

# FITNESS DOUBT ABOUT CLINTON

By "Spot Kick"

Stalwart Adamstown defender, John Clinton, is very doubtful for the big match against semi-final challengers, West Wallsend, in round 19 of the Northern NSW soccer premierships.

Clinton took a severe knock on his knee in the match against Toronto-Awaba.

He trained last night but will have to undergo a fitness test on Sunday morning.

Over the next seven weeks Adamstown are required to fit in at least 10 matches, having three deferred games to play, plus their Rothman State Cup involvement.

The Rosebuds travel to Sydney on Saturday, July 27, to meet Second Division side, Newtown, in round five of the knockout cup series.

The match on Sunday against West Wallsend should provide each team with a sound inkling on their premierships hopes, both being well balanced teams capable of producing top calibre football.

Burly defender, Colin Peattie will stand by as understudy to Clinton, in whose absence the defence would be re-arranged, with Geoff Williams moved to right back and Willie Gallagher alongside Dick Bullen in the centre.

Former Toronto-Awaba and Maitland halfback, Alan Piggot, has proved one of the best "buys" of the season, his generalship in midfield being important to West Wallsend.

But he will be countered by two brilliant footballers in Dennis Wright and Joe Senkalski on Sunday.

Wright, although still feeling the effects of a troublesome foot injury, sets up attacks with his sound reading of play.

The youthful Senkalski comes into the attack at every opportunity.

Last season, West Wallsend rallied in remarkable fashion to win 3-2 after being down 2-nil at half-time and again thrills should

## Big program for Adamstown

While the battle rages at Adamstown, Lake Macquarie will be out at Whitebridge Park seeking needed points against Hamilton Azzurri.

It is a case of no change in either team, but the Lakes forwards have undergone special training with the accent on goal scoring, particularly the left field pair, Glen Hall and Gary Turner.

Lakes' experienced goalkeeper, Ken Gabriel, was called to give advice from his point of view.

Azzurri secured three points in their two matches against Wallsend last week-end and generally put up stiff opposition to Lake Macquarie.

Malcolm Heath will require to use his power and strong tackling to shut out the adventurous Barry Boslem, while Ian Stone will look for gaps in the Lakes defence.

Wallsend go to Mayfield Park tomorrow, while Edgeworth Eagles are at home to Cardiff at Edgeworth Park on Sunday.

Warren Wahlstedt will be back to bolster the Cardiff

defence after being forced to leave the field with a head injury last week.

A much more settled Newcastle Austral formation meet Belmont Swansea at Austral Park on Sunday, where Graham Cummings will assist Bruce Morrow in the home attack.

Young John Cowburn did a fine job in curbing the threat of Adamstown's Greg Harde last week, and again he will be faced with a tough task when Toronto-Awaba meet league leaders, New Lambton at Toronto Sports Ground.

New Lambton have a front line in which every member is a potential goalscorer.

Bob Gresswell and Russell Schott offer good support to the quicksilver Jack Routledge, whose brilliant goal in the opening minutes of play sealed Cardiff's fate last Sunday.

Cessnock City desperately need at least a share of the points at Weston Park to boost their semi-final hopes, but meet a determined Weston side which has taken on the mantle of premierships favourite.

## Disputed goal helps Rosebuds

Adamstown came through tough Soccer semi-final to beat West Wallsend 3-2 and earn the right to meet Weston or New Lambton in the preliminary final next Sunday.

Minor premiers, New Lambton, will face the challenge of the experienced Weston in the major semi-final at Wallsend this afternoon.

A big crowd saw Adamstown use the stiff breeze in the second half to score three goals after being one down at half-time.

Arguments will rage for some time on whether referee Mr J. Reeves erred in a decision which resulted in Adamstown's third and decisive goal.

### Pressure

Replacement forward Paul Queenan raced in to challenge goalkeeper Doug Jones, and in retaliation the West Wallsend goalkeeper bumped the Adamstown winger.

The referee ignored the appeals by the West Wallsend defenders that Queenan had fouled their player and the outcome was a penalty kick in favour of the Rosebuds.

Denis Wright made no mistake from the spot to give Adamstown a commanding 3-1 lead.

Queenan, who had only been on the field for ten minutes was taken off following the penalty kick with blood gushing from a nose injury.

