

Adamstown's goal spree

Adamstown ran up six goals in the second half to defeat Wallsend 8-1 in a Northern N.S.W. Soccer premiership match at Wallsend yesterday.

Centre-forward Ken Whitmore, who led the Wallsend attack before joining Adamstown, kicked five goals, four of them in the first 25 minutes of the second half.

Col Curran, brought out of the defence to augment Adamstown's fire-power, added two to the tally in the second half.

Curran beat goalkeeper John Kemp twice with sheer velocity, first with a 35-yard drive following an indirect free kick and 12 minutes later with an 18-

yarder direct from a free kick.

Ron Giles confirmed his return to top form with another fine display in which he opened the scoring for Adamstown with a fine shot in the 33rd minute of play.

Whitmore made it 2-0 in the 42nd minute, Kemp again being slow off the mark.

Parkes, one of Wallsend's hardest workers, made the gap for a goal by Alec Howe that reduced the margin to 2-1 just before half-time.

Whitmore's next four

goals came in the fourth, 12th, 13th and 25th minutes of the second half.

At Weston, Belmont-Swansea came from two goals down to beat the home side 3-2.

Sixteen-year-old forward Steve Worrall scored all the Belmont goals.

Newcastle Austral's Scottish forward, Eric Burns, playing his first game in Australia, scored two goals in 10 minutes to lay the foundation for Austral's 4-0 win over New Lambton last night.

Austral from Scottish third-division club Bradford City.

AT WALLSEND.—First Grade: Adamstown 8 (K. Whitmore 5, C. Curran 2, R. Giles) d. Wallsend 1 (A. Howe). Reserves: Wallsend 2 d. Adamstown 1. Under 21: Wallsend 1 d. Adamstown 0. Under 16: Adamstown 3 d. Wallsend 1.

AT WESTON.—First Grade: Belmont-Swansea 3 (S. Worrall 3) d. Weston 2 (R. Johnson, T. Brown). Reserves: Weston 4 d. Belmont-Swansea 1. Under 21: Weston 1 d. Belmont-Swansea 1. Under 16: Weston 1 drew with Belmont-Swansea 1.

MATCHES TODAY.—Newcastle Austral v. Cessnock at Wallsend; West Wallsend v. New Lambton at West Wallsend; Toronto-Awaba v. Lake Macquarie at Toronto; Hamilton Azurri v. Cardiff at

ROSEBUDS' RIOT

Ex-Wallsend centre forward Ken Whitmore scored five goals against his former team mates in Adamstown's crushing 8-1 win at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Adamstown led 2-1 at half-time but the Wallsend defence crumbled after the interval with the rosebud forwards cutting through at will to add six more goals.

Adamstown opened the scoring in the 33rd minute when skipper-coach Ron Giles tricked goalkeeper John Kemp with a low shot to the corner of the net.

Minutes later Whitmore notched the first of his goals when Kemp made no attempt to cover a waist-high ball which sneaked in just inside the upright.

Wallsend tried hard in the closing stages of the first half and Alec Howe netted with an acrobatic effort after right-half John Parkes had forced his way through the Adamstown defence.

In the second half Adamstown used the wind and in the space of 25 minutes Kemp had retrieved the ball from the back of the net six more times.

Whitmore scored two when he followed the flight of the ball right into the goalmouth and steered two clever headers past Kemp.

Goals flowed with monotonous regularity against the disheartened Wallsend defence, with Curran scoring from two hard-hit free kicks.

At Weston Park, Belmont-Swansea United brought off a good recovery to beat Weston 3-2 in a hard-fought match.

Belmont-Swansea were down 2-0 to goals by Roy Johnson and Tom Brown until young centre-forward Steve Worrall narrowed the gap before half-time.

Worrall netted two second-half goals to clinch a narrow win.



● Sam Gordon

Baartz, could make for a most exciting night's soccer entertainment.

Should arrangements fall through, a South Coast select from the Illawarra District League will challenge Northern NSW.

The Australian National Squad will return to Newcastle on August 20 in another tuning up match prior to departure for South Korea for the World Soccer Cup qualifying rounds.

AUSTRALS

LOSE GORDON

By Spot Kick

Newcastle soccer will be much poorer by the loss of Austral's commanding centre half Sam Gordon.

