the ground and in the air.

BON MILLMAN (Maroon-East) is one of the State's brightest prospects. A hard-running attacker, he also possesses a powerful shot.

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STATE WIN IS OVERDUE

By Alan Fouche

A win for Queensland this afternoon would be the State's first against New South Wales for 13 years.

So although the N.S.W. team has been heralded in some circles as "second string", that certainly doesn't mean it will be second rate.

Any Queensland player or spectator, who tells N.S.W. short before the match could be in for a nasty surprise.

Certainly the Baarie's and Warren's of World Cup fame will be missing.

But a look at their replacements — men of the calibre of internationals Gary Manuel and Peter Wilson, and former Osley inside forward Brian Tristram — should leave no doubts about the tremendous depth of talent in Sydney.

Our Town Hall Correspondent reports the placing of another underground carpark....



"... not a bad spot!"

Wilson and Manuel were both in the Australian squad which beat Hong Kong and South Vietnam last week to win the Friendship Cup.

In the past, N.S.W. has always been the team Queensland found it hardest to beat.

QUEENSLAND (Maroon and White)



NEW SOUTH WALES (Blue and White)

Q'LD RESERVES

Martin Coe (Goal)
Trevor Jones
John van Klaveren
Lex Gibb
Jimmy Lamb

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Referee:
Des Miles
Linesmen:
Ken Lennon
Angus McDougall

N.S.W. RESERVES

G. King (Goal)
I. Rudic
E. Cuthbert
G. Armstrong

The closest we have come in the past eight meetings was a 4-4 draw in Melbourne in 1960.

But the pendulum of Soccer always swings, sooner or later, and for Queenslanders it is already getting far too late.

That it CAN be done was shown by our 1956 side, which contained such household names as Bussy Nunn, Mal Wild, and Graham McMillan.

It that season Queensland beat N.S.W. 2-1 and 6-2 in Brisbane, then repeated the dose by scores of 6-2 in Newcastle and 5-3 in Sydney.

The slide which has not yet ended began in 1957. Following a 2-2 draw and a 3-1 victory in Brisbane, Queensland fared poorly in the return matches in the south.

Results since then show clearly N.S.W.'s superiority: 1957: N.S.W. won 5-2, 6-4, 1960: Drawn 4-4, 1961: N.S.W. won 3-2, 1962: N.S.W. won 3-2, 3-1, 4-3, 1964: N.S.W. won 6-0.

Of the 70 meetings between the two States, which began in 1890, Queensland have won 19, N.S.W. 43, and eight were drawn.

CURTAIN RAISER LINE UPS

Line-ups for today's curtain-raiser given over the public address system can fill in the teams in the spaces below.

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