



● MAITLAND goalie, Steve Griffiths goes high to save a shot from an Adamstown player in Sunday's competition play.

Goalie Griffiths in number one spot

By "Spot Kick"

Exuberant Maitland goalkeeper, Steve Griffiths, has gained number one spot in the Northern NSW First Eleven to meet the Australian World Cup team at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, tomorrow night.

Griffiths takes over from the experienced Forbes Wood, of Weston, and thus repeats a similar situation when the two players were competing for a first team position when both played with Maitland six years ago.

In a fine sporting gesture last night, after the training session at Wallsend, Wood could be seen giving the younger player technical advice on goalkeeping, and no doubt methods of overcoming pre-match jitters which often affect players new to the representative scene.

Griffiths, who has often inspired Maitland in their struggle to retain first division status this season, was in a nervous state when the Northern NSW team was announced.

After settling down, the comparatively small goalkeeper immediately conjured up the problems associated with his forthcoming challenge from the 6ft 3in, Max Tolson, a player of the more rugged variety.

Newcastle First team is— S. Griffiths (Maitland), R.

ham (Lake Macquarie), B. Tracey (Wallsend), J. Quinton (Adamstown), T. Snedden (Weston), P. Irving (Weston), P. Queenan (Adamstown), B. Duma (Weston), G. Finch (Toronto/Awaba), K. Worden (Weston).

Replacements are R. Kaiser (West Wallsend), D. Evans (Newcastle Austral), A. Cooper (Weston).

The selectors have stuck mainly to the players who did so well to defeat Hitachi (Japan) earlier this season, apart from midfield, where Bruce Tracey takes over from his Wallsend team mate, John Parkes.

John Clinton, of Adamstown, who played in part of that match has taken over from John Snedden (West Wallsend), who was out of selection reckoning through injury.

The second side to clash with the other section of the World Cup pool of players is:

F. Wood (Weston), W. Wyniarczk (Azzurri), W. Halverson (Weston), I.

ertonson (Cardiff), A. Russell (Wallsend), W. Leary (Lake Macquarie), G. Cpmnings (Austral), G. Bull (Lake Macquarie), S. Werrin (Toronto/Awaba), P. Robertson (Cessnock).

Replacements are D. Butler (Azzurri), I. Stone (Azzurri) and J. Hogg (Cessnock).

The referees for these fixtures will be Mr W. Jones, in the main match, while Mr W. Turner will officiate in the early games.

Kick-off time is 5.30 pm and the Wallsend gates will be open at 4.15 pm.

TWO GOAL Squad

By "Spot Kick"
Steve Griffiths and Forbes Wood have been named as goalkeepers in the Northern NSW squad to train for the forthcoming clash against

the Australian World Cup side at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, on Wednesday, July 25.

ALKEEPERS for big game

Wood, of Weston, has been the North's regular goalkeeper for some time, although his form this season has slackened.

To some extent this can be attributed to the fact that he has the leading defence in the first division in front of him and in many games this season he has had to play a passive role.

On the other hand his rival for the North team spot, Steve Griffiths, of Maitland, has been one of the most overworked goalies in the competition.

The Northern NSW selectors have named the following squad of 16:

Goalkeepers: Forbes Wood (Weston), Steve Griffiths (Maitland).

Defenders: Roy Johnson (Weston), Tom Snedden (Weston), John Clinton (Adamstown), John Wellham (Lake Macquarie), Darrell Evans (Newcastle Austral).

Midfield: Bruce Tracey (Wallsend), Dennis Wright (Adamstown), John Parkes (Wallsend).

Forwards: Paul Queenan (Adamstown), Graham Bull (Lake Macquarie), Steve Werrin (Toronto-Awaba), Peter Irving (Weston), Bogden Duma (Weston), Ken Worden (Weston).

In a trial at Wallsend last night, the regular North team beat a local select by five goals to one.

The under 16 squad to represent Northern NSW in the Australian Youth Championship was also named.

The squad of 15 is: J. Senkalski (Jesmond), J. Turnbull (Weston), S.



