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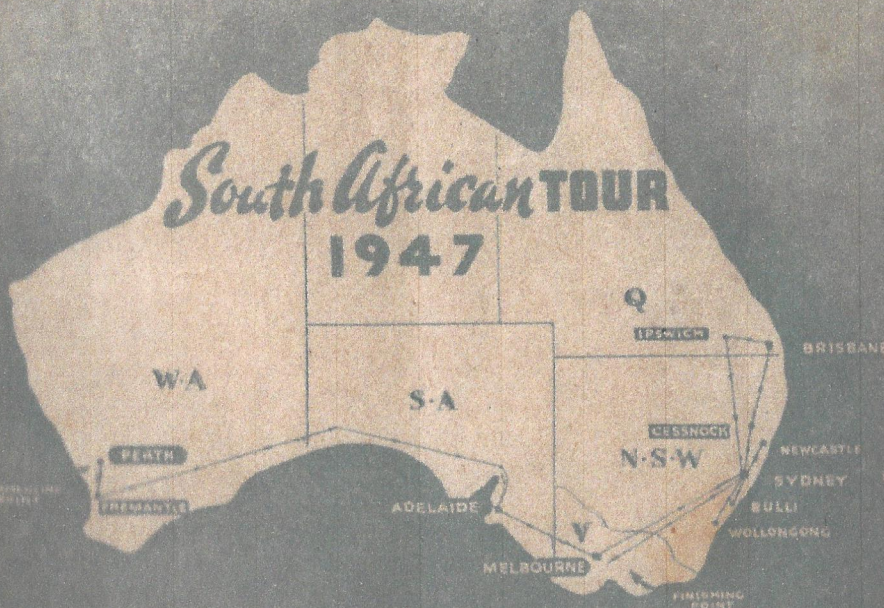
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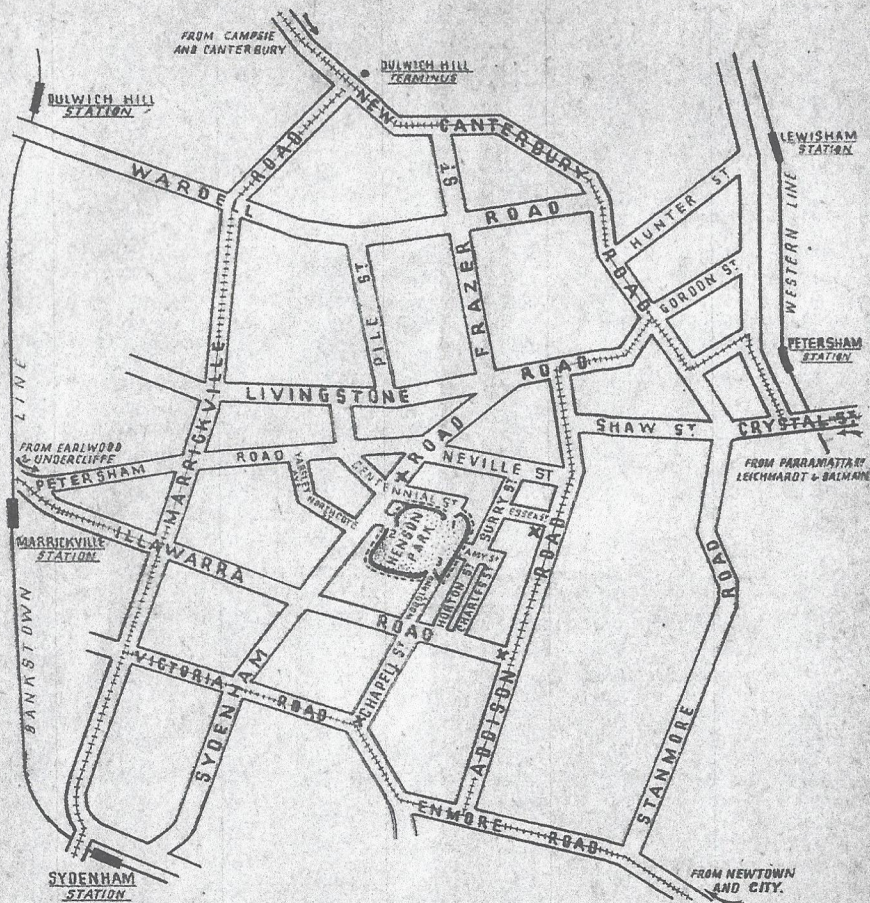
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14th JUNE, 1947

SOCCKER WEEKLY NEWS

SOUVENIR ISSUE FIFTH TEST

AUSTRALIA v. SOUTH AFRICA

Sydney Showground, 14th June, 1947

The Fifth Test

To-day's match, the Fifth Test between Australia and South Africa, should be a stirring encounter, Australia being all out to win to enable her to draw even in the series, South Africa having won (2) drawn (1) and lost (1), whilst Australia has won (1), drawn (1) and lost (2). A draw for South Africa will suffice to give her victory in the Test series.

