

Band News -- continued:

and now the time had come for him to return to Thursday Island he felt he did not want to go. His one regret was that he could not have remained long enough to get the band further advanced with its playing.

A large crowd gathered at the beach on Monday morning to bid farewell to Albie and his family as they left for Townsville to join the "Elsanna" for T.I.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Football seems to have fallen into the 'doldrums' as no matches have been played for several weeks. Players may have had some excuse while they were being immersed, but as this is now over, it is expected that they will resume their fixtures once more.

It is the unpreparedness for the unexpected invitation to take a team to the mainland that requires so much concentrated training to bring players up to a fit condition to represent their Settlement when the occasion arise.

If players wish to maintain the high esteem with which they are held by mainland clubs, it is up to them to do a little better than they are doing at present, otherwise they may lose their opportunity of playing on the mainland.

With the short days during winter, it is imperative that matches begin when scheduled so that play can finish before it gets too dull or too cool in the evenings.

A general meeting of all players was held last night. A report of this meeting and its decisions will be in our next issue.
