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The proposed merger agreement between Brisbane City and Easts will be put on hold when the two clubs launch into the XXXX League finals series in a fortnight.

Brisbane City secretary John Ponturo said although an amicable relationship now existed between the two clubs as a result of the secret talks to formulate the merger, they would still be the most competitive of rivals if they meet in the top five play-offs.

"They want the \$10,000 for winning the grand final as much as we do," Ponturo said. "It won't benefit anyone to roll over and play dead. If we meet Easts in the play-offs, we will be expecting just as hard a game as if we play North Star, Coalstars or Olympic."

The historic merger will only take place if Brisbane City are successful in winning the National League promotion play-offs against the Victorian and South Australian champions. In Adelaide, with one round remaining, Adelaide Croatia look certain to win the title while in Victoria, Italian-backed Thomastown have taken a narrow lead from former NSL club Heidelberg with five rounds remaining.

Under the agreement with Easts, which is still subject to a review by the QSF management committee, Brisbane City will not field teams in the QSF Leagues if it gains NSL representation. City will be solely an NSL outfit.

Through a system of primary and secondary registrations, which is permitted under QSF rules, City players not involved in the NSL on any particular weekend will be available for



Rivals more than once this season, City's Rod Vasquez (left) and Easts' Wayne Corbett, could be team-mates next year.

## BUDDIES AT WAR



selection in the Easts XXXX League and lower grade sides. Similarly, any Easts player showing form beyond XXXX League standard will be able to turn out for City in the NSL.

Ponturo said Easts had been chosen for a number of reasons.

"Easts have an image of being a totally Australian-based club which would compliment City's traditional Italian background, we felt combining two ethnic-orientated clubs might cause problems," Ponturo said.

"We also looked for a southside club so we had both sides of the river united. Finally, the aims and objectives of both clubs complemented each other. Our members have shown an overwhelming desire for us to play in the NSL, while Easts seem to be content at the moment in remaining a force in the XXXX League and have no immediate NSL desires of their own."

Officials of both clubs said they expected some initial rejection to the idea from supporters who may not fully understand the proposal. Both clubs intend calling meetings of members to explain the merger.

Under the agreement there also will be standardisation of contracts between the two clubs, pooling of training equipment, transfer split arrangements and the ability to have access to six visa players.

# NEWS REPORT

## CITY OPEN UP FOR A CHAT ON TRANSFERS

Brisbane City are to throw their doors open to fellow QSF clubs in a bid to resolve the contentious \$5000 maximum transfer proposal.

City have invited all 65 members clubs to an informal meeting at Spencer Park on Thursday, September 15, starting at 7 p.m. After some initial hospitality, City intend to make the meeting an open forum for all clubs to air their views on the idea.

City want a maximum \$5000 limit on local transfers invoked. They claim its introduction is in the interests of Queensland soccer as well as helping any Queensland club to be successful in an NSL push.

"Obviously there are some people with clearcut ideas on the transfer system. City believes the system needs review but does not intend to attempt to steamroll something through the annual general meeting," said City secretary John Ponturo.

"If everyone can contribute their thoughts and a plan can be devised that best suits everyone, then the correct notice of motion can be written well in advance of December's AGM.

Anyone wanting further information on the September 15 meeting is urged to contact John Ponturo on 870 3355 (w) or 273 2009 (h).

## VALE SAM MCGREGOR

Queensland soccer lost one of its great characters last weekend with the death of Sam McGregor.

Sam, who passed away quietly after a long illness, has been a well-known and often vocal supporter at local matches for nearly two decades.

He was an avid correspondent to Go Soccer who was always quick to praise as well as criticise. His letters always had one over-riding theme — a love of good football.

Go Soccer takes this opportunity to extend deepest sympathy to Tom and his family for their loss. It is indeed, also a loss for Queensland soccer.

## POINTS TO PONDER

The quote of the week came from Taringa president Frank Speare when asked by a media man whether he had been telephoned the previous week by Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk. "No. Why? Did he want to discuss a merger?", Speare joked.

Is there any truth in the rumour that the new tennis complex at Heath Park will now be converted to bocce rinks?

Just three days after Alan Vessey was named as the new ASF general secretary, one of the Perry Park office girls was caught with her car parked in the bay marked QSF secretary.

Vietnamese referee Liem Vo continues to impress in the lower divisions and had another superb game at Acacia Ridge last Sunday. Hopefully we will see Liem, whose precise body language more than compensates for his limited English, in a higher division game before the end of the season.

Goodna had a novel excuse for not ringing in their score to Perry Park last weekend. Their clubhouse had been broken into and the phone had been stolen.

An Acacia Ridge player proudly boasted his expertise as a plumber and proceeded to dig up half his yard in search of a burst drainpipe only to discover after hours of toil that the pipe wasn't even connected to the house.

No-one was more disappointed over the cancellation of the Queensland team's tour to Tahiti than the scribe who had made plans to stay on and holiday at the local Club Med.

Don't be surprised if the ASF office undergoes a change of address after new chairman Ian Brusasco discovered the staggering rental paid for the current central Sydney location.

FRONT COVER: Fiji tour team-mates Billy McDermott (left) and Gerry Lindsay, who could clash when their clubs meet in the XXXX League finals series.



## EDITORIAL

By Go Soccer Editor  
GEOFF STEAD

**The proposed merger between Brisbane City and Eastern Suburbs needs close scrutineering by the QSF management committee.**

While the agreement proposed by the two clubs appears to be within current QSF rules and is a positive step by Brisbane City and Easts to make the system work in their favour, is it a good move for Queensland soccer as a whole?

Idealistically, if the proposal works as well as the two clubs hope, there is the potential for the pair to become Queensland super clubs. All quality players would gravitate towards them leaving the remainder of the XXXX League raped and insignificant.

At the other end of the scale, the agreement also has the potential to blow apart midway through next season which could lumber Queensland soccer with a wrangle it could well do without. Similarly, what happens if either team is relegated?

They are the extremes and outcomes which possibly will never occur if the agreement proceeds under the spirit of negotiations which already have taken place. But it is the responsibility of the QSF management committee to investigate the propo-

sal and ensure all factors involved are for the betterment of Queensland soccer.

Last year when Lions made a push for the National League, deep rifts opened between the club and the QSF. It wasn't the sole reason for the club's dismal failing this year, but it didn't help.

If Brisbane City are to make a success of NSL and succeed where Lions failed, then it must be with the backing of the QSF, which is all the clubs.

City have taken the right approach in inviting all clubs to Spencer Park to discuss their proposal for a \$5000 transfer limit. All details regarding the merger also be tabled and subject to change if they are not in the best interests of the development of the code.

Combining forces is undoubtedly the right approach in Queensland soccer as one of the major points highlighted in the recent workshop was that there are too many clubs. The Brisbane City-Easts merger is very much a test case, which other clubs will watch with great interest.

By QSF Executive Director  
ALAN VESSEY

## ACROSS MY DESK

**Over the next two weekends, promotion and relegation will become a reality for many clubs.**

While the final make-up for the 1989 divisions will not be declared until after all clubs submit their nominations, those clubs which finish in the designated promotion positions can expect to go up and those in the bottom places probably will go down.

Now is the time for officials at those clubs to prepare for the 1989 season. Stepping up a division can prove more difficult than some clubs expect if proper preparation is not

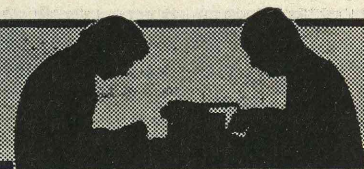
under-taken. And the beginning of next season is too late.

Similarly, clubs which take a step down must re-asses their aims and objectives and plan accordingly.

At both ends of the table, it always proves to be a long hard season and many officials look forward to the last game for a well-earned rest. But by putting in a little thought now, and bit of pre-planning, they can make the workload next year somewhat easier.