Gordon will return to his native Scotland in a few weeks' time, but the impending return of former favourite Jim Doolan could go a long way to help plugging the gap in the Austral defence.

Doolan will turn out in the reserve grade side against New Lambton at Wallsend on Friday night, after being out of the game all season.

Weekend work and a troublesome knee injury has kept Doolan out of soccer this season but he has trained solidly with Central Coast in Gosford for the past few weeks and is ready to make a bid for a first grade spot again.

Gordon has been a most steady influence in the Austral defence which has conceded only 11 goals in 12 games.

Austral's main problem has been up in attack where games have been lost by the

inability of the forwards to snap up chances.

A new player for Australs arrived from Scotland yesterday morning.

He is 24-year-old Eric Burns who has had League soccer experience in England with Bradford Park Avenue, Scarborough and Heanor Town.

Likened to ex-Austral forward, Arthur Oldham, Burns trained last night and it seems certain that he will gain an inside forward berth in at least one of Austral's two

matches this weekend.

On Friday night at Crystal Palace, Newcastle Austral play off their postponed fixture against New Lambton.

On Sunday they get another chance to gain two more vital premiership points when Cessnock City come to Wallsend.

Cessnock, though dismayed at losing their third successive game last weekend, make only minor changes in their side.

Goalkeeper Mervyn Bamback takes over from John

Soccer

Hogg, while Jim Hugo comes back into the attack in place of Doug Field, who is unavailable on Sunday.

Hugo will be at inside right as partner to Dennis Davies, with Gary Hindmarsh switched to the other inside forward berth to line up with Peter Ioakimidis.

Adamstown have suffered only one defeat in their last seven games and are keen to avenge an early season beating by Wallsend.

No change is the happy news from the Rosebud camp with contrasting types Colin Curran and Ron Giles lined up as inside supports to eager centre-forward Ken Whitmore. Teenager John Clinton holds

his place at left half, where his terrier-like play could have an unsettling effect on Wallsend's right wing pairing.

Popular Sydney club Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs are expected to line up against Northern NSW at Speers Point next Wednesday night under floodlights.

North's fine display against St. George-Budapest and the Australian National Squad have given soccer a greater boost than any other happening this season.

The appearance of the Sydney champions, with such talented performers as goalkeeper Peter Fuzes, John Watkiss, Allan Marnoch, Roy Blitz and our own Ray

Rosebuds too good

A 35-yard scoring shot by Col Curran in the first half gave Adamstown a 1-nil win over Newcastle Austral in the Northern N.S.W. Soccer premiership match at Adamstown yesterday.

Adamstown, giving their best display of the season in premiership matches on their home ground, deserved the win but were often hard-pressed in the second half.

Below form in the first half, Austral forwards developed many fine attacking movements in the second half and with a little luck would have gained the equaliser.

The result was a good one for Adamstown, who are in the middle of the points table after a poor start in the premiership.

Austral, in third place at the start of this week's series, still have a postponed match to play.

Under pressure

Backs and forwards combining smoothly, Adamstown almost monopolised attack through the first half.

Austral's defence was under constant pressure, with Ken Whitmore, Ron Giles and Curran showing plenty of dash in the Adamstown front line.

Adamstown strengthened their fire-power by moving Curran out of the defence to inside right.

John Clinton, recently promoted from Adamstown under-21 side, played left-half.

The break came for Adamstown in the 35th minute of play when Australs were penalised for an illegal tackle.

Ten yards in from the left side line and 35 yards

out, Curran beat keeper Joe Lanzoni, the ball shooting into the net off the top right corner of the bar.

Austral were unlucky not to get the equaliser five minutes after the re-start.

Ray Lloyd caught Jim Dorman going the wrong way for a 30-yard left footer but the ball rebounded off the right goal post.

Austral forwards were moving better than in the first half, but Adamstown's superiority was still clear-cut.

Adamstown had another escape when a lofted cross from Graham Cummings slipped out of Dorman's hands a few yards out from goal, but the keeper regained possession with Charlie Govan fighting for the ball.

