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change for
North
Brisbane



Rivers Announce Deal

Managing Director of Hallmark Home Improvements Mr Alan Brownbill has announced a 5-year \$200,000 sponsorship deal for Pine Rivers Soccer Club and says there is more to come.

Brownbill, who played at Pine Rivers under Ian Steele, Fred Robins and Dave Scriggins, said he was pleased to give something back to the club that gave him so much.

"I used to play with Jason Polak and John Koch when they were at Rivers but unfortunately we couldn't afford to keep them," Brownbill said.

He said he would also pay the club royalties on business made through the club and hoped to increase the sponsorship to \$60,000 per year, making the deal worth more than a quarter of a million in total.

"Pine Rivers is now a professional club that can pay it's players and we are looking at it from a business point of view," Brownbill said.

"We want to take the clubhouse, the ground and the facilities to a professional level."

"They've got the plans, I've got the money," he said.

Hallmark is the largest vinyl siding company in Australia and has several offices in Queensland and four in New South Wales.

"I was looking to put something back into soccer because I want to see it succeed," he said.

"John (Doyle) has been pestering me for a year to sponsor the club and I think Queensland soccer as a whole will benefit."

Although money doesn't guarantee success, Pine Rivers have set out a plan which they believe will see the club as a real force in Queensland soccer.

And with Pine Rivers recently named as the fifth largest growing Shire in Australia, the potential for success is there.

But while Strathpine is Brownbill's target, soccer in general is his vision.

"Pine Rivers is in full support of clubs who want to take soccer to its potential," he said.

"Look at Rochedale, they are going places and we are going along the same lines.



Alan Brownbill (left) with Mark Greer & Lance Siedofsky of Pine Rivers

"Hopefully other sponsors will come in and all clubs will thrive - that's what I want."

According to Brownbill, Brisbane United captain Frank Pimblett is the flagship for the whole transformation.

"Frank was instrumental in the whole plan - eventually he will take over," Brownbill said.

"The boys love Frank and he has indicated he will be here full-time."

Current coach John Doyle said he would be delighted to hand the reigns over to Pimblett when his Brisbane United commitments had ended.

"I'm 150 per cent for that," Doyle said.

"Frank is a high profile player and he generates enthusiasm everywhere he goes.

"You have to look to the future. Frank is highly respected and he will steer us in the right direction," he said.

Pimblett's ability and love for the game are unquestionable and it seems he could see out his days at the Strathpine club.

"I would never vacate the position for Frank unless I checked him out and knew how much he loves Rivers," Doyle said.

With that in mind Rivers have signalled their intentions for XXXX League glory.

"We want the XXXX League," Brownbill said.

"We lost a lot of good young kids and now we can offer the players better remuneration and

Norths have plenty to do

North Star have a lot of work to do before they can become a finals chance, according to President Neil Kirk.

Rochedale demolished North Star in clinical fashion last weekend scoring five second half goals to take the match 8-1.

"The boys were a bit rusty and Rochedale played very well," Kirk said.

"We have a new keeper and a new backline so it will take time to work things out but they were much sharper than we were."

Rochedale Rovers coach John Stewart said his side would improve as the season moved on.

"That was a good start but we will definitely improve on that," Stewart said.

North Star face another challenge this weekend when they take on Brisbane Lions at home on Friday night.

In other matches, a send-off and two penalties ruined Coalstars chances of a first round win as they succumbed 5-3 to a revamped North Brisbane.

Coalstars coach Wayne Warren said he felt his side should have escaped with a draw.

"We showed a lot of character to come back three times," Warren said.

"I wasn't entirely happy with some decisions made by the referee.

"It didn't cost us the game but it was disappointing," he said.

North Brisbane's Mauro Saftich believed experience told in the end.

"It was a good effort from a young Coalstars

side," Saftich said.

"They never gave up. They just kept coming, but experience told in the end."

He said he would go back to the drawing board to prepare for

To prepare for the important clash with Rochedale after watching their defeat of North Star, last week.

"Cooper is the mastermind of the side but I have a plan and hopefully it will work," he said.

"They can score goals and so can we so it should be a great match."

Acacia Ridge pulled off the upset of the day with a 2-1 win over Brisbane Lions.

The Ridge can back from a goal down after a Warren Allen strike gave the home side the lead in the 20th minute.

Goals from David Richardson and Jason Eacott in the last 15 minutes gave the Ridge the points.

Three second half goals livened up a tough one at Heath Park with Easts taking the match 2-1. Chris Banner and Chris Fegan did the damage for the Tigers while former Brisbane Lions reserves striker Jason Keepence scored a consolation goal for Inala. Brisbane CSC beat Taringa 1-0.



Brisbane Lions youngster Paul Georgiou in action

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hopefully keep them.

"The players payments are angled towards winning - they get nothing for a loss," he said.

But there are no complaints from the players who benefit most from the sponsorship deal.

Captain Mark Greer was full of praise for the set-up.

"They've got some good players here and now Hallmark have given us professionalism so it's great," Greer said.

"Last year some players missed training and couldn't get fined because they weren't being paid but this year we've had two fined already

and one player was dropped for missing training."

He said the players believed they could win the XXXX League.

"We've always been in the top five since being promoted so I don't see why not."

Brownbill also said he has no problems with the current Brisbane United set-up.

"We are happy to have a good relationship with Brisbane United," he said.

"We want to be the feeding ground for the National League."

Whether they take the title or not, it is a great boost for soccer to see another club on the way up.

EDITORIAL.....

Thanks to all those clubs and coaches who have already contacted *Eye on Soccer*. It is important for us to know what is going on and if there is anything newsworthy happening in Queensland Soccer.

Ask any Sports Editor from any newspaper around the world how they get their stories and they will all give you the same answer. They are constantly bombarded with information from sporting bodies who want coverage for their particular sport.

Those sporting bodies that sit back and wait for the newspapers to chase them get little coverage. Those who keep the media informed have a much better chance.

In that respect, *Eye on Soccer* is no different. My initial impression suggests there are a handful of clubs in Brisbane who have a positive approach to the game and who regularly let us know what is going on. Some send us their newsletters, some send faxes and others call.



Hopefully all clubs will adopt this approach before the season is out.

We will not guarantee space to anybody but we will promise to listen and report on anything newsworthy. Throughout the season we are looking to do stories on all clubs. Any help from them would be most appreciated.

On a lighter note it is good to see some of the lesser known clubs emerging as sides of the future. Their stability both on and off the field is what is needed in the XXXX League and their long term planning is reaping the rewards for not only them, but for Queensland Soccer in general.

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FRONT COVER: Brazilian legend Pele with Melinda Selby at the WYC launch at Lang Park.

German tour photos courtesy of the Courier-Mail
Game shots: Russell Black

Winds of Change

Queensland soccer is changing. The demise of the big clubs such as Brisbane City, and to a lesser extent Brisbane Lions, has seen a new approach to the game. An approach based on planning, organising and financial caution.

But there's one quality that stands out among the handful of clubs who are going ahead in the XXXX League and North Brisbane President Gabriel Sciarretta sums it up.

"It takes a lot of hard work and a lot of planning in the beginning," Sciarretta says.

North Brisbane take on Rochedale Rovers this Sunday is what is without a doubt the match of the round. Talk around town is that this could be a dress rehearsal for the Grand Final.

Although that may be taking things a little bit too far at this stage of the season, the potential is there.

If someone had said six years ago that North Brisbane would be playing in the XXXX League you probably would have laughed.

The club has had a meteoric rise to prominence since 1986 moving from the Fifth Division to the XXXX League.

