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Queensland coach B. Stowell's efforts with the Australian U/16 squad have been recognised with FIFA ranking the Joeys as No. 2 in the world.

On the FIFA "permanent table", compiled after the Second World U/16 championship in Canada in July last year, Australia is ranked only behind Nigeria and ahead of world soccer powers including the Soviet Union (3rd), Brazil (4th), Italy (5th) and West Germany (8th). Stowell was one of the coaches which guided the Australian team to the quarter-finals, both at the inaugural tournament in China in 1985 and again in Canada last year. Yet sadly, his efforts were overlooked when the Australian Soccer Federation came to appointing the coach to organise Australia's bid to qualify for the next finals, in Scotland next year.

The latest world rankings at U/16 level are contained in FIFA's 92-page technical report compiled by representatives of the FIFA technical committee who watched every game in Canada. And the Joeys are given high praise after the game effort to win one of the toughest groups to advance to the quarter-finals, where they were eliminated just 1-0 by eventual finalists, and now world No. 1's, Nigeria.

On their performance in winning the group, FIFA's Rene Hussy, from Switzerland, wrote: "The most impressive part of the Australians' game was their fighting spirit, their success in duels, their outstanding physical condition, their coverage of space and perfect team co-ordination. Seen from this angle, Australia was a worthy group winner even though other teams had better technical abilities."

The world top 10 at U/16 level:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1 Nigeria	12	7	4	1	17	7	18
2 Australia	8	5	1	2	7	6	11
3 USSR	6	4	2	0	21	7	10
4 Brazil	9	4	2	3	13	9	10
5 Italy	9	4	1	4	11	8	9
6 Ivory Coast	6	4	1	1	9	7	9
7 Saudi Arabia	7	3	2	2	10	5	8
8 Germany FR	6	3	1	2	13	10	7
9 Guinea	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
10 Mexico	6	2	2	2	6	12	6



• STOWELL



• BRUSASCO

But Hussy saved his most complimentary assessments of the Joeys for his report on their quarter-final loss. He wrote: "Australia were admirable losers. Their sense of discipline, fair play and fighting spirit were a joy to watch. They had managed to hold the opponents at bay for the first part of the game but in the second half they paid dearly for their exhausting type of play. Their energy was drained. But the team undoubtedly enriched the tournament and no-one would deny Australia a welcome to the next U/16 Tournament."

Those comments are as much a tribute to the professionalism and ability of Stowell as much as anyone else.

Queensland Soccer Federation President, Ian Brusasco, who toured with the Joeys both to China and Canada as the ASF's representative, told Go Soccer this week it made him very proud to read the FIFA report, which is printed in three languages and sent worldwide.

"This is not a case of us blowing our own trumpet. These comments have been written by a person selected by FIFA as among the best in the world in judging the technical merit of a gootballing side. And I think Australian soccer as a whole can be very proud of his remarks, and Bruce Stowell can be very proud of his involvement," Brusasco said.

Interestingly, the FIFA report shows a total attendance for the tournament of 115,500 for an average match attendance of 5775, an excellent figure for an U/16 event.

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NEWS REPORT

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The report shows the tournament produced 82 goals, of which 78% were from the run of play, 4.9% from corner kicks, 6.1% from indirect freekicks, 6.1% from direct freekicks and 4.9% from penalties. Forwards scored 65.9% of goals, midfielders 24.4% and defenders 9.7%.

Of the 86 QSF matches set down for last weekend, 47 beat the wet weather while 39 were postponed. Those clubs in Division Four rocketed to the top of the federation's favourites list when they managed to complete all games, including Reserve Grade fixtures. These clubs in Division Eight though proved to be the real sugar-babies. Not one game in their division was played.

Much confusion in the press box at Perry Park last weekend when one scribe turned up with a female companion different to the one he had in tow the previous three times, yet declared that this one was the "regular".

It was a much-appreciated gesture by Brisbane City president Sam Pappalardo who visited in hospital Mount Gravatt player Michael Bejelak, who fractured his skull in a freak accident while playing at Spencer Park recently.

"For head-aches and upset stomachs" said the empty bottle of Alka-Seltzer on State coach Bruce Stowell's desk this week.

It might take a while for some people to accept it, but some of the best refereeing performances this year have been turned in by Gordon Nicholson. Reports indicate Gordon has worked hard on his game and was even spotted running a Division Seven line a fortnight ago.

The match may have gone ahead but the issue may drag on a lot longer. Apparently not everyone at Perry Park agreed last Saturday night's match should have been played and one person, who knows the field better than most, reportedly is re-considering his involvement after his recommendation was over-ruled.

Rochedale players were far from impressed when they played at Spencer Park last Saturday and Sunday and had to have cold showers afterwards on both days.

POINTS TO PONDER

"Somebody has been parking in my space — and he's still there" — it wasn't Baby Bear, but a roaring Papa Bear with silver locks who turned up unexpectedly at Perry Park mid-morning last week to make the discovery. Whether the offender was getting a feel for the parking spot or was just in a hurry is not known. But if caught again he mind find himself doing QSF "porridge" rather than picking State teams!

An interesting selection by guest tipster Stephen Glockner this week (on page 15). For the match between his team Olympic United and Ipswich United, Glockner tips a DRAW!

Have some clubs still not finished their buying and selling? A prominent coach last week was seeking a contact number for a skilful Brisbane City player he believed was unsettled while a City player (not the same one) was after a contact number for a skilful Olympic player. . . .

Big-name club has done well to keep one of soccer's worst kept secrets out of the papers. They have been successful because they were honest from the outset and kept the journos fully informed.

If he's prepared to drop his asking price to a realistic figure, there could be a big announcement regarding a special appearance at the interstate game.

Don't be surprised if further action is taken regarding the Gary McDowall incident in the Socceroos' game against Israel. FIFA's disciplinary committee reportedly has asked for a copy of the video tape and McDowall could be left hoping the Socceroos have an extended run in the Olympics to enable him to get a game.

FRONT COVER: Brisbane City's Roberto Lettieri in action in the Spencer Park mud against Rochedale last Sunday. City won the match 2-0 to go five points clear at the top of the XXXX League table.

EDITORIAL

By Go Soccer Editor
GEOFF STEAD

The QSF workshop of earlier this year was a great idea and the first few meetings of the XXXX League club representatives produced a host of new ideas and sparked a new enthusiasm.

But in recent weeks, instead of that spark igniting a promotional bon-fire, it has faded to barely an ember. The efforts by most clubs to promote themselves cannot be criticised for they are all but non-existent. A lot of positive ideas were put forward by the workshop sub-committee and many clubs acted on the suggestions. But now, a month after the initial meeting, only a handful of clubs are attempting to fulfil the goals set-down in the preliminary discussions.

Take for instance, the simple task of updating the team lists in Go Soccer, or advising team managers to ensure players wear the numbers as listed, with new names taking the jersey number of the player they have replaced. If some of the clubs can do it, why can't the others?

Furthermore, there have been instances in past weeks of clubs providing incorrect information to the media. The mistakes were quite probably genuine, but at the top level, accuracy

is important. Journalists, who expect information from officials to be correct, will become reluctant to run future stories if they cannot be 100 percent certain the details are true.

XXXX League clubs also have an obligation to advise the QSF at half-time and as soon as possible after fulltime of scores and correct scorers. This is particularly important on Sunday afternoons when a delay by a club official can cost the match any recognition in the electronic media that evening. If there is doubt about the goalscorers, clubs should ring the score through immediately, then the scorers later after checking with team officials and the referees. With valuable prizes on offer for the leading scorer, any doubt over who got the final touch should be clarified.

Presentation also is important and clubs should ensure their players and officials are properly attired.

But these were all details the workshop sub-committees were expected to address.

