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For the benefit of those spectators who are not familiar with the rules of our Game, we append herewith diagrams and explanatory notes regarding some of the main points.

1. The team scoring the most geals is the winner of the match. If an equal number of goals are scored the match is drawn.

2. The basic factors relating to the scoring of a goal are:

(a) The whole of the ball must pass over the goal line, between the posts and under the crossbar. (See diagram 1.)



Diagram 1

(b) The ball must not be thrown, carried, or propelled by hand or arm of a player of the attacking side. This includes a throw in from the touch line.

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out of play (in case of touch, the ball is thrown in).

2. Free kicks for technical offences, i.e., where regulations concerning the method of play are broken.

3. Free kicks for "Penal" offences, i.e., where intentional acts are committed contravening the spirit of the game, or likely to cause in-

jury to an opponent.

Kicks used for (1) and free kicks awarded for (2), are Indirect Free Kicks from which a goal cannot be scored direct. The exception is the Corner Kick from which a goal can be scored direct.

Free Kicks awarded for (3) are direct Free Kicks from which a goal can be scored direct. If the offence is committed in the penalty area by the defending side, a penalty kick is awarded.

THE PENALTY KICK

The Penalty Kick is taken from the penalty spot, 12 yards from the mid-point of the goal line between the goal posts.

When the Penalty Kick is being taken, all players other than the goalkeeper and the player taking the kick must be:—

(a) On the field of play.

(b) Outside the Penalty area.

(c) At least 10 yards from the ball until the kick has been taken.

(d) The goalkeeper must stand (without moving his feet) on his goal line between the goal posts until the ball has

been kicked by the player taking the penalty.

INDIRECT FREE KICKS

Indirect Free Kicks are awarded for any of the following:

(a) Free kick for infringement of the offside law.

(b) Against the goalkeeper for carrying the ball more than four paces without bouncing it on the ground.

(c) Against an attacker charging the goalkeeper fairly, inside the gcal area when the latter is not holding the ball, or obstructing an opponent.

(d) Against a player for playing the ball a second time when taking any form of Free Kick provided the game is suspended whilst the ball is still in play.

(e) Against a player for dangerous play, e.g., attempting to kick the ball when held by the goal-keeper.

(f) Against a player for ungentlemanly conduct which includes:

(1) Persistent infringement of the law. (2) Showing by word or action dissent from the decisions of the referee.

DIRECT FREE KICKS

Direct free kicks are awarded for the following penal offences when committed intentionally.

(1) Handling the ball; (2) Holding opponent; (3) Striking opponent; (4) Pushing opponent; (5) Tripping opponent; (6) Kicking opponent; (7) Jumping at opponent; (8) Charging opponent violently; (9) Charging opponent from behind.

A penalty kick is awarded if any of the above offences is committed intentionally by a defending player in the penalty area.

OFFSIDE

A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents goal line than the ball at the moment the ball is played; Unless:

(a) He is in his own half of the

field of play.

(b) There are two of his opponents NEARER to their own goal line than he is.

(c) The ball last touched an opponent or was played by him.

(d) He received the ball direct from a goal kick, a corner kick, a throw in, or when it is dropped by the referee.

N.B.: A player in an offside position shall not be penalised unless, in the opinion of the referee, he is interfering with the play or with an opponent, or is seeking to gain an advantage by being in an offside position.

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he has intentionally carried, struck or propelled it with his hand or arm. (See diagram 2.)



Diagram 2.

N.B.: It may be impossible for a player to avoid handling the ball, having no time to withdraw his hand or arm before the ball strikes him. Even though the player may thus gain advantage, because of the ball being directed along a dif-ferent path. If it was not inten-tional the referee should not penalise it.

BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

The dimensional lines marked on the ground are within the field of play. The ball is out of play only when it has WHOLLY crossed the goal or touch line in the air or on the ground. The outside edge of the lines represent the thread of limit to the field of play. diagram 3.)

THE THROW IN

When the ball is deemed to have passed over the touch line, it shall be thrown in from the point where it crossed the line.

Points relating to the "Throw In"

- (a) The "throw in" is taken by a player of the opposing team to that of the player who last touched it before it passed over the touch
- (b) At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower must face the field of play.
- (e) At the moment of delivery the ball part of each foot shall be either on or outside the touch line.
- (d) The thrower must use both hands. (See diagrams 4 and 5.)