# FACE TO

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## WITH BRISBANE CITY SECRETARY JOHN PONTURO WHO PROPOSED THE MERGER WITH EASTERN SUBURBS

**GO SOCCER:** Some may consider the merger proposal as going halfway towards a Brisbane United. Why form a connection between just two clubs and not go the whole way and make NSL available to all players?

**JOHN PONTURO:** Under the dual registration system, if you don't have an association with just one club, it is very difficult to distribute all of your playing staff all over Queensland. You couldn't guarantee any club that they would be able to use your playing staff at any time throughout the year. By being associated with just one club, they have a guarantee of being able to use say six players or our first team squad, who are not required for NSL on any weekend.

**GS:** The two clubs between them currently have eight XXXX grade teams. Under the merger, the combined clubs will field only five team (one NSL — four XXXX). What becomes of the other 35 or so players and do you expect any resistance in the lower grades to take in players who may cost long-standing team-mates positions?

**JP:** I don't expect too much resistance from the lower grades. But it is quite obvious we are going to have a surplus of playing staff between us. But the intention is that the better players in all grades will be the ones selected. That obviously makes all grades much stronger. The surplus of players obviously will have to go somewhere. I expect the players to percolate through the system to other XXXX League clubs. They can transfer either by way of loan arrangement or straight transfer. What we intend is that all grades are as strong as they can possibly be, so the quality players can progress upwards. Unfortunately the weaker players will find that they are the ones being dropped out and they will just have to move on and find their futures at other clubs.

**GS:** When dual registration was tried in country areas during the State League, conflicts arose when players lost interest in playing for an unsuccessful city team and were more committed to their successful local clubs. How do you intend to stop a repeat of split loyalties?

**JP:** Under the system that we have with Easts, we have an arrangement whereby the NSL coach will select his squad one training night prior to the weekend. Any player who refuses to play for either the NSL or any NSL players who refuses to go back to the XXXX League will not be eligible to play for either. Any player who wants to be part of the system has to adhere to what the two coaches say. What we must point out is we don't want fulltime XXXX League players, we want players committed to play

in the highest level of football available.

**GS:** As a team which is secondary in importance to the National League side, is there a danger that Easts will just become the reserve grade arm of Brisbane City and what steps will be taken to avoid that happening?

**JP:** I wouldn't think anyone should consider Easts as the reserve grade. Firstly, they will be playing at Heath Park and will not be losing their identity. Any squad made up of top XXXX League players and very good NSL players will not be a squad to be taken lightly or as reserve graders. The identity of both clubs will remain. Easts are a XXXX League club, Brisbane City is an NSL club. What we are endeavouring to do here is to share playing staff, playing at the highest possible level. I don't think anyone will consider Easts reserve graders, particularly when they play against them.

**GS:** Under the team selection system outlined in the merger proposal, to be a successful set-up both coaches at the two clubs will have to work together. Does either club see this as a problem and could it prompt any changes in coaching staff?

**JP:** Under the system, both the XXXX League and National League teams will train at the one venue on the same nights. It is intended that they become virtually one squad under two coaches, the NSL coach and the XXXX League coach. We believe that will overcome a lot of the problems. As far as prompting changes of coaching staff, I don't really know what Easts intend to do and we certainly will not be influencing them on who they should have as coach. We will be making our decision as coach as we normally do and the Brisbane City coaching policy always has been that the head coach's position is reviewed annually.

**GS:** Can the merger agreement cope with the mooted change of NSL seasons to summer and the growing likelihood that franchising will be introduced within three years.

**JP:** I think the merger will in fact assist both clubs should the seasons not clash. It will keep both squads in peak fitness for more of the year. With regard to franchising, that is something we will have to look at when the time comes. I believe Brisbane City has gone a long way towards franchising through the introduction of a system to be put to members later this year which is almost a shareholding situation through the sale of memberships at a much higher value. The word franchising has been bandied around and I don't think a lot of people really know what it means and how it would be applied to Queensland soccer. We would just have to wait and see on that issue.



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with  
**ERIC THOMPSON**

## TALKING

East's must really be in trouble to hand over their club to Brisbane City.

That's about the extent of the merger proposal if you're a Tigers fan, and I am told, despite denials from club officials, that if it goes ahead it could split the club.

I am not against mergers, because I think we have allowed too many clubs to form in Queensland soccer. But any joint venture has to be betterment of both parties.

On what has been released so far on the merger, it is all one-way and City are the ones left laughing.

The merger agreement is a half-hearted attempt at a Brisbane United.

It's workable under the current QSF rules, but it is not the proper answer.

All the talent in Queensland must be tapped, not just that at one club. City obviously recognise their reserve strength must be playing in the XXXX League and the merger is a way to achieve that aim.

But I think in the long run, they would have done a whole lot better to change the rules to provide for a Brisbane United. They then would have been drawing from the entire XXXX League.

To John Ponturo's credit, he obviously has put in a great deal of thought in proposing the merger and I cannot criticise him for having a go.

John's plan may work administratively because that is the area in which he specialises. Where it will fail is on the training park.

An NSL side and a XXXX League team cannot prepare together. When

City and East's bundle their players together they will find the quantity of players will make quality training very hard to achieve.

Sam McGregor will be sadly missed from the soccer grounds around Brisbane.

He was one of the code's characters. But more than that I admired him because he was prepared to put pen to paper and have his thoughts on the game go into print.

All too many people in our game are quick to mouth off but less committed to see the issue through.

I extend my sincerest sympathy to the McGregor family.

Congratulations Bobby Hamilton and Pine Rivers on winning the Division Two premiership and promotion.

Bob has done a fine job with a team that boasts a number of good young players. Rivers have won promotion because of their ability to score goals.

They won few games by the odd goal, they won a number emphatically.

I hope Rivers go on with the job now and prepare for a tough season in 1989. Croatia learned this year you cannot compete in XXXX League with just one team while Capalaba is an example for Pine Rivers of a club which just went into a higher division expecting what they had done the previous year to be sufficient.

For all promotion means to teams in soccer it can, unless taken in the right manner, lead to the destruction of a side.



## DIVISION FOUR:

## Pine Hills 4 v Leichhardt 1:

A determined performance kept Pine Hills one step away from relegation in their encounter against an aggressive Leichhardt Eagles. In a game dogged by blustery conditions, we were able to adapt sufficiently enough to take control of the match. Pine Hills led from

## TOOWONG

By The Phoenix

With promotion in the bag, the secret of success can now be revealed: Toowong have played all season without a coach!

Ridiculous financial demands by would-be coaches prompted the club to place its faith entirely in the players, with goalkeeper Kosy Varfis doubling as team trainer. Selection was left in the hands of a panel of three.

The payoff came at 4.30 last Saturday when a hard-fought 1-1 draw with Samford ensured that Toowong will accompany Darra into Division 3. However, the club intends to resume more traditional ways next season and expressions of interest from suitably qualified coaches would be welcome.

Against Samford, leading scorer Gary Bray added to his tally when he gave Toowong the lead seven minutes before half-time, capitalising on an excellent through ball by the live-wire Bobby Russian.

In an all-action start to the second half, Toowong almost went 3-0 up in the first four minutes, with Stuart McRae twice denied by the woodwork.

However, Samford immediately hit back to equalise at 1-1, a result which was a fair reflection of a tough struggle.

A hat-trick by Robert Apolloni highlighted a 5-1 romp for the reserves, with the other goals coming from brothers Trevor and David Bray.

With Samford able to field only nine players in the first half and 10 in the second, Toowong were untroubled to win after taking an early 2-0 lead.

Missed chances prevented an even higher score but Samford earned full marks for a gallant showing despite their handicap.

## PINE HILLS

early on after Stewart Stevenson scored with a fierce shot. The rest of the first half was a fight to maintain our lead as Leichhardt fought back. The second half featured three more Pine Hills goals. Peter Tong opened the scoring spree when he confidently put the ball away after some intelligent play. Soon after, Gavin Steel pounced on a loose ball to post a breakaway goal. Leichhardt replied with a consolation goal and it was left to the dying moments before Stevenson scored again putting the result beyond doubt. Overall, it was a creditable performance, with strong efforts put in by all including Chris Bennett and Mike O'Donovan.