By QSF Executive Director
ALAN VESSEY

ACROSS MY DESK

The recent wet weather has left some clubs in confusion over the fate of their matches, but the QSF's policy has remained unchanged and is quite clear.

In senior football, the only person who can postpone a game is the match referee or his nominated representative.

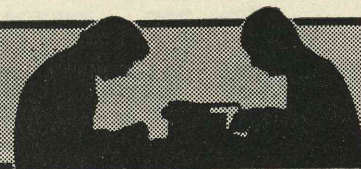
Once a decision has been made, it is then the responsibility of the club to do two things, and both should be done immediately. An official from the visiting club should be contacted and the referee's decision should be relayed to the QSF Office. It is a good policy to contact the visiting club and the QSF if the match is

off, or on. If everyone knows either way, then there can be no confusion.

There is provision in the soccer calendar to re-schedule those matches washed out last weekend and most lower division clubs that missed games should expect to play on the weekend of May 28-29, but that is not an across the board decision as many other factors must be considered. Clubs will be advised in writing of all re-scheduled matches and should pass the information onto their coaches and players immediately.

FACE TO

FACE



WITH BRISBANE CITY STRIKER, KIERAN COOPER

GO SOCCER: In recent seasons we have seen a number of Irish players come to Queensland. Apart from yourself, there has been Noel Greenhalgh, Martin Nugent, Dave Richardson, Roy Smyth and Sean Armstrong to name a few. What is the attraction and how does the XXXX League compare to the competition in which you were playing?

KIERAN COOPER: I am not sure about the northern boys, but for Martin and Noel the attraction was that I was out here first and I went back to Northern Ireland and I advertised that we were looking for someone and it was a good way to come out and see Australia and play the game here. They came out, Martin went back because he got a great offer back home and Noel seems to be settling in great. The standard in the XXXX League could be a lot better. It is definitely not as good as back in Ireland and I think everyone's game suffers as a result.

GS: A lot of your critics say you don't do enough work during a match. What do you say to those criticisms and what do you see is your role in a match?

KC: My number one role as a striker is to score. When I am working hard and not scoring, I get slated. When I am scoring and people say I am not working, they are still not happy. I think I proved a point last season, I finished leading goalscorer. I am leading goalscorer this season. I think there's nothing wrong with my workrate. I do as much work off the ball and creating a lot of spaces for other people as anyone in the league. I know I am very happy with my performances, if other people aren't happy, that's their business.

GS: There were a lot of rumours earlier this year relating to player discontent over the differing styles of former City coach Juan Cutillas and this year's coach Matt Carson. What do you see are the main differences and how do you think they have affected the team?

KC: If Kenny Dalglish had taken over it would have been different, it would have been a completely different ball game. He had a great understanding with the players, he was a really fun guy. No matter who got the job, it would have been very difficult for him. Matt has inherited basically the same as last year minus Frank Mengotti

and Martin Nugent. He's got his own ideas. The coach is judged on his results, He's got the results. He has different methods to Juan but we try and add in a little of what happened last year to what he's doing this year and it seems to be working so far.

GS: You were dropped from the Queensland team last year. How did that affect you and do you have a point to prove by wearing the Maroon shirt this season?

KC: I think I have a big point to prove. I was dropped last year because in the first four games in the league I didn't score. I thought I was playing exceptionally well. I was getting goals disallowed, I was hitting posts and players. I thought I was doing a lot of work. This year it's the complete opposite. I seem to be scoring now early and people are saying I am not working. I don't know what people want, whether they want me to work my heart out or score goals. I have a big point to prove if I get back in this side. Personally I don't think I should have been out in the first place, but I am not picking the side I just go out and play every week. If I get in, I get in, if I don't I don't.

GS: You were approached by Sunshine George Cross to play National League and when you declined it was obvious that you were the player their coach John Gardiner referred to as "having no ambition". Why didn't you go to the NSL this year and what are your ambitions?

KC: I was approached by Sunshine GC in the off-season, I said I was interested, they were to ring me back. They never rang back. Melbourne Croatia came in for me. I agreed on everything with Melbourne Croatia but within the club here I wasn't allowed to go. Now that I am back here I have a big point to prove. I don't want to take penalties this year. I want to score more goals than I got last year without penalties. My ambition is to get back into the National League with City. Being an Irish player when you come over to Australia you got nobody, you know nobody. So when you settle into Brisbane you make friends here. If you were to move down south again, you would have to start the whole ball game all over. So I am quite happy to play at Brisbane City, finish as leading goalscorer for as many seasons as I can, play for the State side and hopefully Brisbane City will get back into the National League and I can do my stuff there.

FOUR NEW FACES PICKED IN BRISBANE WOMENS SIDE

Four new faces were among the 21-member Brisbane Open squad named after the women's soccer Watson Shield.

They are University centre forward Leith O'Hara, Annerley goalkeeper Dianna Lilic and Eastern Suburbs fullback Margie Hansen and winger Tanya Price.

Others in the squad included: Sue Monteath (Uni), Sue Clayton, Vanessa Clayton, Vicki Turnbull, Lise Madley (Redlands), Anne-Marie Schiavo (Brisbane City), Sandy Walsh, Sharon Wass, Charmaine Wass, Maria Rodgers, Tracey Diprose (Newmarket), Joanne Millman, Kerry Millman, Lyn Spencer (Easts), Jackie Wortley, Leonie Yow-Yeh (Tiwiwarrin).

Easts won the Watson Shield, defeating Newmarket 2-1 in extra-time of a thrilling match. The victory ended a three-year drought for the Tigers in the competition and continued their unbeaten run. The last time Easts lost was to the Gold Coast in the Watson Shield final last year.

This year's final was a see-sawing affair with Tanya Price netting first for Easts, but a minute later Klara Szabo equalised for Newmarket after a goal-mouth scramble.

The match went to extra time and Easts' Lyn Spencer pounced onto a poor backpass to Newmarket keeper Kaye O'Sullivan to net the winner. In the Consolation Cup final, Queensland University defeated Ipswich Soccerettes 2-0.

The Brisbane Open squad will be trimmed to 15 before the State titles in Toowoomba on June 11-13.

A Queensland U/19 team, which will play in the local first division leading up to the nationals in Perth on July 2-9, and a State U/16 squad, which will play in Division Two until the nationals in Melbourne on July 8, also have been selected.

The Queensland U/19 squad is: Tracey Young, Melissa Bale (Salisbury), Helen Mackay, Raeanne Douer, Danielle Burns, Kim Ketter, Samantha O'Brien (Redlands), Anissa Jones, Anne-Louise Ed-

wards (T'oomba), Lesley Morgan, Jodi Jarman, Sharon Clayton (Gold Coast), Melissa Soppa (Easts), Melissa Lee (Qld Uni), Jenney Walker (Olympic), Samantha McKinney-Smith (Inala C.), Angela Van Eyk (Newmarket), Leanne Augustine (Kingsridge).

The Queensland U/16 squad is: Tanya Corbett, Noretta Corbitaldo (Redlands), Claire Driessen (Taringa), Melissa Fenech, Katrina Hardy (Ipswich Soccerettes), Naomi Mockey, Peta Quail (Sth. Burnett), Claire Nichols (Qld. Uni), Kristi Parsons (Salisbury), Zoe Smith (Pine Hills), J. Anderson (Gold Coast), Kirsty Franklin (Toowoomba).



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TALKING

The Super 6 Soccer indoor tournament at Boondall in May is certain to provide brilliant entertainment. But we should be looking to get more from the visit of the three English clubs than just a good night out watching some skilful football.

With Arsenal, Nottingham Forest and Manchester City in town, we will have on our very doorstep three of the most brilliant managerial minds in British football — George Graham (Arsenal), Brian Clough (Forest) and Jimmy Frizzell (City).