● Forbes Wood

Allen (Cessnock), D. masz (Weston), D. I. (Adamstown), J. B. (Lake Macquarie), W. Anderson (Lamb S. Gazzard (Mayfield), Ure (Adamstown), P. (Hamilton Azzurri), J. burn (Lake Macquarie), Schuck (Adamstown), Harrison (Mayfield), Adamthwaite (New I ton), G. Payne (Westo

WESTON 63 GOALS

Weston Bears have the lead in the Craven first division goal-scoring competition.

The team has scored goals so far, six more than Toronto-Awaba.

First prize in the competition is \$200, with \$100 going to the runner-up.

The player who has scored the most goals in the competition will receive a trophy from Craven Filter.

The player who has scored the most goals in any one competition match will receive \$25.

Steve Werrin, of Toronto-Awaba, has scored the most goals so far this season and will lead the individual di

TOP DEFENDER MISSED HIS MARK



AUSTRALIAN World Soccer Cup forward, Attila Abonyi, with the ball, outwits John Clinton, of Adamstown, one of the Northern NSW team's top defenders, in the main representative fixture at the Crystal Palace Ground at Wallsend last night. This move was one of the many free flowing attacks launched by the national team which won by five goals to nil.

Baartz, Curran in Australia soccer squad

By NEIL JAMESON

Former Adamstown players, Ray Baartz and Col Curran, were last night named in a squad from which a team to play Iran in a

ered the fourth goal and blocked many scoring against an outstanding defence well marshalled by Griffiths to nod the ball Ernie Campbell scored a Peter Wilson. solo goal for Australia when A courageous display by he broke through near the replacement goalkeeper David Butler was the outstanding feature of a very and beat the goalkeeper entertaining match between with a side-footed shot. the two B sides. Northern NSW had very few chances of scoring

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Top soccer players

By NEIL JAMESON

on trial

Australia's best 29 soccer players will be in Newcastle tomorrow night to play Northern NSW representative teams at Crystal Palace Ground, Wallsend.

The Northern teams have two national sides is no the advantage of knowing known as yet. Rasic will be who the Australian stars are taking a close look at 32- but Rasic knows very little year-old defender John Wat- about the Newcastle players. kiss, who has not played in the current World Cup series.

The composition of the series.

National coach and sole selector, Rale Rasic is class- Many Newcastle support- ers who remember Curran's ing the two matches as the shooting and attacking abil- squad's last full trial before ity will feel that he is wast- he chooses the 18 for the ed in a defensive role. But World Cup match against the trend to use a fullback Iran on August 18. as an overlapping winger should enable him to move into attack when the time suits.

This means that the national players will be trying to show their best form in order to impress Rasic.

For most of the Northern players it means that they will be meeting some of the best footballers in their careers.

Northern followers will be interested in the form of national striker Ray Baartz and fullback Col Curran.

Northern aim

Both men were Adams-town first graders before moving to Sydney and gaining representative selection. Rasic rates Baartz as a world class striker and the Hakoah star is sure to relish his return to the Crystal Palace pitch.

Curran plays with Western Suburbs club in Sydney but played with the Adams-town side last year after returning from Marconi, another Sydney team.

While the 29 are vying for selection in the final 18, the Northern players will be striving to improve the reputation of Newcastle soccer by making the national stars' task as hard as possible. A mixture of youth and experience could be the right ingredient for Northern NSW to provide Rasic with a few surprises.

Soccer squad named

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When Forbes Wood was injured early in the match, Butler was called on. He did a magnificent job against some of the best forwards in Australia, all striving for selection.

Australia scored in the fifth minute of the match when Branko Buljevic blasted a powerful drive that hit a Northern defender before landing in the net.

The Northern side, mainly of teenagers, went straight back into attack and Graham Bull almost scored.

Sixteen-year-old Cessnock winger Paul Robertson amazed the Australian team with his speed. After 17 minutes he collected a pass from Bull and sped downfield. He ran the ball to the corner flag and squared it to Bull, who evaded a defender and headed goalwards. Bull lost possession but the ball shot straight to Steve Werrin, who first timed his shot from 15 yards into the net.