"We were fortunate that Paul Novak came in and sponsored us when we were in the Fifth Division," Sciarretta said.

"He said he was interested in sponsoring us if we were interested in going forward and we worked on from there.

"Our aim was the XXXX League. We didn't set a time limit and to make it this soon was more than we expected," he said.

The club brought Brisbane United's Alan Hunter and Craig Williams to the club last year and has added to that this season signing Wayne Evans, Craig Collins, Kevin Meacock and Danny Cox.

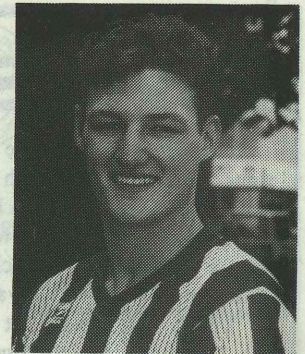
"Our aim is to make the top five series and see where we go from there," Sciarretta said.

"With regards to winning the Championship you have to be consistent. There are a lot of teams out there that are very strong and they will be a force to be reckoned with so we're not aiming too high."

North Brisbane is also breaking new ground with their club house which is under construction



Up and coming
North Brisbane
striker
Darren Bender



at Everton Park. They are the only XXXX League club with their club house away from their ground.

"Because soccer doesn't guarantee enough money to run a club we need to have some sort of business or vehicle by which we can subsidise the playing side of things and the club house can do that," Sciarretta said.

"The idea of having the club away from the ground is purely financial.

"It's in the middle of where all the people are – it's a shopping centre and a densely populated area so from that point of view it's a much better location," he said.

As in the past, the club has a new vision and the NSL is part of that vision.

"Once we reached the XXXX League we had to reassess our goals and the next logical step is the NSL," Sciarretta said.

"We haven't set a time limit on it – we're only in our second year in the XXXX League.

"We don't want to run before we can walk – it's a long term thing for sure," he said.

One thing that is impressive about Sciarretta, is his down to earth, positive approach.

And it's that approach that could see his club as one of the most popular throughout the state.

"As far as we're concerned we're not dreamers," he said.

"What we want to do is consolidate our position and improve over the years.

"And if we do get to a stage where we are regarded as one of the top clubs in the state, then we will be very happy about that – for us it will be an honour.

North Brisbane have a big day planned for their first home game which includes a pipe band and various other activities.

Rivers Revival ...Feature match

Pine Rivers grabbed the points and showed signs of things to come with a resilient 2-1 win over Mt Gravatt at Allison Park last weekend.

The northsiders did it tough coming back from a goal down after a classic strike in the 35th minute from Mt Gravatt's David Munn.

The game was played at a furious pace with Mt Gravatt dominating early before a determined comeback by Rivers.

Mark Greer nearly gave the home side the early lead after latching onto a Damien Waugh corner in the 3rd minute.

The towering defender's header looked goalbound but was brilliantly saved by Robbie Harrison who tipped the ball wide of the post.

Minutes later Munn was denied what looked like a certain penalty after Greer pulled him down inside the box.

Mt Gravatt midfielder Alan Prentice was instrumental early and paved the way for his sides early dominance.

Dave Campbell should have given Rivers the lead in the 27th minute when he blasted over after the ball fell at his feet inside the Mt Gravatt penalty box.

Minutes later it was 1-0 to Mt Gravatt after youngster Stuart Collins played a brilliant through to Munn.

The skilful striker finished clinically putting his acute angled shot into the top left corner giving Peter Underhill no chance.

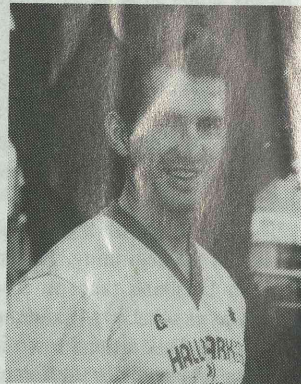
Rivers fought back and equalised right on half-time after midfielder Dene Almond dispossessed Prentice inside his own half.

Almond beat one defender before releasing a through-ball to Preston who was undoubtedly the man-of-the-match.

The young striker fired off a shot which Harrison could only parry and Wayne McGauley did the rest with a neat chip into an open net.

Preston sealed the match in the 66th minute with a miscued cross that caught Harrison out of position.

"I must admit it was a cross but I'm just glad it went in," a jubilant Preston said.



Pine Rivers Capt. Mark Greer

Preston, who will shoulder most of the attacking responsibilities in the absence of Clayton Koch, said he was happy with his sides early form.

"We miss Clayton but our midfield and defence are playing well and that certainly takes the pressure off me," he said.

Mt Gravatt could have stolen a draw in the dying minutes when Jarrod Austin found himself unmarked on the penalty spot with only Underhill to beat.

The usually reliable striker blasted over and with the ball went Mt Gravatt's chances.

Pine Rivers coach John Doyle was happy with the result.

"You're always a bit rusty at the start of the season but I was pleasantly surprised with the way things went," Doyle said.

"We went a goal down but to their credit the boys kept their composure and stuck to the game plan and we got two goals back."

Youngster Damien Waugh, who played 18 XXXX League games at the age of 17 last year, had an outstanding match.

"The boy is a class act," Doyle said.

"I purposely protected him a bit last year but he's come on well and has big future in the game," he said.

Rivers take on Taringa Rovers at Speare Park on Friday night in what should be one of the games of the round.

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MATCH SCOREBOARD.....



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Venue: Wendy Allison Park

Referee: Peter Hulme - 6

Pine Rivers	Rating	Mt Gravatt	Rating
Underhill	7	Harrison	6
Starr	7	Bannister	7
Eden	7	Worroll	6
Cartwright	7	Kelly	6
Greer	7	Prentice	7
Almond	6	Lederhose	7
Rhule	6	Austin	7
Waugh	8	Graham	6
Preston	8	Munn	8
McGauley	7	Mitchell	6
Cambell(Carroll)	6 (6)	Collins	6
Totals	76		72

CORNERS	
Pine Rivers	9
Mt Gravatt	6

FREEKICKS	
Pine Rivers	12
Mt Gravatt	20

SHOTS	
Pine Rivers	20
Mt Gravatt	8

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Divisional Review



With the XXXX League commencing a month before all other divisions, Eye on Soccer has invited QSF secretary Jim Gilbert to take an inside look at the lower divisions and the season ahead.

Division 2

Newly promoted Beenleigh are in the second division for the first time in history after taking the Division 3 title last year. With excellent playing strength, the Steve Dolan coached side will be a big threat to all sides. The new floodlights at Beenleigh will also provide an impetus for this club to do well, especially at home.

Brisbane City, who were relegated from the XXXX League last season, have shown impressive pre-season form and will be a threat to all those who play them, especially at Spencer Park. Player movements to and from the club have been minimal but pride should be a big motivating factor in their bid for promotion.

For near-neighbours Grange Thistle, relegation to Division 2 is not an uncommon thing, as they have experienced it a few times in the past. This should not detract from the fact that, by tradition, they are a strong club and will almost certainly be there in August.

The team from the Gold Coast, Nerang, have already experienced the heady heights of XXXX League, and struggled. There appears to be a few players that have been enticed away, through the lure of representative football to other Gold Coast clubs, so this is a club that again could struggle in '93.

The new flood lighting and new enthusiasm that has been engendered out at Yeronga, will give Olympic United a big push for promotion. They have a number of new players, together with a new coach and they can well put their poor efforts of 1992 right behind them.