What a wealth of knowledge and experience the trio could offer if they were asked to attend a gathering of local coaches. Just imagine how much we could earn by watching Clough or Graham put on a session at Perry Park?

And I don't think it is too much to ask as the pressures of the season will be behind the trio and their involvement with their teams while in Brisbane is really restricted to the nights of the matches. The three are such professionals and lovers of football that I am sure, if they were asked, they would jump at the chance to help fellow coaches.

Promoters bringing overseas teams to Brisbane must start looking at getting greater value for the money they outlay.

Too many times in the past we have seen teams come to Australia, give holiday-like performances on the park, take the cash, and then trot off to some resort for their end of season break.

After the rigours of the English season, I don't deny the fulltime professionals their off-season break. But if clubs are to ask big money for Australian appearances, then I think it is time they were told we want more than just a match.

I am told the three visiting super 6 squads are packed with first division regulars and some very good footballers. Why not send some of the overseas players, along with a few of the Queensland stars, to different schools around Brisbane?

Dressed in their playing gear, the kids will love them, irrespective of

who they are. And quite likely, they will talk Mum and Dad into taking them to watch the games that night. The tournament will benefit through bigger crowds, and local soccer will benefit by gaining new enthusiastic young fans.

Lions, I understand, have held preliminary talks over the prospect of at least one of the visiting players staying on and guesting in the National League.

For the team's sake, I hope the negotiations fail.

Surely Lions have learned in the past that guest players are but a gimmick, and in the long run hinder the team's chances of success. Lions coach Juan Cutillas has been working long and hard in recent weeks to develop some kind of rhythm in his team. Granted, there has been a few hiccups. But I am sure the last thing he needs is to have to reshuffle his side to take an overseas player, then see him leave a few weeks later.

Lions' aim is long term consolidation of their National League status. Guest players, particularly when you are precariously close to the relegation zone, is flirting with trouble.

Brisbane coach Mal Bland was given a selection criteria to pick his Brisbane team for the first intercity game, and in sticking to that criteria, came up with a side which was very nearly beaten by Gold Coast.

Mal must make changes for the Brisbane-Ipswich game and I certainly hope his new criteria gives him scope to look at players outside of the XXXX League.

In the short time I have been involved in Division Two, I have already seen a number of players who if given the chance I am sure could do a job for Mal and Brisbane.

DIVISION FOUR:

Pine Hills 2 v Toowong 4

Once again we let a match slide from our grasp and we should have fared better in this match. I admit the conditions made play difficult, but in the second half we should have been more committed. We lost our concentration, our heart and we argued — which is exactly what the opposition wanted.

We started well, adjusting to the water-logged conditions, and went ahead with a good goal from Stewart Stephenson. It was then Toowong's turn to attack and it was not too long before they opened their account. By half-time the match was evenly balanced.

TOOWONG

By The Phoenix

Striker Gary Bray revelled in the rain as Toowong kept their 100 percent record with an impressive 4-2 win over Pine Hills.

Bray hit the club's first hat-trick of the season and also had a hand in the other goal when he was brought down in the box, enabling Neil "Mr. Cool" O'Connor-Cox to slot home the penalty.

An upset seemed possible when Pine Hills scored first after 25 minutes, but by half-time Bray had levelled the scores with a neat 20-metre chip. Then, with Nigel Wood and Graham Tone doing well in midfield, Toowong took control to run to a 4-1 lead before Pine Hills pulled one back near the end.

In a hard-fought match which finished on a note of high drama, the reserves went down 2-1. With the score 1-1 and only seconds remaining, Pine Hills were awarded a penalty after an incident which also led to a red card for a Toowong player. The spot kick was converted, putting Pine Hills into the lead for the only time in the match.

Earlier, Tony Green had given Toowong a 1-0 half-time lead with a spectacular 20-metre drive after the chance was laid on by the determined running of John Elliott.

PINE HILLS

In the second half, Toowong were more physical, determined and attacking. We let them dictate terms. As a result, they became more bold — shooting from outside the box and attacking en masse. We became aggravated and play broke down. They forced out keeper Peter Sams to make several fine saves. But he could do only so much and Toowong took the lead.

Corrie Popplewell scored a consolation goal late in the match, but by then the damage had been done. We were left 2-4 down after being 1-0. In this match, Toowong didn't beat us, we beat us. As I said before, we lost our concentration, our discipline and our heart. And when that happened, Toowong knew it had the game won.

RESERVES:

Pine Hills 2 v Toowong 1

Pine Hills consolidated its position at the top of the table with a hard fought victory. But we were lucky with Toowong 1-0 ahead for much of the game. The game was marred by poor playing conditions and the match was scrappy. We certainly didn't play our normal game. Toowong capitalised and scored after loose marking gave them time to shoot. Mistakes like that shouldn't occur.

In the second half we played better soccer, pushing the ball around the park and putting the Toowong defence under pressure. We were rewarded when Allan Bowan scored after a fine solo run. Not too long afterwards an unfortunate incident saw Gilbert Bechart leave the field with an injury which was later confirmed as a fractured cheek bone in four places. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Toowong kept attacking, but the deadlock was broken seconds before time when we counter-attacked and scored through a penalty. In my opinion, we were lucky to win and didn't play to our capabilities. We have to concentrate on being consistent and adapting to the opposition. Toowong forced us to play their style of soccer, rather than ours.

In wet and heavy conditions, Kingsridge came home from Redcliffe with both teams winning well. After all the rain over the past two weeks, the work done during the off season paid off.

In the early game, Kings young reserve side played total football from the start and won 2-0. The side showed off newcomer David Mann (ex-Taringa Rovers) in the back and he added the final bit of experience needed. Kings midfield were always in command and the back four were never troubled. With fifteen minutes gone, Scott Howlett picked up the ball 20 yards out and let fly with a great drive to open the scoring. Scott Bell, Scott Howlett, Dugie Campbell, Steve Scerri and Richard Dennis all hit the woodwork during the remainder of the first half. Bell added a second after half-time for the winning margin.

In the main game, Kingsridge won 4-2, but started without luck, when Brad Burke mishit a back pass, past keeper Dale Manley, who tried desperately to stop the goal. Kings went straight back at Redcliffe with Rod Pommer chipping over the keeper but the ball just skimmed over the bar. Pommer crossed again and Tom Watson's header was saved brilliantly by the keeper. From a corner, Mick Preston chested down to Pommer who rifled the shot only to see it handled on the line. Pommer made no mistake from the penalty and the game was all square at one goal each.

DIVISION FOUR:

RAAF 1 v Samford 0:

The firsts played an entertaining game and were very stylish under the conditions, although at times it was like Comedy Capers. Despite the waterlogged field, the match was fair and even and well controlled by the referee. At times, it was hard to pick the better team.

The RAAF's Pat Hines is worthy of special mention. His display in courage and reading the play encouraged his team-mates and many times he kept the side in the game — producing some blinder saves stopping what appeared certain goals. The match was scoreless at the break and it took a move into the forward line by RAAF sweeper Gary Baverstock to break the deadlock. He relished the attacking role and produced the winning goal.

To their credit, Samford did not die and the RAAF did not go defensive once ahead. Both teams attacked to the final whistle. But full credit must go to the performance of the RAAF boys as three of the side had already played a full game in reserves and another four had

Kings started the second half at full speed with Pommer, yet again, outstanding. His class showed up with a great run and his resulting shot beating the keeper and Kings went 2-1 up.

With 20 minutes to go, Kings coach Mickey Rooney replaced himself with Dugie Campbell in the midfield. With one of Redcliffe's long balls out of defence, Kings were caught short at the back and Redcliffe equalised against the run of play from the goalmouth scramble.

