

ATHENIANS *and* **RED INVINCIBLES**

THE ORIGINS OF QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL

by Murray Bird



*Murray Bird's **Athenians and Red Invincibles** tells the story of the beginnings of football in the north of Australia in 1866. It was a time when Queenslanders played by the Rules – the Australian Rules. After a bitter football war in Brisbane, Queenslanders' choice of codes was set for the next 130 years...*

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