## RESERVES:

## Pine Hills 2 v Leichhardt 1:

In a unforgettable display, we were lucky to take the points. Only a spirited performance by player-coach Mike Melbergs secured the match with a tremendous two goal effort. The game was featureless and we were no better. Our play was on the whole unintelligent and uninspiring. The only highlight was the consistent effort by goalkeeper Colin Grant, who provided the fullbacks with a reliable service. Clearly our game must improve if we are serious contenders in the finals.

ALANA-JANE IS  
OUR MISS SOCCER

Alana-Jane Riley, representing Western Suburbs club, is Miss Queensland Soccer for 1988.

She won the title at a function attended by 350 people at the Italo-Australian centre. Her prize includes \$2000 worth of air travel from longtime soccer friends, Qantas.

Alana-Jane takes over from North Star's Kim Fulton, who proved a fine representative for Queensland soccer over the past 12 months.

Industrial Yugal's Tamara Kopp was named this year's runner-up and won Australian Airlines travel to Sydney. Mount Gravatt's Nikki Georgiou was third and won a weekend at the Gold Coast International.

MITCHELTON  
STABLETALK

## DIVISION TWO:

## Mitchelton 2 v The Gap 1:

A well-taken freekick from a throw-in infringement in the 15th minute was headed home like a shot for their only goal. The Gap were never really out of it, but we also made hard work of the first half. It took us a few minutes to get organised after lemons and 16 minutes before making our first change. After missing a couple of chances, and with 18 minutes to go, Garth Moloney laid off a free to Brett McDonald and his rifled shot equalled the score. We played a much better second half and with 13 minutes to go, set up a switch of play. A cross from the left to the right and back to centre and Michael Black put away the winner. A good team effort.

## RESERVES:

## Mitchelton 0 v The Gap 2:

A full compliment of officials and a heap of niggle with a player dropped and bleeding after 16 minutes and seen only by a linesman. The first goal came with only six minutes to the break when

their player turned on the ball and struck. It was 12 minutes after lemons before they went 2-0 up with an easy goal and then hit the woodwork with only five minutes yet to go. A disappointing performance really.

## THIRD GRADE:

## Mitchelton 2 v The Gap 2:

It took only six minutes for a switch of play and an opportunist goal to put The Gap ahead. With half-hearted chances and near misses by both sides, they went 2-0 up half an hour later with a one handed take of a cross from their left wing. A freekick on the edge of the box became a penalty and was converted by Ron Kidd with four minutes to lemons. Even though they applied the pressure on a number of occasions, it was Ritchie Puttock who put away the equaliser 20 minutes into the second half. A well controlled game by an unofficial referee.

## DIVISION TWO:

## Valley Trident 1 v Lions 4:

This was the game that we had to win to give ourselves some chance of staying in Division Two. However as the game progressed we seemed to play worse. In the 17th minute Dave Melia was dispossessed and only a great save by Frank Monteverde kept us in the game. Five minutes later Lions scored from a freekick when a header deceived everybody. Lions scored their second in the 40th minute when a shot wrong-footed everybody. Lions' third came when a completely demoralised defence failed to mark and an accurate pass left a Lions forward let free to score into an open goal. Lions scored their fourth when our defence was well beaten and Monteverde, who had played exceptionally well in goals was left in a one-on-one situation. Peter Carey got our consolation goal in the 83rd minute when his acute shot gave Rob Farrow no chance.

## RESERVES:

## Valley Trident 3 v Lions 1:

Playing against the wind we matched Lions in all departments and excelled in one. We beat Lions hands down in arguing among ourselves. This continued for several minutes until coach John Hickman senior told a few players that

## VALLEY TRIDENT

they would come off if they did not cease the persistent arguing. When the argument stopped, we started to put our game together, but the halftime score remained nil-all. The winged warrior Zino Spitaleri opened the scoring. A good through ball by Peter Agerholm played a good through ball for Sab Chiarelli and his cross found Spitaleri's head for only our second headed goal in his career. Ricky Walford scored our second from a corner while the third was scored when the ball was passed between the majority of the players and Zino squared onto Walford who dummed and Chiarelli put it away. Lions scored their goal when we conceded a freekick and our defender miskicked a clearance. In the 85th minute Nick Bjokmarkovic saved a certain goal off the line.

## STATE DINNER

The annual dinner for this year's Queensland players will now be held at Perry Park on Monday, September 26. The evening also will double as the QSF's farewell to executive director Alan Vessey, the new ASF general-secretary. State team players will be contacted in relation to the dinner. For further details, contact Perry Park on 252 5327.



# GO SOCCER TABLES

## XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	20	15	3	2	50	20	48
North Star	19	12	2	5	39	24	38
Easts	20	10	5	5	31	19	35
Coalstars	19	10	4	5	42	26	34
Olympic U.	20	8	5	7	26	19	29
Mount Gravatt	20	7	3	10	28	36	24
Taringa R.	20	6	5	10	36	34	23
Redlands U.	20	6	5	9	23	39	23
Grange Thistle	20	5	7	8	25	32	22
Rochedale R.	20	6	4	10	23	37	22
Ipswich U.	20	2	7	11	24	42	16
Bris. Croatia	20	4	4	12	22	43	16

## XXXX RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	20	14	4	2	51	14	46
Grange Thistle	20	13	5	2	45	14	44
Coalstars	19	11	4	4	46	19	37
Redlands U.	20	10	5	5	40	40	35
Taringa R.	20	8	5	7	32	32	29
Rochedale R.	20	9	2	9	33	38	29
Olympic U.	20	8	4	8	27	32	28
North Star	19	8	1	10	36	28	25
Mount Gravatt	20	8	1	11	26	31	25
Ipswich U.	20	6	4	10	27	38	22
Easts	20	4	5	11	27	40	17
Bris. Croatia	20	—	1	19	9	71	1

## XXXX LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

**18 goals:** K. Cooper (Bris City).  
**14 goals:** W. Corbett (Easts).  
**11 goals:** M. Gilroy (Tar), C. Daunt (Coal). **10 goals:** J. McDonagh (Nth St), M. Clarkson (Roch), S. Glockner (Oly U). **9 goals:** M. Brusasco (Coal), G. F. Ireland (Red), S. Rackley (G This). **8 goals:** M. Kelly (B Cro), L. Dines (Tar). **7 goals:** A. Marley (Mt Gr), G. Gibbs (Ips U), C. Fegan (Tar), B. Kitching (Ips U). **6 goals:** L. Howells (Bris C), T. McGregor (Mt Gr), H. Makridakis (Oly U). **5 goals:** C. Low (Roch), J. Moli (G This), T. Kane (Eas), L. Scriggins (Nth St), R. Swan (Nth St), D. Hawthorne (Red), P. Fagan (Nth St), B. McDermott (Eas).

