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# Soccer

**Cranney on  
Target for  
Youth Cup**

**Cutillas, will he bring  
the Championship  
to Taringa**





## Youth League boost

Queensland could soon have a team in the National Youth League, according to State Director of Coaching Jim Selby.

Selby, who is also head coach of the soccer component of the Queensland Academy of Sport, said he had held preliminary talks with ASF and QSF officials on the issue of placing a side in the National Youth League.

"It's just an idea at this stage but we are hoping to get a QAS team into the NSL Youth League," Selby said.

"It would be a great boost for Queensland soccer in general," he said.

At the moment promising youngsters throughout the State are limited in their options with no Queensland team playing at this level.

They can either head to Sydney or Melbourne to play in the National Youth League or hopefully get accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport which already has a team playing in that competition.

"This would give us an advantage over the AIS because our players could go straight from the Youth League into the National League whereas AIS players can only play in the Youth League," Selby said.

"Unfortunately at the moment many of our youngsters are heading south to play with clubs who can offer them a place in the youth side."

QSF General Manager Alan Vessey also confirmed the issue had been raised with officials at the Australian Soccer Federation.

Further discussions would be held with the QAS to confirm their support.

Brisbane United Secretary Lawrence Oudendyk welcomed the idea.

"Queensland Soccer and indirectly Brisbane United would surely benefit from such a move as this," he said.

"It would probably be the most important thing in the development of Brisbane United and our future in the National League."

"It would give the QAS a chance to attract youngsters throughout the state and provide Queensland with a chance to give youngsters valuable National League experience.



Louise McMurtrie, Corinne Currey, Brad Ditton and Sean Cranney with Pele at the World Youth Championship press conference at Lang Park.

Current QAS Boys squad: Darren Stachowicz, Ty Bannister, Brook Monahan, Anthony De Lange, Sean Cranney, Brad Ditton, Chay Hews, Brenley Jefferd.

### CRANNEY ON TARGET

Queensland's number 1 youth player Sean Cranney is on target for the World Youth Championships next month following his serious ankle injury three weeks ago.

The attacking midfielder was rushed to Adelaide last week to join fellow Young Soccer Mark Wingell who is also in doubt.

The pair will train under the watchful eye of West Adelaide coach Raul Blanco, who is also the Young Soccer's assistant coach.

Blanco, who is known in soccer circles as a fitness fanatic, has the job of bringing the pair to match fitness in time for the Championships.

They are believed to have a week to prove their fitness.

Speaking at the WYC Press Conference with Pele a week ago, Cranney said he was ready for the Championships.

"Obviously I have to prove myself but I feel the ankle will be okay," Cranney said.

Soccer fans throughout Queensland received a shot in the arm last week with the announcement of a revamped Queensland Cup.

The Queensland Cup, which was won by Rochedale Rovers last year, will double in prize money with the winner earning \$7000 and runner-up \$3000.

QSF Secretary Jim Gilbert said 21 teams would be involved in the cup including nine regional sides.

All twelve of the XXXX League sides will make at least one trip to the country with the final being staged at Perry Park on August 8.

"The new concept emerged after a meeting we had with country affiliates in November," Gilbert said.

"It is a great boost for Queensland Soccer to get all the XXXX League sides to the country and will make the Cup all that more prestigious to win.

"It will also give Brisbane coaches a chance to look at some of the top talent we have in the country areas throughout Queensland," he said.

"It will be a tough cup to win."

Local XXXX League coaches gave the thumbs up to the revamped Cup.

# XXXX

## Qld Cup reaches new heights

### GROUP 1

Far North Queensland  
North Queensland  
Eastern Suburbs  
Coalstars

### GROUP 2

Rockhampton  
Mackay  
North Star  
Taringa Rovers

### GROUP 3

Bundaberg  
Maryborough  
Brisbane CSC  
Acacia Ridge

### GROUP 4

Toowoomba  
Pine Rivers  
North Brisbane  
Inala City

### GROUP 5

Gold Coast  
Sunshine Coast  
Brisbane Lions  
Mount Gravatt

### PARTIAL DRAW

#### Sun. March 28

Gold Coast v Sunshine Coast

#### Sat April 10

Far Nth Qld v Eastern Suburbs

Nth Qld v Coalstars

Rockhampton v North Star

Mackay v Taringa Rovers

Bundaberg v Acacia Ridge

Maryborough v Brisbane CSC

Toowoomba v North Brisbane

Gold Coast v Brisbane Lions

Sunshine Coast v Rochedale Rov.

#### Mon April 12

Far Nth Qld v Coalstars

Nth Qld v Eastern Suburbs

Rockhampton v Taringa Rovers

#### Mon. April 12 cont.

Mackay v North Star

Bundaberg v Brisbane CSC

Maryborough v Acacia Ridge

Toowoomba v Pine Rivers

Gold Coast v Rochedale Rov.

Sunshine Coast v Brisbane Lions

#### Wed. April 21

Pine Rivers v Inala City

Brisbane Lions v Mt Gravatt



# EDITORIAL . . . . .

Welcome again to the XXXX League in what promises to be a very exciting year for all Brisbane soccer lovers. The early start of the XXXX League is mainly due to two reasons. Firstly, we have a packed fixture list this season with the revamped Queensland Cup, the State of Origin Series, matches against New Zealand side Auckland, and the Inter-City Series. Added to this is the fact that in March Australia is hosting the third biggest event in the world, The FIFA World Youth Championships.



A recent article by Simon Benson in the January 15 edition of Ad News stated that the 1993 FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup

could go a long way to putting soccer sponsorship on the map.

Sponsors are already showing increased interest in the Australian Soccer Federation and this is fantastic.

Hopefully Queensland Soccer will reap the rewards as well.

It can never be said too often what a valuable contribution Castlemaine Perkins Limited has made to the development of Soccer in Queensland.

I hope the all new Eye on Soccer magazine is to your liking. We have introduced some new concepts and hope to bring you plenty more before the season is out.

If you have any suggestions, or anything you think is worth a story then don't hesitate to send them in. Until next time, good luck to all the XXXX League teams. Let the battle begin!

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# Will 1993 bring glory for Taringa?



*Taringa coach  
Juan Cutillas*



If you were a Taringa supporter in 1991, you could be forgiven for thinking they were on the way out. With a win in their round 22 match against Acacia Ridge needed to ensure XXXX League survival, things looked as bleak as they had ever been since the club's formation back in 1949.

But a win in that match and some good, old fashioned hard work has seen Taringa lose their easybeats tag and become a real title contender.

Last season was the turning point for the Blue Machine as the Glen Davis coached side reached the finals for the first time in the club's history.

Led by youngsters Glenn Gwynne and Troy Cranney, Taringa started slowly but finished strongly, bowing out in the Preliminary final to eventual winners North Star.