Diagram 3.



(e) The thrower must deliver the ball from over his head. diagram 6.)



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ANSWER: The law says "If necessary; time of play shall be extended to allow a penalty kick to be taken. Should the shot score direct, or pass into the net, having touched the goal-keeper only or the goal post or crossbar, the goal counts and it is time up. It is time up at once if the goal-keeper makes a save, if the ball misses the goal, or if it hits a post or rebounds into play. A second player therefore would play the ball too late. Decision would be no goal.

ANSWER: Decision-A goal. The referee did not give the signal for play to stop. As he didn't do so, play would still be going on, and the goal that was scored would stand. If players were allowed to stop play whenever one of their players received an injury, there would be no end of trouble for everyone, including the referee.

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ALAN PITCAIRN. (Inside left). St. Helens. Has previously played for Queensland, and although he has not shown his best form in the trial games this season, the selectors have sufficient confidence in his ability to keep him in the side. He played in an Australian v. The Rest trial games in 1951 as a winger, but was not a success. Has done his best work in present

position. (Outside CHARLIE TAKACS. left.) White Stars (2nd Div.) The only 2nd division player in the side, but with previous first division experience with Caledonians. Prior to coming to Australia from Hungary, Charlie had played with some of the best clubs in Europe, and had played for Hungary on many occasions. English fu'l back Harry Bamford considered him the outstanding winger he played against while in Australia, and Bob. Shotton the English trainer, was also much impressed by his play. Un-selfish to a degree, Charlie moves the ball about, and is ever ready to run into the open space ready for a return pass.

THE RESERVES

DES. WISHART. (Goal.) Corinthians. On his day one of the finest and most spectacular keepers in the State, and considered by many to be unlucky not to be first choice. There was very little in it and he may yet come into his own during this week end.

N. CLARKE. (Full back) Thistle.
Another player who may be considered unlucky. He appeared to have played his way into the side up to half time in the final trial, but Merv. Newlands who took

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Clarke's place in the second half became the selectors first choice. Last Saturday playing for Thistle against Corinthians he was outstanding, and looked to be a certainty. He is another who could easily make the team for Tuesday's game.

"RIP" PORTER (Half back)
Corinthians. One of the finest,
yet unluckiest players in Queensland. Rip seldom plays a poor
game, and many good judges look
on him as the best stopper centre
half in the local competition. He
has been the mainstay of the
Corinthian half line for several
years, and although a big success
as a stopper, has also played
many fine games as a wing half.
Despite this, selection in the
State side seems to elude him, as
does success in the English Derby
elude Gordon Richards.

Stanley Matthews had a similar experience regarding an English Cup medal until this year. Maybe "Rip," will get his chance and Gordon Richards also in this Coro-

nation year.

DAVE MORRIS. (Forward) Dinmore. Here is a player who might easily have made the State side, had he been able to participate in the trial games. However, he does not play on Sundays, and in consequence has not had the same opportunity to impress the selectors as have his colleagues in the training "Panel." He is equally at home as a winger or an inside forward.

CHAS. CIKES

White Stars player Cikes, sustained a broken leg in game against Hellenic recently. Best wishes of all go to him. Hope he will soon recover.

THE STATE COACH



State The Harry coach, Brophy, has had considerable experience in English professional football. He joined the famous Arsenal club when a lad of 15, and made debut on his the same day as famous that sportsman, Den-Compton. nis

After several years with Arsenal, Harry transferred to Southampton, with whom he played until the outbreak of last War. He then joined the Merchant Navy and

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He then became a player coach to a London team until he answered a letter from Queensland regarding coming to Australia. He became a player coach for Corinthians along with former English Amateur International Stanley Eastham. Harry was mainly instrumental in introducing the "third-back" or modern type of football into Queensland and had much success as a representative player. He has Captained Brisbane on many occasions, led the Queensland team that defeated N.S.W. in 1950, and captained an Australian XI that toured New Caledonia. Has created quite an impression with his recent coaching lectures. The attendance at these Friday night meetings has been far greater than expected, and the Q.S.F.A. are prepared to go further with this project.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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At present they have 13 teams in competition, and their chief competitions are the McMahon Shield and the Round Trophy. There are, of course, other valuable trophies, and the game is kept very much alive by a body of officials who are keen, hard workers.