Having used both replacements, Adamstown had to withstand heavy pressure in the final stages with only 10 men and John Sneddon brought West Wallsend right back into the picture with a vital goal.

But the Adamstown rearguard held firm their narrow win.

West Wallsend took lead in the 20th minute from a penalty kick as Adam Durkot and John Clinton had collided in goal.

Striker David Ahrens sent a fierce drive past goalkeeper Steve Gibson.

West Wallsend looked dangerous in their quick-breaking bursts but shrewd transfers of Denis Wright and Peter Durhurst invariably switched the scene of play.

The Adamstown forwards failed to show their customary brilliance as the result that Ken Lagerstrom, Graeme Bell and Joe Senkalski were constantly cut out of the game by the swift interceptive play of the West Wallsend defenders.

### Unmarked

But in the second half a cunningly flighted Adamstown free kick soared right into the goalmouth and Jones stood rooted to the spot to allow the unmarked Lagerstrom ample opportunity to head the ball into the net.

Senkalski then positioned himself with great skill to gather and send a fast rising shot past Jones.

The strong wind spoiled the game as a spectacle, players finding it difficult to place their passes accurately.

In the second and third grade minor semi-finals Lake Macquarie gained narrow wins over Adamstown to reach the preliminary finals next weekend.



Adamstown striker Graham Bull gets the ball away from Sel Mabbott of West Wallsend in yesterday's soccer clash at Crystal Palace.

## Adamstown holds on for final win

ADAMSTOWN won their way into the preliminary final of the Wills Northern Soccer premiership with a 3-2 win against West Wallsend in an incident-packed minor semi-final at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, yesterday.

Each team scored a penalty goal and Adamstown finished with 10 men after Paul Queenan left the field with a badly damaged nose.

West Wallsend support-

ers hotly disputed Adamstown's penalty kick which was given late in the game against West Wallsend goalkeeper, Doug Jones.

Adamstown were holding a slender 2-1 lead

when Queenan raced after a through ball in the 76th minute and collided with Jones.

Jones head-butted Queenan in the face and the referee ordered a penalty kick.

West Wallsend hit back immediately from this reversal and scored their second goal three minutes later when John Snedden out-jumped the Adamstown defence to head in from a corner kick.

### Bombarded

In the closing stages West Wallsend bombarded the Adamstown goal but could not break through for the vital equaliser.

West Wallsend led 1-0 at the break but Kevin Lagerstrom equalised for Adamstown in the 56th minute with a fine header from a free kick by Denis Wright.

Seven minutes later Adamstown midfielder, Joe Senkalski, scored the goal of the match with a hard left-foot drive from 15m.

The major semi-final between New Lambton and Weston Bears will be played at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, at 3 pm today.

Adamstown marched into the Northern NSW Soccer final with a 3-2 win against West Wallsend in the major semi-final at Crystal Palace yesterday.

West gave up their half-time lead of 1-0 to trail 1-3 at one stage of the match.

David Ahrens opened the scoring in the first half with a penalty in the 21st minute.

But it took Adamstown only 11 minutes of the second half to equalise and 10 minutes later they had wrapped up the game.

Kevin Lagerstrom put through the equaliser and seven minutes later young Joe Denkalski lifted a corner into the net.

Captain Denis Wright made it 3-1 two minutes afterwards with a penalty kick.

John Sneddon put on a goal for West Wallsend in the 34th minute but the team could not continue

Adamstown had won the preliminary rounds 4-2 and 5-0 against West Wallsend but the "Bluebells" revelled in the underdog role in the first half.

Adamstown now move into the final against the winner of the major semi-final today between Weston "Bears" and New Lambton "Eagles."

Weston Bears will be out to qualify straight to the grand final when they meet minor premiers New Lambton at Wallsend today.

Weston have been convincing winners of the premiership for the past two years and look set for a hat-trick.

But the young New Lambton side will not give in easily.

In the past five games they have scored 13 goals and for the season New Lambton has recorded 73

**ADAMSTOWN MAKES THE FINAL**

# Rosebuds, Bears without key players

By BILL REEVES

Adamstown Rosebuds and Weston Bears will be forced to field below-strength teams when they meet Sydney sides in the Rothman's State Soccer Cup knockout series in Sydney tomorrow.

Both have key players on commitments, the injured list and also some players who are not available because of job commitments.

