



# Dubbo Boys Fiddled as Manager Burned

The mostly-Aboriginal North Dubbo under 10-years boys' soccer team was new to the sport this season, but made quite an impact on the district's sporting community.

Early in the season the boys did not always know where to play, and were confused by the names of the various ovals. To make sure they would not be late for the first game of the season, at the new soccer oval, they arrived by themselves at 9 a.m.

Their match was due to start at 1 p.m., so they thought they would kill the hours pleasantly by exploring the nearby river. Time flew for the boys in the wondrous world of water, and by 1 p.m. on the referee's watch, they had not arrived.

Mr J. Keizer, team manager (and trainer early in the season) looked desperately over the soccer ground but saw only the green of his team's opponents. Where were his boys?

Mr Keizer could not stay long because the under 12-years team had a match at another oval at 1.15 p.m. Mr Keizer left the oval disappointed that his under-tens had not turned up.

How wrong he was! A few minutes after he left, the little fellows returned from the river—sensing that the game was due to begin. They

presented themselves to Referee Hurley, and played with a will to win.

They didn't win that day, but they put up a great show. The eight-boy team played a draw against the eleven boys of South Dubbo school team.

Since that first game, the North Dubbo under 10-years team has lost a few games, had a few more draws, and a good number of wins. Towards the end of the season the boys were well up in the competition.

Mr Keizer wrote to *Dawn* and said that the boys train on Saturday mornings under the capable leadership of Mr Percy Darcy. Some of the boys, who take their training seriously and never miss practice, have shown outstanding form; among them are Harold Fuller, John Lake, and the Nixon Brothers.

North Dubbo's under 12-years team had more difficulties than the younger boys. They had more losses than wins because they played against teams with years of experience. Mr Keizer said that the team had settled down and results were improving. Outstanding players in the team are Geoffrey and Wayne Toomey.