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Dear Mick.

Your information was correct, I played in both games against the Italians at Treviso & Padova. The games were played purely on a promotional basis. I captained the Australian Team in Treviso & I believe scored a try.

But my history with Italian players goes back a lot further. In 1952 while playing out a year's contract with the Leigh Club from Lancashire, an Italian national team toured England for experience & played against five clubs. My club was one of them, they played against. When they arrived to play they had injuries to their squad, so I volunteered to play with them. They proved to be young & very enthusiastic, but very vulnerable physically, we finished with only 11 men.

I can't remember the score, but it was watched by a large local crowd, over 1500. Leigh had had a very good season & our following was good.

Back to your business - I can't remember who organised the Australian & Italia game, it was just on the itinerary.

Good luck
 Ernest A. Woodcock