

CHAPTER 11.

In 1955, the Rosebuds club did Northern Soccer a big uplift and its representatives went across to New Lambton South and formed a junior organisation with Mr. R. Wright as President - a personality who has reached the top post in district administrative circles and added much business knowledge to its recent progress.

Adamsdown officials too gained great satisfaction as in later years this 'infant' has won promotion to the senior grade.

One must mention the work of C. Manual, G. Edwards, C. Brown, R. Rappaport, T. Wagstaff, T. Tripney, J. Miles, J. Serby, J. Blim and A. Andrews all of whom gave their best to junior development.

In the senior campaign, many juniors became regulars. Newcomers were E. Burnett, K. Waddingham, D. Crookes, C. Moore.

In the league series the results were:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	4	3	2	24	17	10
AWAY	9	4	4	1	26	21	9
TOTAL	18	8	7	3	50	38	19

Scorers were: A. Johns 13, W. Cook 12, K. Barnett 9, M. Hamilton 6, C. Newton 6, C. Nicholls 2, C. Moore 1.

A. Johns secured international, State and district honours while C. Allanson played for New South Wales v Victoria both in Sydney and Melbourne as well as 3 interdistrict games. W. Cook and K. Barnett also played for the North.

During the season, the appearances were: W. Cook 25, K. Barnett 24, R. Holt 24, Allanson 21, A. Johns 21, C. Moore 19, M. Hamilton 19, W. Mullins 15, C. Newton 15, C. Nicholls 15, D. Crookes 13, A. Mahoney 13, W. Avery 12, R. Patterson 12, J. Sullivan 6, K. Waddingham 6, R. Thomas 5, J. Little 3, R. McLachlan 3, E. Griffiths 1, A. Gallagher 1.

The club like several other Northern clubs was unsettled by the upward trend in the administration of the code in Sydney.

Next came the year of the Olympic games in Melbourne with soccer a major attraction - 1956.

The seasons results showed a further upward trend.

There were only minor changes in the senior eleven, which finished third on the table.

Results of its league games were:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	5	2	2	30	16	12
AWAY	9	5	1	3	35	18	13
TOTAL	18	10	3	5	65	34	25

In the semi-final, it fell to Cessnock by 2 to nil and a similar fate 5-0 at the hands of the same team ended their State campaign. In the Daniels Cup, Adamsdown had its colours lowered by West Hillside by 5-3.

secured state honours v Queensland while Holt, Mahoney, Cook, Mullins, Hamilton played in the Olympic trials. Mullen, Mahoney and Hamilton also repped for the North v Continentals. The Reserves (Bungers) again won their competition by 1 point from Wallsend. It showed a photo finish with the 'Bud's' showing 18 played 14 won 2 lost, with 56 goals for and 17 against - a truly consistent record.

Appearances in the seniors were: R. Holt 25, C. Nicholls 25, R. Gallagher 23, W. Mahoney 23, M. Hamilton 22, A. Johns 22, W. Mullins 22, C. Allanson 20, W. Cook 16, C. Moore 16, C. Newton 15, H. Evans 14, J. Evans 10, R. McLachlan 4, K. Waddingham 4, T. Darcy 3, W. Avery 2, R. Patterson 2, J. Sullivan 2, K. Talbot 2, E. Griffiths 1, G. Pereira 1, R. Thomas 1.

Goalkeepers were: M. Hamilton 15, R. Gallagher 15, W. Cook 12, A. Johns 11, C. Newton 10, H. Evans 7, C. Nicholls 6, T. Darcy 2, R. Patterson 1.

Yet another breakaway in Soccer. Yes, in certain Sydney clubs there was a move away to form the Federation. The North after a series of conferences decided to remain loyal to the State Association. So the North premiership proceeded without much interference - except for players transferred to Sydney for greater bonus payments.

The only new recruit was T. Wilson.

The seniors finished fifth on the table while the Reserves finished in second place to Blacksmith - down by 2 points. Their defensive record of 13 goals conceded in 22 games was remarkable - due to superb goalkeeping by W. Avery, who refused 4 offers of transfer from clubs both in the North and South.

The senior results were:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
1	11	6	1	3	33	21	15
2	11	5	6	0	36	27	10
3	22	11	7	3	69	48	25

Special praise is due to the diminutive Col. Newton for his 21 goals in 21 matches.

Appearances were: R. Holt 27, W. Mahoney 26, C. Nicholls 26, M. Hamilton 24, R. Gallagher 11, A. Johns 7, W. Cook 5, C. Nicholls 5, C. Allanson 5, K. Talbot 3, L. Evans 1, S. Waddingham 1, T. Wilson 1.

In the State Cup, after beating Kurri by 5 to nil, the 'Buds' beat Mayfield United by 1 to nil in second round.