NORTHERN NSW PREMIERSHIP—First grade: Adamstown 1 (C. Curran) beat Newcastle Austral 0 Wallsend 2 (B. Morrow A. Howe) beat Cessnock 1 (A. Oswald). Reserve grade: Adamstown 2 Newcastle Austral 2 Wallsend 2 drew with Cessnock 2. Under 21: Adamstown 1 Newcastle Austral 0 Wallsend 4 Cessnock 2. Under 16: Adamstown 2 Newcastle Austral 0 Wallsend 3 Cessnock 2.

Today's fixtures: Lake Macquarie v Hamilton Azzurri at Adamstown Belmont-Swansea v West Wallsend at Blacksmiths New Lambton v Weston at New Lambton Cardiff v Toronto-Awaba at Cardiff.

NORTHERN SOCCER

Rep. squad down to nineteen

• By Gunner

The Northern NSW Soccer selectors have reduced their representative squad to 19 players, following yesterday's trial at Adamstown Oval.

The squad may be changed or added to, depending on players form in the next two weeks, when a final selection will be made for the match against the English FA team on June 2.

The squad, to start training next Monday at 7 p.m. at Crystal Palace is: Forrester (Wallsend), Johnson, Sneddon (Weston), Davies (Belmont), Govan, Giles, Stone (Adamstown), Piggott, Finch (Toronto), Brough, Dewhurst (New Lambton), Whitehead, Duma (Maitland), Gleason, Bendeovski, Norgard (Azzurri), Evans, O'Hearne, Butler (Austral).

The brilliance of Brian Whitehead and Ron Giles provided the difference between the two trial teams yesterday.

Playing for the Possibles, Giles and Whitehead took a little time to adjust to each other's play, but when they "clicked" they posed many problems for the Probables' right defence.

Whitehead scored two goals and Giles one in the Possibles' 4-1 win. Possibles led 4-0 at half-time.

TWO UNLUCKY ONES

Wayne Brough notched the other Possibles' goal, with Bogden Duma scoring the only goal in the second half for the Probables.

Of the players originally chosen, Adamstown's John Clinton and Weston's Stuart Kamasz seem the most unfortunate to have missed out.

Clinton came on in the second half for the Possibles and was impressive with his cool defence and thoughtful clearances.

Kamasz, playing for the Probables, was hampered by the close marking of defenders with the result that he never got into full stride.

His form, however, will be closely watched in club games.

Keeness to get into the final Northern squad had the opposite effect on Weston's Ken Wordon.

Playing with a fractured rib and against medical advice, Wordon, understandably, did not have a happy game.



● **TUSSLE** for possession in the Soccer at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, shows Alan Judd (Swansea-Belmont), at left, and Steven Dunne (Azzurri) converging on the ball. Swansea-Belmont won 1-0.

SOCCER

Adamstown, Wallsend new joint leaders

The Northern Soccer premiership points table underwent major changes following results in the seventh series at the weekend.

Adamstown and Wallsend emerged as equal leaders with wins over Toronto-Awaba and Maitland.

Adamstown, 3-0 winner over Toronto-Awaba at Adamstown Oval yesterday, heads Wallsend on averages by 1.8 goals.

Wallsend beat former premiership leader, Maitland 3-1 yesterday in a thrilling match at Maitland Showground.

Maitland are now in third place, one point behind Adamstown and Wallsend.

Toronto - Awaba's loss dropped them from fourth to sixth position, behind Newcastle Austral and Weston on goal averages.

Belmont-Swansea had a handy, but rather lucky, 1-0 win over Hamilton Azzurri on Saturday to lift themselves from the bottom of the table.

Belmont are now two points ahead of West Wallsend who went down 4-2 to Weston at Johnson Park. Cardiff and Lake Mac-

quarie's nil-nil draw on Saturday leaves them in much the same position as before, although Cardiff now leads Cessnock City on goal averages.

Cessnock were beaten 1-0 by Newcastle Austral yesterday.

Points table in goal average order is: Adamstown, Wallsend 10, Maitland 9, Newcastle Austral, Weston, Toronto-Awaba 8, Hamilton Azzurri 7, Cardiff, Cessnock City 6, Lake Macquarie 5, Belmont-Swansea 4, West Wallsend 2.

Run by Toronto halted

Adamstown moved close to the top of the northern South Wales Soccer premiership table with a 4-0 win over Toronto-Awaba at Adamstown yesterday.

The defeat halted a run of success by Toronto who had won five of their last six matches.