## XXXX THIRDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Grange Thistle	20	16	2	2	69	11	50
Easts	20	14	2	4	56	21	44
Rochedale R.	20	12	5	3	43	18	41
North Star	20	10	6	4	65	19	36
Coalstars	20	11	3	6	54	27	36
Redlands U.	20	10	5	5	38	30	35
Taringa R.	20	10	3	7	55	43	33
Mount Gravatt	20	6	5	9	41	38	23
Brisbane City	20	5	4	11	22	42	19
Olympic U.	20	3	2	15	19	70	11
Ipswich U.	20	2	2	16	21	79	8
Bris. Croatia	20	1	1	18	14	98	4

## XXXX COLTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	20	15	4	1	59	22	49
North Star	20	15	1	4	53	19	46
Grange Thistle	20	9	5	6	33	21	32
Bris. Croatia	20	8	5	7	33	33	29
Mount Gravatt	20	7	6	7	33	32	27
Ipswich U.	20	7	6	7	33	37	27
Redlands U.	20	8	3	9	26	28	27
Coalstars	20	6	7	7	29	33	25
Easts	20	5	7	8	27	45	22
Taringa R.	20	4	6	10	31	37	18
Rochedale R.	20	5	3	12	19	44	18
Olympic U.	20	2	3	15	28	53	12

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Brisbane City	80	49	15	16	182	103	162
Grange Thistle	80	43	19	18	172	78	151
North Star	78	45	10	23	192	89	145
Coalstars	78	38	18	22	171	105	132
Redlands U.	80	34	18	28	125	136	120
Easts	80	33	19	28	139	122	118
Rochedale R.	80	32	14	34	118	135	110
Taringa R.	80	28	19	33	153	146	103
Mount Gravatt	80	28	15	37	128	137	99
Olympic U.	80	22	13	45	100	175	79
Ipswich U.	80	18	19	43	106	195	73
Bris. Croatia	80	13	11	55	78	245	50

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 CLARKSON 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

### XXXX LEAGUE:

#### SATURDAY —

O'Callaghan Pk, 6 pm: Nth Star v Grange T  
 U'wood Pk, 7 pm: Rochedale v Taringa R

#### SUNDAY —

Heath Pk, 2.45 pm: Easts v Coalstars  
 Dunn Rd, 2.45 pm: Bris Croa v Olympic U  
 Ebbw Vale, 3 pm: Ipswich U v Mt Gravatt  
 Spencer Pk, 2.45 pm: Bris C v Redlands U

### DIVISION TWO:

#### SATURDAY —

Richlands, 6 pm: Lions v Wynnum  
 Perry Pk, 7 pm: Capalaba v Acacia R

#### SUNDAY —

Bowman Pk, 2.45 pm: Bardong v Valley T  
 Glennon Pk, 2.45 pm: Nerang v Inala C  
 Teralba Pk, 2.45 pm: Mitchelton v Pine R  
 McCook Pk, 2.45 pm: Newmarket v The Gap

## DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pine Rivers	20	16	2	2	60	16	50
Acacia Ridge	20	13	3	4	32	13	42
Nerang	20	11	4	5	34	24	37
Inala City	20	11	3	6	30	17	36
Wynnum	20	9	4	7	42	30	31
Bardong	20	9	2	9	19	24	29
Lions	20	8	2	10	39	42	26
Mitchelton	20	7	4	9	34	35	25
Newmarket	20	6	5	9	31	35	23
The Gap	20	6	4	10	24	33	22
Valley Trident	20	5	3	12	21	44	18
Capalaba	20	1	—	19	6	60	3

## DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Inala City	20	17	3	—	64	11	54
Acacia Ridge	20	11	7	2	44	14	40
Wynnum	20	10	6	4	35	25	36
Nerang	20	10	2	8	38	27	32
The Gap	20	9	3	8	33	26	30
Bardong	20	9	3	8	30	26	30
Newmarket	20	7	7	6	37	33	28
Pine Rivers	20	6	6	8	38	50	24
Lions	20	6	5	9	28	41	23
Valley Trident	20	3	6	11	23	48	15
Mitchelton	20	2	8	10	19	34	14
Capalaba	20	—	4	16	15	69	4

## DIVISION TWO THIRDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wynnum	20	15	3	2	74	14	48
Lions	20	16	—	4	62	30	48
Inala City	20	10	5	5	43	18	35
Mitchelton	20	10	4	6	43	30	34
Acacia Ridge	20	10	3	5	38	25	33
The Gap	20	8	5	7	33	26	29
Pine Rivers	20	8	4	8	34	39	28
Nerang	20	7	2	11	32	50	23
Newmarket	20	6	3	11	29	46	21
Valley Trident	20	4	4	12	29	51	16
Bardong	20	5	—	15	22	67	15
Capalaba	20	4	1	15	19	62	13

## DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kingsridge	20	13	5	2	39	18	44
Willowburn	20	14	1	5	64	23	43
Lutwyche U.	20	10	5	5	27	21	35
Goodna	20	9	4	7	32	32	31
Annerley	20	8	5	7	27	32	29
Beenleigh	20	9	1	10	27	31	28
University Qld.	20	8	2	10	31	22	26
Redcliffe C.	20	7	5	8	36	33	26
St. Albans	20	7	5	8	30	30	26
Souths U.	20	7	4	9	32	44	24
Slacks Creek	20	6	2	12	25	36	20
Oxley U.	20	1	3	16	16	64	6

## DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
University Qld.	20	15	3	3	47	12	45
Souths U.	20	12	5	3	52	25	41
Beenleigh	20	11	6	3	41	23	39
Willowburn	20	12	3	5	37	20	39
Slacks Creek	20	11	2	7	40	29	35
St. Albans	20	11	1	8	42	25	34
Kingsridge	20	10	4	6	36	23	34
Annerley	20	8	4	8	21	21	28
Goodna	20	6	3	11	26	31	21
Redcliffe C.	20	3	3	14	14	46	12
Oxley U.	20	2	3	15	10	42	9
Lutwyche U.	20	1	1	19	10	79	4

## DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Darra	20	17	—	3	75	30	51
Toowong	20	13	3	4	41	25	42
Albany Creek	20	10	2	8	44	36	32
S'side Eagles	20	10	2	8	48	35	31
Brothers U.	20	10	2	8	48	30	31
Kenmore R.	20	9	2	9	40	35	29
RAAF	19	7	5	7	33	30	26
Logan City	20	8	2	10	43	49	26
Pine Hills	20	7	3	10	34	40	24
Samford U.	20	6	2	12	31	41	20
Moggill U.	19	6	2	11	25	41	20
Leichhardt E.	20	3	1	16	21	64	10

## DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Darra	20	19	1	—	123	8	58
Pine Hills	20	14	5	1	56	16	47
Albany Creek	20	11	6	3	50	27	39
Kenmore R.	20	10	3	7	43	29	33
S'side Eagles	20	10	3	7	30	25	33
Moggill U.	19	7	5	7	29	41	26
Toowong	20	7	3	10	32	35	24
Samford U.	20	6	3	11	32	58	21
Brothers U.	20	5	1	14	20	66	16
RAAF	19	4	3	12	27	61	15
Logan City	20	4	1	15	26	75	13
Leichhardt E.	20	2	6	12	20	44	12

## DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
South Star	20	16	3	1	61	19	51
Western Subs.	20	14	3	3	58	25	45
Annerley	20	12	2	5	49	32	41
Ind. Yugal	20	12	2	6	66	41	38
Griffith Uni.	20	10	4	6	42	28	36
Salisbury	20	10	4	6	35	21	34
Virginia	20	8	3	9	43	49	27



## BRISBANE NORTH JUNIOR TABLES

Each fortnight Go Soccer magazine will provide points tables for the competition in the Brisbane Northern Districts Junior Soccer Association. The tables are current up to the fixtures prior to last weekend. The tables are unofficial, and contact should be made with the BNDJSA for confirmation of any points. Follow your junior team, and the rivals, every fortnight in Go Soccer.

## FINAL TABLES FOR THIS SEASON

**UNDER 9 DIV. 1:** Albany Ck. 23, Newmarket 19, Pine R. 17, The Gap 16, Kenmore 12, Westside 10, Nth. Star 9, Caboolture 6. **DIV. 2:** Deception B. 24, Samford 23, Azzurri 21, Bardon 12, Redcliffe C. 11, Mitchelton 10, Nth. Star 6, Nth. Pine 5. **DIV. 3:** Pine H. 36, Virginia 23, Pine R. 21, The Gap 20, Newmarket 15, Taringa 13, Moggill 12, Bracken R. 1, Kenmore 8. **DIV. 4:** Bribie Is. 34, Margate 26, Grange T. 22, Westside 20, Caboolture 18, Redcliffe PCYC 17, Mitchelton 14, Nth. Star 12, Nth. Pine 11, Albany Ck. 6. **DIV. 5:** The Gap 25, Pine H. 20, Taringa 17, Dec. B. 14, Kenmore 12, Margate 10, Brighton 8, Bardon 6. **DIV. 6:** Bracken R. 22, Pine R. 20, Samford 19, Westside 16, Albany Ck. 12, Redcliffe PCYC 10, Newmarket 8, Caboolture 3. **DIV. 7:** Bardon, Nth. Star 25, Virginia 16, Pine H. 13, Mitchelton 11, Kenmore 9, The Gap 8, Moggill 5.