Slacks Creek also have a new coach in Stewart Holmes, and could well be strong enough

to get into the final five this year, although promotion could be beyond them. Near neighbours Souths United are playing in Division 2 for the first time, they also may struggle in the first half of the season. Player movements appear to be light-on at this progressive club, however the brand of football they played in '92, could well give them the edge over the more direct style of other clubs. One of the Toowoomba Clubs that struggled last year, St Albans, have strengthened themselves considerably, and with pride being the great motivator, will do everything in their power to ensure they finish on top of their cross-city rivals.

For St Helens, this will be the make or break year for them to get back into the XXXX League, alongside their close rivals Coalstars. If Pre-Season form is any guide they could well be a big showing for promotion placing.

An almost perpetual mid-table side from the western suburbs, The Gap, again doesn't show any significant player movements, although they, like a number of other Division 2 Clubs, also have a new coach. A mid-table position is on the cards for them.

The other Toowoomba Club Willowburn, at one stage strongly favoured for promotion in '92, wilted towards the end and even missed out on the Finals Series. Again, local pride will be the big motivator and with a new coach at the helm, they may well improve on last year's placings.

The last club in the alphabetical listing for Division 2, Wynnum, would have to be a big favourite for promotion to the XXXX League, going by the exceedingly strong first team squad this Bayside Club has acquired. The influx of players together with the movement, lock, stock and barrel, to a new ground at Tingalpa, could well see a new surge of interest from the Wynnum District. This could be enough to give them the impetus to go to the top.

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Ratings

Promotion Prospects: Wynnum - Brisbane City - Olympic United

Final five prospects: Beenleigh - St Helens - Willowburn.

DIVISION 3

Albany Creek have been promoted yet again to this Division, there is great enthusiasm amongst their committee members, although not a great deal can be said on the player movements. They will probably be a mid-table prospect, yet again.

For Annerley supporters they must be sad to see their club languishing in Division 3, when in the past, they were a perpetual placement in the top Division in Brisbane. A club that continually struggles for both support and finance, this again could be a mid-table proposition. Capalaba is another progressive club that have poured a vast amount of resources into their facilities, both on the ground and in their club house. They are also now attempting to push the same resources into the playing staff. This progressive club will be a threat to all who play them down.

A club that is quite often dwarfed by their near neighbours in the XXXX League, Darra United, again appear to be only a mid-table proposition, judging by the progress off the field.

Ipswich has always had a reputation for producing a fighting spirit on the field, and in 1993 this will be no exception at the other big Ipswich Club - Goodna. This most progressive club on the fringes of the Ipswich City area, are quite confident that 1993 will be their year to go back into Division 2. They will be most difficult to beat at home, and are fully expected to pick up many points away.

Latrobe Valley at one stage in 1992 looked a certainty for promotion, they could not sustain their early season impetus however and merely finished up as a final four team, could 1993 be any different?

Another very progressive club in the Logan City area and with a superb complex, Logan City Kings are quietly confident that they too, will win promotion in 1993. There has been a

large influx of players to the club, and they are fully confident of being a big threat to all who play them this year, especially at Meakin Park.

Two clubs that have been deadly rivals for a number of years, but unfortunately both received relegation in the same season, are Mitchelton and Newmarket. And what contrasting fortune's these club's have experienced in recent years. At Mitchelton their new flood-lighting did not quite lift their players enough to remain in Division 2 and they struggled all year, to be relegated for the second time in two seasons. At Newmarket, however, this team has received fluctuating fortunes in previous years, by being on the fringe of the final five one year, and fighting relegation the next. These two clubs will undoubtedly provide stiff opposition for all who come up against them this year.

The perennial enigma in the Redlands Shire, is their local soccer club, playing in the XXXX League not too many seasons ago and have been on a downward slide ever since. Redlands United at one stage were moving to a brand new complex provided by the Redlands Shire, this alas, also fell by the wayside, as did many other promises the club have had put to them. 1993 may well be another struggle. By virtue of their nationality, one of the quite entrancing ball playing sides in this Division is South Star, they also will be hard to beat. The South American's style of football, relying mainly on possession and short-passing, has proved to be difficult to combat for many of their opposition teams over past seasons - this year will be no different.

The other newly promoted club from Division 4, the students from University, will undoubtedly provide a big test for all who meet them at St Lucia. By virtue of their large playing membership and almost transient membership, many good players appear for the University Club one year, and disappear the next. This again will be a difficult team to play against.

Ratings

Promotion Prospects: Goodna - Mitchelton - Newmarket will all be a big threat
Semi-Finals: Capalaba - Logan City Kings - South Star.

GERMAN TOUR SUCCESS

Nineteen of Queensland's finest youngsters gained a jump start on the rest of the field for the 1995 World Youth Cup following a successful 25-day tour of Germany in the off-season.

Led by Bundaberg Director of Coaching Tony Buesnel, the side won all five of their matches including games against two of Germany's top youth outfits, Bayer Leverkusen and F.C. Koln.

The tour is an annual event and players are selected from the Coca-Cola U/16 Talent Identification Series and invited to tour.

"It used to be that anyone could tour so long as they had the \$4000," Buesnel said.

"Now players must be playing in the U/16 series and be selected to tour."

Although the cost is high, support from clubs, associations and sponsors means the boys play little, if anything, to tour. Buesnel said the tour was vital for the development of the players in relation to future national selection.

"The best thing that came out of the tour was how the players were given an opportunity to compare themselves with some of Europe's best young players and know they compare favourably," Buesnel said.

"Both mentally and psychologically it has probably put anything up to a year in maturity and belief in ones own ability on the players."

"They can now see a way ahead of them in the game that maybe was a bit vague in the past," he said.



The successful touring squad with Brisbane United's Sean Cranney at the airport.

"There were 2 or 3 players that were told over there that they could stay.

"There were also a couple of others that they were very impressed with so the future looks good."

The players were joined on the tour by Lee Pashley of the Gold Coast who is playing with Leeds United in England.

Buesnel said he performed well on the tour and ended up playing three reserve grade matches on his return to the club.

The tour, organised by the Queensland Soccer Federation, began with an eight day home stay with T.S.V Hochst(German club) before moving on to Hennef for the final two weeks.

"It was a cultural experience where the players lived with a German family and were well looked after before moving onto Hennef for the serious part of the tour," Buesnel said.

He said the tour confirmed that the coaching techniques used in Australia were similar to those used overseas.

"What is being done at a good level here is the same as what they're doing in the top European countries," he said.

"From the players point of view it has confirmed in their minds that what they are given here is of good quality."

Local XXXX league clubs have shown a lot of interest in the players since their return with several making their debut last weekend.

"Nearly all the lads that aren't in the country or at university have now been signed by XXXX League clubs," Buesnel said.

"Ty Bannister, Darren Stachowicz and Stuart Collins are at Mt Gravatt, Clint Dal Santo is at Taringa, Shane Garven is at North Star, Michael Beer is at Easts and Stuart Hodges and Clifford Tuck are at Brisbane Lions."

The tour will head to Germany again this year with the Coca-Cola Identification Series again the prerequisite to selection.



From the Sideline

With his side trailing Rochedale Rovers 3-0 at half-time last weekend, North Star's Danny Lobwein received some unexpected good news when he and his wife won the two VIP tickets to the upcoming Michael Jackson concert. Jackson's song "You're Bad" summed up North Star's day as the northsiders went down 8-1, their biggest defeat in years. I'm sure Danny will be hoping Jackson leaves that song out of his routine at the concert.

Incidentally, the 8-1 scoreline had the statisticians reaching for the history books. It can't be confirmed as yet, but it is believed that it was the biggest loss ever recorded by North Star in the XXXX League. With 9 goals, the supporters certainly got value for their money.