And the momentum should continue in 1993.

The club pulled off a coup in December last year by signing Spanish maestro Juan Cutillas as coach and has added to that by signing Darren Hillier, John Ogden and Eddie Lees.

Although they seem certain to lose Brisbane United players Glenn Gwynne and Chris Slater, Cutillas has assembled a squad that could bring the much sought after Championship to Speare Park.

"I was very impressed with the set-up at Taringa and with everyone I've dealt with since joining the club," Cutillas said.

"They are professional, unselfish people who have an aim to improve the club in every single aspect of the game and their facilities are very good."

Cutillas' last foray into the XXXX League was back in 1990 when Taringa was the last thing on his mind.

That year he led Brisbane City to their emphatic 2-0 victory over Brisbane Lions in a Grand Final reply.

For the past two seasons he has had great success as coach of the Queensland side and made

Willowburn a consistent performer in the Second Division.

But can he bring glory to Taringa?

"I was brought to the club with an aim to the future and I am working very hard towards that," he replies.

"The chances to win the Premiership are there. We will go for everything as much as we can and I think we have the capabilities to go to the top this year."

He sites Rochedale and North Star as the biggest threats but steers clear of any major predictions, preferring to concentrate on his own players.

"We have three or four players that could emerge from this years side as players of the future," he said.

"Andrew Philp, Michael Colliccoat, Willie Carter and Colin Gwynne all have the potential to be good players and this year will be their chance to prove it."

Only time will tell as to the quality of the Blue Machine but on paper they look real title contenders. Their first test comes this weekend when they take on Brisbane CSC at Dunn Road. The Frank Liddell coached side finished a credible second last year but will face an uphill to repeat that feat this season. The loss of Robbie Harrison, Kevin Meacock and Joe Stipancic has left CSC lacking depth.

The club signed former Rochedale keeper Andrew Hobbs late last week and is also trying to lure former NSL midfielder Martin Kirsopp from Grange Thistle.



# Feast of Football

It's been a long haul since Australia last hosted the World Youth Championships in 1981 but this years tournament promises to be better than ever.

The next month will see 32 world class matches played in 5 venues across the country - Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra and Melbourne.

Brisbane has arguably the best group with Germany, Uruguay, Portugal and Ghana all vying for a quarter-final berth.

Portugal are the holders of the Championship after narrowly defeating Brazil in the final in Portugal in 1991.

Tickets for the event are selling fast with Lang Park a perfect venue for viewing soccer.

There is also a good chance we could see the Australian boys in town. If they finish second in their group they will play in the quarter-final in Brisbane on March 13 against the winner of the Brisbane Group.

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### GROUP A SYDNEY/CANBERRA

Friday March 5

7:30pm Opening Ceremony  
8:30pm Australia v Columbia

Saturday March 6

8:30pm Russia v Cameroon

Monday March 8

6:15pm Columbia v Cameroon  
8:30pm Australia v Russia

Thursday March 11

6:15pm Columbia v Russia  
8:30pm Australia v Cameroon

Saturday March 13

8:30pm 1st Group a v 2nd Group B

### QUARTER FINAL

Wednesday March 17

8:30pm Winner Sydney Q/F v Winner Melbourne Q/F

### SEMI-FINAL

Saturday March 20

4:30pm 3rd & 4th Playoff  
7:00pm FINAL

### GROUP B BRISBANE - LANG PARK

Saturday March 6

6:15pm Portugal v Germany  
8:30pm Uruguay v Ghana

Tuesday March 9

6:15pm Germany v Ghana  
8:30pm Portugal v Germany

Thursday March 11

6:15pm Germany v Uruguay  
8:30pm Portugal v Ghana

Saturday March 13

6:15pm 1st Group B v 2nd Group A

### QUARTER FINAL

### GROUP C MELBOURNE - OLYMPIC PARK

Sunday March 7

6:15pm Korea Republic v England  
8:30pm Turkey v USA

Tuesday March 9

6:15pm England v USA  
8:30pm Korea Republic v Turkey

Thursday March 11

6:15pm England v Turkey  
8:30pm Korea Republic v USA

Sunday March 14

6:15pm 1st Group C v 2nd Group C

### QUARTER FINAL

Wednesday March 17

6:15pm Winner Brisbane Q/F v Winner Adelaide Q/F

### GROUP D ADELAIDE

#### HINDMARSH STADIUM

Sunday March 7

6:15pm Mexico v Norway  
8:30pm Brazil v Saudia Arabia

Tuesday March 9

6:15pm Norway v Saudia Arabia  
8:30pm Mexico v Brazil

Thursday March 11

6:15pm Norway v Brazil  
8:30pm Mexico v Saudia Arabia

Sunday March 14

8:30pm 1st Group D v 2nd Group C

### QUARTER FINAL



## Pele at Lang Park for the World Youth Championship media launch



Jim Selby with Pele at the recent media launch of the World Youth Championship at Lang Park.

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# SELBY IS NUMBER 1



If you'd asked Jim Selby in 1990 how his job was going he'd have given you one answer – fantastic.

He was working on the Gold Coast as their Regional Director of Coaching and seeing fantastic results in the development of both their Junior and Senior Soccer organisations.

Sitting on the golden sands of Surfer Paradise during one of his rare day's off he thought things couldn't get any better – but they did.

Two years later Selby is Queensland's number one Development coach after being appointed as the State Director of Coaching for the Queensland Soccer Federation.

In addition to this, he is also the head coach for the Soccer part of the Queensland Academy of Sport which was formed last year.

The position is a busy one which requires administration, coaching, and plenty of travelling.

He has been spending up to 60 hours a week on the job and went for two-and-a-half months last year without a day off.

But as Selby says, that sort of lifestyle comes with the territory.

"I think it's part of the job in the first few

years you're involved," he said. "You try and put in as much work as you possibly can to get as much going as you possibly can."

And it's a theory that's worked for a man who has seen success with every appointment he's had.

He was a Regional Director of Coaching at Bundaberg for five years before leaving to take up an appointment on the Gold Coast.

While in Bundaberg he led their representative side to an Ampol Cup Semi-finals berth and lost only six matches out of 56 in his five years at the helm.

He finally won the Ampol Cup with the Gold Coast in 1988 and added the Inter-City Series to his honours list before moving to Brisbane in 1991.

"My main aim when I first came to Brisbane was that no-one should be disadvantaged in the services they receive in relation to the area they come from," he said.

"I thought I'd have most of it organised within a year or so. Other people told me it would take 18 months and I'm starting to believe that. It will probably be around two years before everything is where I like it."

In his time at the QSF Selby has introduced selective coaching courses for elite players, instructor courses for coaches, Strike-Force clinics for players and implemented a school coaching program.