**UNDER 10 DIV. 1:** The Gap 25, Newmarket 21, Pine R. 20, Nth. Star 15, Kenmore 11, Caboolture 10, Albany Ck. 9, Bracken R. 1. **DIV. 2:** Mitchelton 23, Westside, Taringa 21, Azzurri, Pine H. 14, Grange T. 12, Nth. Pine 7. **DIV. 3:** Redcliffe PCYC 26, Margate 24, Newmarket 17, The Gap 15, Bardon 11, Nth. Star 8, Samford 7, Westside 4. **DIV. 4:** Pine R. 24, Bribie Is. 19, Toowong 15, Margate 13, Deception B., Caboolture 12, Sandgate 10, Bracken Ridge 7. **DIV. 5:** Moggill 25, Kenmore 22, Lutwyche 19, Albany Ck. 15, Mitchelton 12, Pine H. 10, Taringa 9. **DIV. 6:** New Farm 28, The Gap 23, Bardon 18, Pine R. 15, Redcliffe PCYC 13, Westside 10, Caboolture 5.

**UNDER 11 DIV. 1:** Nth. Star, Caboolture 24, Newmarket 18, The Gap 15, Nth. Pine 13, Pine R. 12, Grange T. 6. **DIV. 2:** Deception B. 22, Nth. Star 21, Westside, Albany Ck. 18, Pine H.

16, Moggill 13, Taringa 4. **DIV. 3:** Margate 26, The Gap 17, Bracken R. 15, Bardon 14, Mitchelton 12, Redcliffe PCYC 10, Newmarket, Azzurri 9. **DIV. 4:** Kenmore 31, Virginia 27, New Farm 26, Bribie Is. 25, Toowong 20, Redcliffe C. 15, Nth. Pine 13, Samford 11, Albany Ck. 9, Caboolture 3. **DIV. 5:** Redcliffe PCYC 23, Nth. Star 22, Brighton 20, Moggill 12, Bardon 10, Westside, The Gap 9, Pine H. 7.

**UNDER 12 DIV. 1:** Newmarket 21, Caboolture 20, Westside 18, Nth. Star 17, Moggill 15, Pine H. 13, Pine R. 8. **DIV. 2:** Deception B. 26, Nth. Star 19, Samford, Kenmore, Westside 17, The Gap 9, Taringa 4, St. Pauls 3. **DIV. 3:** Toowong, Nth. Pine 29, Albany Ck. 23, Virginia, Newmarket 21, Mitchelton 20, Pine H. 14, Moggill 12, Pine R. 11. **DIV. 4:** Redcliffe PCYC 25, Sandgate 23, Redcliffe C. 21, Caboolture 14, Samford, Westside 10, Bracken R. 9, St. Pauls 0.

**UNDER 13 DIV. 1:** Azzurri 25, Pine R. 24, Nth. Star 22, Grange T. 13, The Gap, Westside 10, Caboolture 8. **DIV. 2:** Margate 24, Bardon 22, Samford 15, Virginia 14, Pine R. 13, Mitchelton Nth. Star 12. **DIV. 3:** Albany Ck. 24, Pine H. 23, Newmarket 21, Redcliffe PCYC, Bardon 13, Bribie Is. 12, Brighton, The Gap 3.

**UNDER 14 DIV. 1:** Azzurri 25, Newmarket A 21, Nth. Star 19, Bardon 5, Newmarket B 13, Albany Ck. 11, Pine R., Redcliffe C. 4. **DIV. 2:** Nth. Pine 26, Virginia, Kenmore 25, Margate 23, Pine H. 16. **DIV. 3:** Albany Ck., Westside, Taringa 17, Redcliffe C. 6, Bracken R. 6, Caboolture 4.

**UNDER 15 DIV. 1:** Taringa 26, Nth. Star 23, Newmarket 22, Albany Ck. 13, Redcliffe C. 4, Westside 2. **DIV. 2:** Deception B. 28, Caboolture, Pine H. 25, Azzurri 21, Bracken R. 15. **DIV. 3:** Bardon, Lutwyche, Sandgate 16, Grange T. 14, Samford 12, Westside 4.

## FINAL SOUTH TABLES NEXT WEEK

## club news

It's Division Two for Kingsridge next year! After last week's slip up, Kings made no mistake this weekend. As the crowd sang, the players responded by scoring six goals yet again, this time against Annerley.

Kings had the early play but Annerley drew first blood in the 10th minute. From a silly mistake keeper Dale Manley was caught off his line. This was the injection Kings needed and it wasn't long before they equalised. Peirse Murphy made a great run and cut the ball back for Mickey Rooney to score. Annerley tried to play offside but Rooney used his experience and went on a run himself and beat the keeper well for Kings to go 2-1 in front. The third goal came 10 minutes before the break when Andrew Swatton scored from just inside the box.

The second half continued with Kings in total control. Young Scott Howlett

## KINGSRIDGE

was put clear on the left and he crossed into the box for player coach Rooney to score his hat-trick. With 20 minutes to go a lapse in concentration allowed Annerley to pull one back to make it 4-2. Within a couple of minutes Kings replied when Murphy scored from a Swatton cross. The sixth goal came when former Annerley player Paul Welsh scored from a set piece from 25 yards out.

In the early game Kings needed a win to keep their top four chances alive, but could only manage a draw. They just couldn't find the goal even with all the possession they enjoyed.

Next Saturday, Kings will be looking and listening for all their supporters when they play Lutwyche at home for the last time in 88 while on Sunday Division Six travel to Virginia for a 2.45 p.m. kick-off.

## WILLOWBURN TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

Leading Toowoomba club Willowburn will celebrate its 40th anniversary next season.

The club is planning a function to mark the anniversary, with the date to be announced early next season. The club also hopes to put together a book celebrating the 40 years and is keen to hear from former players and members who may have interesting facts, stories or memorabilia which

could be included in the publication.

A planning committee has been set up any information on the club can be forwarded to P.O. Box 5070, Toowoomba. Anyone wanting further details can telephone club secretary, Mrs. Pat Rogers on (076) 38 1344 or (076) 32 7985.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

A few thoughts on recent events:

**THE QSF PRESIDENCY:** Soccer supporters have been fascinated by the number of "candidates" mentioned from one end of Queensland to the other. Would it be naughty of me to ask where were these aspirants for the President's chair all this year when one of them could have been serving an apprenticeship as vice-president? Just as Ian B. came from the sticks to take over as ASF supremo, maybe a country boy might end up heading the QSF.

**SOUTH PACIFIC CUP:** As participants in the inaugural South Pacific Cup last year, I think it is plain bad manners to withdraw the Queensland team this year. Okay, it's in Tahiti because we didn't have the space to accommodate the visiting teams due to Expo, but will we like it if next when we probably will host it if other teams start pulling out at a late stage?

In congratulating Youth player Troy Cranney on winning a scholarship to the Institute of Sport in Canberra, I hope the lad and his parents acknowledge coaches Fred Kingshott and Peter Bannon for their work with young Cranney when he was part of the Brisbane Southern Districts fulltime representative coaching scheme. We hope Troy makes it to the top — the Socceroos.

PAUL FORD Sr.  
South Brisbane.

Dear Sir,

In reply to letter in Go Soccer No. 24 Dear Ian Millard,

Sour grapes; NO, definitely not. Our top team has last against other clubs. We lost to The Gap on the weekend and I feel no animosity towards The Gap players. And as for the officials they were very good. You seem to have missed my point entirely.