The Springboks have undergone a heavy programme, having played two matches a week during the tour, and it would appear that the strain of such a heavy programme may be extending the physical attributes of the team to the extreme. However, it must be remembered that the Australian team is now reaching a stage of physical perfection due to the extensive training campaign undertaken and supervised by Mr. T. Langridge. This in itself must be creating an impression entirely false so far as the physical condition of our visitors is concerned.

During the early part of the tour it was most evident that Australian players were in no condition to last ninety minutes of strenuous football. On the other hand our visitors were a team of trained footballers carefully selected to withstand the rigours of the tour.

The Australian victory of five goals to one last Saturday was the tonic required to uplift the moral of the home players, and to-day a team full of confidence is prepared to do battle to uphold the prestige of Australian Soccer.

Our friends the Springboks have done much to uplift the Soccer code. We have been delighted to watch their ball control, their headwork has been good, the sterling keeping of Pickerill and the long kicking of Brink have all been features of truly grand football. The much discussed defensive half-back play of our visitors has given us food for thought. Arguments have arisen as to the merits and de-merits of this type of play and I suppose will continue to cause discussion so long as third-back play is practised. However, the fact remains that last Saturday the home team scored five goals against third-back tactics. One master mind, or should I say tactician, may introduce what he may consider a flawless system, and on the other hand we may consider that to introduce a system without flaw would not be in the best interest of Soccer. I rather agree that when perfection is reached in this grand game and the element of chance lessened, then just so much quicker will our game lose its appeal.

DIAGRAMS ILLUSTRATING POINTS
IN CONNECTION WITH OFF-SIDE

NOTE The players marked X are attacking the goal, and those marked O are defending.

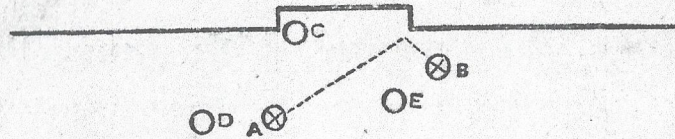


Diagram 8.—OFF-SIDE.

Ball rebounding from goal-posts or cross-bar (contd.).

A shoots for goal and the ball rebounds from the goal-post into play. B secures the ball and scores. B is off-side because the ball is last played by A, a player of his own side, and when A played it B had not two opponents between him and the goal-line, and was in front of A.

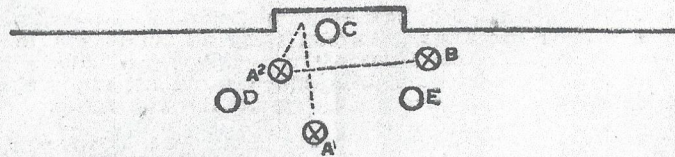


Diagram 9.—OFF-SIDE.

Ball rebounding from goal-posts or cross-bar (contd.).

A shoots for goal and the ball rebounds from the cross-bar into play. A follows up from position 1 to position 2, and then passes to B who has run up on the other side. B is off-side because the ball is last played by A, a player of his own side, and when A played it B had not two opponents between him and the goal-line, and was in front of A. If A had scored himself at the second attempt, instead of passing to B, it would have been a goal.

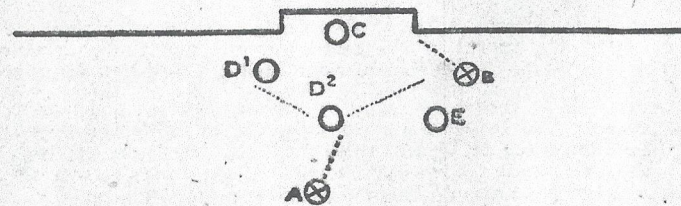


Diagram 10.—NOT OFF-SIDE.

Ball touching an opponent.

