

With the 1966 experience, all looked set for a rosy year for the 'Rosebuds'. But soon after the Ampol series commenced there was a big problem to solve. It was, 'Could the club hold Bartz against financial offers from Sydney?'

The club did not want to lose Bartz at any cost - he was their product - they had given him the chance of 18 months in England. "Hold him - was the cry!"

But it was not to be - Bartz wanted a big weekly retainer so he was transferred to the Hakoah in Sydney for the fee of \$5600 in the 1967 - a record fee for Northern Soccer.

That was a big blow for any club especially as Bartz was the team's striker and in soccer, goals mean victory. But coach Morrison continued on with his good work of remoulding the team. Three new players arrived - J. Doyle, B. Jack and B. Aratoon.

In the Daniels Cup after 2 wins, Adamstown failed to qualify for the final.

Craven A brought even quicker exit for Belmont-Swansea beat with ease. In the Ampol Cup, an improvement was noted and the 'Bubs' qualified for the semi-final but lost to Wallsend by 2 to 1. That was a 1 all draw.

In the senior grade Adamstown finished in 6th place - in alliance, it finished on top with a clear margin of 6 points over Cardiff.

In the under 21 years, Adamstown finished second to Wallsend with a leeway of 3 points. Full details are:

PTS.	GA	GF	D	L	W
9	23	18	1	5	3
9	18	23	1	4	4
18	41	41	2	9	7
18	16	58	0	3	15
PTS.	GA	GF	D	L	W
18	14	42	3	3	12
27	14	42	3	3	12

Placances in the seniors were: J. Archibald 25, C. Curran 25, R. Howells 21, J. Doyle 20, P. Everleigh 19, S. Dalrymple 16, D. Jack 16, P. Watkins 14, B. Aratoon 14, W. Cook 13, G. Williams 11, E. Howells 11, C. Elkovitch 8, L. Dobson 7, M. G. Turrell 7, K. Jones 6, G. Smith 6, G. Ball 4, J. Power 3, C. Mannel 3, J. Jones 3, R. Bartz 3, C. Peattie 2, L. Smythe 1, G. McTellehan 1.

Referees: S. Dalrymple 15, R. Howells 14, C. Curran 8, J. Doyle 7, L. Dobson 5, R. Bartz 3, W. Cook 2, R. Cameron 1, G. Jones 1.

In the representative sphere, C. Curran played against the...

mother player V. Brady left to take over the layer-coach...

The doing of the season 1968 will always be written in gold letters. In this year, the 'Rosebuds' became a power machine which was able to reject all challenges in the dying days of the season when it had to pull out every trick to win the semi-final in a replay - the Preliminary Final in a replay and then on to achieve the big three, the Premiership - Grand Final - Daniels Cup and Club Championship. There was a touch of sovereignty in this success in which team work was more vital than individual brilliance.

This success came after many seasons of frustration for on several occasions the team failed at the final stage. Hand - in - hand with the team's magnificent achievements was the astute management by a youthful executive and hard working committee which took control of the club. But the arrival of October saw as 'Adamstown - the Rosebuds', the Toast of the Sporting North.

The early season enthusiasm was strengthened when Whitmore secured from nearby Wallisend. Goalie Dorman returned while Young as T. Smythe, C. Peattie, K. Jones, G. Ball, S. Dalrymple, and fell into the team's pattern. Only departure was that of former Londoner, J. Power - who joined Weston.

Now to the league achievements -

PTS.	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
18	9	6	1	2	21	6	14
18	9	5	3	1	20	18	11
18	18	11	4	3	41	24	25

RESERVES.

PTS.	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
18	18	12	4	2	54	27	26

21 YEARS.

PTS.	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
18	18	8	4	6	25	21	22

The Fall League programme was:-

THE RECORD (9 GAMES)

OPPONENTS	SCORES	SCORERS
Whitmore, Howell, Dobson	6-0	3
Whitmore, Doyle, Dobson	4-0	2 1
Johns	1-4	Johns
Whitmore, Curran, Doyle	2-0	Whitmore 2.
Dalrymple	1-0	
Curran	1-1	
Smythe	0-0	
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New Lambton Sth.		
Belmont Sth.		
W. Wallisend.		
L. Macquarie		
Weston.		
Hamilton A.		
Toronto A.		
Wallisend.		

**THE CHART FOR THE BIG GAMES.**

OPPONENTS.	SCORERS	SCORES
L. Macquarie	Whitmore	1-1
Weston	Power	1-4
Hamilton A.	Ball	1-2
	Whitmore, Johns, Doyle,	5-1
Toronto A.	Howells	3-2
Wallsend.	Whitmore, Johns 2.	2-1
N. Austral	Johns, Howells	2-1
N. Lambton S.	Dairymlpe, Whitmore	2-1
Belmont Stn.	Whitmore 3.	3-5
W. Wallsend.	Whitmore 2, Dairymlpe	3-1

PLAYERS. Semi-final. Replay. Final. Replay. Grand Final.