Perhaps you would be interested to know that the two Inala players, that in

MY OPINION were taken out of the game by professional fouls, at this point in time have not been able to return from their injuries. BUT after reading your letter and the write up for your third team in Go Soccer No. 24, I do not feel that I need to say more.

My son is playing his first season in senior soccer and I pray that he never finds the need to use professional fouls in the pretence of playing soccer. I would be quick to reprimand him should he do so.

CHRISTINE MASON,  
Inala City.

P.S. Do your players really suck lemons at halftime?  
G. M. MASON

BOOK NOW FOR  
TOP COURSES

Time is running out to secure places on three top soccer courses at the end of the season.

A Level Two coaching course will be held at Perry Park from October 15. The cost is \$70 which includes the invaluable BHP manual.

State team physio Michael Dalgleish will be the guest lecturer at an ASF Fitness for Soccer course at Perry Park on the weekend of October 29-30. All aspects of soccer fitness and the workings of the body in relation to players of all ages will be discussed. The cost is \$45 which includes lunches.

A sports injury prevention course will be held at Perry Park on Monday, October 31, starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 which includes the strapping workshop.

For further details or to book places contact Bruce Stowell (252 5327) or Reg Dyer (372 3239).



# THE XXXX REPORT

## MOUNT GRAVATT 2 v BRIS. CROATIA 1 (1-0) at Dittmer Park

SCORERS: Mount Gravatt: Attilio Baldassi, Alan Marley  
Brisbane Croatia: Own goal.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Len Pollock (Mount Gravatt)

MOUNT GRAVATT: Dunlop 7, Hairsine 7, Peachey 6, Davis 7, Worrall 6, Baldassi 7, (M. Mulvey 6), Pollock 8, Costa 0, McGregor 7, MacNicol 6, Marley 8.

Coach: Ian Steele.

BRIS. CROATIA: Beves 8, Moltoni 5, Puselj 6, Bozic 7 (Seeley 5), D. Valle 0, C. Valle 6, Gerritsen 7, Estao 6, Stipancic 7, M. Kelly 7, Vidusic 6.

Coach: Tony Ecmovic.

Referee: BILL MONTEVERDE 5.

## COALSTARS 0 v BRISBANE CITY 1 (0-1) at Bundamba

SCORER: Brisbane City: Lee Howells

MAN OF THE MATCH: Alan McFarlane (Coalstars)

COALSTARS: Wishart 6, Penmn 7, Barnard 7, McNaughton 7, McFarlane 8, Ogen 6, M. Kitching 6, Gilbert 6, Slater 7, Daunt 6 (Caldwell 6), Brusasco 6.

Coach: Brian Styles.

BRISBANE CITY: Evans 7, Archer 7, Cahut 7, Greenhalgh 7, Catalano 6, Cooper 6, Dillon 7, Burgess 7, Kerr 6, Howells 6, Schiavo 7. Coach: Matt Carson.

Referee: PETER MURRAY 7.

## TARINGA R. 1 v IPSWICH U. 0 (1-0) at Speare Park

SCORER: Taringa R.: Greg Swadling

MAN OF THE MATCH: Greg Swadling (Taringa R.)

TARINGA R: Lapa 6, Bray 5 (I. Speare 5), Savage 7, S. Watson 7, Ash 6, Fegan 6, Fairclough 6, Swadling 7, Dines 7, Austin 7, Gilroy 5 (Robertson 5).

Coach: Glenn Davis.

IPSWICH UTD: Potter 6, O'Sullivan 7, B. Kitching 7, Roberts 6, Broome 7, Gibb 6, McKeand 7, Beckwith 7, M Vogler 6 (Lay 5), Kilpatrick 6, B. Smith 6.

Coach: Fred Robins.

Referee: LEE STEEN 7.

## REDLANDS U. 0 v NORTH STAR 4 (0-3) at Showgrounds

SCORERS: North Star: Ross Swan, Ken Swan, Jim McDonagh, Lee Scriggins

MAN OF THE MATCH: Jim McDonagh (North Star)

REDLANDS UTD.: Harrison 6, P. Laycock 6, Mitchell 7, D. Parsons 6, Perry 6, Van Win 5, Kelso 6 Millman 5, Davidson 7, G F. Ireland 5, White 7 (Curran 7).

Coach: Steve Perry.

NORTH STAR: Lord 7, P. Fagan 7, Buchanan 8, Williamson 7, Lobwein 7, R. Swan 8, K. Swan 7, Lindsay 7 (M. Greer 6), Kilshaw 7 (Scriggins 7), McDonagh 8, P. Mulvey 8.

Coach: Iain Fagan.

Referee: BARRY POWER 6.

## OLYMPIC U. 0 v EASTS 0 (0-0) at Goodwin Park

MAN OF THE MATCH: Harry Tsoumbaris (Olympic Utd.)

OLYMPIC UTD: Petie 7, Cerneka 6, Tsoumbaris 7, Barry 7, G. Wilson 7, Strugar 6, (B. Mylonas 5), Vosuga 6, Lambi 6, H. Makridakis 5, Bedia 6, Glockner 6.

Coach: Juan Cutillas.

EASTS: Mewburn 7, Geritz 6, Grodum 7, Stein 6, Freiberg 0, Scott 6, Phelan 7, Collins 7, Kane 7, McDermott 6, Corbett 6. Coach: John Sime.

Referee: ALAN KIBBLER 7.

## GRANGE THISTLE 1 v ROCHEDALE R. 2 (0-1) at Lanham Park

SCORERS: Grange T.: Nick Bryant

Rochedale R.: Michael Clarkson, Jim Kelly

MAN OF THE MATCH: Anthony Sommerville (Grange T.)

GRANGE T.: Hobbs 8, Ribone 8, Millican 8, G. Hiner 7, Walker 7, (Bryant 6), Ayub 6 (Mather 5), Rackley 6, Moli 6, Anthony Sommerville 8, Andrew Sommerville 7.

Coach: Steve Dolan.

ROCHEDALE R.: Lownds 8, Armstrong 6, Blakely 6, Donald 6 (Cootes 5), Gooding 6, P. Grocott 7, Clarkson 8, J. Kelly 8, S. Greer 7, W. Fagan 7, Low 8 (Cirney 5).

Coach: John Reid.

Referee: STEVE KINGSHOTT 5.

This week's guest tipster is Coalstars' comeback striker Kevin Caldwell. Last week's guest Mount Gravatt's Michael Mulvey, scored a success rate of 44%. The record high is held by Steve Perry and Mick Tonner (64%), the record low by Phil Mulvey and Stein Grodum (29%). The success rate, including that in the guests' column is a progressive average.

## WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK . . .

MATCH XXXX LEAGUE	GEOFF STEAD	COL. BENNETT	MARK BRIGDEN	KEVIN CALDWELL
Bris. Croatia v Olympic U. Easts v Coalstars	OLYMPIC U. DRAW	OLYMPIC U. DRAW	OLYMPIC U. DRAW	OLYMPIC U. DRAW
Bris. City v Redlands U. Nth. Star v Grange T. Rochedale v Taringa Ipswich U. v Mt. Gravatt	COALSTARS DRAW	BRIS. CITY DRAW	BRIS. CITY DRAW	BRIS. CITY DRAW
<b>DIVISION TWO</b>				
Mitchelton v Pine R. Bardon v Valley T. Lions v Wynnum	MT. GRAVATT DRAW	MT. GRAVATT DRAW	MT. GRAVATT DRAW	MT. GRAVATT DRAW
Capalaba v Acacia R. Nerang v Inala C. Newmarket v The Gap	ACACIA R. DRAW	ACACIA R. DRAW	ACACIA R. DRAW	ACACIA R. DRAW
<b>DIVISION THREE</b>				
Redcliffe v Oxley Souths v St. Albans Slacks Ck. v Annerley Kingsridge v Lutwyche Goodna v Beenleigh Willowburn v University	REDCLIFFE DRAW	OXLEY DRAW	DRAW DRAW	REDCLIFFE DRAW
<b>DIVISION FOUR</b>				
RAAF v S. Eagles Kenmore v Logan C. Darra v Toowong Samford v Pine H. Leichhardt v Brothers Albany Ck. v Moggill	DRAW DRAW	KENMORE DRAW	KENMORE DRAW	KENMORE DRAW
<b>SUCCESS RATE</b>	52%	50%	44%	49%

# RADIO RAVINGS...

The legendary Ian St. John will preview the English season in a special interview on 4EB Soccerworld this Saturday morning.