The score remained at 1-1 all at halftime but the national team applied more pressure in the second half and scored two more goals. Andy Robertson, the pick of a tireless Newcastle defence, had the misfortune to concede a penalty midway through the half and Joe Alagich scored from the spot.

A minute later Terry Butler broke through to score with an extremely powerful drive.

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Bears' form opens up race

A lapse in form by premiers Weston Bears has caused great interest in the final six series of the Northern NSW soccer premiership.

Undeclared until a month ago, Weston Bears were headed for the minor premiership with an unblemished record.

But defeat at the hands of lowly-placed Hamilton Azzurri was enough to bring about their downfall in the following match against Lake Macquarie last Saturday.

The final few weeks will now be packed with interest for the semi-final race and the minor title with Adamstown Rosebuds, Toronto Awaba, Lake Macquarie and Cessnock the main contenders.

Weston hold a three-point advantage over Adamstown on the points table. They have scored 14 wins, played three draws and been beaten twice this year with Adamstown winning 13 matches. Both teams have important matches today in the 20th round of the premiership.

No chances

Rosebuds will need a clear cut win against West Wallsend at Johnson Park to stay in line for the title while Weston face a determined Cessnock side at Weston.

Cessnock must win to stay in touch with the top four teams. They are two points behind Lake Macquarie and Toronto Awaba.

Adamstown will be at full strength and will be

taking no chances against West Wallsend.

John Clinton and Paul Queenan who represent the North against the World Cup squad Wednesday night are and will give "the Tow" that needed drive for big victory.

Weston could be without goalkeeper Forbes Wood who was injured in the Northern Seconds match against the Australian squad.

Woods had to have stitches in a head wound after the match and is a doubtful starter.

Cessnock however will be at full strength and will not take any notice of the home field advantage to Weston.

Toronto Awaba and Lake Macquarie both appear to have good draws today.

In a match with bearing on semi-final positions yesterday Mayfield Park Belmont Swansea defeated Mayfield 4-0.

Norm Scott doubled to replace Wayne Brown for Belmont-Swansea and scored two goals. He scored the first in the 38th minute for the goal of the first half. Goals by Don Harrison defender who ran the length of the field score, Ossie Bellamy and Scott in the second half sealed the match for Belmont.

TOP SOCCER PLACES RETAINED

The tussle for places in the Northern NSW Soccer Federation premierships semi-final was no nearer solution after yesterday's matches since the top teams recorded wins.

Competition leader Weston Bears, with 33 points, had to withstand a late determined attack by Cessnock City to win, 2-1, at Weston Park.

Adamstown Rosebuds, three points behind the Bears, scored two goals in the first five minutes to establish their 2-1 win against West Wallsend at Johnson Park, West Wallsend.

The equal third teams, on 28 points, Toronto-Awaba and Lake Macquarie, had convincing wins against Maitland and Cardiff respectively.

Regular Weston striker Jim Sloan resumed with the first division team yesterday after injury and was the

player virtually responsible for Weston's first goal. He weaved through the Cessnock defence in the 10th minute of play but was brought down in an illegal tackle by John Hogg in the penalty area.

Bogden Duma made no mistake from the penalty spot to open Weston's account.

Lead-up work by winger Alan Cooper and Duma in the 75th minute resulted in Weston's second goal when Sloan slipped through to net Duma's pass.

Cessnock charged back and a powerful drive by Mike Southworth from the 18-yard line found the Weston goal.

This goal was the only blemish in play by Jim Goldsmith, who stood in for Forbes Wood in the Weston goal. Wood was injured in the match against the Australian Second XI on Wednesday night.

Sloan, Tom Sneddon, Warren Halverson and Roy Johnson played well for Weston while Robert Versey, Harry Stewart, Southworth and Paul Robertson gave sterling displays for Cessnock.

Adamstown's opening attack caught the West Walls-

end defence immobilised and their forwards Warwick Alexander and Doug Johns scored goals in the third and fifth minutes.

Robert Kaiser, the Westy keeper moved out to intercept an attempted cross ball by Alexander, but the ball slewed off Alexander's boot into the net. Johns made no mistake with his shot which came after a quick pass through from a free kick just outside the penalty area.