Dorman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jones	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peattie	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fairleigh	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Archibald	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Curran	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Doyle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whitmore	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dobson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Smythe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Howells	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cameron	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

L. Macquarie L. Mac-Swans.-Swans.-Lake L. Macquarie.

...ances for the season were:-

Dorman 29, F. Fairleigh 27, K. Whitmore 27, J. Doyle 27, J. Curran 26, C. Curran 25, R. Howells 24, C. Peattie 20, K. Jones 18, Archibald 16, J. Sinclair 14, G. Ball 12, R. Cameron 12, B. Arratoon 11, Dobson 10, T. Smythe 10, S. Dairymlpe 9, F. Watkins 1, T. Berris 1, Power 1.

Scorers:

Whitmore 28, R. Howells 10, T. Dobson 7, D. Johns 7, J. Doyle 6, C. Curran 4, T. Smythe 3, J. Power 1, G. Ball 1.

THE GRAND FINAL.

The clash of Adamstown v Lake Macquarie fired the imagination of sporting fans and the crowd totalled 12,216 - an all time club record.

Honoured guests were Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Ald. D. McDougall and Lake Macquarie Shire President, Cr. I. Pendlbury.

There was real carnival atmosphere parade of decorated cars and balloons and all the trimmings.

It was a big effort for the Rosebuds as they were meeting L. Macquarie on its own ground.

The game produced high class soccer with many purple patches and both teams sharing the honours. In 14th minute, Smythe scored the Adamstown and ten minutes later, Whitmore increased the lead. In the 30th minute Irwin reduced the lead. The 2nd half favoured Adamstown and a brace of goals by Whitmore strengthened their claim.

...beginning sun and ended as the daffodil shades of sunrise began to appear in the east.

Comments on the Grand Final are worth noting here:-

Regular Jack Matthews (Newcastle Morning Herald) wrote.....

Adamstown deservedly won the Northern Grand Final in a spirited match".

Miss Hay (Newcastle Sun) wrote.....

There is little doubt that Adamstown were worthy winners. The match was much for soccer".

Northern President, Mr. Bill Jones.....  
"a great game, from first to last blast of the whistle".

It is worthy to record that Adamstown wore Red - the shirts used by Manchester United in its tour of Australia. Lake Macquarie was black and white and were worthy losers.

The club's other major success in the Daniels Cup. In the early rounds, it beat Weston (4 to 1), beat N. Lambton S. (4 to 3) and Newcastle Austral (1 to nil).

The finalist L. Macquarie and Adamstown were level on 6 points at the clash on Anzac Day at WallSEND attracted a big crowd!

Due to brilliant hat-trick by the young striker, S. Dalrymple, Adamstown ran out easy winners by 5 to nil.

The winning team were: J. Dorman, B. Arratoon, C. Curran, P. Fairleigh, C. Peattie, J. Sinclair, G. Ball, J. Doyle, S. Dalrymple, R. Dobson, R. Howell.

As the "Cock of the North", Adamstown was given the task of beating the Fiji visitors. Adamstown won by 5 to 1.

The team was: J. Dorman, K. Jones, C. Peattie, P. Fairleigh, C. Curran, J. Doyle, K. Whitmore, L. Smythe, F. Dobson, R. Howell.

The curtain fell on one of the clubs most successful seasons in World War II. A season that will bring back grand memories to many fans for many years to come.

There was a slight decline in achievement in 1969 - the team won the Daniels cup in fine style.

In the senior race, Adamstown finished third. After a score-draw with Weston in the semi-final it went down in the replay by

Further development was the introduction of an Under 16 yrs. team. The club finished third in this premiership. Best gain was made by Ron Giles, who joined the club as player-coach. He proved himself a very capable leader and held the team together in fine style. Commentators were B. Butler and A. Burns, who did not stay long.

The main departure was R. Cameron who joined Newcastle Austral. The coaching did much to give the team a pattern in play.

Results:-

P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
11	6	3	2	33	18	14
11	6	3	2	35	17	14

Reserves were: P. Fairleigh, 29, T. Smythe 29, J. Archibald 29,  
 Whitmore 29, J. Dorman 28, R. Giles 28, C. Curran 25, T. Dobson 20,  
 Peattie 20, B. Arratoon 16, L. Clinton 12, E. Howells 8, R. Butler  
 Doyle 7, D. Johns 6, S. Dalrymple 6, G. Cummings 5, A. Burns 4,  
 Hannel 4, R. Howells 3, K. Jones 2, R. Hancock, 1, G. Ball 1.  
 Scorers were: K. Whitmore 35, R. Giles 11, C. Curran 10, T. Smythe  
 Dobson 6, J. Doyle 4, R. Howells 3, E. Howell 2, D. Johns 2,  
 Dalrymple 1, J. Archibald, 1.

RESERVES (fifth on table.)						
P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
22	13	5	4	50	36	30
21 YEARS (second on table.)						
P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
22	14	3	5	55	18	33
16 YEARS (third on table.)						
P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
22	16	3	3	67	20	35