After a number of surprise results in last weekend's opening round, his latest wrap-up will be a preview not to be missed.

by MARK BRIGDEN and BOB BUTCHARD  
the major semi-final, the preliminary final and the grand final of the XXXX League. Last year we received excellent feedback so we are keen to develop this service.

Locally, our special studio guest will be Rochedale's John Hancock while we will also speak with state team striker Mark Brusasco on Coalstars chances of winning the grand final and his views on the other contenders.

At this stage we are seeking financial support from the QSF and the corporate sector to offset the costs involved.

Hopefully, next week we can confirm our intentions to broadcast live

Don't be switched off, tune in this Saturday at 9.30 a.m.

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Croatia are not relegated yet as the media seems to suggest and there is still a very real chance of XXXX League survival.

Admittedly we now must win our last two games and rely on other teams losing both matches. But that is not an impossibility. This weekend we play Olympic United, a game coach Tony Ecimovic believes his side can win, while our final fixture is against fellow battlers Ipswich United.

The teams we must overtake are Rochedale and Grange Thistle. Thistle's final two matches are against top two sides North Star and Brisbane City while Rochedale must meet Taringa and Mount Gravatt. Taringa got back to winning form last weekend while Mount Gravatt took the points against an unlucky Croatia.

While we must rely on other result to avoid the drop back into Division Two, our first and only priority must be to win our two games. And with goal difference now so important, we must win them well.

Last weekend against Mount Gravatt, we could have taken the points but for self discipline letting us down again. Brett Beves again had a strong game while Drazen Bozic was given his usual consistent display before his untimely injury.

The good news this week is his arm is not broken, but unfortunately severe ligament damage around his elbow will prevent Drazen playing again this season.

There is still a chance Croatia can survive, but it is up to the team now to show its real character and win the final two games hand-somely. After that, we will need a bit of luck.

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## XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 21

### NORTH STAR v GRANGE THISTLE

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

Referee: TONY SLATER

The first round local derby between these two sides was not a happy match for Grange Thistle.

At home, Thistle were beaten 4-0 by their neighbours. North Star scored four again last weekend against Redlands to end their horror run of outs and will be looking to further enhance their goalscoring skills before the finals series.

It will be North Star's third game in seven days, although the O'Callaghan Park side already this season has showed it can handle a packed programme.

Thistle need one more point to be mathematically clear of the drop but have a tough two games against the leading two clubs. It has been some time since Grange Thistle beat North Star and that record could be extended, although Thistle will be looking for their enthusiastic youngsters to outrun some of the more experienced North Star players.

Next games: Taringa v North Star  
Grange T. v Bris. City

### TEAMS

NORTH STAR	GRANGE T.
1 D. GALLAGHER	1 ROSS SMITH
2 MARK GREER	2 JOHN RIBONE
3 G. BUCHANAN	3 ALAN MILLICAN
4 B. WILLIAMSON	4 GARRY HEINER
5 DANNY LOBWEIN	5 SCOTT WALKER
6 ROSS SWAN	6 DARRYL HEINER
7	7 JEFF JASCH
8 GERRY LINDSAY	8 A. MOHAMMAD
9 PAUL FAGAN	9 PAUL RAMSAY
10 JIM McDONAGH	10 SCOTT RACKLEY
11 PHIL MULVEY	11 JACOB MOLI
12 LEE SCRIGGINS	12 A. SOMMERVILLE
13 ALAN HUGHES	13 JASON BURR
14 PAUL GRAHAM	14 ANDY S'VILLE
15 KEN SWAN	15 NICKY BRYANT
16	16 JOHN WILSON
17	17 PETER FLEMING
20 NOEL LORD	20 ANDREW HOBBS
<b>Coach: Iain Fagan</b>	<b>Coach: Steve Dolan</b>

Scores: H.T. .... F.T. ....

Scorers: .....

### ROCHEDALE R. v TARINGA R.

Referee: PETER HULME

Underwood Park, Saturday 7 p.m.

Rochedale have given some good performances under the lights at Underwood Park this season.

Although they were thumped by Brisbane City at home, Rovers beat Mount Gravatt in a classy display and fought a tough draw with Redlands a fortnight ago. Rochedale mathematically needs another point to be completely safe from the drop and at home would probably be the easiest place to get in.

Taringa's win over Ipswich United in a hard-fought encounter last weekend ensure their place in next year's XXXX League. It was Taringa's first win in eight games, but a timely one.

With the pressure off Glenn Davis' side, they can now relax and push the ball around.

With skilful strikers on display like Michael Clarkson, Lindsay Dines and Jarrod Austin, this game could provide a few goals.

Next games: Mt. Gravatt v Rochedale  
Taringa v North Star.

### TEAMS

ROCHEDALE R.	TARINGA R.
1 NIGEL LOWNDS	1 ANDREW LAPA
2 S. ARMSTRONG	2 CHRIS BRAY
3 DUNCAN BLAKELY	3 DAVID ASH
4 STEVE DONALD	4 MICK SAVAGE
5 NEV GOODING	5 STEVE WATSON
6 PAUL GROCOTT	6 J. AUSTIN
7 M. CLARKSON	7 CHRIS FEGAN
8 CHRIS COOTES	8 M. FAIRCLOUGH
9 JOE CAIRNEY	9 GREG SWADLING
10 JIM KELLY	10 LINDSAY DINES
11 STUART GREER	11 MARK GILROY
12 KAI SCHIMKAT	12 CARL PETERSEN
13 DAVE BEARMAN	13 SCHLOTTERBACH
14 IAN GROCOTT	14 MARK HORNBY
15 BILLY FAGAN	15 R. McCULLOUGH
16 CRAIG LOW	16
17	17
20 STEVE ELWOOD	20 PETER SPEARE
<b>Coach: John Reid</b>	<b>Coach: Glenn Davis</b>

Scores: H.T. .... F.T. ....

Scorers: .....



**XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 21**

**EASTS v COALSTARS**

Referee: GORDON NICHOLSON

Heath Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

**TEAMS**

<b>EASTS</b>	<b>COALSTARS</b>
1 DAVE MEWBURN	1 KIM WISHART
2 ALAN MELVILLE	2 FRANK BYRNE
3 D. FREIBERG	3 ALAN McFARLANE
4 CARL SCOTT	4 M. McNAUGHTON
5 ROD STEIN	5 STU WESTON
6 MARK GERITZ	6 MARK GILBERT
7 STEIN GRODUM	7 DALE DAWES
8 CRAIG COLLINS	8 ANDY OGDEN
9 COLIN PHELAN	9 CHRIS SLATER
10 WAYNE CORBETT	10 CALVIN DAUNT
11 B. McDERMOTT	11 MARK BRUSASCO
12 TONY KANE	13 BRUCE PENMAN
13	14 JON KITCHING
14 A. PATTERSON	15
15 A. MEIKLE	16 CRAIG THOMPSON
16 P. THOMPSON	17 TROY CRANNEY
17	18 RICHIE BARNARD
20 S. BOARDMAN	20 BRENT DIFLO
<b>Coach: John Sime</b>	<b>Coach: Brian Styles</b>

Scores: H.T. .... F.T. ....

Scorers: .....

Two chances in the finals or sudden death. That's what is riding on this match.