West Wallsend settled down and contained the Adamstown attack for the remainder of play but their forwards could not breach the Adamstown defence.

Defence errors

Toronto - Awaba overcame a 0-1 half-time deficit to beat Maitland 4-1 at Toronto Oval in an action-packed second half.

Toronto took advantage of two defensive errors by Maitland defender, Steve Toth, which resulted in two own goals.

Maitland lost some cohesion after this set-back and Toronto stormed in with goals by Kevin Lagerstrom and Steve Werrin to put the issue beyond doubt.

Graham Bull scored a hat-trick in Lake Macquarie's 4-2 win against Cardiff at Cardiff Oval.

Lake Macquarie dominated play in the first half to lead 2-nil at half-time but Cardiff swept into attack early in the second half to level the scores in five minutes of the first half.

Cardiff continued to have the better of play for the next 20 minutes without adding to their score but two glaring defensive errors allowed Bull through for another two goals for Lake Macquarie.

Wallsend scored a well deserved 4-2 win against Hamilton - Azzurri in an entertaining match at Whitebridge Oval.

Gary Semetka played a big part in each goal scored by Wallsend and helped Bruce Tracey to dominate the midfield play.

Newcastle Austral moved into 12th position with a solid 3-2 win against Newcastle Lambton at Austral Park.

The 4-nil win by Belmont Swansea against Mayfield United at Mayfield Park on Saturday moved Belmont into eighth place and put Mayfield back into 13th position.



BRUCE TRACEY



AS TOUGH AS IT LOOKS

"This'll make you whistle" said Adamstown Rosebuds' Soccer Club coach, Joe Lanzoni, to some of his players when he had them doing this strenuous stretching exercise at training last night. But the players declared, after the workout, that it had them gasping rather than whistling. They were having a final training session before the Weston Bears in a first division major semi-final at Austral Park on Sunday.

SUNDAY THEIR BIG DAY



• A BIG DAY is at hand for the Adamstown soccer team—they play Weston Bears in the major semi-final at Austral Park on Sunday and coach Joe Lanzoni (left) had a few well chosen words to say last night to his players before they rounded off their training.

The players are standing, (from left), Peter Dewhurst, John Clinton, Col Peattie, Geoff Williams, Warwick Alexander, Dick Bullen.

Kneeling, (from left), Terry Dobson, Paul Queenan, Joe Senkalski.

Doug Johns is the bugbear

By Spot Kick''

Experienced Adamstown forward, Doug Johns, is the player Weston fear most in the eagerly awaited major semi-final clash at Austral Park on Sunday in the Northern NSW major soccer semi-final.

Weston carried off the major title for the third year running, but have still to beat the clever Adamstown Rosebuds this season.

Johns played a vital part when the teams met early in the year at Adamstown.

He led a spirited revival and scored two goals in an exciting 2-all draw.

A few weeks ago at Weston Park he was again on the target with another brace of goals when Adamstown stunned the league leaders.

scoring department, apart from a hat-trick at Toronto three weeks ago.

It was left to wily winger, Ken Worden, to restore Weston's confidence last week with three goals over Cardiff.

Two seasons ago, talented right back Roy Johnson was classed as the only successful exponent of fullback overlapping play in the North.

His successful skirting runs down the wing often had opposing defences in a

state of bewilderment.

It took a lot of imagination to see Adamstown's heavily-built Colin Peattie in a similar role, yet that is what has happened this season.

Peattie and his fullback partner Geoff Williams, under the guidance of coach Joe Lanzoni, have excelled at this type of play in recent games to bring about a more exciting flavour back into the play.

ADAMSTOWN: S. Good-bun, G. Williams, C. Peat-

tie, R. Bullen, J. Clinton, P. Dewhurst, J. Senkalski, T. Dobson, P. Queenan, D. Johns, W. Alexander.

WESTON: F. Wood, R. Johnson, W. Halverson, T. Snedden, S. Kamasz, K. McLerie, R. Lloyd, A. Cooper, B. Duma, P. Irving, K. Worden.