"I'm not spending as much time on the park as I used to," he admits.

"It's more co-ordinating and organising programs and letting me say, this is what I think should be happening throughout the State.

Having said that I think the administration side of things is only a major issue for the next couple of years until the whole program is implemented throughout the State."

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Jim Selby with Wilma Shakespear QAS Director

# Newcomers do it tough

**Newcomers Acacia Ridge and Inala City are in for a baptism of fire this weekend with the commencement of the XXXX League.**

For Inala, it is their first time in the league and coach Ian Seeley has a tough job ahead of him. Acacia Ridge, on the other hand, have had a rollercoaster ride in the XXXX League over the last 5 years, being promoted in 1989, relegated in 1991 and promoted again this year.

But if you speak to President Mark Brigden, things are about to change down Acacia Ridge way.

"A former president of Rochedale Rovers said to me that when he was president their aim was to be as big as Acacia Ridge," Brigden said.

"This club was at the top in many ways and now that we're doing up the club house and getting the pokies in we'll eventually be as big as anyone, both on and off the field."

"We'll do a lot better than people think this season and next year we'll win the League," he said.

It's a big prediction for a newly promoted club, but if North Brisbane's performance in their first year is any indication, then Brigden's prediction could well come true.

If it does happen, you can be sure player/coach David Richardson will have something to do with it.

Richardson was appointed at the end of the 1991 season, with the Ridge then well on their way to relegation. He nearly saved them that season and led them to promotion at the end of last season as runners-up in the Second Division.

"In one-and-a-half years he has lost only four games and that was at a time when we didn't have a lot of money to buy players, so he's done an exceptional job," Brigden said.

"I've got no doubt he gets more out of certain players, he's a thinking coach and without a doubt the best coach in Brisbane," he said.

"He's got a job here as long as he wants one."

Although flattered by Brigden's remarks, Richardson has a more down to earth approach to the upcoming season.

"This year we're not looking to do anything, only staying in the XXXX League," Richardson said.

"Anything else above third-last place is a bonus."

"I've no doubt in my mind that in 3-5 years Acacia Ridge will be one of the biggest and best clubs in Brisbane, whether I'm here or not," he said.

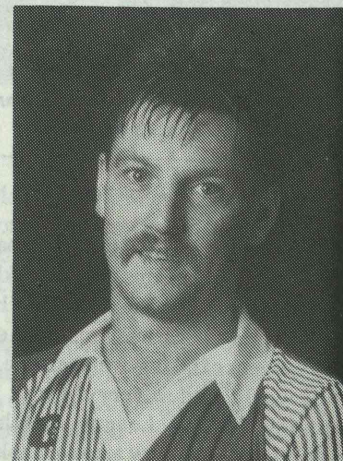
Acacia Ridge have recruited several players to the club including Michael McCarthy, Fred Stone, Michael Butchard, Brett Wass and possibly Craig Lowe.

"We would love to go out and but the cream of Brisbane but obviously that costs," Richardson said.

"We think we've bought wisely for the amount of resources that we had."

Richardson will be ably assisted throughout the season by assistant coach Fred Robins and reserves coach Colin Burley.

They face a tough test this Sunday when they take on Brisbane Lions at Richlands Stadium at 4:00pm.



David Richardson



# Rochedale lead the way

Rochedale Rovers are without a doubt the team of the 90's.

Having made the Grand Final for the past two years and won the Queensland Cup last year, Rochedale are fast emerging as the team to lead Queensland soccer back into resurgence.

After spending some time at Underwood Park you can see for yourself that someone there must be doing something right.

The recent appointment of leading XXXX league striker Kieran Cooper as a full-time Development Officer is a positive step and one that has increased interest in the game in the local area.



Rochedale's latest staff member Kieran Cooper (left) in action

Cooper has been one of Queensland's top strikers over the past 10 years and has made the leading scorer title his own winning it an amazing 5 times.

He moved from Brisbane City to Rochedale in 1991 and has no regrets about the move, although he admits the going at Rochedale keeps him on his toes.

"I've been very, very busy," Cooper said.

The Rochedale Soccer Club now have their own community newspaper, known as the Rochedale News, which has a circulation of around 13,000 and is receiving a good response from the locals.

They are also promoting the game in local shopping centres and arranging school visits throughout the year.

"We're not just promoting Rochedale Rovers, we're promoting soccer in general," Cooper said.

"We hope that in five years we can be in a position that if a place becomes available in the NSL, under the banner of Logan City, we would have an opportunity to go in."

And while Rochedale are looking long term their major concern is 1993.

"We are promoting all our home games and this Saturday night against North Star should be fantastic," he said.

"We've got two VIP tickets to the Michael Jackson concert to give away and plenty planned for the day so we're expecting a good crowd.

"We've also got plenty planned for the year so it should be great."

Rochedale host last years Premiers and Grand Final Winners North Star at Underwood Park, Rochedale, 7:00pm Saturday night.

over and don't allow anyone to develop through the scheme we're implementing."

QSF General Manager Alan Vessey had nothing but praise for Selby.

"Jim is an asset to the QSF having been appointed firstly in Bundaberg and then transferring to the Gold Coast before graduating to his present position as State Director of coaching," Vessey said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Jim will ultimately be appointed as National Director of Coaching for the Australian Soccer Federation."

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On a personal note, Selby is prepared to put his coaching aspirations on the backburner.

"It's always good to coach at the highest level but I don't see that as a major priority in my first few years of taking over the State Director's job. I would find it very difficult to justify watching XXXX League matches every weekend when country areas are asking me to be visiting their areas as well," he said. "We also have to be careful that we don't take all the jobs

# From the Sideline



It seems word about Queensland Soccer's Academy of Sport travels fast and has put the fear of death into some southern soccer bodies. After realising their young sensation Jonathan Carter was coming to Queensland to join the QAS squad, worried Tasmanian officials called Ron Smith, Head coach of the Australian Institute of Sport Soccer section to let him know the QAS was one up on him and Carter would be lost to Brisbane United. Not to be outdone, Smithy offered Jonathan a full-time scholarship and the Tasmanian took up the offer. With rivalry between the two bodies now emerging you can be sure the next player the QAS imports from another state will be kept under wraps!

Queensland's talent throughout the State has never been questioned and it seems the rest of Australia is taking notice. The performances of Sean Cranney and Craig Moore at Youth level and Steven Corica's selection at Socceroo level have caught the imagination of the Australian public. With three new Queensland youngsters now at the Australian Institute of Sport, Queensland soccer is booming. They are: Clint Bolton (Bundaberg), Stuart McLaren (Rockhampton), and Darren Sime (Brisbane Lions).