Acacia Ridge's Jimmy Kelly has certainly given new meaning to the saying "model midfielder". It seems Kelly will be doing some modelling of his own in the upcoming weeks. In other club news, a big announcement is expected in the next few weeks regarding a deal with an English First Division club.

Nothing went right for Brisbane United last week, either on or off the field. The lads left Brisbane at 10am, reaching their hotel in Adelaide at 2:30pm, just 3-and-a-half hours before the kick-off. When they arrived at the ground they had no strapper, so the players took turns strapping each other. Not a bad way to prepare for an NSL match is it?

Brisbane North's latest concept, the glossy newsletter, is a great idea and has won the admiration of many soccer supporters. So too have Rochedale with their newspaper Rochedale News. Here's hoping all the clubs jump on the band wagon.

XXXX League sides will soon be able to use the latest equipment to test the fitness and endurance of their players. State Director of Coaching Jim Selby is currently working on the idea with the facility expected to be available soon.

Coalstar's captain Alan McFarlane must have had a premonition at the XXXX League Launch last weekend when he said the referee's didn't like him last year and he felt it would be the same this year. After a second booking on the weekend he was sent off in his sides match against North Brisbane. Maybe next time he will keep his mouth shut.

Dinmore Bushrats, the Ipswich club that was founded in 1890, is in danger of folding due to a lack of playing staff. Vice-President Steve Hicks said the club needed only 12 players to stay afloat but has only found seven so far. So if you want play for Dinmore Bushrats in Division 5, call Vice-President Steve Hicks on 283 2469 A/H.

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Touring Party: Tony Buesnel(Coach), Clive Stark(Assistant), Ron Lensink(Assistant), Dion Anderson, Stuart Collins, Paul Friske, Shane Garven, Brett Jones, Ty Bannister, Roy Huth, Paul Lederhose, Darren Stachowicz, Stuart Hodges, Clifford Tuck, Ben Mannion,

Jeremy Harris, Clint Dal Santo, Stuart Neilsen, Michael Beer, Brook Monahan, Jamie Stewart, Lee Pashley.

Results: T.S.V. Hochst 8-0 win, Odenvald 4-1 win, Weidershiem 2-1 win, Bayer Leverkusen 4-2 win, F.C. Koln 3-2 win.

EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

ROUND 1

XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochedale Rovers	1	1	-	-	8	1	3
North Brisbane	1	1	-	-	5	3	3
Acacia Ridge	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Eastern Suburbs	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Pine Rivers	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Brisbane CSC	1	1	-	-	1	0	3
Brisbane Lions	1	-	-	1	1	2	-
Inala City	1	-	-	1	1	2	-
Mt Gravatt	1	-	-	1	1	2	-
Taringa Rovers	1	-	-	1	0	1	-
Coalstars	1	-	-	1	3	5	-
North Star	1	-	-	1	1	8	-

XXXX COLTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	1	1	-	-	10 ¹⁵	0 ⁰	36
Taringa Rovers	1	1	-	-	5 ³	0 ¹	36
Eastern Suburbs	1	1	-	-	5 ⁷	2 ³	36
Pine Rivers	1	1	-	-	3 ²	0 ³	33
Coalstars	1	1	-	-	1 ⁴	0 ¹	36
North Star	1	1	-	-	1	0 ⁵	33
North Brisbane	1	-	-	1	0 ¹	1 ⁴	-
Rochedale Rovers	1	-	-	1	0 ³	1 ²	-
Inala City	1	-	-	1	2 ⁴	5 ⁷	-
Mt Gravatt	1	-	-	1	0 ¹	3 ⁶	-
Brisbane CSC	1	-	-	1	0 ²	5 ⁷	-
Acacia Ridge	1	-	-	1	0 ¹	10 ¹²	-

XXXX RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa Rovers	1	1	-	-	5	1	36
Acacia Ridge	1	1	-	-	3	2	33
Eastern Suburbs	1	1	-	-	3	2	36
Pine Rivers	1	1	-	-	2	1	33
North Brisbane	1	1	-	-	1	0	33
North Star	1	1	-	-	1	0	36
Coalstars	1	-	-	1	0	1	10
Rochedale Rovers	1	-	-	1	0	1	-3
Brisbane Lions	1	-	-	1	2	3	-1
Inala City	1	-	-	1	2	3	-1
Mt Gravatt	1	-	-	1	1	2	-1
Brisbane CSC	1	-	-	1	1	5	-1

XXXX THIRDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern Suburbs	1	1	-	-	3	0	3
Coalstars	1	1	-	-	3	0	3
North Star	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Taringa Rovers	1	1	-	-	2	0	3
Brisbane Lions	1	1	-	-	3	2	3
Mt Gravatt	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Pine Rivers	1	-	-	1	1	2	-
Acacia Ridge	1	-	-	1	2	3	-
Rochedale Rovers	1	-	-	1	1	3	-
Brisbane CSC	1	-	-	1	0	2	-
North Brisbane	1	-	-	1	0	3	-
Inala City	1	-	-	1	1	7	-

XXXX LEAGUE LEADING SCORER

3 Goals - C. Williams (Nth Brisbane).

2 Goals - K. Cooper (Rochedale Rovers).

1 Goal - W. McGauley, J. Preston (Pine Rivers).
 D. Munn (Mt Gravatt). C. Banner, C. Fegan (Eastern Suburbs). J. Keepence (Inala City).
 F. Cole, R. Stewart, J. Playce, D. Theochari, N. McClure, P. Dillon (Rochedale Rovers). J. McDonagh (North Star). W. Allen (Brisbane City). D. Richardson, J. Eacott (Acacia Ridge).
 R. Vidolic (Brisbane CSC). S. Weston, M. Babic, A. Jefferd (Coalstars). J. Figliano, K. Meacock (North Brisbane).

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 \$1000 voucher from Insurance Exchange of Australia Pty Ltd. Last years winner was Taringa.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern Suburbs	4	4	-	-	17	6	12
Taringa Rovers	4	3	-	1	12	2	92
Pine Rivers	4	3	-	1	8	4	99
North Star	4	3	-	1	6	9	915
Brisbane Lions	4	2	-	2	16	7	612
Coalstars	4	2	-	2	7	6	612
North Brisbane	4	2	-	2	6	7	6
Acacia Ridge	4	2	-	2	7	16	69
Rochedale Rov	4	1	-	3	9	6	37
Mt Gravatt	4	1	-	3	4	8	36
Brisbane CSC	4	1	-	3	2	12	36
Inala City	4	-	-	4	6	17	-

1993 XXXX LEAGUE DRAW

Rounds 13 to 22
 Kick -off 2:45pm unless otherwise stated

ROUND 13

29-5	EASTERN SUBURBS	V	ACACIA RIDGE	7:00
30-5	BRISBANE LIONS	V	NORTH STAR	
29-5	ROCHEDALE ROV	V	NORTH BRISBANE	7:00
30-5	COALSTARS	V	MT GRAVATT	
29-5	PINE RIVERS	V	TARINGA ROVERS	7:00
30-5	BRISBANE CSC	V	INALA CITY	

ROUND 18

24-7	BRISBANE CSC	V	BRISBANE LIONS	5:00 PP
24-7	PINE RIVERS	V	ROCHEDALE ROV.	7:00 PP
25-7	INALA CITY	V	ACACIA RIDGE	
25-7	TARINGA ROVERS	V	NORTH STAR	
25-7	MT GRAVATT	V	NORTH BRISBANE	
25-7	COALSTARS	V	EASTERN SUBURBS	

ROUND 14 Split round on June 5-6 and June 12-14.