A shoots at goal. D runs from position 1 to position 2 to intercept the ball, but it glances off his foot to B who scores. B is not off-side because, although he has not two opponents between him and the goal-line, the ball was last played by an opponent D.

Illustration Points continued next week



- The South African party was delighted with their sojourn at Toronto.
- Bob Gardiner, President of Adamstown, has done a grand job in looking after the interests of our visitors.
- It was music to the ears to listen to last week's crowd at Newcastle cheer the Australians to victory.
- Reg. Date has lost twelve pounds in weight during the training period.
- Ernie Kemp, that little bunch of grit from Wallsend, had the Springbok defence all at sea.
- The public did not approve of the attitude adopted by a number of the Springboks in showing dissent from the referee's decision.
- Mrs. Drummond journeyed home in Pop Drummond's car from Newcastle after the match. Ces. declined the invitation—wanted to be with the boys. Tom Langridge has cultivated the team spirit. Let's hope not too well.
- Canterbury-Bankstown is well represented in the Australian team, Mr. Andy Burton, Secretary-Manager of the Cantabs. being co-Manager, and the players representing are Murray, Date, Hughes and Wilson.
- Malcolm Taylor, Assistant-Manager of the Springboks, is keen on stamp collecting.
- Dave Coote, of Adamstown, joins the Australian team and is included in the N.S.W. team on Monday.
- A reception was given to the interstate schoolboys at the Shell Theatre on the 9th inst. The Soccer coaching films were screened.
- Another touring team must come to Australia next season.
- Soccer is now well established in America.
- Czechoslovakia is keen to tour Australia. The Australian Football Association is not greatly interested. Czechoslovakia owe Australia a return visit.
- Owing to the unsettled conditions in India, the Australian Association would be well advised to cancel the proposed tour this season.