While Ipswich Junior soccer continues to flourish, they will also continue to do their part in supplying State representative players in the future. Soccer News wishes them the best of luck.

We would be pleased to receive any information relating to Ipswich Junior soccer doings at any time, and will, when space permits, publish any such matter.

QUEENSLAND STATE JUNIOR TEAM Victorian Carnival, Melbourne, 1952



Vale Dave Johnson

An Australian Soccer stalwart has passed on. He was Dave Johnson, who for many years represented N.S.W. on the A.S.F.A.

Although he was a N.S.W. member, it was Australian Soccer first with Dave. He had the interest of the game at heart, and did all he possibly could to further it throughout the Commonwealth.

Those of us who met him here in 1949 and 1950 will always remember him as a great soccer lover. His partiality to Ipswich soccer will also be we'll remembered.

He was manager of the Australian team that toured South Africa, and his comanager, Mr. Barwick and all members of the team will mourn his passing.

Those of us who have visited Sydney or Newcastle will always recall his cheery welcome. Australian Soccer will miss him.

Still Growing

Soccer in Melbourne continues to draw big crowds. Last, Sunday, Juventus met J.U.S.T. and despite torrential rain no less than 4,500 people atended the game. It was won by Juventus by 3 goals to 1, but all four were scored by Juventus players. J.U.S.T.'s goal came when a back pass to the Juventus keeper slipped through his hands into the net.

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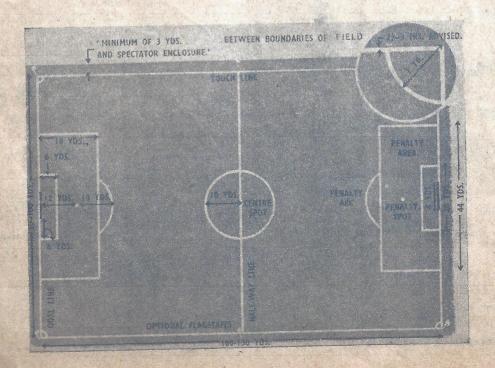
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Goal Keepers

(Polonia). CZAUDERNA Polish Extraction, Learned Soccer in Poland where he played with crack Amateur Club LESZCYNSKI. Later in Germany with Polish Club POGON. Represented Victoria versus England and in Carnival last year.

GODDARD (Hakoah). From Inverness, Scotland. Very safe and was reserve in State Carnival side last year.

Backs:

JACK (Hakoah). Played for Australia versus Yugoslavia, England and in South Africa. For Victoria versus Yugoslavia and England. Originally from Third Lanark (Scottish Prov. side).



ZABLOCKI. (Polonia). Played in Poland with BALTIC with BALTIC Club in GYD-NIA. Represent-Victoria ed Versus England and also in Carnival.

(Hakoah). From MOUCHKA Czecho-Slovakia where he played in Prague with "SMICHOW" Club. Represented Victoria in Carnival.

CLARKE (Centre Half) (Hakoah). Born in Scotland-has had three seasons in Melbourne. Played for Victoria versus South Australia in Adelaide—Rest versus England and captained Carnival side for Australia in Perth last year.



BASSI (Ha-koah). Played koah). Played for "GRION" Club in Italy and had trial with "MICANO" (Italy 1st. Div.) Represented Victoria at Carnival.

THOMAS (Brighton). Newcomer to Victoria last year. Played in Scotland for "OSBORNE" in Dundee Junior League.



DRENNEN (Left Half) (J.U.S.T.) Has been outstand-ing Victorian born player for some years. Represented Australia in New New Zealand, Caledonia and Perth. Represented Victoria Yugoversus

slavia, England and in Carnival side. Forwards:

HARDMANN (O.R.) (Moreland). Born in South Africa. Represented Victoria v. Yugoslavia (scored 1st goal) and v. South Australia. Has terrific shot. Scored 53 goals last season. A club record.



LACHMANN (I.R.) (J.U.S.T.) This small blonde player is one of the most constructive and dangerous players in the side. Is 90 minute player.