TBA	NORTH BRISBANE	V	BRISBANE LIONS
TBA	NORTH STAR	V	ACACIA RIDGE
TBA	INALA CITY	V	PINE RIVERS
TBA	TARINGA ROVERS	V	COALSTARS
TBA	MT GRAVATT	V	ROCHEDALE ROVERS
TBA	BRISBANE CSC	V	EASTERN SUBURBS

ROUND 19

31-7	EASTERN SUBURBS	V	MT GRAVATT	7:00
1-8	NORTH BRISBANE	V	TARINGA ROVERS	
31-7	NORTH STAR	V	INALA CITY	7:00
31-7	ACACIA RIDGE	V	BRISBANE CSC	7:00
1-8	BRISBANE LIONS	V	PINE RIVERS	
1-8	COALSTARS	V	ROCHEDALE ROV.	

12-6	QUEENSLAND	V	NSW	PERRY PARK
19-6	NSW	V	QLD	NEWCASTLE

7-8 AUGUST QUEENSLAND CUP FINAL

ROUND 15 Split round on June 19-29 & June 26-27.

TBA	EASTERN SUBURBS	V	NORTH STAR	PP
TBA	ACACIA RIDGE	V	NORTH BRISBANE	
TBA	BRISBANE LIONS	V	MT GRAVATT	
TBA	ROCHEDALE ROVERS	V	TARINGA ROVERS	
TBA	COALSTARS	V	INALA CITY	PP
TBA	PINE RIVERS	V	BRISBANE CSC	

ROUND 20

15-8	COALSTARS	V	BRISBANE LIONS	
14-8	PINE RIVERS	V	ACACIA RIDGE	7:00
15-8	BRISBANE CSC	V	NORTH STAR	
14-8	INALA CITY	V	NORTH BRISBANE	5:00 PP
15-8	TARINGA ROVERS	V	MT GRAVATT	
14-8	ROCHEDALE ROV.	V	EASTERN SUBS.	7:00 PP

3-7 AUCKLAND V QLD NEW ZEALAND

ROUND 16 Split Round

11-7	TARINGA ROVERS	V	BRISBANE LIONS	
3-7	MT GRAVATT	V	ACACIA RIDGE	7:00 PP
3-7	NORTH BRISBANE	V	NORTH STAR	7:00 PP
4-7	BRISBANE CSC	V	COALSTARS	
11-7	INALA CITY	V	ROCHEDALE ROVERS	
10-7	PINE RIVERS	V	EASTERN SUBURBS	7:00

ROUND 21

20-8	EASTERN SUBS.	V	TARINGA ROV.	8:30 FRI
22-8	MT GRAVATT	V	INALA CITY	
22-8	NORTH BRISBANE	V	BRISBANE CSC	
22-8	NORTH STAR	V	PINE RIVERS	
22-8	ACACIA RIDGE	V	COALSTARS	
22-8	BRISBANE LIONS	V	ROCHEDALE ROVERS	

ROUND 17

17-7	EASTERN SUBS.	V	NORTH BRISBANE	7:00
17-7	NORTH STAR	V	MT GRAVATT	7:00
17-7	ACACIA RIDGE	V	TARINGA ROVERS	7:00
18-7	BRISBANE LIONS	V	INALA CITY	
17-7	ROCHEDALE ROVERS	V	BRISBANE CSC	7:00
18-7	COALSTARS	V	PINE RIVERS	

ROUND 22

28-8	EASTERN SUBURBS	V	BRISBANE LIONS	7:00
28-8	ROCHEDALE ROVERS	V	ACACIA RIDGE	7:00
29-8	COALSTARS	V	NORTH STAR	
28-8	PINE RIVERS	V	NORTH BRISBANE	7:00
29-8	BRISBANE CSC	V	MT GRAVATT	
29-8	INALA CITY	V	TARINGA ROVERS	

September 4 Qualifying & Prelim. Semi-Finals
 September 11 Major and Knockout Semi-Finals
 September 18 Preliminary Final
 September 25 Grand Final

NOTE: PP = Perry Park

This draw is subject to change throughout the season.



Legg On The Ball

After receiving a mixed response from **The Bleiberg Factor** last week, **Eye on Soccer** is proud to bring you our second guest columnist for the year, **The Courier-Mail's** chief soccer writer Gary Legg. But don't worry Miron Bleiberg will be back!

Gary has been writing on the soccer for four years now and has seen the changing times in Queensland soccer first hand.

There were shocks a plenty in the opening round of the XXXX Soccer League last week which is sure to generate a lot of new interest in the competition, which is shaping up to be the best ever.

The introduction of poker machines to many of the clubs has allowed them the luxury of promoting their prospective teams better. Rochedale and North Brisbane have put out impressive newsletters. The informative pages are a welcome sight to supporters and will keep people in tune with club news.

It is a pity that one National League club is not so eager to keep supporters and journalists informed. There is always someone who is quick to criticise a newspaper for a lack of coverage of their favourite sport or team.

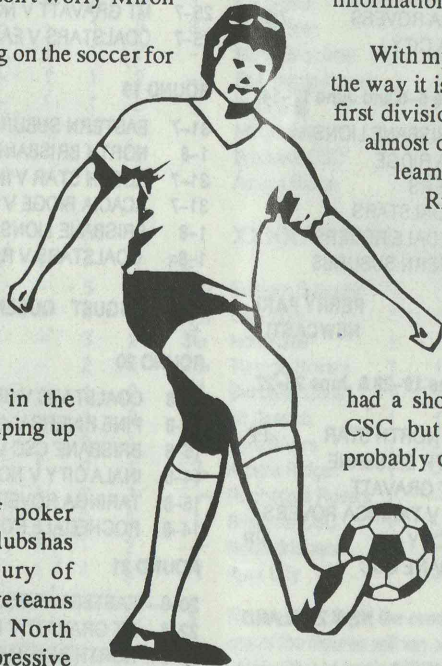
Fortunately I have my chance to put my gripe on paper. Sure it is the Journalist's job to find news but it is also the duty of the various clubs and organisations to promote themselves by feeding information to the media.

With my whinge for the year out of the way it is time to have a look at the first division season. I must admit to almost dropping the phone when I learned of the 2-1 win by Acacia Ridge over Lions. Lions had players out with injuries but you cannot take anything away from the "Blue Army".

Taringa Rovers also had a shock loss against Brisbane CSC but I believe Taringa are probably overrated. It is early days yet, however Taringa are really going to miss Sean and Troy Cranney and also Glenn Gwynne. There is no doubt the side will be one of the fastest in the competition, but also one of the smallest.

As quickly as I was taking notes at the Rochedale match they were banging goals in at a great rate against North Star. Frank Cole and Rod Vasquez give them new depth in the midfield and they looked very sharp against a less fitter side.

The bait offered in this column last week by United coach Miron Bleiberg (when he said a professional journalist would not commit himself) has been taken. After watching Rochedale play one match I am confident only complacency will stop them from making a clean-sweep of the trophies this season.



United Struggle

Brisbane United slumped to the bottom of the NSL ladder with a 4-0 drubbing at the hands of West Adelaide in Adelaide last weekend.

Jose Iriate led the Shark's frenzy with two goals and was ably supported by Greg Brown and Stan Lazaridis.

United went to the break trailing 2-0 after goals in the 9th and 26th minutes.

Iriate struck first after a miscued shot by team mate Hugo Gimenez found its way into his path inside the United penalty box.

The skilful striker made no mistake slanting his drive past a stranded Robbie Farrow.

Gus Cerro made it 2-0 with a powerful 20m volley that sailed into the bottom left hand corner.

United started the match well with the best chance falling to Battistin in the opening minutes.