Three goals by Adamstown's centre-forward Ken Whitmore brought his tally to 17 in six successive games.

Whitmore's scoring spree has helped Adamstown to move from close to the bottom of the table to near the lead within six weeks.

Captain-coach Ron Giles was Adamstown's other scorer.

His head heavily bandaged because of a deep cut over the right eye, Giles played a big part in Adamstown's success.

Giles was off the field for five minutes early in the play as a result of a clash for which Toronto insider Alan Piggot was penalised.

Whitmore's first goal came while Giles was on the sideline.

From a free-kick taken by Col Curran at the left of the Toronto penalty area, Whitmore placed a header past goalie Steve Goodbun.

With seven minutes to go in the first-half, Whitmore followed a transfer from Terry Dobson, drew Goodbun and passed him with a 15-yard ground-shot.

Adamstown added two goals within eight minutes of the resumption, Whitmore completing his hat-trick and Giles driving in a finely angled shot following a corner-kick taken by Curran.

Adamstown's margin would have been greater but for some wild shooting in the second-half.

Despite the unflattering result Toronto deserved a better fate.

In the first-half played all over town, but was lucky in finding Dorman in goal.

Dorman made magnificent saves in both halves and his defences were well-judged effective.

One of town's best young left-halfers, Clinton, whose playing was cool and efficient.

The whole town forward formed well.

The defence played smoothly, especially the second-half.

Toronto threw Piggot, Geoff Sharp and Giles into the fray.

At Edden Park competition Hamilton were hard-pressed to defeat New Lamb 2-1.

A goal by Terry had New Lamb leading 1-0 at half-time.

Peter Irving's equaliser came five minutes after the start and Gary Norrish sealed the win 15 minutes later.



THE FOUR are playing football, not practising for a ballet! An incident during the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation First Division premiership match at Adamstown yesterday, with Adamstown winning by five goals to nil.

By "THE ONLOOKER"

Adamstown, Toronto-Awaba and Maitland have won their two matches in the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation First Division premiership, while Wallsend, with a draw and a win, is also undefeated.

Adamstown is in top place on the points score table, since it has scored 10 goals and has not conceded any.

It defeated Cessnock City, five goals to nil, in the first series and had a similar margin of success against Lake Macquarie in the second series yesterday.

Yet to win

Lake Macquarie, Cessnock City and Belmont-Swansea have yet to win a match.

Cessnock City and Belmont-Swansea have not scored a goal.

Maitland, promoted after winning the Second Division last season, is doing even better than had been anticipated.

It began the competition with a 2-nil win against the strong Hamilton Azzurri XI, and yesterday defeated West Wallsend, 4-1, on the West Wallsend ground, from which few teams leave with winning points.

In the first series West Wallsend defeated Cardiff at Cardiff, 4-3, and yesterday Cardiff went to Weston and



BRUCE MORROW

won 2-1. This was one of the day's surprises since, a week earlier, Weston had held Wallsend to a 2-all draw at the Crystal Palace ground, Wallsend.

Weston was not at full strength yesterday but its officials did not make the loss of one top player and the absence of two key players an excuse for the loss, stating that Cardiff played well enough to deserve its success.

Weston lost John Bond halfway through a hard match with a leg injury,

while Stuart and Stefan Kamasz were not available for the match. The absence of the three made a big difference to the side's mobility.

Toronto-Awaba, which did well last season, is already in top form this year. It followed its 2-1 win against Lake Macquarie with a convincing display at Toronto yesterday, defeating Newcastle Austral, three goals to one—a margin sufficiently big to leave no doubt as to its superiority. While it holds such form Toronto-Awaba will be hard to topple.

Hamilton Azzurri was on top for most of its match against Cessnock City at Wallsend. It needed to be since Cessnock City played with much more purpose and vigour than it did a week earlier when it lost heavily to Adamstown.

Azzurri won 2-nil and while Cessnock City made some great efforts to break through the opposing defence Azzurri always seemed to have the game safe in its keeping.

Bruce Morrow scored

twice for Wallsend when it defeated Belmont-Swansea 4-nil. Morrow, an ever-green, who has been playing top-class football for many seasons, was again one of the most spectacular players on the ground and a constant danger to the Belmont-Swansea rearguard.

THREE TOP TEAMS
TOP SOCCER