ROUBEL (O.R.) (Hakoah). Born Czecho-Slovakia. Small, nippy and very clever and will score if allowed within distance.



CALDAREVIO (C.F.) (J.U.S.T.) Scored 4 goals v. Queensland in Carnival. Now reaching top form. Has a terrific drive, and is dangerous from long range.

SUTHERLAND (I.L.) (Brighton) Newcomer from Exeter City (England). Most constructive footballer seen in Victoria for years and has deadly shot.

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PITTONI (I.L.) (Juventus). Fine constructive forward. Played one season in Italy with ZARA. Played for a Victorian Eleven under floodlights in Adelaide this year.

McKENZIE (O.L.) (Brighton). Victorian born and trained. Played for Victoria and for an Australian Eleven versus England in Melbourne and Adelaide. Very fast, with a cannon ball drive.

PLATEO (O.L.) (Juventus). Newcomer to Juventus this year. Is very fast and clever and crosses a beautiful ball.

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This does not include one prominent Victorian Official, and Soccer News feels that the list of "Our Visitors" would not be complete without special mention of Mr. V. J. M. Dixon. Mr. Dixon (Dicko) is Director of School Soccer and Editor of Victoria's Soccer News. He has done a great deal for Victorian Soccer, and Queensland Soccer News owes him much, for his co-operation. We have worked in close liason with "Dicko" and we feel that this has been of benefit to the game in both States.

(I have many pleasant recollections of the marvellous hospitality of the V.A.S.F.A. when I was in Melbourne en route to England last year. They gave my wife and myself a wonderful day, and on our return "Dicko" was on the spot again to welcome us back to Australia.

Welcome to Queensland and many thanks for everything. Len. Todd.—Editor.)

THE OUEENSLANDERS

DON LEO. (Goal) Blackstone Rovers. Newcomer to inter-State football, has had good season so far. Was preferred to "Spots" Mitchell for Kruger Cup games against Brisbane and did good job. Young, he will improve still further. He has one or two faults that need ironing out, and he could become a great keeper.

MERV. NEWLANDS. (Right Back) Bundamba Rangers. Has played many inter-State games and has always been considered one of the State's ruggedest full backs. Sustained a fractured nose against N.S.W. in 1950 and had to retire. Played for Queensland against the English team in 1951 and was reserve for Australia v. England.

ALEC. DUNCAN (Left Full back) Eastern Suburbs. Alec. has played for Queensland on many occasions, and toured New Zealand with the Australian team in 1948. Although approaching the veteran stage, is now playing as well as ever, and has had much to do with Easts success this season.

H. BOOL (Right half). Thistle. One of Queensland's finest ball players, Herb has played for Queensland on many occasions and was chosen as reserve for the Australian team against South Africa for the second Test in Brisbane in 1947. He has been in senior football for a number of years, but his play has not deteriorated.

BOB LAWRIE. (Centre half) Bulimba. One of the best known players in Australian Soccer. Bob has captained Australia in its last nine Tests, and has played in many more. This is a record no other Queenslander has ever achieved, and is one that will take some beating. Although he has occupied

the right half possie in past representative games, he will occupy the centre half berth to-day. During the Trial games he demonstrated clearly that he is still a force to be reckoned with, and forced his way back into the limelight, with some brilliant displays.



CLIF SANDER.
(Left half.) St.
Helens. One of
the younger
school, but a
player with a
future. Has previously played
for Queensland,
and toured New
Caledonia with
an Australian
XI. Missed out
in the Queensland v. England game, but

got his chance last season in the inter-State carnival in Melbourne.

COL. KITCHING. (Outside right) Blackstone Rovers. Plays in the centre forward position for his club, and has been a most prolific scorer. Last year in his first season in senior football, scored 53 goals sharing honours with Australian centre "Bunny" Nunn who also netted on 53 occasions, and this season again to date ties with "Bunny", both having scored 28 goals each. Col. is quite a youngsper, and has many years of football ahead of him. Will trouble Victorian defenders.

SPENCER KITCHING (Inside right) Bundamba. Cousin to Col., this young lad has a lot of football ability. He is an inside forward of the thrustful type, and with two goal getters like Col. and Bunny on either side of him, will be well in the picture. Like Col. he is only in his second season of senior football, and is another youngster with a future.

