



# They say



## BURNT BRIDGE SCHOOL FOOTBALLERS WERE NIPPY IN THRILLING MATCH AT COFF'S CARNIVAL

Burnt Bridge school footballers, unbeaten school team in last year's 5 st. 7 lb. division of school football, groups 2 and 3, have been followed in 1957 with another list of successes by the school.

Recently, at the P.S.A.A. School Athletic Carnival, the little athletes from Burnt Bridge won six cups.

The next day they boarded Cavanagh's bus for Coff's Harbour to take part in the carnival at that centre.

Success came their way in two divisions, in both being declared joint winners.

It was in the Primary Schools' open they met their great task, for weight was against them, and tiny frames required skill to overcome the disadvantage.

"Gee, Mr. Crawford," said one 4 st. 10 lb. youngster, "look at those big fellows. We're scared, one of those chaps has pads on his shoulders."

Coffs were over for a try before the small chaps had settled in to realise they could outrun the bigger boys.

The spirit of the school lived, and in spite of handicaps of size and weight, football ability was showing the way.

Little chaps bounced off big chaps and took the game to their opponents. Fear had given way to the thrill of the game and the will to win.

From a free kick, slim Barry Binge surprised the big fellows and over the bar flew a beautiful field goal.

Enthusiasm was high, they were taking all that weight and physical strength could put against them, and though the going was tough the football was grand.

Burnt Bridge midgets tricked them again, and they were through, by reversing the previous style they had played. Barry Binge was the scorer.

At 5 to 3 in favour of Burnt Bridge, hero worship crept to explosion point on the lines.

Spectators were crowding in and excitement was tense. A spectator sought to buttress the midgets and, in a flash, it is stated, a blow was struck.

### The Team

Martin Cochrane (c.).  
Ted Buchanan.  
Frank Riley.  
David Quinlan.  
Barry Binge.  
Robert Campbell.  
Howard Smith.  
George Ritchie.  
Ken Carter.  
Mervyn Ritchie.  
Dallas Thompson.  
Paul Silva.  
Cliff Nixon.

Mr. J. Crawford coaching the lads.

The referee stopped the game, with Burnt Bridge leading 5 to 3, not long to go, and playing like demons.

Happy, yes, happy that on the day the little footballers from Burnt Bridge beat weight, strength, and pads and kept intact a tradition that speed and thinking—plus co-ordination—will win against weight and strength.



The happy young lady with the lovely smile is Adelaide Wenberg.