Will Taringa Rovers be the new force in Queensland soccer? The club made the finals for the first time last year and also won the Club Championship. They have signed The Bank of Queensland as a new sponsor for the season and erected new lights at Speare Park making them one of the biggest spending clubs in the XXXX League. With State Coach Juan Cutillas at the helm and several new signings during the off-season, the future looks bright for the Blue Machine.

Congratulations to Darren Sime, one of the above mentioned youngsters who has just been accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport. Darren has a big future ahead of him and yes, he is the son of Brisbane Lions coach John Sime. It seems soccer runs in the blood at the Sime household.

Queensland soccer gives a big thumbs down to a former Brisbane player now playing in the NSL down south. After playing against Brisbane United earlier in the season he went on Melbourne Radio saying Brisbane shouldn't be in the NSL.

The player involved had a stint overseas last season, which has obviously gone to his head. Someone should remind him he too is a product of Queensland Soccer.

It seems Coalstars captain Alan McFarlane realises his side is in for a long, tough season. McFarlane reportedly called up fellow defender Mark Gilbert in a desperate attempt to lure him back to the club fearing they would struggle without him. Gilbert had planned to take the season off to rest his troublesome groin but is apparently in two minds after Big Al laid a guilt trip on him.

Has Manchester United's Alex Ferguson sold Eric Cantona? The Acacia Ridge Blue Army have been heard chanting Ooh Ah McCarthy at recent trial matches. It seems new recruit Michael McCarthy is regarded as a spitting image of Cantona by the Ridge supporters. With a big season ahead of them the Ridge will be hoping McCarthy is as big a hit in the XXXX League as Cantona is in the English First Division.



# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

A LOOK BACK AT LAST SEASON AND HOW THEY FINISHED

## XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	22	12	4	6	41	33	40
Rochedale Rov.	22	11	5	6	40	24	38
Brisbane Croatia	22	10	8	4	35	19	38
Pine Rivers	22	9	7	6	31	24	34
Taringa Rovers	22	9	5	8	33	24	32
Brisbane Lions	22	9	5	8	27	25	32
Mt Gravatt	22	9	5	8	29	32	32
Lutwyche	22	8	6	8	29	34	30
Eastern Suburbs	22	7	6	9	28	34	27
Coalstars	22	7	5	10	22	28	26
Brisbane City	22	3	9	10	23	37	18
Grange Thistle	22	4	3	15	23	47	15

## XXXX COLTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	22	16	3	3	53	15	51
Brisbane City	22	11	6	5	28	13	39
Mt Gravatt	22	10	9	3	32	19	39
Pine Rivers	22	10	3	9	32	26	33
Taringa Rovers	22	10	1	11	37	31	31
Grange Thistle	22	9	1	12	29	44	28
Brisbane Croatia	22	7	6	9	26	33	27
Coalstars	22	7	5	10	23	36	26
North Star	22	6	7	9	21	30	25
Eastern Suburbs	22	5	8	9	28	34	23
Rochedale Rovers	22	6	5	11	13	26	23
Lutwyche	22	5	6	11	29	44	21

## XXXX RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa Rovers	22	13	4	5	38	31	43
Brisbane Lions	22	12	4	6	47	25	40
North Star	22	9	9	4	41	25	36
Pine Rivers	22	10	5	7	52	29	35
Mt Gravatt	22	10	5	7	34	31	35
Grange Thistle	22	10	3	9	33	30	33
Coalstars	22	8	3	11	42	47	27
Eastern Suburbs	22	8	3	11	37	45	27
Brisbane City	22	7	5	10	26	42	26
Rochedale Rovers	22	6	5	11	27	35	23
Brisbane Croatia	22	6	4	12	29	45	22
Lutwyche	22	6	4	12	26	47	22

## XXXX THIRDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern Suburbs	22	15	6	1	63	30	51
Taringa Rovers	22	13	5	4	53	32	44
Brisbane Croatia	22	12	4	6	37	34	40
Rochedale Rovers	22	11	6	5	50	27	39
North Star	22	10	8	4	40	23	38
Grange Thistle	22	9	4	9	51	52	31
Coalstars	22	5	11	6	36	35	26
Brisbane Lions	22	7	5	10	43	45	26
Pine Rivers	22	4	8	10	31	37	20
Brisbane City	22	4	5	13	24	63	17
Lutwyche	22	4	4	14	27	46	16
Mt Gravatt	22	2	6	14	20	51	12

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
Taringa Rovers	88	45	15	28	161	118	150
Brisbane Lions	88	44	17	27	170	110	149
North Star	88	37	28	23	143	111	139
Eastern Suburbs	88	35	23	30	156	142	128
Brisbane Croatia	88	35	22	31	127	131	127
Rochedale Rovers	88	34	21	33	130	112	123
Pine Rivers	88	33	23	32	146	116	122
Mt Gravatt	88	31	25	32	115	133	118
Grange Thistle	88	32	11	45	136	173	107
Coalstars	88	27	24	37	123	146	105
Brisbane City	88	25	25	38	101	155	100
Lutwyche	88	23	20	45	111	171	89

## XXXX LEAGUE LEADING SCORER

**19 Goals** - K Cooper (Rochedale).  
**10 Goals** - H Makridakis, K Meacock (Croatia), J McDonagh (North Star).  
**9 Goals** - M Battistin (Bris City), D Bender (Lutwyche), S Glockner (Taringa).  
**8 Goals** - M Brusasco (Coalstars).  
**7 Goals** - P Makridakis (Easts), L Scriggins (North Star), M Lederhouse (Mt Gravatt). **6 Goals** - N Carroll, C Koch, J Preston (Pine Rivers), Nick Seeley (North Star), C Priddy, G Maltby (Brisbane Lions). **5 Goals** - C Slater (Taringa), N McClure, G Woodger (Grange). **4 Goals** - D Cambell (Pine Rivers), B McDermott, D Whitfield (Easts), J Brown, D Munn (Mt Gravatt), Mark Babic (Croatia), Phil Redmond (Grange), C Williams (Lutwyche).  
 Keiran Cooper won a trip for two to Sydney courtesy of Australian Airlines as last years winner.