East's and Coalstars have fought a close battle for third and fourth place over the past month and this match should decide which side will meet North Star in the preliminary final and who will have to face the high-riding Olympic in the sudden-death qualifying final.

In the first round clash between these two sides, Coalstars gave a superb performance to emerge worthy 3-0 winners. Mark Brusasco, a former Easts player, was the man of the match and finished with two goals.

Both sides are strong teams, but with a number of players within a card of suspension, it may not be as physical as would normally be expected.

But both teams will be looking to establish a superiority before the finals kick-off.

**XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 21**

**BRIS. CROATIA v OLYMPIC UTD.**

Referee: WAYNE SMITH

Dunn Road, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

**TEAMS**

<b>BRIS. CROATIA</b>	<b>OLYMPIC U.</b>
1 BRETT BEVES	1 JON PETIE
2 GUIDO MOLTONI	2 TSUMBARIS Snr
3 STEVE PUSELJ	3 GRAHAM WILSON
4 SAM DEAN	4 MICK CERNAKA
5 DANNY VALLE	5 NICK MORIC
6 CLAUDIO VALLE	6 PAUL BARRY
7 MICK GERRITSEN	7 ELMER BEDIA
8 MICK KELLY	8 C. VOSUGA
9 JOE STIPANIC	9 LARS BREDAHL
10 JIM ESLAO	10
11 R. VIDOSIC	11 S. GLOCKNER
12 T. HAGYMAS	12 A. PHOTINOS
13 TOM NOVACK	13 M. STRUGAR
14 V. BUROVANOV	14 H. MAKRIDAKIS
15 DRAZEN BOZIC	15 ANDY LAMBI
16	16 BILL MYLONAS
17	19 M. MAKRIDAKIS
20 J. VALLE	20 M. CALOGERAKIS
<b>Coach: Tony Ecimovic</b>	<b>Coach: Juan Cutillas</b>

Scores: H.T. .... F.T. ....

Scorers: .....

Only a miracle can save Croatia from finishing above the relegation zone and to even have a chance of that they must win this game.

But Olympic at the moment are probably the hardest team to beat in the League. They have swept past Brisbane City, North Star and held Easts to a scoreless draw.

Yet if there is a flaw in the Olympic make-up it is they play better against the better teams and always a danger of dropping points against the stragglers, as they did against Rochedale at Perry Park recently.

Olympic beat Croatia 2-0 at Perry Park in the first round, with Paul Barry the man of the match. Some are tipping Barry as a darkhorse for the Rothman's medal and another top effort in this match could earn him a further three-points.

This is the first of two finals games at home for Croatia and they will need to make the most of the home ground advantage to have any chance of survival.

**BRISBANE CITY v REDLANDS UTD.**

Spencer Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: ALAN KIBBLER

**TEAMS**

The premiership is in the bag and the pressure is now finally off Brisbane City.

The team has achieved its first season aim of gaining a place in the NSL play-offs and now must start mentally preparing for clashes against southern state champions.

With the pressure off, City can now afford to be much more adventurous and push the ball around. The ball players in the side like Jon Burgess, Lee Howells and Alf Catalano should really be able to entertain.

The pressure of the season also if off Redlands with the Baysiders set to finish comfortably mid-table. But with Barry Kelso playing against his former NSL club, He'll be looking to slam a few into the Spencer Park net.

It also is a return to Spencer Park for Steve Perry and Rob Harrison and they too are sure to take delight in trying to beat the newly-crowned champions.

<b>BRISBANE CITY</b>	<b>REDLANDS U.</b>
1 WAYNE EVANS	1 ROB HARRISON
2 GLENN ARCHER	2 PAUL LAYCOCK
3 IBRO CAHUT	3 STEVE MITCHELL
4 ROD VASQUEZ	4 D. PARSONS
5 N. GREENHALGH	5 MARK CURRAN
6 A. CHAPMAN	6 STEVE PERRY
7 R. LETTIERI	7 R. VAN WIN
8 ALF CATALANO	8 BARRY KELSO
9 KIERAN COOPER	9 DON HAWTHORNE
10 PADDY DILLON	10 RON MILLMAN
11 JON BURGESS	11 IAN CARSON
12	12 PAUL DAVIDSON
13	13 GARY IRELAND
14 PHIL KERR	14 R. LAYCOCK
15 F. GUGLIELMINO	15 KEVIN COLEMAN
16 LEE HOWELLS	16
17 MARCO MURA	17
20 STU WOODRUFFE	20 NEIL OLIVE
<b>Coach: Matt Carson</b>	<b>Coach: Steve Perry</b>

Scores: H.T. .... F.T. ....

Scorers: .....

**IPSWICH UTD. v MT. GRAVATT**

Ebbw Vale, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: JOHN BROUGHTON

**TEAMS**

<b>IPSWICH U.</b>	<b>MT. GRAVATT</b>
1 PAUL McCLURE	1 RAY DUNLOP
2 NEV O'SULLIVAN	2 NOEL DAVIS
3 DALLAS GRAHAM	3 A. BALDASSI
4 JEFF DANN	4 DAVE COSTA
5	5 DAMIEN BUTLER
6 R. McKEAND	6 M. MULVEY
7 B. KITCHING	7 MARK HAIRSINE
8 D. KILPATRICK	8 CRAIG DICKSON
9 MATT VOGLER	9 LEN POLLOCK
10 PETER VOGLER	10 ALAN MARLEY
11 R. BECKWITH	11 TOM McGREGOR
12 MARK GOODMAN	12 MARK BOYD
13 GLEN GIBB	13 ROSS PEACHEY
14 BRAD SMITH	14 DOMENIC TONEL
15 K. BROOME	15 BRIAN MacNICOL
16 S. BRADFORD	16 D. ALEXANDER
17 GEOFF LINDSAY	17
20 D. POTTER	20 MARK PICKUP
<b>Coach: Fred Robins</b>	<b>Coach: Ian Steele</b>

Scores: H.T. .... F.T. ....

Scorers: .....

While any hope Ipswich United may have had of finishing above the bottom two has now all but evaporated, it is still vital they attempt to collect points in the remaining two fixtures.

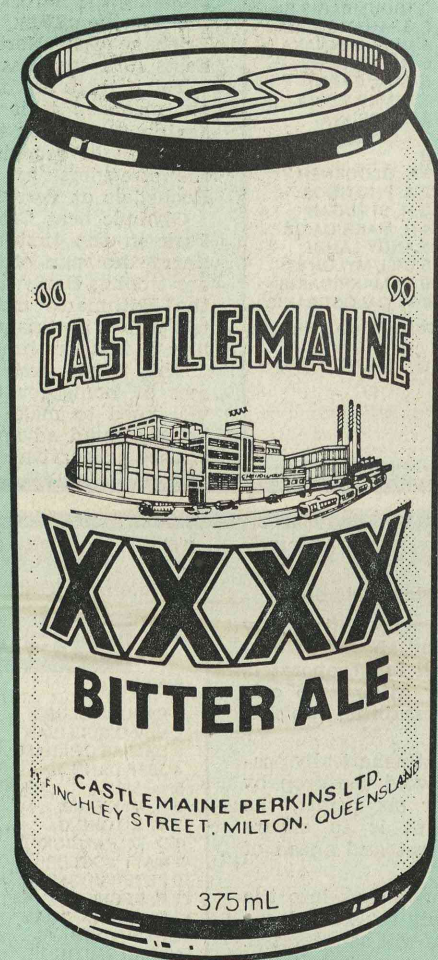
While it is still mathematically possible for them to avoid the drop by collecting a further six points, the more realistic target is to ensure they finish second last and ahead of Croatia.

If Brisbane City get back into the National League, only the last-placed XXXX League team will be relegated. Ipswich battled gamely against Tarinlast weekend but couldn't put the ball into the net. They must try and score goals in their last two games.

Mount Gravatt after their horror spell, have come back to form with Alan Marley regaining his goalscoring touch and will be the player to watch. The two teams played a 1-1 draw in the corresponding first round match.



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