The wiry midfielder dispossessed the Adelaide keeper but failed to score with his shot being saved by a Shark's defender.

United came out firing after the break and looked dangerous but failed to secure that much needed goal.

Brown made it 3-0 for the home side in the 59th minute after good lead-up work from Lazaridis.

Joe Stipancic and Frank Pimblett stood out in attack for United with Glenn Gwynne having a solid game in defence.

Midfielder Danny Halligan summed up United's day when he guided a ball into his own net trying to tackle Iriate inside a congested United penalty box.

United now take on Sydney CSC at Perry Park on Saturday night in what becomes a vital match before the one month break for the World Youth Cup.

United have never beaten the Sydney side who come to Brisbane desperate for a win after slipping out of the six in the past two weeks.

United coach Miron Bleiberg said he hoped his side would make the most of the home ground advantage.

"We are fighting for our pride and we don't want to finish on the bottom of the NSL table,"



Bleiberg said.

"The home game is a good opportunity to pull some points back especially since Preston are play Heidelberg."

He said United would play their normal open, attacking football and hoped they would win for their supporters.

United will be hoping a match against XXXX League side Rochedale Rovers earlier in the week provided the chance to iron out a few problems from last weeks match.

Match: Brisbane United v Sydney CSC at Perry Park 7:00pm Saturday 27th February.

COCA-COLA SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melbourne	21	14	3	4	39	19	45
Marconi Fairfield	21	14	2	5	46	24	44
Wollongong	22	10	6	6	28	19	36
West Adelaide	22	11	3	8	40	32	36
Parramatta	22	10	5	7	34	33	35
Melbourne CSC	22	9	4	9	31	31	31
Adelaide City	21	9	4	8	24	26	31
Sydney CSC	22	9	3	10	29	33	30
Newcastle BHP	22	7	8	7	30	25	29
Sydney Olympic	21	7	4	10	26	27	25
Morwell Falcons	22	6	7	9	23	31	25
Heidelberg Utd	22	5	8	9	24	36	23
Preston	22	5	8	9	24	36	15*
Brisbane Utd	22	4	3	15	26	54	15

*Deducted 4 points by CCSL Tribunal for Crowd disturbance.

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THE XXXX REPORT

BRISBANE LIONS 1 v ACACIA RIDGE 2 (1-0) at Lions Stadium

SCORERS: Lions: Warren Allen

Ridge: David Richardson, Jason Eacott

Player of the Year Points: David Richardson(AR) - 3, Warren Allen - 2, Tony McVey - 1.

LIONS: Lucas, Hunter, Hurney, Hilton, Schiavo, Hinton, Allen, C.Hews(Manikus), Lombardo, Powell, Georgiou(McMurtrie).

RIDGE: McVey, Spiers, Davidson, Gooding, Butchard, Stone, Kelly, Rudge, Richardson, Ibanez-Formas(Smythe),McKenzie.

BRISBANE CSC 1 v TARINGA ROVERS 0 (1-0) at Dunn Road

SCORER: Brisbane CSC: Rado Vidotic

Player of the Year Points: Rado Vidotic(B) - 3, Andrew Hobbs(B) - 2, Eddie Lees(T) - 1.

BRISBANE: Hobbs, Fehlberg, Liddell, Kirsopp, Caric, Mejias, Vidotic, Makridakis, C.Valle(Hindley), Kotic, Marinov.

TARINGA: Tatton, Pearse, Tolputt, Philp, Ogden, Hillier, Glockner, E. Lees, Colliccoat, Carter, C.Gwynne(A.Lees).

PINE RIVERS 2 v MT GRAVATT 1 (1-1) at Wendy Allison Park

SCORERS: Pine Rivers: Wayne McGauley, John Preston.

Mt Gravatt: David Munn

Player of the Year Points: John Preston(PR) - 3, Damien Waugh(PR) - 2, David Munn(MG) - 1.

PINE RIVERS: Underhill, Starr, Eden, Cartwright, Greer, Almond, Rhule, Waugh, Preston, McGauley, Campbell(Carroll).

MT GRAVATT: Harrison, Banister, Worroll, Kelly, Prentice, Lederose, Austin, Graham, Munn, Mitchell, Collins.

COALSTARS 3 v NORTH BRISBANE 5 (1-2) at Eric Evans Reserve

SCORERS: Coalstars: Stu Weston, Michael Babic, Aaron Jefferd

Nth Brisb: Craig Williams 3 (inc 2 pen), J Figliano, Kevin Meacock

Player of the Year Points: Craig Williams(NB) - 3, John Figliano(NB) - 2, Michael Babic(C) - 1.

COALSTARS: Uthmann, McFarlane, Boyle, Weston, Jefferd, King(Gilbert), Cotton, Babic, Park, Guest, McKendrick.

NTH BRISB: Evans, Regano, Vincenzino, Cox, Tiraboschi, Whyte, Collins, Figliano, Meacock, Williams, O'Brien (Cucchi).

ROCHEDALE ROVERS 8 v NORTH STAR 1 (3-0) at Underwood Park

SCORERS: Rochedale: Frank Cole, Kieran Cooper 2, R Stewart (pen), Justin Playle,

Demetri Theochari, Paddy Dillon, Nigel McClure.

North Star: Jim McDonagh

Player of the Year Points: Frank Cole(RR) - 3, Justin Playle(RR) - 2, Nigel McClure(RR) - 1.

ROCHEDALE: Ross, Hart, Galloway, McClure, R. Stewart, Harris(Svensson), Vasquez, Playle(Dillon), Theochari, Cooper, Cole.

NORTH STAR: Parks, Jones, Evans, Archer, Lobwein, Mulvey, R.Swan, K.Swan, McDonagh, Scriggins, Seeley.

EASTERN SUBURBS 2 v INALA CITY 1 (0-0) at Heath Park

SCORERS: Easts: Chris Bannon, Chris Fegan

Inala: Jason Keepence

Player of the Year Points: Colin Burnett(IC) - 3, Danny Whitfield(E) - 2, Chris Fegan(E) - 1.

EASTS: Damsma, Banner, Parsons(Dardanis), Geritz, Perry, Rutherford, Fegan, Makridakis, Nicol, Whitfield, Le Cocq(Murphy).

INALA: Frahm, Findlay, Burnett, Thompson, Lilley, Spence, Williams, Keepence, Wilkinson(Clark), Spence, Babic(Seeley).

Fine welcome for Evuns

North Star's latest recruit, New Zealand International Alan Evuns, received a "thanks for coming" from Rochedale last week as they left his side in tatters with a demoralising 8-1 victory.

Not such a memorable debut for the 23-year-old but things are bound to get better.

Born in Liverpool, England, Evuns moved to New Zealand when he was five and has had a steady rise to fame, culminating in All White selection in February last year.

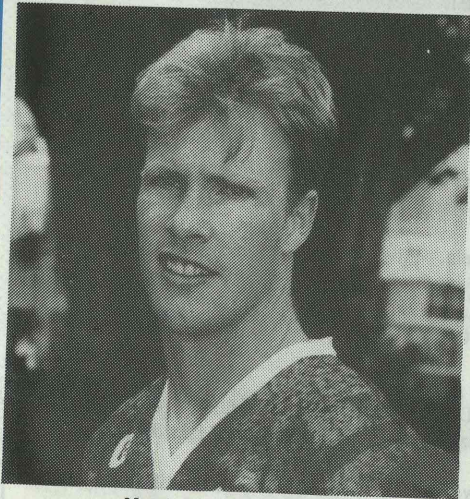
He moved to Australia this month after the collapse of the New Zealand National League but played here in 1991 when Queensland drew 2-2 with Canterbury.