Kings then took the bit between their teeth and went even harder at Redcliffe. Watson teamed up with Pommer to push Andrew Swatton into the clear. He took the defence away and played a great ball for Darren Gray who had made a 25 yard run. Gray took the ball into the box unmarked and hit a great drive past the keeper to put Kings 3-2 up. Kings didn't rest at that and again Watson put Preston into the open. He beat two defenders and scored so Kings were 4-2 with just eight minutes to play, repeating the scoreline from the corresponding home game against Redcliffe last season.

On Saturday, Kings Sixth Division team collected their first point of the season with a well earned 1-all draw away against Goodna. The players are beginning to work better as a team now and more points should come their way.

played half a game. The first team thanks the reserves for their help and the end result was a well-deserved 1-0 win to the RAAF.

RESERVES:

RAAF 4 v Samford 4:

The RAAF side started playing atrocious football — reminiscent of schoolboy standard, if we were lucky. The team wasted so many opportunities and chances and the coach had his hands full just trying to get the side to pass the ball to their own players. Samford went to the half-time break leading 3-0. But they should have not got any goals. While our goalie had a lot of work to do, he should be reminded that he is allowed to get his jumper dirty. We do have washing machines down our way.

The RAAF had tried some positional changes during the first half but they were to no avail. We were letting players run and failed to mark tightly. But several further changes to the side for the second half produced results.

GO SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	4	4	—	—	12	3	12
North Star	3	2	1	—	9	4	7
Grange Thistle	3	2	1	—	6	2	7
Coalstars	4	2	—	—	2	9	6
Rochedale R.	4	2	—	—	2	5	6
Redlands U.	3	2	—	—	1	3	6
Mount Gravatt	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
East	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Olympic U.	3	1	—	—	2	3	3
Taringa R.	4	1	—	—	3	7	3
Bris. Croatia	3	—	—	—	3	3	0
Ipswich U.	3	—	—	—	3	1	0

XXXX THIRDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Rochedale R.	4	2	2	—	10	5	10
Grange Thistle	3	2	1	—	9	1	7
East	3	2	1	—	7	1	7
Taringa R.	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Coalstars	4	2	—	—	2	7	4
Redlands U.	3	2	—	—	1	8	6
North Star	3	1	2	—	11	3	5
Brisbane City	4	1	2	1	3	3	5
Mount Gravatt	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Olympic U.	3	—	—	—	3	2	0
Bris. Croatia	3	—	—	—	3	5	10
Ipswich U.	3	—	—	—	2	2	15
Olympic U.	3	—	—	—	2	2	15

XXXX RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	4	3	1	—	10	2	10
Taringa R.	4	3	—	—	1	7	4
Coalstars	4	2	1	1	11	3	7
Grange Thistle	3	2	1	—	7	3	7
North Star	3	2	—	—	1	5	1
Redlands U.	3	2	—	—	1	4	5
Rochedale R.	4	2	—	—	2	4	6
Mount Gravatt	4	2	—	—	2	4	7
Olympic U.	4	1	—	—	3	5	8
Ipswich U.	3	—	1	2	3	7	1
East	3	—	—	—	3	1	6
Bris. Croatia	3	—	—	—	3	1	10

XXXX COLTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	4	3	1	—	14	2	10
Mount Gravatt	4	2	2	—	8	6	8
Grange Thistle	3	2	1	—	11	4	7
Taringa R.	3	2	—	—	1	10	5
North Star	3	2	—	—	1	7	3
Bris. Croatia	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
Coalstars	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Redlands U.	3	1	—	—	1	3	1
Ipswich U.	3	—	1	2	1	6	1
Olympic U.	4	—	1	3	5	11	1
East	3	—	1	2	4	12	1
Rochedale R.	4	—	1	3	2	12	1

XXXX LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

6 goals: K. Cooper (Bris C);
3 goals: S. Ireland (Mt G), S. Rackley (G This), M. Clarkson (Roch);
2 goals: M. Brusasco (Coal), J. McDonagh (Nth St), J. Hermiston Jnr. (Bris C), J. Kitching (Coal), M. Gilroy (Tar), J. Burgess (Bris C), P. Mulvey (Nth St), K. Swan (Nth St), F. Byrne (Coal), C. Fegan (Tar).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	16	11	4	1	39	10	37
Grange Thistle	12	8	4	—	33	10	28
Taringa R.	15	8	1	6	31	24	25
North Star	12	7	3	2	32	11	24
Redlands U.	12	8	—	4	21	16	24
Coalstars	15	7	2	6	32	23	23
Mount Gravatt	14	6	4	4	20	23	22
Rochedale R.	16	6	3	7	21	33	21
East	12	3	3	6	16	23	12
Olympic U.	14	2	1	11	15	37	7
Bris. Croatia	12	1	1	10	14	36	4
Ipswich U.	12	—	2	10	10	38	2

The leading club in the overall Club Championship at the end of the fixtures will win a set of strips from Attack Sports Pty. Ltd. and a \$1,000 voucher from Bain Dawes Insurance Pty. Ltd.

The leading scorer at the end of the fixtures will receive a prize as to be announced soon by the Queensland Soccer Federation. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on a countback of the most goals scored in one game.

WHERE TO GO THIS WEEKEND

NATIONAL LEAGUE: SUNDAY, RICHLANDS, 2.30 p.m.: LIONS v PRESTON

XXXX LEAGUE:

SATURDAY —
 O'Callaghan Pk. 6 pm: Nth. Star v Bris. C.
 Perry Pk. 7 pm: Mt. Gravatt v Coalstars
 Underwood Pk. 7 p.m.: Rochedale v East

SUNDAY —
 Ebbw Vale, 2.45 p.m.: Ips. U. v Olympic U.
 Speare Pk. 2.45 p.m.: Taringa R. v Redlands
 Dunn Road, 2.45 p.m.: Croatia v Grange T.

DIVISION TWO:

SUNDAY —
 Glennon Pk. 2.45 p.m.: Nerang v Bardon
 McCook Pk. 2.45 p.m.: Newmarket v Pine R.
 Freeman Rd., 2.45 p.m.: Inala C. v Wynnum
 Teralba Pk., 2.45 p.m.: Mitchelton v Acac. R.
 Walton Bridge 2.45 p.m.: The Gap v Valley T.
 Fredericks Pk. 2.45 p.m.: Capalaba v Lions

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pine Rivers	4	3	1	—	8	0	10
Acacia Ridge	4	3	1	—	7	1	10
Nerang	3	2	1	—	9	3	7
Newmarket	3	2	1	—	8	4	7
Bardon	3	2	—	—	1	5	3
Mitchelton	4	2	—	—	2	6	9
Wynnum	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Inala City	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
The Gap	4	1	1	2	4	9	4
Lions	3	—	2	1	3	4	2
Valley Trident	4	—	1	3	3	10	1
Capalaba	4	—	—	4	1	10	0

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Inala City	4	4	—	—	23	3	12
Acacia Ridge	4	3	1	—	12	5	10
The Gap	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Newmarket	4	2	1	1	8	8	7
Nerang	3	2	—	—	1	8	2
Wynnum	4	1	2	1	5	6	5
Bardon	4	1	1	2	7	7	4
Pine Rivers	4	1	1	2	7	18	4
Lions	3	—	2	1	4	8	2
Mitchelton	4	—	2	2	3	5	2
Valley Trident	4	—	2	2	6	11	2
Capalaba	4	—	1	3	3	17	1

DIVISION TWO THIRDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wynnum	4	4	—	—	17	1	12
Lions	3	3	—	—	9	3	9
Inala City	4	2	1	1	13	3	7
The Gap	4	2	—	—	2	10	5
Nerang	3	2	—	—	1	6	6
Valley Trident	4	1	2	1	5	8	5
Acacia Ridge	4	1	1	2	8	6	4
Mitchelton	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Pine Rivers	4	1	1	2	5	16	4
Capalaba	4	1	—	—	3	5	10
Newmarket	3	1	—	—	2	4	8
Bardon	3	—	—	—	3	0	14