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Premiership Competition

Next week we shall be back again with our Premiership fixtures, and as the half-way mark approaches it will be seen that the competition is in a most interest-

Blackstone at present lead Caledonians by two points, but the latter have a game in hand. Eastern Suburbs are on the same mark as Caledonians, but they, like Blackstone, have played one more game. Two points further back are Bundamba and Thistle.

At the other end of the table, we find that Y.M.C.A. and Corinthians (last year's premiers) are level with three points each, Y.M.C.A. having gained theirs from seven games, whereas Corinthians have only completed six.

Bulimba, who have also only played six games are one point ahead of them, on account of their defeat of Y.M.C.A. on May 23.

The remaining two teams have five and six points. They are Dinmore and St. Helens respectively.

From the foregoing it will be readily seen that the position is most interesting.

Any one of six teams could gain championship honours, while the remaining four could all be in danger of relegation.

This is the way a competition should be. It is far better than having one team away out in front. If this position of doubt can be maintained until the latter part of the season we can visualise some keen and exciting games ahead.

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To sum up the relative teams, let us take first Blackstone. At present they appear to be favourites, but they, like other teams, have their lapses. The one against Thistle recently when they were soundly thrashed was an instance. A team in the running for championship honours cannot afford such lapses and Blackstone are sure to endeavour to make every post a winner in the remaining games. They have gone close to the premiership on more than one occasion in recent years, generally slipping up at a vital stage. Maybe it's their turn this time.

Caledonians got off to a bad start, but since their defeat by Blackstone in the opening game they have dropped one point only.

Their football showed considerable improvement, but against St. Helens on May 23 they showed many weaknesses in the first half, and it was only a heetic 25 minute burst (during which they scored five times) that they got on top of St. Helens.

Of these five, Bunny Nunn got three and Ray Garner got a pair. They gained full points, but St. Helens put up a weak display, and Calies will have to do better than a 20 minute burst in each 90 if they are to dethrone Blackstone from the leadership.

Eastern Suburbs have come along in great style in recent weeks, and have on more than one occasion gained their points, coming from behind. A typical ex-



ample of this was their game against Caledonians at Heath Park recently. Down 3-0 they fought back in the second half to lead 4-3, only to have victory snatched from their grasp by a typical Bunny Nunn match saving goal, in the last minute.

Easts' win over Dinmore on the

Easts' win over Dinmore on the latter's ground was a mighty performance for there are not many teams that gain full marks at Din-

more.

True, Dinmore missed a penalty (after two attempts), but this is all in the game. President of Easts, Ted Toval, is proud of his team, and the look of delight on his face when his skipper, Alec Duncan, was chosen for the State against Victoria, was a treat to behold.

There can be no doubt about it, Alec is playing grand football this year. He is a player who looks after himself, and proudly pointed out to me recently a statement by that "Maestro" of English Soccer, Stanley Matthews, that a player to-day does not reach his prime until he has passed the thirty mark.

Bundamba started off at a great pace, and looked like holding a lead in the competition, but in recent weeks they have fallen from grace, and dropped valuable

points.

They were unfortunate to lose the services of Col Kitching, who went to Blackstone, but that did not deter them, they introduced Nev Cummings again, and he displayed the same courageous outlook that he applies to his cricket and was soon among the goal scorers.

They will come good again, and be challenging those ahead of them

in the near future.

Thistle are about the most improved side in the competition, and when they defeated Blackstone so convincingly, they looked like going on from success to success, but the lowly placed Corinthians shatched a point from them at Langlands Park, after a game

that will be long remembered for its thrills and excitement. The lead changed hands on several occasions, and there were many memorable happenings. Chief of these was Mal Wild's goal. It was a real beauty. One of the type that no goalie can hope to stop. He got possession on the edge of the "penalty box" and crashed the ball in just under the bar, with terrific force. I don't think anyone saw it until it hit the

But it's Thistle we're writing about now, so let's get back to our

subject.

They are a team with some of the most promising reserves I have seen this year, and one in particular caught my eye.