North Star snapped up the left-footed Evuns last week and he believes there are better things to come down at O'Callaghan Park.

"It is a new experience, but North Star have been really good to me," Evuns said.

"They have given me a job and helped me settle in so it's been great."

Evuns has only been at North Star for a week but believes the 8-1 drubbing on the weekend wasn't a true indication of the sides form.



North Stars Alan Evuns

"We were a bit rusty on the weekend and they are a very good side but I think we will get better as time goes on," he said.

"Our backline has three new faces so it will take some time to adjust."

He said he was impressed with what he had seen so far in Brisbane.

"I was really impressed with Rochedale. I thought their standard was very high," Evuns said.

"North Star have been really good to me"

"From what I've seen I believe 3 or 4 XXXX League sides could compete in the New Zealand National League."

And what about the upcoming world Cup Qualifiers against Australia?

"Obviously we'll be underdogs which suits us, but it will be a tough match," he replies.

"My main aim at the moment is retaining my place in the side."

PROFILE =====

Name: Alan Evuns
Club: North Stars
Date of Birth: 4-7-69
Place of Birth: Liverpool, England
Former Clubs: Bays Utd., Cashmere Wanderers, Wooston Workmans Club, Christchurch Utd.
Best Moment: Playing for N.Z.
1993 Goal: Retain place in the All-Whites. Successful season with North Star.

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Brisbane Lions defender David Hunter in full flight during last weeks match against Acacia Ridge.



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This weeks guest Tipster is Craig Williams from North Brisbane. Last weeks guest Kieran Cooper scored 11 points.

..... **WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK**

MATCH	MARK OBERHARDT	GARRY LEGG	JOHN LINGARD	CRAIG WILLIAMS
XXXX League				
Acacia Ridge v Eastern Suburbs	Draw	Acacia Ridge	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs
North Star v Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Draw
North Brisbane v Rochedale Rov.	Rochedale Rov	Rochedale Rov	Rochedale Rov	North Brisbane
Mt Gravatt v Coalstars	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt
Taringa Rovers v Pine Rivers	Pine Rivers	Pine Rivers	Taringa Rovers	Draw
Inala City v Brisbane CSC	Brisbane CSC	Draw	Brisbane CSC	Brisbane CSC
XXXX League Reserves				
Acacia Ridge v Eastern Suburbs	Draw	Acacia Ridge	Eastern Suburbs	Acacia Ridge
North Star v Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	North Star	North Star
North Brisbane v Rochedale Rov.	North Brisbane	Rochedale Rov	North Brisbane	North Brisbane
Mt Gravatt v Coalstars	Draw	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Draw
Taringa Rovers v Pine Rivers	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Pine Rivers	Pine Rivers
Inala City v Brisbane CSC	Inala	Brisbane CSC	Brisbane CSC	Draw
XXXX League Colts				
Acacia Ridge v Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs
North Star v Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions
North Brisbane v Rochedale Rov.	North Brisbane	Rochedale Rov	North Brisbane	North Brisbane
Mt Gravatt v Coalstars	Coalstars	Coalstars	Mt Gravatt	Coalstars
Taringa Rovers v Pine Rivers	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Pine Rivers	Draw
Inala City v Brisbane CSC	Draw	Inala	Brisbane CSC	Inala City
XXXX League Third Grade				
Acacia Ridge v Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs
North Star v Brisbane Lions	Draw	Brisbane Lions	North Star	North Star
North Brisbane v Rochedale Rov.	Rochedale Rov	Rochedale Rov	Rochedale Rov	North Brisbane
Mt Gravatt v Coalstars	Coalstars	Draw	Coalstars	Draw
Taringa Rovers v Pine Rivers	Taringa Rovers	Draw	Taringa Rovers	Draw
Inala City v Brisbane CSC	Brisbane CSC	Brisbane CSC	Brisbane CSC	Draw
TOTALS	13	13	14	11

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Eye on Soccer extends its condolences to North Brisbane stalwart **Horrace Ashforth**. Born in Sheffield, England, Horrie came to Australia in the mid-1930s. Legend has it that playing for Sheffield United in the 1933 English F.A. Cup Semi-Final he collided with a goalpost and subsequently missed the Final which Sheffield lost.

He moved to Brisbane where he spent about six years as a strapper at Grange Thistle before moving to Polonia (now North Brisbane). A Life Member since 1987 for services to the club

Horrie died late last year and was your quintessential club man. Queensland soccer has lost a great friend.

Born 5/7/1908 Died 9/11/92

XXXX LEAGUE - ROUND 2



ACACIA RIDGE v EASTERN SUBURBS

Proud Oval, Friday February 26, 8.30PM



Both sides are coming off good wins last weekend and this should be a good gauge of their early season progress. For Easts's coach Calvin Daunt it was a fine debut in the XXXX League last weekend beating Inala 2-1.

David Richardson won't be making too many changes although Jason Eacott's winner at Richlands will be food for thought.

Acacia Ridge will be playing their first home match and will be hard to beat.

MATCH WINNERS

David Richardson proved last week he is the perfect player/coach, scoring the equaliser after it looked like Lions would the three points.

Young Danny Whitfield is proving a good acquisition for Easts. After a solid year last year he has grown in confidence and will be dangerous again at the Ridge.

ACACIA RIDGE

1. Tony McVey
2. Alan Spiers
3. Paul Davidson
4. Neville Gooding
5. Michael Butchard
6. Fred Stone
7. Jim Kelly
8. Jason Eacott
9. Michael McCarthy
10. Martin Rudge
11. David Richardson
12. Roy Smythe
13. Jorge Ibanez-Formas
14. Chris Woods
15. Luke McKenzie-Ross
16. Brett Hamlett
17. Guy Rigby
20. Brett Wass

EASTERN SUBURBS

1. Brendan Damsma
2. Chris Banner
3. Darren Parsons
4. Mark Geritz
5. Steve Perry
6. Jim Rutherford
7. Nick Higginbottom
8. Chris Fegan
9. Phil Makridakis
10. Wayne Corbett
11. Richard Nicol
13. Danny Whitfield
14. Robert Le Cocq
15. Michael Beer
16. Jame Murphy
17. Arron Patterson
18. Trevor Carson



NORTH STAR v BRISBANE LIONS

O'callaghan Park, Friday February 26, 8.30PM



This match is traditionally a good one and this week will be no exception. With both sides coming off losses they will desperate for points.

North Star will be out to restore some pride after an embarrassing defeat against Rochedale

The excuses of lack of cohesion and poor fitness may be relevant but surely this is due to poor preparation. They will need to overcome these if they are to be a force this season. Lions on the other hand must be disappointed at losing after leading 1-0.

MATCH WINNERS

Jim McDonagh has been a great striker for North Star and continues to score goals. He will be one to watch.

Warren Allen capped off a great debut for Lions with goal and from all reports is just what the club needed.

NORTH STAR

1. Jason Parks
2. Craig Jones
3. Alan Evans
4. Glen Archer
5. Danny Lobwein
6. Phil Mulvey
7. Ken Swan
8. Ross Swan
9. Jim McDonagh
10. Lee Scriggins
11. Nick Seeley
12. Stuart Neilson
13. Damien Rosenthal
14. Ian Hutchinson
15. Scott Elliot
16. Reece James
17. Brent Reynolds
19. Paul Schloss
- Res Michael Jones

BRISBANE LIONS

1. John Lucas
2. David Hunter
3. Peter Hurney
4. Frank Mengotti
5. Alan Hilton
6. John Schiavo
7. Warren Allen
8. Andrew Stowell
9. Craig Priddy
10. Troy Hews
11. Wayne Hinton
12. Stuart Hodges
13. Chay Hews
14. Jeff Lombardo
15. Steven Powell
16. Paul Georgiou
17. Leonard Manikus
20. Adrian Walker

XXXX LEAGUE - ROUND 2



TARINGA ROVERS v PINE RIVERS

Jack Speare Park, Friday February 26, 8.30PM



Taringa will be hoping to christen their lights with a win, especially after last weeks loss to Brisbane CSC. After displaying great form in their pre-season matches they failed when it mattered most.