# 1993 XXXX LEAGUE DRAW

Rounds 1 to 12  
 Kick -off 2:45pm unless otherwise stated

## ROUND 1

21-2	BRIS. LIONS V ACACIA RIDGE	10-0	4:00
21-2	BRIS. CSC V TARINGA ROVERS	0-5	4:00
20-2	PINE RIVERS V MT GRAVATT		7:00
21-2	COALSTARS V NORTH BRIS.		4:00
20-2	ROCHEDALE V NORTH STAR		7:00
20-2	EASTERN SUBS. V INALA CITY	5-2	7:00

## ROUND 7

4-4	BRISBANE LIONS V BRISBANE CSC	
2-4	ACACIA RIDGE V INALA CITY	8:30 FRI
2-4	NORTH STAR V TARINGA ROVERS	8:30 FRI
4-4	NORTH BRISBANE V MT GRAVATT	
4-4	ROCHEDALE ROVERS V PINE RIVERS	
4-4	EASTERN SUBURBS V COALSTARS	

## ROUND 2

26-2	ACACIA RIDGE V EASTERN SUBS	1-2	8:30 FRI
26-2	NORTH STAR V BRISBANE LIONS	0-5	8:30 FRI
28-2	NORTH BRISBANE V ROCHEDALE ROV.		4:00
28-2	MT GRAVATT V COALSTARS	0-3	4:00
26-2	TARINGA V PINE RIVERS		8:30 FRI
28-2	INALA CITY V BRISBANE CSC		4:00

April 10 - 12 Round 1 - Queensland Cup

## ROUND 8

18-4	MT GRAVATT V EASTERN SUBURBS	
18-4	TARINGA ROVERS V NORTH BRISBANE	
18-4	INALA CITY V NORTH STAR	
18-4	BRISBANE CSC V ACACIA RIDGE	
17-4	PINE RIVERS V BRISBANE LIONS	7:00
17-4	ROCHEDALE ROVERS V COALSTARS	7:00

## ROUND 3

7-3	BRISBANE LIONS V NORTH BRISBANE		4:00
7-3	ACACIA RIDGE V NORTH STAR		4:00
7-3	PINE RIVERS V INALA CITY		4:00
7-3	COALSTARS V TARINGA ROVERS		4:00
7-3	ROCHEDALE ROV. V MT GRAVATT		4:00
7-3	EASTERN SUBS. V BRISBANE CSC		4:00

## ROUND 9

24-4	BRISBANE LIONS V COALSTARS	5:00 PP
24-4	NORTH STAR V BRISBANE CSC	7:00 PP
24-4	ACACIA RIDGE V PINE RIVERS	7:00
25-4	NORTH BRISBANE V INALA CITY	
26-4	MT GRAVATT V TARINGA ROVERS	MON
26-4	EASTERN SUBS. V ROCHEDALE ROV.	MON

## ROUND 4

12-3	NORTH STAR V EASTERN SUBURBS	8:30 FRI
14-3	NORTH BRISBANE V ACACIA RIDGE	4:00
14-3	MT GRAVATT V BRISBANE LIONS	4:00
12-3	TARINGA ROV. V ROCHEDALE ROV.	8:30 FRI
14-3	INALA CITY V COALSTARS	4:00
14-3	BRISBANE CSC V PINE RIVERS	4:00

## ROUND 10 Split Round - Queensland Cup

2-5	TARINGA ROVERS V EASTERN SUBURBS	
9-5	INALA CITY V MT GRAVATT	
2-5	BRISBANE CSC V NORTH BRISBANE	
1-5	PINE RIVERS V NORTH STAR	7:00
9-5	COALSTARS V ACACIA RIDGE	
1-5	ROCHEDALE ROVERS V BRISBANE LIONS	7:00

## ROUND 5

21-3	BRISBANE LIONS V TARINGA ROVERS	
19-3	ACACIA RIDGE V MT GRAVATT	8:30 FRI
19-3	NORTH STAR V NORTH BRISBANE	8:30 FRI
21-3	COALSTARS V BRISBANE CSC	
19-3	ROCHEDALE ROVERS V INALA CITY	8:30 FRI
19-3	EASTERN SUBS. V PINE RIVERS	8:30 FRI

## ROUND 11

16-5	BRISBANE LIONS V EASTERN SUBURBS	
15-5	ACACIA RIDGE V ROCHEDALE ROVERS	7:00
15-5	NORTH STAR V COALSTARS	7:00
16-5	NORTH BRISBANE V PINE RIVERS	
16-5	MT GRAVATT V BRISBANE CSC	
16-5	TARINGA ROVERS V INALA CITY	

## ROUND 6

28-3	NORTH BRISBANE V EASTERN SUBURBS	
28-3	MT GRAVATT V NORTH STAR	
28-3	TARINGA ROVERS V ACACIA RIDGE	
28-3	INALA CITY V BRISBANE LIONS	
28-3	BRISBANE CSC V ROCHEDALE ROVERS	
27-3	PINE RIVERS V COALSTARS	7:00

## ROUND 12

22-5	ACACIA RIDGE V BRISBANE LIONS	5:00 PP
22-5	TARINGA ROVERS V BRISBANE CSC	7:00 PP
23-5	MT GRAVATT V PINE RIVERS	
23-5	NORTH BRISBANE V COALSTARS	
22-5	NORTH STAR V ROCHEDALE ROVERS	7:00
23-5	INALA CITY V EASTERN SUBURBS	





# The Bleiberg Factor

Thanks to the Editor for giving me the opportunity to act as a Journalist. I always thought that being a media man would be much easier than being a coach, mainly for the reason that you never lose.

As part of my duty as Brisbane United coach I follow the competition very closely and I'll try through this column to share with you my thoughts and predictions on teams and players without hurting anyone.

Since arriving in Brisbane 3 years ago I learnt to like the XXXX competition for its quality and for the smooth way it runs, but especially for the strong rivalry and serious manner that those involved take.

To get straight to the point and without running from responsibility, I will put here my prediction for the 1993 XXXX League season (A professional Journalist would not commit himself!).

Starting with last years two Grand Finalists, I think that the loss of Mirko Runje and Steve Bullock from North Star and Darren Hillier and Gary Brattan from Rochedale Rovers will be too much of a gap to fill for the defence and midfield of these two teams respectively. Unless they get players of the same quality to fill these positions they will struggle to make the Grand Final again this year.

Brisbane Lions, the club with the best record in the competition, will be my team to beat this season. The experience of Frank Mengotti, Andrew Stowell and David Hunter plus smart recruiting (mainly from Willowburn) will give them the edge.

The two big spenders of the competition are Taringa and North Brisbane. It looks like Taringa are trying to buy the Championship which is sometimes a dangerous thing to do - mainly in the long run. Look what happened to Brisbane City after they won the Grand Final in 1990. North Brisbane have recruited very wisely but the question is how long will it take them to close the gap between the new players and the current players in their squad? The sooner the better for them.

Two teams that might surprise are Mount Gravatt and Pine Rivers. At least one of them will make the top five. Both sides have a lot of quality players. I will name Frank Pimblett and Alan Prentice just to mention two.

Brisbane CSC, Coalstars and Eastern Suburbs are established clubs in the league but are obviously not in the same league as the others spending wise (which reminds me of Brisbane United). As usual, at least one of them will surprise and will be up there with the best of them at the end of the season.