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Lutwyche U.	4	4	—	—	10	2	12
Beenleigh	4	3	—	—	1	7	3
St. Albans	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Willowburn	3	2	—	—	1	9	4
Kingsridge	4	2	—	—	2	10	6
University Qld.	3	2	—	—	1	5	3
Annerley	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Goodna	3	1	1	1	2	6	4
Souths U.	3	1	—	—	2	3	8
Redcliffe C.	4	—	2	2	4	7	2
Oxley U.	3	—	—	—	3	2	7
Slacks Creek	3	—	—	—	3	1	8

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Annerley	4	4	—	—	7	0	12
Souths U.	3	3	—	—	15	2	9
Kingsridge	4	3	—	—	1	8	3
St. Albans	4	2	—	—	2	14	8
Willowburn	3	2	—	—	1	8	4
Beenleigh	4	2	—	—	2	6	9
University Qld.	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Slacks Creek	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Oxley U.	3	1	—	—	2	1	5
Redcliffe C.	4	1	—	—	3	1	5
Goodna	3	—	—	—	3	2	9
Lutwyche U.	4	—	—	—	4	3	19

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Darra	4	4	—	—	16	4	12
Toowong	4	4	—	—	10	3	12
S'ide Eagles	4	3	—	—	1	11	3
Logan City	4	3	—	—	1	8	5
Kenmore R.	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Albany Creek	4	2	—	—	2	6	7
Leichhardt E.	4	2	—	—	2	5	10
Samford U.	4	1	—	—	3	2	4
RAAF	4	1	—	—	3	2	6
Moggill U.	4	1	—	—	3	5	15
Pine Hills	4	—	—	—	1	3	5
Brothers U.	4	—	—	—	4	4	9

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pine Hills	4	4	—	—	14	2	12
Darra	4	3	1	—	22	2	10
S'ide Eagles	4	3	—	—	1	5	1
Kenmore R.	4	2	1	1	12	5	7
Toowong	4	2	—	—	2	8	3
Albany Creek	4	1	3	—	7	5	6
Samford U.	4	1	2	1	10	10	5
RAAF	4	1	1	2	10	13	4
Logan City	4	1	—	—	3	6	18
Moggill U.	4	1	—	—	3	3	15
Brothers U.	4	1	—	—	3	3	18
Leichhardt E.	4	—	—	—	4	2	10

DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Western Subs.	4	4	—	—	17	6	12
Ind. Yugal	3	3	—	—	12	2	9
Griffith Uni.	4	3	—	—	1	7	4
Annerley	3	2	1	—	6	3	7
North Pine	4	2	—	—	2	10	3
Salisbury	3	2	—	—	1	7	3
Virginia	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
South Star	3	1	—	—	2	6	7
Ipswich City	3	1	—	—	2	6	13
Westside	4	—	1	3	5	9	1
Bayside U.	4	—	—	—	1	3	2
Brighton	4	—	—	—	4	3	16

DIVISION SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Deception Bay	4	4	—	—	25	5	12
Beenleigh	3	3	—	—	21	6	9
Caboolture	4	3	—	—	1	12	6
University Qld.	3	2	—	—	1	8	4
Wynnum	3	2	—	—	1	10	7
Newmarket	3	2	—	—	1	4	7
Salisbury	3	2	—	—	1	6	11
Woodridge R.	3						

SECOND DIVISION:**Mitchelton 2 v Capalaba 1:**

An indication of the conditions which had progressively worsened with the game was the referee taking a break in play to wipe the keeper's face so he could see. While we may have had a slight edge possession-wise, you could hardly say either side had a territorial advantage for the ball would neither run nor bounce.

It was not a nice introduction for our new signing John McNairn, who was unlucky not to open the scoring in the 13th minute and our keeper certainly denied them only three minutes later. While Michael Black found the crossbar from the right wing in the 25th minute, John put Wayne Marstella in two minutes later to give us first blood. Another good performance from Peter Underhill in goals denied them on a number of occasions, but Graham Wilson did manage to get their only goal past him from a nothing situation two minutes after lemons. The winner was scored by Paul Wrigley only minutes later and by this time, the conditions had become virtually impossible.

RESERVES:**Mitchelton 2 v Capalaba 2:**

Capalaba drew first blood only three minutes into this game when a well

SECOND DIVISION:**Valley Trident 0 v Inala C. 2:**

With the rain pelting down, the rain kicked off and for the first 20 minutes both sides tested each other. In the 21st minute, speedy John Greenall took the defence on and his angled shot beat Paul Antonelli. Inala put the pressure on and it took only another four minutes for them to post their second and Paul McMahon crossed from the right side and Micky Lawson made no mistake. The wet conditions did not allow for good play and we started to adapt when the halftime whistle blew.

The heavy rain continued in the second half and we definitely improved as the game progressed. The second half replacement of Sam Dean for Mike Stephenson started to make the inroads into Inala's goal area. Leonard Manakus gave Peter Carey a great through ball. Carey beat the defence and rounded the keeper but the angle was too great and his shot hit the side netting. Our defence of Paul Schiavo and Peter Cupo and Manakus started to dominate and Enzo

**MITCHELTON
STABLETALK**

taken corner on their right wing went straight to Jed Jenkins whose header came in so fast it went through our keeper's upstretched hands. Graeme Anderson was denied the equaliser 15 minutes later by a top save. The equaliser came midway through the first half when Mylo Ward flicked one on for Werner Bodswirth to head home. Scott Campbell put us 2-1 up in the 72nd minute and it looked like we had three points until Jed popped up again almost on fulltime to make it 2-all.

THIRD GRADE:**Mitchelton 3 v Capalaba 0:**

Kevin Jones opened our account in the fourth minute for the only goal of the first half and Capalaba missed their chance to equalise 10 minutes before lemons from a handball just outside the box. Twenty-one minutes after lemons we put a penalty over the bar, but Mark Cruse made up for his error six minutes later when he headed in a cross. Ivan Castro put the icing on the cake in the 78th minute when he chipped the keeper to make it 3-0.

VALLEY TRIDENT

Cupo in the midfield was unlucky on many occasions when the greasy ball just beat him or his pass failed to reach his team-mates. Carey was put through in the last minute but their keeper foiled his attempt. It was a good team performance although we lost 0-2.

RESERVES:**Valley Trident 1 v Inala C. 5:**

We opened the scoring in the ninth minute Louis Spelta's through ball allowed Riecky Walford to shoot for goal with the keeper failing to hold. "Rambo" Leo Chianura made a great save and from the ensuing play Mario Russo, backing up for a second game, took the defence on and his shot was brilliantly saved by their keeper. In the 23rd minute Inala equalised when our defence stopped to appeal for the offside. Inala scored two more quick goals for a halftime score of 3-1. Very heavy rain fell in the second half and Inala adapted more to the conditions and scored another two goals.

**LIVERPOOL'S RUSH FOR THE
SILVERWARE**

When Ian Rush flew out from Liverpool's Speke airport last year — clutching a first-class one-way ticket to Turin — soccer sages queued up to heap scorn on the team he was leaving behind.

Even with the Welshman's unerring instinct for sniffing out goals like a tramp finding cigarette ends, Liverpool had failed to win a single trophy in 1986-87. Without Rush, so the wise men said, the former champions of Europe would slide quietly into further decline.

One year on and with Rush now a fallen idol at Juventus, Liverpool are poised to complete their second English league and FA Cup double in three seasons, much to the embarrassment of those soccer "scholars".