In the second grade major semi final Adamstown will meet Lake Macquarie. In the third grade Hamilton Azzurri will be challenged by Toronto Awaba United.

IRVING LIKES IT TENSE

But while Adamstown

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playes Appeal Board today finished hearing evidence in an appeal by a former State Dockyard foreman, Bruno Koch, 52, of Warners Bay, against his dismissal. The board reserved its decision.

Full story and form are in the racing supplement.

BEARS SEEK THREE IN ROW

Rosebuds will make soccer task tough

By STEWART ROACH

Weston Bears start their campaign for their hat-trick of premierships in the Northern NSW Soccer Federation competition when they meet Adamstown Rosebuds in the major semi-final at Austral Park on Sunday.

However, they will find Adamstown a tough opponent — and Adamstown has an edge, since Weston has not defeated it this season.



BOGDEN DUMA

lid workout after Lanini's tactics talk.

The "sudden-death" play-tomorrow should be a ten tussle with Toronto-



IT'S not all beer and skittles being a top class footballer — no matter the code. There's the tussle to get to the top and, once there, the battle to stay on top. Fitness is the keyword. That is why Col Curran, held by many to be Australia's top soccer player, and a member of the side to play in the World Soccer Cup series against South Korea, trains as often — and as strenuously — as he does. A member of a Sydney club and living at Wallsend, Curran trains with Adamstown, the team with which he played before his transfer. He did not let up during a tough session last night, but seems to be enjoying his work.

Coach will be at loss for excuse

By STEWART ROACH

"If Adamstown cannot win the grand final we will not have any excuses," coach Joe Lanzoni said last night after his players had put in a full two-hour training session.

Weston coach Ray Lloyd will give his players their final run tonight at Weston. Some of the Weston players may watch Adamstown train tomorrow.

"We are all fit and quietly confident of victory," Lloyd said yesterday.

"I think we will go into the match as the underdogs but that will be to our advantage I think," the Weston coach said.

Adamstown have won two and drawn the third match played against Weston this season.

Adamstown Rosebuds and Weston Bears meet in the Northern NSW soccer grand final at the Crystal Palace ground, Wallsend, on Sunday in what should be the toughest match of the season.

"I'm not underestimating Weston, but my boys are as fit and keen as they could possibly be,

Both teams are in top condition with Weston rounding off training tonight and Adamstown finishing their preparation with a run at Wallsend tomorrow afternoon.

"The boys trained well and are very sharp," said Lanzoni.

"They were at their best for the semi-final when they beat Weston 2-1. Since then I have given them an easy time before sharpening them up again this week for the decider," Lanzoni said.

"I think the teams are evenly matched and the bounce of the ball will decide the winner."

Lanzoni has arranged for the final training run on Wallsend's Crystal Palace ground tomorrow as his final preparation.



ADAMSTOWN Rosebuds fullback, Jim Bullen w
away a ball at training this week. Hi

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Many champions from the clubs

Weston have produced more than their fair share of champions over the years.

Two of the best known interstate games are Jimmy McNabb and Jim "Skeeta" Wilkinson. "Skeeta" Wilkinson played for Australia 16 times. He also played in 15

McNabb first represented NSW as a full back, then suffered a knee injury which forced him to become a goalkeeper.

Weston is probably the only club in Australia to have had two captains leading State teams on the same day.

One was "Poker" Cremona who led a NSW team against Queensland in Brisbane in 1923 while Jack Avis was leading NSW No 2 team against China at the Sydney Showground.

FAMED

Adamstown have long been famed for the number of top class players they have produced.

One of the oldest clubs in the north, they have kept the soccer code almost complete domination in football in their area.

The players they have produced reads something like a "Who's Who" of soccer.

Billy Morgan, Alf Cameron and Gordon McCaster are but three of the dozens of players who have won rep spots over the years.

And more recently Cameron Curran and Ray Baan have carried the green and gold of Australia.

Follow Adamstown to victory

1st division and reserve grade grand finalists.