The two newcomers to the league, Acacia Ridge and Inala City, will be full of spirit and enthusiasm which will only help one of them. One will end up mid-table and the other will struggle.

All I can wish to all the administrators, players, and mainly the coaches, is to have a better season than I have had in 1993. Good luck!



# Best chance for United

Brisbane United travel to Adelaide this weekend knowing it will be their best chance to register an away win this season.

United take on the Raul Blanco coached West Adelaide at Hindmarsh stadium on Sunday desperate to restore some pride after a disappointing season marred by injuries.

United have played 11 away matches this season losing 10 and drawing 1, a record that must be embarrassing to both players and club officials.

Their remaining two away matches after Adelaide are against South Melbourne and Newcastle.

Last season United beat West Adelaide in Adelaide and will be hoping to do the same on Sunday.

The club was rocked by further bad news after last weeks 3-2 loss to Wollongong when goalkeeper Mirko Runje was confirmed to have two broken fingers.

"One of the fingers is broken in two places and I've severed the ligaments in the other so it doesn't feel too crash hot at the moment," Runje said.

"I don't know about the weekend, I'll have to wait and see how it feels.

"Apparently they can strap the fingers so you can't do any more damage, it's just depends on whether you can take the pain," he said.

"The doctor told me Ian Healy has had his fingers strapped in a similar manner so it's still an option at this stage."

Should Runje chose to sit out the match Robbie Farrow or Robbie Harrison will deputise.

In other news, Clayton Koch has been ruled



out for at least 6 weeks with a stomach tear and striker John Brown is in doubt with a hamstring injury.

United coach Miron Bleiberg said he believed his side would win at least one away match before the end of the season.

"We've come very close to winning on numerous occasions but have lapsed in concentration at vital times," Bleiberg said.

"There are still three away matches to go and I believe we can win at least one of them."

United are sitting second from bottom five points behind Heidelberg who play leaders South Melbourne on Sunday.

**Match: West Adelaide v  
Brisbane United  
at Hindmarsh Stadium  
6:00pm Sunday February 21.**

## COCA-COLA SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melbourne	20	14	3	3	38	17	45
Marconi Fairfield	20	14	1	5	45	23	43
Parramatta	21	10	4	7	32	31	34
Wollongong City	21	9	6	7	27	19	33
West Adelaide	21	10	3	8	36	32	33
Adelaide City	20	9	4	7	23	23	31
Sydney CSC	21	9	3	9	28	31	30
Newcastle BHP	21	7	7	7	28	23	28
Melbourne CSC	21	8	4	9	29	30	28
Sydney Olympic	20	7	4	9	26	26	25
Morwell Falcons	21	6	6	9	22	30	24
Heidelberg Utd	21	4	8	9	22	35	20
Brisbane Utd	21	4	3	14	26	50	15
Preston	21	4	4	13	23	35	12*

\*Deducted 4 points by CCSL Tribunal for Crowd disturbance.





## Ditton Looks ahead . . . . .

Brisbane United's Brad Ditton admitted he was devastated at missing out on selection in the Young Socceroos squad for the World Youth Championships but then issued a stern warning to National selectors - I'll be back.

The resilient young midfielder said he would consider looking overseas in a bid to make the Olyroos squad for the 1996 Olympics.

"I must admit I was pretty shattered at the time Les named the squad but I guess that's life," Ditton said.

Hypothetically Ditton could still make the squad but would have to rely on injuries or poor form to be recalled.

"I'm not even thinking about that, I've just got to concentrate on making the Olympics which is my next chance for National selection," he said.

"If i do get recalled it's a bonus."

With so much riding on the future the youngster is even considering playing overseas.

"Obviously to make the National squad you

have to be playing at the highest level so I would not rule out the possibility of going overseas," he said.



Brad Ditton (left) in action



## PLAYERS ON THE MOVE

### ACACIA RIDGE

**Gains:** Brett Wass (Taringa), Michael Butchard (Inala), Michael McCarthy, Chris Woods (Grange), Guy Rigby (Rockhampton).

**Losses:** Ian Proud

### BRISBANE LIONS

**Gains:** Peter Hurney (NQ), Troy Hews, Chay Hews, Warren Allen (Willowburn), Lenard Manikus (Pine Rivers).

**Losses:** Arno Bertogna, John Lowey, Geoff Maltby, Wayne Corbett, Bradley Ditton.

### EASTERN SUBURBS

**Gains:** Mick Higginbottom, Wayne Corbett (Brisbane Lions).

**Losses:** Alan Hilton, Billy McDermott.

### MOUNT GRAVATT

**Gains:** Rob Harrison (Bris CSC), Stuart Collins (Bundaberg), Steve Kelly (Narangba), Ben Manley (Mudgereebea).

**Losses:** John Brown, Stu Woodruffe, Ross Peachy. *Possibles:* Joe Stipanovic.

### NORTH STAR

**Gains:** Alan Evans (Canterbury N.Z.), Craig Jones (Bris Utd).

**Losses:** Mirko Runje, Steven Bullock.

### ROCHEDALE ROVERS

**Gains:** Graham Ross (Coalstars), Nigel McClure (Grange).

**Losses:** Andrew Hobbs, Darren Hillier, Gary Brattan.

### BRISBANE CSC

**Gains:** Andrew Hobbs (Rochedale), Martin Kirsopp (Grange).

**Losses:** Robert Harrison, Kevin Meacock, Joe Stipanovic, Michael Babic.

### COALSTARS

**Gains:** Michael Babic (Brisbane CSC), Stu Weston (St Helens).

**Losses:** Mark Brusasco, Mark Gilbert, Brenley Jefferd, Brent Reid, John Ogden, Graham Ross.

### INALA CITY

**Gains:** Kerry Frahm (Mt Gravatt).

**Losses:** Michael Butchard

### NORTH BRISBANE

**Gains:** Wayne Evans (Bris City), Craig Collins, Kevin Meacock (Bris CSC), Danny Cox (Grange).

**Losses:** Alan Hunter (Maybe)

### PINE RIVERS

**Gains:** Steven Starr (Willowburn), Dean Armond (North Star).

**Losses:** Clayton Koch.

### TARINGA

**Gains:** John Ogden (Coalstars), Darren Hillier (Newcastle), Andrew & Eddie Lees (Southport), Michael Colliccoat (Wellington Utd), Clint Del Santo (FNQ).

**Losses:** Troy & Sean Cranney, Andrew Brayshaw, Danny Britton, Chris Slater.

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# Carter set for a big one

**Taringa Rovers striker Willie Carter is set for a big year and coach Juan Cutillas has no doubts about his ability.**

The 20-year-old playmaker was born in the Solomon Islands and moved to Mackay in 1980 where he played all his soccer until last year.