The first division championship is all but secure, and Liverpool reached their eighth FA Cup final by beating Nottingham Forest 2-1 in a thrilling semi-final at Hillsborough, Sheffield. With an 11-point lead and two games in hand over Manchester United, Liverpool should clinch their ninth league title in 13 seasons long before they visit Wembley on May 14 to meet unfashionable Wimbledon in the cup-final.

It is difficult to imagine Wimbledon, who overcame Luton Town 2-1 in the other semi-final at White Hart Lane, Tottenham, depriving Kenny Dalglish of yet another remarkable record. Dalglish, Scotland's most capped player and joint holder of the Scottish international goal-scoring record with Denis Law, will probably be remembered as the greatest Liverpool player of all time.

He also led the club to the league and cup double — emulating the post-war feats of Tottenham Hotspur (1961) and Arsenal (1971) — in his first season as manager in 1935-86. But he will derive more personal satisfaction from another double, with a team he was forced to piece together after Rush's departure.

Dalglish replaced Rush with Oxford United's prolific scorer John Aldridge, who struck both goals against Forest to take his total for the season to 25, and also bought John Barnes (Watford), Peter Beardsley (Newcastle United) and Ray Houghton (Oxford) in an extensive refurbishment.

All have been outstanding successes and, equally important, Liverpool have

won a host of new admirers for the quality of their play. Dalglish, unnaturally ebullient at the final whistle, said: "I'm delighted for Liverpool, and everyone associated with the club, to be at Wembley again. Everybody contributed to our win and worked hard. Aldridge made a tremendous contribution, but so did everyone else — including the four or five players who weren't in the side."

Looking ahead, Dalglish adopted his familiar low-key approach and added: "We haven't won anything yet, but it's within our hands and destiny to do so." Following his manager's line, Aldridge played down his role in the win over Forest. "It means a lot to me to score two goals in any match, but don't make me out to be a hero," he said.

In its way, Wimbledon's achievement is equally praiseworthy, though they have precious few admirers for their unique style which has led to a string of cautions and sendings off this season.

It is only five years since Wimbledon first emerged from the fourth division under then-manager Dave Bassett, now with Sheffield United, and the majority of their fans must fear it has all been a dream.

Bassett was naturally delighted with the semi-final news from White Hart Lane and sent a message to his old boys: "Have a bloody good drink. It's a great day for them," he said. "When it comes to Wembley, they won't worry about Liverpool. They will get on with their own game and hopefully lift the cup."

Free-transfer signing Dennis Wise, who scored the Wimbledon winner after John Fashanu had cancelled out Mick Harford's opening goal for Luton, said: "I've got a knack for nicking the important ones. It was my goal which put us on top of the first division for a brief spell earlier in the season."

Wimbledon's long-serving striker Alan Cork, who has been with the club since their fourth division days, said: "Everyone was in tears. It's fantastic, after 10 years the smallest club in the world — and one that no-one likes — is going to Wembley."

THE XXXX REPORT

COALSTARS 4 v TARINGA R. 2 (1-2) at Perry Park

SCORERS: Coalstars: Mark Brusasco 2, Jon Kitching, own goal.
Taringa: Mark Gilroy 2.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Andy Ogden (Coalstars)

COALSTARS: Wishart 7, Byrne 7, McFarlane 6, Weston 7, Gilbert 6, Dawes 7, Ogden 8, Penman 6, Daunt 6, Clarke 5, Brusasco 8, J. Kitching 7. Coach: Brian Styles.

TARINGA: Speare 6, Bray 6, Swane 5, Watson 6, Savage 6, Svoboda 5 (Hornby 5), Peterson 7, Fegan 6, Fairclough 7, Swadling 7, Morrisay 6, Gilroy 7

Coach: Glenn Davis.

Referee: Tony Slater 8.

BRISBANE CITY 2 v ROCHEDALE R. 1 (1-0) at Spencer Park

SCORERS: Brisbane City: Lee Scriggins, Kieran Cooper

MAN OF THE MATCH Jon Burgess (Brisbane City)

BRISBANE CITY: Evans 8, Hermiston 5 (Wilkinson 6), Cahut 7, Vasquez 7, Archer 6, Chapman 7, Lettieri 7, Catalano 6, Cooper 8 (Mejias 5), Burgess 8.

Coach: Matt Carson.

ROCHEDALE: Lownds 8, Armstrong 6 (Reid 5), Blakely 6, Donald 7, Gooding 6, P. Grocott 6, Cootes 5, Low 5, Bearman 5 (Kelly 4), Schimkat 5, Greer 6.

Coach: John Reid.

Referee: Henry Marron 7.

ALL OTHER MATCHES POSTPONED

THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT ALFIE!



After a late start to the season, former Australian U/16 representative Alfie Catalano is quickly re-learning what XXXX League football is all about and is regaining his touch for Brisbane City. Catalano (above, right) is pictured challenging Rochedale's Stuart Greer during the XXXX League clash at Spencer Park last Sunday. City won 2-0, but had three goals disallowed. This weekend, City travels to O'Callaghan Park to meet North Star, on Saturday night. City won the corresponding clash last year — with Catalano scoring his side's first goal.

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This week's guest tipster is former Young Socceroo and Olympic United striker Stephen Glockner. Last week's guest, Easts' Craig Collins, scored a success rate of 54%. The success rate, including that in the guests' column, is a progressive average.

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK . . .

MATCH	GEOFF STEAD	FLOYD NANGREAVE	MARK BRIGDEN	STEPHEN GLOCKNER
XXXX LEAGUE				
Ipswich U. v Olympic U.	DRAW	OLYMPIC U.	DRAW	DRAW
Rochedale R. v Easts	EASTS	EASTS	EASTS	EASTS
North Star v Bris. City	BRIS. CITY	BRIS. CITY	DRAW	BRIS. CITY
Taringa R. v Redlands U.	REDLANDS U.	REDLANDS U.	TARINGA	TARINGA
Mt. Gravatt v Coalstars	MT. GRAVATT	MT. GRAVATT	MT. GRAVATT	COALSTARS
Croatia v Grange T.	GRANGE T.	GRANGE T.	DRAW	CROATIA
DIVISION TWO				
Newmarket v Pine R.	PINE R.	PINE R.	PINE R.	PINE R.
Nerang v Bardon	DRAW	BARDON	DRAW	BARDON
Capalaba v Lions	LIONS	LIONS	LIONS	LIONS
Inala C. v Wynnum	INALA C.	INALA C.	INALA C.	INALA C.
The Gap v Valley T.	THE GAP	VALLEY T.	DRAW	VALLEY T.
Mitchelton v Acacia R.	ACACIA R.	ACACIA R.	ACACIA R.	MITCHELTON
DIVISION THREE				
Willowburn v Oxley	WILLOWBURN	OXLEY	WILLOWBURN	WILLOWBURN
Goodna v Souths	DRAW	SOUTHS	DRAW	SOUTHS
Kingsridge v Slacks Ck.	KINGSRIDGE	SLACKS CK.	DRAW	KINGSRIDGE
Beenleigh v Annerley	DRAW	ANNERLEY	BEENLEIGH	ANNERLEY
University v St. Albans	UNIVERSITY	ST. ALBANS	UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY
Redcliffe v Lutwyche	LUTWYCHE	REDCLIFFE	LUTWYCHE	LUTWYCHE
DIVISION FOUR				
Albany Ck. v S. Eagles	S. EAGLES	S. EAGLES	ALBANY CK.	S. EAGLES
Leichhardt v Kenmore	LEICHHARDT	KENMORE	KENMORE	KENMORE
Samford v Darra	DARRA	DARRA	DRAW	DARRA
Brothers v Toowong	TOOWONG	BROTHERS	TOOWONG	TOOWONG
Moggill v Logan C.	LOGAN CITY	MOGGILL	DRAW	MOGGILL
RAAF v Pine Hills	DRAW	PINE H.	RAAF	PINE H.
SUCCESS RATE	57%	43%	54%	51%

RADIO RAVINGS...