Pine Rivers, are full of confidence and playing to win after a new incentive scheme was introduced by their sponsor. They showed last week they can comeback from a goal down and will be tough to beat.

MATCHWINNERS

Midfielder Eddie Lees had a solid debut for Taringa and will be hoping to resurrect his representative career this season.

Damien Waugh showed last week he can mix it with the best dominating a somewhat congested midfield. Apart from some wayward shooting, Waugh looks ready for a big season.

TARINGA ROVERS

1. Kevin Tatton
2. Cameron Pearse
3. Eddie Lees
4. Domenic Tonel
5. John Ogden
6. Michael Colliccoat
7. Steve Glockner
8. Andrew Lees
9. Willie Carter
10. Darren Hillier
11. Andrew Philp
12. Andrew Tolputt
13. Greg Swadling
14. Colin Gwynne
15. Brad Burke
16. Colin Mietzel
17. Craig McColl
20. Clint Dal Santo

PINE RIVERS

1. Peter Underhill
2. Steven Starr
3. Graham Efen
4. John Cartwright
5. Mark Greer
6. Denis Almond
7. John Fraule
8. Damien Waugh
9. John Preston
10. Wayne McGeehey
11. Noel Carroll
12. Dave Campbell
13. Andrew Page
14. Andy Strickland
15. Rob Marschner
16. Paul Ackincklose
17. Jeff Scott
- Res G/K. Jason Holstien



NORTH BRISBANE v ROCHEDALE ROVERS

Prentice Park, Sunday February 28, 4.00PM



This is without a doubt the match of the round and North Brisbane are planning a great day. After a 8-1 drubbing of North Star Rochedale must be firm favourites.

Prentice Park is a tough place to play and North Brisbane are hard to beat there. After a 5-3 win over a 10-man Coalstars, which included 2 penalties, North Brisbane must tighten up their defence if they are to have any chance.

MATCH WINNERS

Frank Cole showed again last week why he is one of the best players in the League and his dominance in the midfield is a pleasure to watch.

North Brisbane's midfield is dominated by Craig Williams who scored three last week and showed why should be playing in the NSL. This shapes up as a classis struggle.

NORTH BRISBANE

1. Wayne Evans
2. Adrian Regano
3. David Vincenzino
4. Danny Cox
5. Marco Tiraboschi
6. George Whyte
7. Craig Collins
8. John Figliano
9. Kevin Meacock
10. Craig Williams
11. Kevin O'Brien
12. Lorenzo Cucchi
13. Ben Tatasciore
14. Steffen Hansen
20. Kevin Dunbar

ROCHEDALE ROVERS

1. Graham Ross
2. Stuart Hart
3. Kieran Galloway
4. Nigel McClure
5. Damian Harris
6. Roddy Vasquez
7. Justin Playle
8. Demetri Theochari
9. Kieran Cooper
10. Paddy Dillon
11. Frank Cole
12. John Stewart
13. Scott Burton
14. John Weatherby
15. Russell Stewart
16. Dave Bearman
17. Dean Svensson
- Res G/K Adam Lebian

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MT GRAVATT v COALSTARS

Dittmer Park, Sunday February 28, 4.00PM



Both sides are coming off losses last week but played well enough to suggest a draw might have been deserved. Two penalties and a send-off fruined Coalstars chances, while a freak John Preston goal destroyed Mt Gravatt.

Coalstars received a major blow with the loss of captain Alan McFarlane and this may force Mark Gilbert to quicken his comeback. This will be a tough encounter with the side that takes their early chances likely to win.

MATCH WINNERS

David Munn showed all his class with a beautifully taken goal at Pine Rivers last weekend. With Alan McFarlane sitting out due to a send-off Munn could have a field day.

Michael Babic had a good game last week may have found his niche at Coalstars. He will need to play well again.

MT GRAVATT

1. Rob Harrison
2. Ty Bannister
3. Mario Lattanzi
4. Paul Worroll
5. Steve Kelly
6. Alan Prentice
7. Marc Lederhose
8. Atilla Marta
9. Jarrod Austin
10. Simon Graham
11. David Munn
12. Fotis Skordou
13. Terry Henry
14. Steve Mitchell
- Paul Lederhose
- Darren Stachowicz
- Stuart Collins
- Res G/K Paul Petersen

COALSTARS

20. Alan Uthmann
2. Pat Boyle
3. Alan McFarlane
4. Stu Weston
5. Mark Gilbert
6. Aaron Jefferd
7. Andrew King
8. Anthony Cotton
9. Michael Babic
10. Wes Park
11. Jason Ball
12. David Guest
13. Brendan Eastwell
14. Scott Stenzel
16. Chris Barrett
18. Darren Frieberg
19. Peter McKendrick
20. Kevin Farrar



INALA CITY v BRISBANE CSC

Freeman Rd. Inala, Sunday February 28, 4.00PM



East's coach Calvin Daunt summed up Inala City last week when he said they would cause a few sides a few problems. Playing at home for the first time could be the impetus needed to give them their first win in the XXXX League.

Brisbane CSC will not be the same without player/coach Frank Liddell who was sent off under controversial circumstances last week. CSC played well and this should be a close match.

MATCH WINNERS

Inala's Colin Burnett was a good player in a losing side last weekend and will need to repeat the dose against CSC. He will be one to watch.

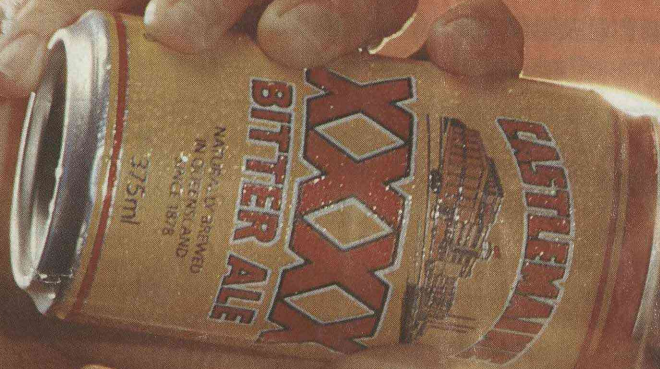
Rado Vidosic had an outstanding match last weekend scoring the vital winner for CSC. Frank Liddell will be hoping Rado can again produce the goods at Freeman Road.

INALA CITY

1. Kerry Frahm
2. Michael Mason
3. Andrew Findlay
4. Phillip Hill
5. Colin Burnett
6. Craig Thompson
7. Kirk Lilley
8. Darren Spence
9. David Williams
10. Jason Keepence
11. Brett Wilkinson
12. Damian Butler
13. John Clark
14. Paul McMahon
15. Wayne Spence
16. Tony Babic
17. Scott Kelly
18. Graham Pratt

BRISBANE CSC

1. Andrew Hobbs
2. Martin Fehlberg
3. Frank Liddell
4. Danny Valle
5. Martin Kirsopp
6. John Caric
7. Ringo Mejias
8. Rado Vidosic
9. Harry Makridakis
11. Lee Hindley
12. Ivan Beronic
13. Claudio Valle
14. Ivan Kosic
15. Jason Fitzgerald
20. Bert Van Manner



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