He came to prominence late last season when he scored a goal in Taringa's 2-0 win over Brisbane CSC in the knockout Semi-Final.

He has continued that form so far this season scoring five goals in as many trial matches for the Blue Machine.

"I moved to Brisbane last year after a mate of mine in Mackay convinced me it was the right thing to do," Carter said.

"He said I would never know if I was good enough to play in Brisbane if I didn't move so I took his advice and came.

"Taringa have been very good to me. They took a gamble and brought me down and things have worked out okay."

While Carter has a lot of work in front of him he has kept his goals realistic.

"I just want to secure a first team place and hopefully score some goals," he said.



Willie Carter (right) and his flat mate Colin Gwynne together at work at Taringa President Frank Speare's factory.

"The guys at Taringa are good players and John Ogden has been a great help so far."

Off the field Carter has been a great hit with the supporters who like his style and shy personality.

Coach Juan Cutillas said Carter was a pleasure to coach.

"Willie is doing very well, he does everything I ask of him. I have been impressed because I didn't know he had so much potential," Cutillas said.

"He wants to learn and has fantastic skills and I believe he can have a very good year if he keeps his head down."

But with the good form comes pressure which Carter is just starting to realise.

"There is a bit a pressure on me now. After scoring those goals in the trial games people are expecting a lot from me but I guess that's part of the game," Carter said.

"The football in Brisbane is good. It's more skilful and a lot quicker and there's always people trying to get your spot so you have to be more consistent."

And like most players he hopes to one day play in the National League.

"I live with Glenn and Colin Gwynne so I follow Glenn in the NSL and would one day love to play there but at the moment I'm just concentrating on Taringa."

## PROFILE =====

**Name:** William Carter  
**Nickname:** Wilbur  
**Club:** Taringa Rovers  
**Date of Birth:** 27-8-72  
**Place of Birth:** Solomon Islands  
**Former Clubs:** Rangers FC Mackay, C Q League.  
**Best Moment:** Scoring 1st XXXX League goal.  
**1993 Goal:** To cement a first team place and score goals.



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# Player of the Year award

Eye on Soccer is proud to announce the introduction of its Player of the Year Award. The award, which is proudly sponsored by Alan Hunter's Soccer World, will be judged on a week to week basis with 3-2-1 points being awarded for each XXXX League match. The winner will receive a trophy and \$500 worth of sporting goods from Alan Hunter's Soccer World.

Hunter, who plays for Brisbane United in the Coca-Cola National Soccer League, said he was proud to be associated with the award.

"This is a good concept which adds to the incentives players already have," Hunter said.

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Park, is the only Soccer Sports Store in Queensland.

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Eye on Soccer Editor Chris Slater said he was pleased with the new concept.

"We are grateful to Alan Hunter's Soccer World for their sponsorship of the Player of The Year Award," Slater said.

"There are a lot of good players coming through in the XXXX League and I would expect the competition to be fierce."

He said the award would be presented at the QSF Gold Medal Dinner at the end on the season.





☐ This year we introduce two new Journalists to the Tipster panel, Mark Oberhardt from the Sun Telegraph and John Lingard from the Sun-Herald. Our guest tipster this week is Rochedale Rovers Striker and Development Officer, Kieran Cooper.

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

MATCH	MARK OBERHARDT	GARRY LEGG	JOHN LINGARD	KIERAN COOPER
<b>XXXX League</b>				
Brisbane Lions v Acacia Ridge	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions
Brisbane CSC v Taringa Rov	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Draw
Pine Rivers v Mt Gravatt	Pine Rivers	Pine Rivers	Draw	Pine Rivers
Coalstars v North Brisbane	North Brisbane	North Brisbane	North Brisbane	North Brisbane
Rochedale Rovers v North Star	Draw	Draw	Rochedale	Rochedale
Eastern Suburbs v Inala City	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Inala City	Inala City
<b>XXXX League Reserves</b>				
Brisbane Lions v Acacia Ridge	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions
Brisbane CSC v Taringa Rov	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers
Pine Rivers v Mt Gravatt	Pine Rivers	Draw	Pine Rivers	Pine Rivers
Coalstars v North Brisbane	Coalstars	Draw	Draw	Draw
Rochedale Rovers v North Star	North Star	North Star	North Star	Rochedale Rov.
Eastern Suburbs v Inala City	Draw	Eastern Subs.	Draw	Inala City
<b>XXXX League Colts</b>				
Brisbane Lions v Acacia Ridge	Acacia Ridge	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions
Brisbane CSC v Taringa Rov	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Brisbane CSC	Taringa Rovers
Pine Rivers v Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Pine Rivers	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt
Coalstars v North Brisbane	Coalstars	North Brisbane	Coalstars	Coalstars
Rochedale Rovers v North Star	North Star	Draw	North Star	Rochedale
Eastern Suburbs v Inala City	Eastern Subs.	Eastern Subs.	Eastern Subs.	Inala City
<b>XXXX League Third Grade</b>				
Brisbane Lions v Acacia Ridge	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions	Brisbane Lions
Brisbane CSC v Taringa Rov	Brisbane CSC	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rovers
Pine Rivers v Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Pine Rivers	Mt Gravatt	Pine Rivers
Coalstars v North Brisbane	Coalstars	North Brisbane	Coalstars	North Brisbane
Rochedale Rovers v North Star	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rochedale
Eastern Suburbs v Inala City	Inala City	Eastern Subs	Eastern Subs	Eastern Subs

# EYEOPENER

For the first time in many years we go into the first round of the XXXX League blind, without one XXXX Pre-season match being played.

Early indications are that the premiership will be a four horse race with Rochedale Rovers, North Star, Brisbane Lions and Taringa Rovers fighting it out.

North Brisbane, Mt Gravatt, Pine Rivers and Brisbane CSC should fight it out for the fifth spot, with the remaining four sides not far behind.

Predictions are not easy with no pre-season tournament but we should have a better indication after five rounds.

This weeks match of the round is without a doubt Rochedale versus North Star on Saturday

night. Rochedale have promoted the game well and it should be a great day.

In other matches, Pine Rivers and Mt Gravatt will also be a tough match with both sides looking to improve on last years efforts. This game should go right to the wire and River's home ground advantage could be the only difference between the two teams.

Eastern Suburbs will have their hands full on Sunday when they take on newcomers Inala at Heath park. Inala have looked solid in early trial matches and an upset could be on the cards in this match.

Brisbane Lions should prove too strong for Acacia Ridge at Lions Stadium and North Brisbane should account for Coalstars at Bundamba.

## XXXX LEAGUE - ROUND 1



### BRISBANE LIONS v ACACIA RIDGE

Lions Stadium, Sunday February 21, 4.00PM



Many faces have changed at Lions after last season's poor showing and they look like a premiership chance on paper.