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By BOB BUTCHARD

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NSL MATCH OF THE DAY

BRISBANE LIONS v PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Richlands, Sunday, 2.30 p.m.

Referee: ROBERT MARSHALL

This match sees the return of former Brisbane Lions players John Stewart and Steve Jackson to Richlands.

The pair transferred south at the beginning of last season when Lions were relegated back into the XXXX League. Jackson went first for \$10,000 and Stewart followed shortly after for \$17,500. Both have now established themselves as topline NSL players, a status southerners refused to grant them at Lions.

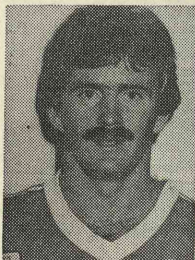
With that in mind the pair will know only too well that the Brisbane Lions players should not be under-estimated and several of the side could make it in southern NSL teams.

The suspension of Russell Stewart will rob the match of the much-awaited clash between John and Russell, but there are certain to be plenty of other highlights to the match.

In Lions last match, they were thumped 5-1 while last weekend Preston scored their first win of the year under caretaker coach Ron Campbell, who has temporarily taken over from sacked Ernie Merrick. This is a match neither team can afford to lose.

Next game: Adelaide City v Lions (Sunday, April 24)

Next home game: Lions v Melbourne Croatia (Sunday, May 1)



JOHN STEWART



STEVE JACKSON

TEAMS

LIONS	PRESTON MAK.
.... J. KEARTON	.... P. TRAIANIDES
.... A. CUMMINGS	.... I. ROODHOUSE
.... F. MENGOTTI	.... G. PICULOVSKI
.... F. LIDDELL	.... S. JACKSON
.... A. NIVEN	.... C. OPASINIS
.... D. HUNTER	.... M. McLENNAN
.... P. HALFORD	.... J. STEWART
.... J. OGDEN	.... G. PETROV
.... D. CLARKSON	.... R. CAMPBELL
.... P. DWYER	.... S. GOJEVIC
.... G. LIGHTBOWN	.... S. SMITH
.... P. KERR	.... S. STEVENSON
.... B. DRUERY	.... G. DIMOVSKI
.... R. STEWART	.... G. TASEVSKI
.... N. MEREDITH	.... G. SLIFKAS
.... R. B'WAIGHTE	.... Z. ILIOSKI
.... D. WHEELER	.... M. DIMOSKI
.... R. FARROW	.... N. SROKLEVSKI

Coach: JUAN CUTILLAS Coach: RON CAMPBELL

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

Scorers:

National League players do not have set numbers. Teams are numbered 1-11 as per the starting line-up.

NSL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Sth. Melb.	10	5	4	1	10	13	14
Marconi	9	6	1	2	20	9	13
Wollongong	9	5	3	1	13	9	13
Sunshine	10	4	3	3	16	16	11
Olympic	10	4	2	4	11	7	10
Melb. Croatia	8	4	2	2	11	10	10
Leichhardt	10	4	1	5	14	16	9
Adelaide C.	10	2	5	3	8	13	9
Footscray	10	2	4	4	11	11	8
Syd. Croatia	8	4	0	4	9	15	8
St. George	10	3	1	6	18	17	7
Lions	9	3	1	5	14	17	7
Preston	10	1	5	4	4	10	7
Brunswick	9	1	4	4	8	12	6

LEADING SCORERS

7 goals: Frank Farina (Marconi), Paul Lewis (Melb. Croatia); 6 goals: Angie Postecoglou (Sth. Melb.); 5 goals: Scott Ollerenshaw (St. George), Hilton Phillips (Leichhardt), Warren Spink (Footscray); 4 goals: Ian Gray (Marconi), Gary Clark (Sunshine GC), Joe Palatsides (Brunswick), Abbas Saad (Syd. Olym.), Peter Tasios (Sth. Melb.), Russell Stewart (Lions).

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 5

NORTH STAR v BRIS. CITY

O'Callaghan Park, Saturday, 6 p.m.

Referee: ALAN KIBBLER

This was one of the real thrillers in the XXXX League last year and there is no reason why the match won't be the same again this time around.

When they clashed at O'Callaghan Park on August 15 last season, both teams were in a desperate chase to pip Lions for the premiership. This year, North Star needs the points to catch runaway leaders Brisbane City.

Keiran Cooper was the centre of the action in the 1987 clash, scoring a controversial goal in the final minutes. Not surprisingly, the Irishman is Brisbane soccer's man of the moment this week after netting yet again last week to be a convincing leader in the goal-scoring stakes. Cooper already has netted six goals this season.

It goes without saying that he will be the man for North Star to watch.

Next games: Easts v Nth. Star
Bris. City v Bris. Croatia

TEAMS

NORTH STAR	BRISBANE CITY
1 D. GALLAGHER	1 WAYNE EVANS
2 MARK GREER	2 GLENN ARCHER
3 G. BUCHANAN	3 F. GUGLIELMINO
4 B. WILLIAMSON	4 C. WILKINSON
5 PAT LEATHAN	5 N. GREENHALGH
6 DANNY LOBWEIN	6 ANDY CHAPMAN
7 ROSS SWAN	7 RINGO MEJIAS
8 PAUL FAGAN	8 R. LETTIERI
9 ALAN MARLEY	9 KIERAN COOPER
10 JIM McDONAGH	10 IBRO CAHUT
11 PHIL MULVEY	11 JON BURGESS
12 KEN SWAN	12 LEE SCRIGGINS
13 S. HUMPHRIES	13 ROD VASQUEZ
14 JUSTIN KILSHAW	14 ANDY WATSON
15 W. McCAULEY	15 ALF CATALANO
16	16
17	17
20 NOEL LORD	20 TONY BELLINO

Coach: Iain Fagan Coach: Matt Carson

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

MT. GRAVATT v COALSTARS

Referee: BILL MONTEVERDE

Perry Park, Saturday, 7 p.m.

This is the second consecutive week Coalstars have played at soccer headquarters and while coach Brian Styles would like a repeat of last week's result, he is unlikely to want his side to match the manner in which it came.

Coalstars were two down after just 10 minutes against Taringa last Saturday night and only a return to goalscoring form by Mark Brusasco ensured they left the ground with three points.

Mount Gravatt are certain to provide much stiffer opposition than Rovers and are much less likely to surrender any lead Coalstars might surrender. The washout last weekend has given the Hawks extra time to get Star striker Simon Ireland fit and with him in the side they should be favourites. Without the skilful forward, the match looks much more even.

Next games: Redlands v Mt. Gravatt
Coalstars v Ipswich Utd.

TEAMS

MT. GRAVATT	COALSTARS
1 MARK PICKUP	1 KIM WISHART
2 NOEL DAVIS	2 FRANK BYRNE
3 SIMON ROBERTS	3 ALAN McFARLANE
4 DAVE COSTA	4 M. McNAUGHTON
5 DAMIEN BUTLER	5 STU WESTON
6 M. MULVEY	6 MARK GILBERT
7 MARK HAIRISINE	7 DALE DAWES
8 CRAIG DICKSON	8 ANDY OGDEN
9 GARY IRELAND	9 CHRIS SLATER
10 TOM MCGREGOR	10 CALVIN DAUNT
11 DOMENIC TONEL	11 MARK BRUSASCO
12 MARK BOYD	12 M. KITCHING
13 ROSS PEACHEY	13 BRUCE PENMAN
14 SIMON IRELAND	14 JON KITCHING
15	15 GARTH MITCHELL
16	16 CRAIG THOMPSON
17	17 TROY CRANNEY
20 J. MIDDLETON	20 BRENT DIFLO

Coach: IAN STEELE Coach: Brian Styles

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 5

ROCHEDALE R. v EASTS

Referee: PETER MURRAY

Underwood Park, Saturday, 6 p.m.