This was Charlie Higgins, former Annandale-Leichhardt left half. His display against Corinthians stamped him as a player of real class. His distribution of the ball was a joy to behold, and his positional play left nothing to be desired. Thistle selectors will have a problem on their hands when they choose their next first division side, for this lad must come into their reckoning soon.

St. Helens are striking a lean period. They cannot seem to get a good workable forward line together. It is a pity to see them in this state, but we can rest assured that "Pete" Sander and his co-officials will get busy and remedy this. It is a funny thing, but Saints generally come to light when the "whips are cracking" and they will yet trouble many teams with aspirations to championship honours, as well as spell trouble to those seeking to avoid relegation.

Dinmore. What of them? Yes, that is a question that is always difficult to answer. One week a brilliant display, and the upsetting of a top class team, only to fall away the following week and lose to a side they should comfortably account for.

Well, that has been Dinmore for some time. Remember how they surprised us all by winning the premiership a few years ago, when at the beginning of the season there was doubt about them forming a team.

What have we left? The relegation problem, that must be a source of worry to Y.M.C.A.,

Corinthians, and Bulimba.

Y.M.C.A. have had one period in the second division in recent years, and Bulimba were fortunate not to be down this year. Corinthians had a similar fright a couple of seasons ago, but the increasing of the number of teams saved them, and they came back to win the first division championship last year.

Y.M.C.A. are in a bad position. They are needing points badly. True, they are level with Corinthians on points, but the latter have a match in hand. They defeated Corinthians on May 16, but their display did not greatly impress me, for on that day Corinthians form was really shocking.

The triangles will have to do much better if they are to escape

this year.

Well, that about sums up the situation in the competition as I see it at present. Who knows, in a couple of weeks, clubs may cause me to to revise my opinions.

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Having delivered the pass, do not stand still. Run into an open position so that you can either receive a return pass or help him out of a difficulty.

Do not be afraid to follow up the forwards. If they have the ball, There is no danger from the opposition. But, once an attack breaks down, be sure you are near enough to the opposing inside-forward to prevent him from starting a dangerous raid.

One final point. Never attempt to dribble the ball if a colleague is handy for a pass. It is easier and safer to let him have the ball and slip into position for the next move.

A half-back must be able to place the ball with foot and head. Only constant practice will enable him to do this. And only a lot of discussions with his colleagues will bring the co-operation required for positional play, plans for throws-in and all the finer points of the game.

So do not be afraid of talking over the game with your teammates.

Harry Johnston.

Dud. Woolley got himself "messed up" some in recent car accident. Was hospitalised for a time, but is now back on the job for the Q.T. Happy to hear of your recovery Dud.

Ben Williams, popular St. Helens Goalie, has had a bit of bad luck. Mine prop. fell on his leg, and the abrasions became poisoned. Hospitalised like Dud. Woolley, but going along alright now. Looking forward to seeing you in action again Ben. Good luck.

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Second Division Prospects

Like the premier division, the situation in the second division is most interesting and several clubs have a possible chance of promo-

However, although Oxley are leading at present, White Stars look most likely winners. They are only one point behind the leaders, but have a match in hand. Their performance on May 23, when they defeated Oxley at Raymond Park, was a meritorious one. They were successful by 3 goals to

It is well worth recording that Soccer Officials, especially appointed to witness this game, were very complimentary on the way this game was played. The conduct of the players was, I understand, exemplary, and there was no cause for complaint in any way.

This is gratifying, in view of recent happenings, and goes a long way to prove that these former Europeans can be absorbed into our code without any harmful effect. In fact, it is certain that there is no greater drawing power in any part of our competition than the appearance of any of these former

Continentals.

The final State trial was another example of the drawing power of these players, for the attendance at Bulimba was the finest seen at any trial game, and the number of former Europeans amongst the spectators showed clearly what an asset they can be to us, if properly handled. Handling them takes tact and diplomacy, and provided this is shown them, there is no reason whatever why Queensland Soccer should not benefit considerably by

is affiliated, a person from another country is qualified to represent Australia after one year's residence in Australia. Therefore, these fellows should by now be regarded, not as New Australians, but just plain honest to goodness This is what we should Aussies.

aim for.