Win, lose or draw, they will be there in '74

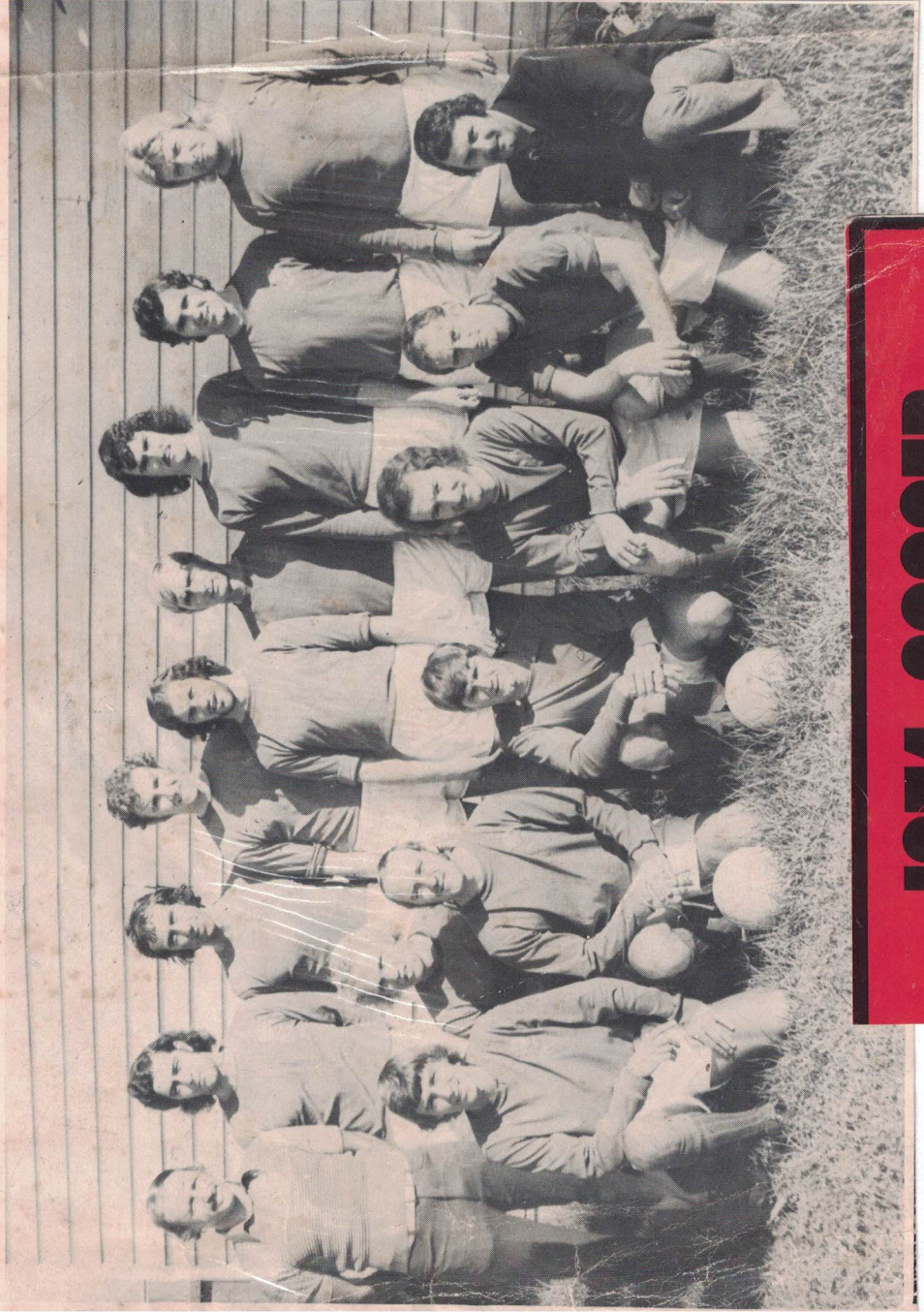
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G. Bull, G. Williams, R. Bullen.

FRONT ROW

J. Senkalski, G. Hades, P. Dewhurst, S. Goodbun, D. Wright, D. Johns,

R. Morgan [Vice President].

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