TEAMS

ROCHEDALE R.	EASTS
1 NIGEL LOWNDS	1 STEVE LINDSAY
2 S. ARMSTRONG	2 ALAN MELVILLE
3 DUNCAN BLAKELY	3 KEN GORDON
4 STEVE DONALD	4 CARL SCOTT
5 NEV GOODING	5 ROD STEIN
6 PAUL GROCCOTT	6 SCOTT PLAYLE
7 M. CLARKSON	7 STEIN GRODUM
8 CHRIS COOTES	8 PHIL REDMOND
9 JIM KELLY	9 WAYNE CORBETT
10 CRAIG LOW	10 PHIL THOMPSON
11 KAI SCHIMKAT	11 B. McDERMOTT
12 STUART GREER	12 TONY KANE
13 DAVE BEARMAN	13 COLIN PHELAN
14 IAN GROCCOTT	14
15 NIGEL McCLURE	15 PAUL MYLONAS
16 JOHN REID	16 MARK GERITZ
17	17 CRAIG COLLINS
20 STEVE ELWOOD	20

Coach: John Reid **Coach:** John Sime

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

The Rochedale youngsters are starting to learn the harsh realities of playing in top grade football — but to their credit they are fighting all the way.

Brisbane City were in an attacking mood last weekend and John Reid's side did well to come away with only a 2-0 defeat. It could have been a whole lot worse and as it was, three goals were disallowed.

The great form of experienced goalkeeper Nigel Lownds helped steady the Rochedale defence in the face of the City onslaught, and the former Lions No. 1 may have to do the same thing again.

After a week off, and an indifferent start to the season, the Tigers are certain to go into this match roaring. But they can't afford to be too over-confident. Rochedale won this corresponding fixture 3-2 last season.

Next games: Olympic v Rochedale
Easts v North Star

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 5

TARINGA R. v REDLANDS UTD.

Referee: MORRIE DELLAR

Speare Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

TEAMS

TARINGA R.	REDLANDS U.
1 PETER SPEARE	1 ROB HARRISON
2 R. McCULLOUGH	2 PAUL LAYCOCK
3 STEVE WATSON	3 STEVE MITCHELL
4 MICK SAVAGE	4 D. PARSONS
5	5 KEVIN COLEMAN
6 CARL PETERSEN	6 STEVE PERRY
7 CHRIS FEGAN	7 R. VAN WIN
8 DAVID ASH	8 DARREN CORBETT
9 GREG SWADLING	9 DON HAWTHORNE
10	10 RON MILLMAN
11 MARK GILROY	11 IAN CARSON
12 ROYCE SMITH	12 R. LAYCOCK
13 CHRIS BRAY	13 GARY IRELAND
14 M. FAIRCLOUGH	14 STEVE PARSONS
15 S. MORRISSEY	15 MARK CURRAN
16 J. ROBERTSON	16 STEVE MUELEN
17 P. SHAPLAND	17
20 ANDREW LAPA	20 NEIL OLIVE

Coach: Glenn Davis **Coach:** Steve Perry

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

Ten minutes into last weekend's match against Coalstars, Taringa coach Glenn Davis must have considered another win was all but in the bag.

But his young, inexperienced side failed to show the strength to hold on to what should have been a match-winning lead and were eventually downed 4-2 by the Ipswich team.

Davis will be looking for more concentration from his side this weekend and the home ground advantage should help Rovers in their quest to stay away from the bottom of the table.

But Redlands have been one of the pleasant surprises of the season so far and many of their young players who struggled last year are looking much more mature and capable this season. With Steve Perry on the Park, the former Socceroo is always likely to dictate the terms — for both teams.

Next games: Grange T. v Taringa
Redlands v Mount Gravatt

IPSWICH UTD. v OLYMPIC UTD.

Ebbw Vale, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: HENRY MARRON

TEAMS

IPSWICH U.	OLYMPIC U.
1 PAUL McCLURE	1 JON PETIE
2 NEV O'SULLIVAN	2 TSOUMBARIS Snr
3 DALLAS GRAHAM	3 GRAHAM WILSON
4 JIM HERMISTON	4 MICK CERNAKA
5 D. McKENNA	5 NICK MORIC
6 R. McKEAND	6 PAUL BARRY
7 B. KITCHING	7 ELMER BEDIA
8	8 C. VOSUGA
9 BRIAN McNICOL	9 JIM BELLAS
10 PETER VOGLER	10 A. PHOTINOS
11 R. BECKWITH	11 S. GLOCKNER
12 MARK GOODMAN	12 TSOUMBARIS Jnr
13 GLEN GIBB	13 M. MAKRIDAKIS
14 GEOFF LINDSAY	14 H. MAKRIDAKIS
15 K. BROOME	15 ANDY LAMBI
16 S. BRADFORD	16 BILL MYLONAS
17	17 M. STRUGAR
20 D. POTTER	20 M. CALOGERAKIS

Coach: Jim Hermiston **Coach:** Ian Johnston

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

With the extra training now under his belt, Ipswich United's Peter Vogler could begin to start showing his best.

After missing the pre-season due to baseball commitments, Vogler looked a little out of touch when he made his soccer return in Ipswich United's last fixture. But he is such a formidable player and could use this match to prove it doesn't take him long to get back into his stride.

Vogler will know Olympic keeper Jon Petie, a former Ipswich boy, only too well and will be looking to beat him as many times as he can.

Although Olympic United's form has been inconsistent, their defence has been sound. Coach Ian Johnston's intention was to build from the back and in conceding only three goals so far this season his team defensively is doing as well as some of the league pacesetters.

Next games: Coalstars v Ipswich U.
Olympic v Rochedale

BRIS. CROATIA v GRANGE T.

Dunn Road, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: GORDON NICHOLSON

TEAMS

BRIS. CROATIA	GRANGE T.
1 BRETT BEVES	1 ROSS SMITH
2 GUIDO MOLTONI	2 JOHN RIBONE
3 DAN CASTELLO	3 JOHN WILSON
4 JOHN RUSSELL	4 GARRY HEINER
5 TOM NOVACK	5 SCOTT WALKER
6 JOHN MIRANDA	6 DARRYL HEINER
7 MICK GERRITSEN	7 JEFF JASCH
8 DANNY VALLE	8 A. MOHAMMAD
9 MICK KELLY	9 PAUL RAMSAY
10 CLAUDIO VALLE	10 SCOTT RACKLEY
11 M. ECIMOVIC	11
12 JOE STIPANCIC	12 T. SOMMERVILLE
13 MICHAEL BABIC	13 JASON BURR
14 LOUIS MEJIAS	14 ANTHONY LEON
15 STEVE PUSELJ	15 NIGEL MATHER
16 ROBERT SENKO	16 JOHN RACKLEY
17 ANTONY BABIC	17 PETER FLEMING
20 MLADEN LEKO	20 ANDREW HOBBS

Coach: Tony Ecimovic **Coach:** Steve Dolan

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scorers:

This will be Brisbane Croatia's first home game since their promotion to the XXXX League and they will be looking for a win to please their large following who are certain to turn out for the big event.

But it may be a hard task for the side to cap the day with a win. Croatia have not come close to taking three points yet this season and have three defeats for three goals and nine against to show for their opening efforts.

Grange Thistle on the other hand are still undefeated in all four XXXX grades and their first team is among the leaders, and more importantly, playing well. Defensively, they are also best in the league and Scott Walker is doing a tremendous job organising some of the youngsters around him.

Both teams have some skilful ball players and this match could be one for the purists.

Next games: Bris. City v Bris. Croatia
Grange T. v Taringa

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