Oxley, in recent years, had many set backs, but thanks to Mr. Faber they have come back to senior foot--ball the hard way. Right through from Junior ranks to their present position is a creditable showing, and all soccer lovers will wish them luck.

Considering that both Oxley and White Stars are staging a neck and

neck struggle for the promotion stakes, their show at Raymond Park last week is well worth remembering. Congratulations, to

both Oxley and White Stars.

Merton Rovers, Latrobe and
Shafston are still in the running, however, and it only needs a couple of slip ups on the part of the present two leaders for one of these other three to run into the lead. This is always on the cards.

Latrobe are a formidable organisation on their own ground, and the same thing applies to Merton

Either of these teams could put on a surprise at any time, and clubs who meet them would do well to remember this.

Hellenics are having a bad trot, and are but a shadow of the last vear's side that topped the second

division.

We heard last week with much regret that their popular secretary, Mr. Joe Moscos had resigned from this position. He has been one of the leading lights of this team since he played such a big part in its formation a few years ago, and it is to be hoped that he will not be lost to Soccer adminis-

At the other end of the table Y.M.C.A. are trailing the field with only two points to their credit, with Hellenic and Toowong two points ahead of them. Bardon, with one point more have a match in hand, and Mitchelton are on the same mark as them. Both teams have five points.

On paper ,and on the form shown by the teams we have seen, it would appear that the promotion issue rests between White Stars and Oxley, and before the season ends we shall see some keenly contested second division games.

The relegation issue appears as It is well to always bear in mind though it will be fought out between Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the constitution of the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Toothat under the tween Y.M.C.A., Hellenic and Y.M.C.A., Hel wood. Here again are some interesting possibilities.

> Taken all round, our competition this year will continue to be interesting right up to the closing

No. 5 in our Series THE WING HALF

Here is Harry Johnston's opinion of a wing half back's duties. Harry who captained Blackpool in their Cup winning effort against Bolton at Wembley this year has also represented England and in first class international games.

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A wing half-back, the connecting link between attack and defence, is one of the key-men of the side. He must have a thorough understanding with his colleagues.

In defence, his main object is to cover the opposing inside-forwards, who must not be allowed to work openings in the defence or to draw defenders out of position.

Positioning is the secret. Try to be near enough to your opponent to tackle him before he has complete control of the ball. If not, hold off the tackle and force him to part with it. A hasty tackle gives the forward an advantage.

If you are not beaten by your opponent, he can do little damage. But if you are beaten, get back into a defensive position as soon as

possible.

Cover your colleagues at all times. When play is on the other side of the field, position yourself to give protection to the centre-half and right-back. But always pay particular attention to the inside-forward.

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Easts v. Bundamba St. Helens v. Dinmore Y.M.C.A. v. Caledonians Thistle v. Bulimba Blackstone v. Corinthians

SECOND DIVISION

Shafston R. v. Toowong Hellenic v. Bardon Latrobe v. Merton R. Oxley v. Y.M.C.A. Mitchelton v. White Stars

THIRD DIVISION

White Stars v. Wilston Annerley v. Carina Pannonia v. Redcliffe Merton R. v. R.A.A.F. Gli Azzurri v. Redland U.

FOURTH DIVISION

Oxley v. Postal Inst., 1.30 Gli Azzurri v. I.F.T.S., 1.30 Sherwood v Excelsior R. Toowong, bye

JUNIOR FIXTURES 6/6/53

1st GRADE

Corinthian v. Y.M.C.A., 1.30 Coorparoo "A" v. Annerley, 3.15 Coorparoo "B" v. Wilston, 1.30 Aston Villa (win on forfeit) Mitchelton (withdrawn).

2nd GRADE

Bulimba v. Merton, 3.15 Wynnum v. Bardon, 3.15 Mitchelton v. Coorparoo (No. 1), 1.30 Police-Citizens v. Graceville, 1.30

3rd GRADE

Mitchelton v. Aston Villa (No. 2), Caledonian v. Thistle, 3.15 Wynnum v. Coorparoe, 2.0 Oxley-Bye

4th GRADE

Thistle v. Annerley, 12.30 Merton v. Coorparoo, 2.0 Redlands v. Bulimba, 2.0 Aston Villa v. Mitchelton, 12.30 Police-Citizens v. Bardon, 12.30

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