Park in a fifth round match. ● Weston meets North-ern Districts at Girraween Oval in a fourth round re-play.

The Adamstown defence will be reshuffled because Dick Bullen has withdrawn with a pulled thigh muscle. He also had five stitches inserted in an eye wound after a clash of heads in Sunday's match against West Wallsend.

Peter Dewhurst will drop back to right full back in an experimental move with Willi Gallagher moving to centre-half.

Strikers Kevin Lagerstrom and Graham Bull and defender Col Peattie are not available because of work requirements and reserve defender Tony Edwards is injured.

Doug Johns will replace Lagerstrom, Warwick Alexander comes in as left-winger and Paul Queenan will move to the right wing.

Greg Harde, Joe Senkalski and Dennis Wright will be midfielders with Geoff Williams and John Clinton in the halves. Clinton is nursing a knee injury but expected to play.

Adamstown have been impressive in their past six matches. On June 29, they beat Hamilton-Azzurri, 6-2, and the following day beat Sydney team, Riverside Rapids, 7-1 at Adamstown in the fourth round of the State Cup.

In the past three weeks they have beaten Mayfield United 2-nil, Toronto-Awaba 3-2 played a 2-all draw with Toronto Awaba

and, last Sunday, trounced West Wallsend, 5-nil, at Adamstown Oval.

Weston will be without five regular first graders and will have to rely on teenage reserve grade players.

Captain-coach Ray Lloyd and linkman Peter Ridley are injured, while flankman Allan Cooper, defender Roy Johnson and goalkeeper Forbes Wood have work commitments.

David Stoker, John Turnbull, John T. Turnbull and Robbie Freebairn will be field replacements and Jim Goldsmith will replace Wood.

The four young replacements have had limited first grade experience and, depending on their performances in this match, could well force their way into the first grade team to play Belmont-Swansea in the 20th series of the Wills Northern Soccer premier-ship match at Blacksmiths

Weston played a 4-all draw with Northern Districts in their first encounter at Weston Park on June 29. The winner of this match will play the Northern NSW competition leader, New Lambton, in the fifth round in Newcastle on August 10.

## Sporting Section

# Hat-trick scored by captain

NEWCASTLE, Sun. — Skipper Ron Giles scored a hat-trick in Adamstown's 5-0 win over Lake Macquarie in the second round of the Northern Soccer Federation's 1971 season at Adamstown Oval today.

THE Macquarie defence held out until the 39th minute, when Giles hit a drive from 20 yards into the roof of the net.

Just before half-time, Macquarie gave away a goal when keeper Ken Gabriel failed to collect a backpass from full-back Werner Winiarczyk.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Giles and John Clinton increased Adamstown's score.

In the 77th minute Giles scored his third goal with a low drive from 15 yards.

Maitland forwards Bogdan Duma and Colin Whitehead spearheaded their team to a 4-1 win over West Wallsend at West Wallsend.

Duma and Whitehead scored two goals each. Ray Bowles scored the goal for West Wallsend.

Former Australian representative Bruce Morrow scored two goals in Wallsend's 4-0 win over Belmont-Swansea at Blacksmiths.

Stan Juchniewicz and Paul Watkins added the others.

Wallsend, finished with only nine players.

Azzurri used their two replacements early and in the closing stages lost two players through injury, one being Gary Norgard, who scored both goals.

Toronto-Awaba defeated Newcastle Austral 3-1 at Toronto.

Austral opened the scoring in the seventh minute but Toronto equalised in the 14th minute and then took charge of the game.

### RESULTS

ADAMSTOWN 5 (R. Giles 3, J. Clinton, W. Winiarczyk own goal) d. LAKE MACQUARIE 0. HAMILTON-AZZURRI 2 (G. Norgard 3) d. CESSNOCK 0. MAITLAND 4 (B. Duma 2, C. Whitehead 2) d. WEST WALLSEND 1 (R. Bowles). WALLSEND 4 (B. Morrow 2, S. Juchniewicz, P. Watkins) d. BELMONT-SWANSEA 0. TORONTO-AWABA 3 (N. Townsend, J. Penfold, K. Lagerstrom) d. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL 1 (K. Pearson). CARDIFF 2 (P. Queenan, J. Convery) d. WESTON 1 (K. Wordon).

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