Their field is reportedly back to its best and things at the Lions Den are looking up. They go into this match as firm favourites and anything less than a win will be a disappointment.

Acacia Ridge are back where they should be after a year in the Second Division and will be looking for a solid showing this season. They will be no pushover and could surprise a few spectators at Richlands.

#### MATCH WINNERS

Brisbane Lions have without a doubt the best defender in the league in Andy Stowell. How he is not playing NSL is anybody's guess. With David Hunter and Frank Mengotti alongside him, Lions have the platform on which to build a Premiership.

Acacia Ridge player/coach David Richardson had a good season last year and will keep the Lions defence honest throughout the match.

#### BRISBANE LIONS

1. John Lucas
2. David Hunter
3. Peter Herney
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. Lenard Minikus
20. G/K Adrian Walker

#### 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

### BRISBANE CSC v TARINGA ROVERS

Dunn Road, Rocklea, Sunday February 21, 4.00PM



1992 was a good year for Taringa but 1993 promises to be even better. With the signing of State coach Juan Cutillas from Willowburn in the off-season and some big buys Taringa could be a real title threat. This will be their first test.

After narrowly missing out on his second premiership last year Brisbane CSC coach Frank Liddell is again at the helm. With some big player losses during the off-season CSC will need all of Liddell's magic to repeat the effort.

#### MATCH WINNERS

After his contract wrangles with Newcastle Darren Hillier will be glad to be back doing what he does best. It is a tragedy that a player of his calibre had to sit on the sidelines during the NSL season. Expect a big game and a big season from Darren.

Andrew Hobbs has stepped into the fire at CSC and will play a vital part in their final five aspirations. He is a keeper with lots of talent and CSC will be hoping he uses it against a firing Taringa forward line.

#### 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 Mannen

#### TARINGA ROVERS

1. Kevin Tatton
2. Cameron Pearce
3. Andrew Tolputt
4. Domenic Tonel
5. John Ogden
6. Darren Hillier
7. Steve Glockner
8. Andy Lees
9. Eddie Lees
10. Michael Colliccoat
11. Willie Carter
12. Colin Gwynne
13. Greg Swadling
14. Colin Meitzel
15. Brad Burke
20. G/K Clint Dal'Santo



## XXXX LEAGUE - ROUND 1



## PINE RIVERS v MT GRAVATT

Wendy Allison Park, Saturday February 20, 7.00PM



Most sides play well at home but none better than Pine Rivers.

The home side will be out to make amends for last years poor finals showing and will be hoping to go one better this season. Mt Gravatt, on the other hand, started well last season but finished badly missing out on the five after looking certainties earlier in the season. Tonight will be an important match for them.

## MATCH WINNERS

With Clayton Koch missing again this season, Rivers will be relying on Noel Carrol and John Preston to do all their scoring. If Mt Gravatt can keep these two in check they will be well on the way to winning.

Mt Gravatt's Alan Prentice had a good season last year and rightfully earned a State of Origin jersey, he will be one to watch tonight.

## PINE RIVERS

1. Peter Underhill
2. Steven Starr
3. Graham Eden
4. Mark Greer
5. John Cartwright
6. Damien Waugh
7. John Rhule
8. Mark Shepherdson
9. John Preston
10. Noel Carrol
11. Wayne McGauley
12. Dave Campbell
13. Paul Ackincklose
14. Rob Marschner
15. Jeff Scott
16. Andy Strickland
17. Tony De Lange
18. Andrew Page

## MT GRAVATT

1. Rob Harrison
2. Ty Bannister
3. Mario Lattanzi
4. Paul Worroll
5. Steve Kelly
6. Alan Prentice
7. Marc Lederhose
8. Attila 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

## XXXX LEAGUE - ROUND 1



## ROCHEDALE ROVERS v NORTH STAR

Underwood Park, Saturday February 20, 7.00PM



After their second Grand Final loss in as many years, Rochedale will be out to dispel their bridesmaids tag. Touted as premiership favourites should be firing on all cylinders in front of an expected big home crowd.

Last year was a great year for North Star but can they repeat the feat? They must be favourites in this all important clash. It should be a big one.

## MATCH WINNERS

Kieran Cooper and Frank Cole are two players who can make something out of nothing. They will have to watched tonight if North Star are to win the match.

North Star's latest signing is New Zealand international Alan Evans. On his debut for the club he will be out to impress and should prove a handful for his opposition tonight.

## 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

## NORTH STAR

1. Joson 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
18. Sean Blackman
19. Paul Schloss
- Res G/K Michael Jones



## COALSTARS v NORTH BRISBANE

Eric Evans Soccer Reserve, Sunday February 21, 4.00PM

After a good performance last year North Brisbane will settle for nothing less than fifth place this year. Good signings in the off-season have seen Kevin Meacock, Craig Collins, and Wayne Evans all move to the northside and made a top three finish a definite possibility.

On the other hand, Coalstars have lost players on a grand scale and could struggle to avoid relegation. But battling is something the club is renowned for and they will give plenty of sides a run for their money throughout the season.

## MATCH WINNERS

Brisbane United opted not to sign Craig Williams this season but their loss was North Brisbane's gain. On last years form he will be a real contender for the Player of the Year award.

Alan McFarlane will captain the Coalstars side again this year and must lead by example. He will need to have a big game.

## COALSTARS

20. Alan Uthmann
2. Brendan Eastwell
3. Alan McFarlane
4. Pat Boyle
5. Stu Weston
6. Aaron Jefferd
7. Andrew King
8. Anthony Cotton
9. Michael Babic
10. Wes Park
11. Jason Ball
12. David Guest
18. Darren Frieberg
19. Peter McKendrick

## NORTH BRISBANE

1. Wayne Evans
2. Adrian Legano
3. David Vicetuzino
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



## EASTERN SUBURBS v INALA CITY

Heath Park, Saturday February 20, 7.00PM

Inala City go into this match having never played a game in the XXXX League so it will be a special occasion for all involved. Coach Ian Seeley has assembled a solid squad who should rise to the occasion on their debut in the XXXX League. New Eastern Suburbs coach Calvin Daunt had a successful time as a player and will be hoping the trend continues as a coach. Easts missed the five for the first time last year since 1985 and will hoping to be back in finals contention this year.

## MATCH WINNERS

Easts have given former Australian representative Steve Perry a testimonial year and rightly so. As Club captain Steve will have a big responsibility on his shoulders this year and the match against Inala will be no exception.

Inala's midfielder Craig Thompson is a former Coalstars XXXX League player who played alongside Troy Cranney in the Queensland Youth side. He is a player who oozes talent and will play a big part in Inala's challenge this season.

## 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. Aerron Patterson
18. Trevor Carson

## 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





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