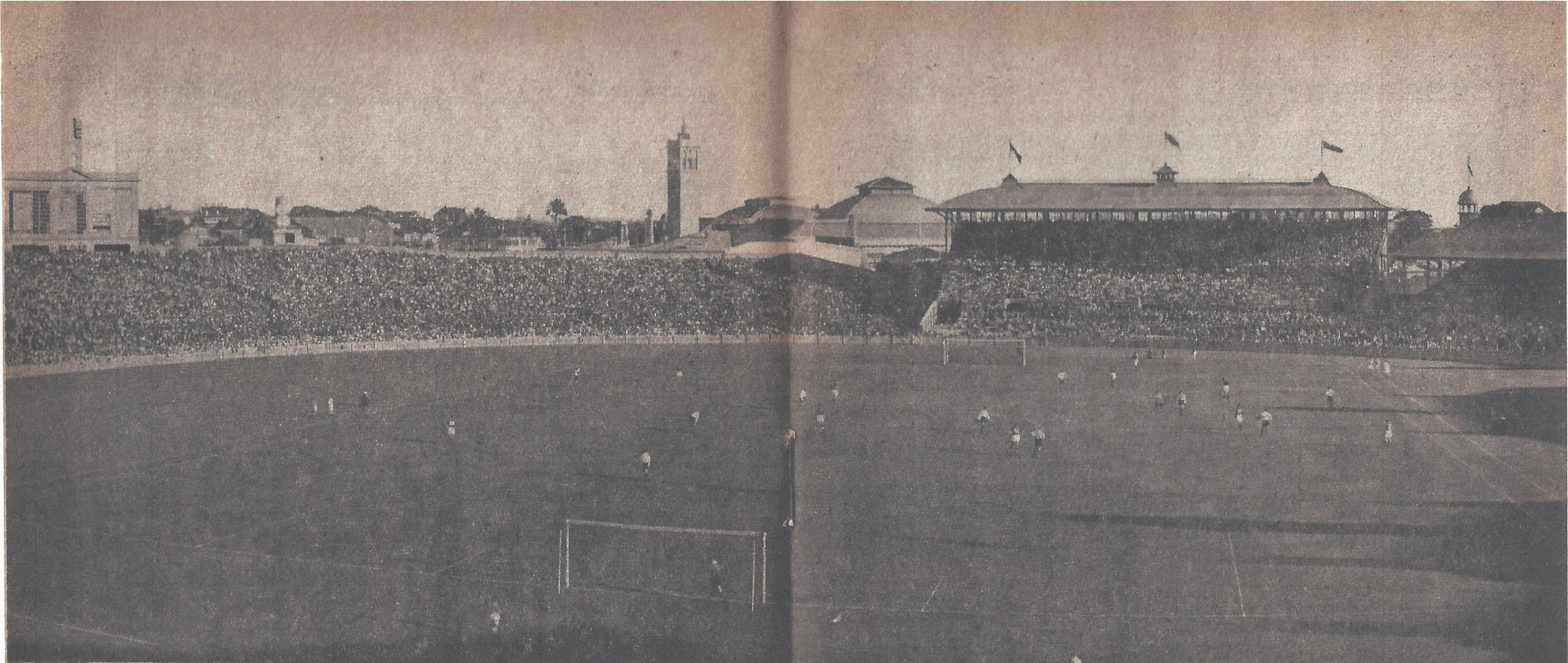
British Football

By L. A. W. PEARCE

The value of a rugged defence was never more exemplified than in the case of Burnley this season. In 42 League matches they had only 29 goals scored against them. This constitutes a record for any division of the League since the offside law was changed in 1925. Of the 22 clubs in the Second Division, 16 scored more goals than Burnley (or as many), yet Burnley won promotion to the First Division and were only beaten 1-0 by Charlton in the Cup Final. It is no good having clever forwards nodding them in at one end if there is an open goal at the other.

Doncaster wanted six goals last Saturday to beat the record for all Leagues, but they found York a tough proposition, and the result was a scoreless draw. They set a new record for all Leagues, however, in obtaining 72 points from a possible 84.

To-day will decide the Championship, Stoke City (without Stanley Matthews, now transferred to Blackpool) will be at Bramall Lane to meet Sheffield United. If they win, the honours go to them, otherwise they go to Liverpool.



*Playing field and section of crowd at First Test, Sydney Cricket Ground,
10th May, 1947.*

AUSTRALIA

(White)

- G. N. CONQUEST
 1. J. MARSTON
 2. C. DRUMMOND
 3. L. GIBB
 4. A. HEANEY
 5. R. MURRAY
 6. E. KEMP
 7. J. CUNNINGHAM
 8. R. DATE
 9. R. HUGHES
 10. M. WYNN

Reserves:

W. JOHNSON
 W. WILSON
 D. COOTE

SOUTH AFRICA

(Green and Gold)

12. C. BRINK
 14. R. NICHOLSON
 3. E. DOWELL
 4. C. KURLAND
 5. H. NAISH
 6. D. FORBES
 7. D. A. WILSON
 8. T. FALCONER
 18. J. CLASSENS
 10. H. SMETHURST
 11. L. ANLEY

Referee: Mr. W. McWILLIAMS

Linesmen: Mr. H. McLEOD and Mr. W. CHARD

Final Result:

AUSTRALIA.....1..... SOUTH AFRICA.....2.....

Manager-Trainer:

Mr. T. LANGRIDGE

Co-Manager:

Mr. A. BURTON

Manager:

Mr. J. BARBOUR

Trainer:

Mr. S. WILTSHIRE

Goalscorers:

Australia
 South Africa



South African Team Touring Australia, 1947

Back Row (l to r.): D. Forbes, R. Nicolson, S. O'Linn, J. Classens, G. Falconer, L. Anley, Centre (l to r.): J. Pretorius, H. D. McCreadie, R. Ferriman, C. Brink, J. Pickerill, B. Clack, H. Naish, S. Wiltshire (Trainer.) Front (l to r.): E. Dowell, S. Van Rensburg, J. Barbour (Manager), H. Smethurst (Capt.), M. Taylor (Asst. Manager), D. Wilson, C. Kurland.



E. Kemp



R. Murray

Mr. W. (Bunny) McWilliams, who, so ably handled the 1st., 3rd, and 4th Tests, has again been chosen to referee to-day's big game.