In interdistrict trials, the following players participated - Johns, Hamilton, Newton, Waddingham.

For the 1958, international, S. Ketching was secured from Newcastle while other newcomers included S. Bartley, and Rob. Dobbins.

The team won the Northern Final v Cessnock by 2 to 1 after a scoreless first half.

Adamstown XI was W. Mahoney, C. Allanson, C. Nicholls, W. Mullins, R. Holt, C. Moore, C. Newton, M. Hamilton, W. Cook, S. Waddingham, A. Johns.

In the league, Adamstown finished fourth while their Reserve team topped the table with 17 wins 0 losses 5 draws, scoring 70 goals to 3 and finishing on 39 points - nine in advance of their nearest rivals, Newcastle.

but in the semi-final, they went down to Awaba, a real reversal of form. The seniors results were:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
11	6	4	1	34	23	13	
11	8	2	1	28	15	17	
22	14	6	2	62	38	30	

In the honours, Kitching won National, State and district honours. Newton also played for the North while C. Moore, M. Hamilton and P. Bartley played for the Colts.

Appearances were: C. Nicholls 29, C. Newton 27, C. Allanson 26, W. Mahoney 25, C. Moore 23, M. Hamilton 23, W. Mahoney 22, C. Kitching 21, A. Johns 20, G. Bartley 20, R. Gallagher 17, W. Cook 15, R. Dobbins 13, V. Mullins 11, K. Waddingham 9, W. Avery 7, T. Wilson 5, J. Sullivan 3, R. McLachlan 2, K. Talbot 1, L. Mernagh 1.

Scoring was achieved by - G. Bartley 21, C. Kitching 17, C. Newton 15, W. Cook 8, M. Hamilton 7, A. Johns 5, R. Dobbins 4, C. Nicholls 4, R. Gallagher 2, L. Mernagh 1.

The collapse of the old N.S.W. Association in Sydney drew the North into line with the Federation control in Sydney. The Northern Association was extended to 12 teams.

The campaign saw three newcomers to the 'Buds' brigade - namely P. Higgins, W. Thomson, A. Turnbull, and on the other side, international player Adam Johns only made one appearance. The seniors qualified for the top four but was knocked out in the semi-final by Wallsend by 3 to 2.

In the newly instituted Ampol Cup saw Adamstown enter the semi-finals.

In the final round up Adamstown secured third place by beating Wallsend by 1 to nil.

Results were:-

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
11	8	2	1	43	16	17	
11	6	1	4	27	15	16	
22	14	3	5	70	31	33	

Goalscorers were: Cook 27, Newton 13, Dobbins 10, Hamilton 6, Nicholls 4, Higgins 3, Allanson 2, Gallagher 2, Johns 1, Mullins 1, Wilson 1.

Club stalwart, Max Hamilton gained a place in the Australia New South Wales Heart of Midlothian and also in the North XI v South XI.

With greater strength in the reserves, Adamstown entered the reserves with confidence.

New faces were Turnbull, Barry Burgess from East Lakes, J. McNeill and B. Lambert from the local junior ranks. R. Dobbins led his great speed to top the scoring list.

The League record was:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
11	3	5	3	22	21	9	
11	7	3	1	32	21	15	
22	10	8	4	52	42	24	

At the end of the series, the 'Buds' finished sixth. Their record compared poorly with results from away games.

The Reserves again excelled with 18 wins from 22 games scoring 72 to 27 against. However, it was a shock when the reserves were beaten in the semi-final by Wallsend to the tune of 5 to 1. In the Daniels Cup, after beating Lake Macquarie by 3 to 1, and Awaba by the same score, the 'Buds' bowed out in the semi-final to Cessnock by 3 to 1.

In the Ampol Cup under floodlights, it was beaten in first round by Blacksmiths by 1 to nil.

Appearances were: C. Nicholls 28, M. Hamilton 26, A. Turnbull 25, R. Dobbins 24, C. Allanson 23, W. Cook 21, B. Burgess 21, J. Mitchell 17, J. Mahoney 17, B. Lambert 17, W. Mullins 13, R. Holt 10, B. Walker 8, A. Spiers 8, W. Avery 6, P. Windsor 5, L. Taylor 5, C. Moore 4, J. Thomas 4, K. Waddingham 3, R. Gallagher 3, R. Younger 2, G. Moase 2, L. Thomson 3, R. McLaughlan 2, T. Wilson 2, L. Thompson 1, J. Davies 1, D. Anthony 1, K. Yaranoff 1.

In the goal scoring spheres the figures were: R. Dobbins 16, W. Cook, M. Hamilton 11, J. Mitchell 8, B. Burgess 7, L. Turner 6, C. Nicholls 3, W. Mullins 1, G. Moase 1.