Australian First Test Team

Back Row (l to r.) R. Hughes, R. Date, N. Conquest, H. Parkes, L. Gibb, C. Stewart, Mr. S. Blake
Centre (l to r.) T. Langridge Trainer, J. Marston, E. Drain, A. Heaney, J. Cunningham, C. Drummond, Mr. N. Gillespie, Manager. Front, D. Coote, R. Marshall. (Melba Photos)

TO-DAY'S EARLY FIXTURES

Metropolitan League (1st Division Knock-out) Kick-off, 1.30 p.m.
NEWTOWN DISTRICT **AUBURN DISTRICT**

(Blue)

- G. BOL
- 1. SMITH
- 2. BEARD
- 3. INGERSOLE
- 4. MELLON
- 5. BARTLETT (L.)
- 6. NIELSEN
- 7. BARTLETT (C.)
- 8. NIELSEN (R.)
- 9. McFARLANE
- 10. WALKER

Reserve: BARTLETT (J.)
Manager: Mr. C. NIELSEN

Referee: Mr. A. STEDMAN

Linesmen: Messrs. W. HETERICK and B. HUGHES

(Green and Gold)

- G. COGGER
- 1. SPINNER
- 2. LOFTUS
- 3. FROUD
- 4. HAGGETT
- 5. JENKINS
- 6. DENNY
- 7. SANDERS
- 8. BARKER
- 9. EVANS
- 10. BURROWS

Reserve: MINNER

Manager: Mr. R. SOMERVILLE

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE (2nd Division Knock-out) 12 Noon

MALLEYS v. AUBURN DISTRICT

(Yellow and Red) (Green and Gold)

Referee: Mr. J. CHIALMERS

Linesmen: Messrs. F. WALTON and W. COPELAND

Scottish Soccer Notes

By GEO. BROWN, Director, Glasgow Rangers

The first full post-war Scottish Soccer season has just finished here (17th May) and has been noteworthy in many respects. The general playing standard shows signs of recovery from war-time conditions, but, unlike England, a return to full-time professionalism is not at all common. Enthusiasm is at a high peak, and all the major games in Cups and Leagues were all-ticket affairs, with tickets at a premium even for the 135,000-limit crowds that have packed Hampden Park's spacious enclosure on several occasions. The "bob" gate is now one and sixpence, and a reduction in the previous heavy entertainments tax has made it easier for clubs to make ends meet, and, indeed, has put the more successful ones well in the money. This raises the hope that there will be less reason for the transfer of star players to England, with a corresponding raising of the standard of the game at home, and especially in the less densely populated areas.

Last season's Honours List again proves the consistency of the Rangers, who carried off the Scottish League Championship, and that popular new competition—the League Cup. All Scotland rejoiced at Aberdeen's success in the national knock-out competition, making them Scottish Cup winners for the first time in their honoured history. A word of praise and sympathy must go to Hibernians, whose rise in recent years has been one of the outstanding features of Scottish football. They finished second in the three major competitions, being runners-up in the League, and contesting both Cup finals. Perhaps it was some consolation when their Reserve team mopped up the three similar trophies for the minor elevens. At the other end of the scale, the relegation guillotine fell on Hamilton Academicals and on Kilmarnock F.C., who will have their first experience of the Second Division of the League, largely because they suffered from a long war-time close-down. Celtic have been rather in the shadows since their brilliant 1938 Exhibition Cup winner's team, but showed a welcome sparkle in the Glasgow Charity Cup Final when they lost to Rangers by the only goal of a dynamic match.

In the International field, Scottish sides were disappointing against Wales and Ireland, but fully retrieved themselves with a moral victory in the one goal each draw at Wembley. This game seemed to suggest that England's great war-time international team was passing out, and that a new-blood transfusion was imminent.

The climax of the season, of course, was the Britain v. The Rest of Europe game at Hampden, where a capacity crowd saw Britain's best make mince-meat of a bunch of clever units. At 6-1 the Continentals were let down lightly by a combination that had a goal orgy and then contented itself with exhibition football.

It has been a full and interesting season, but when August comes around again, it is certain that Scottish Soccer fans will be out in even greater numbers, looking for the brighter and better football which the clubs think they will be able to supply.

KING'S BIRTHDAY

N.S.W. v. SOUTH AFRICA

Henson Park, 16th June, 1947

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPORT FROM THE JUNE ISSUE OF SPORTING LIFE

BILLY BOLGER

Match winning pointers from an Australian champion.



SPEEDWAY DEMONS

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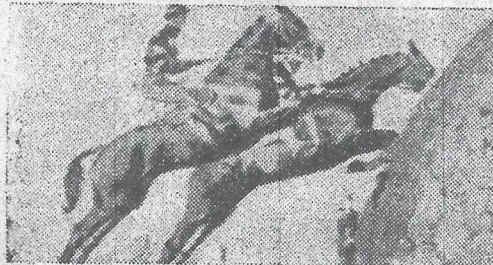
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