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youngsters  
turn it on**

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down the  
gauntlet**



## Koch throws down gauntlet

Pine Rivers striker Clayton Koch has thrown down the gauntlet to Rochedale Rovers striker Keiran Cooper, scoring five goals in his first two games back in the XXXX League.

Koch returned to the XXXX League this season after spending last years XXXX season resting. The talented playmaker spent three years in the Coca-Cola Soccer League, transferring from Rivers to Sydney United (then Sydney Croatia) before the 1990/91 season.

After a year in Sydney he returned to join Brisbane United for their 1991/92 and 1992/93 campaigns before damaging muscles in his stomach which saw him out of the game for six months.

Koch then trialed with the Brisbane Strikers earlier this season but was overlooked and returned to Pine Rivers where he played all of his junior football.

**Eye on Soccer** spoke to Koch's rival Keiran Cooper earlier in the week and he said he was looking forward to the challenge of matching Koch.

"Clayton is playing very well and looked

**Cover Shot:** Willowburn's Mick Young flies high over Tony Cotton during his sides 2-1 loss to Coalstars last Sunday.

Match Photography by Russell Black

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*Prolific goal scorer Keiran Cooper - his leading goalscorer title is under threat.*

sharp against us last week," Cooper said.

Cooper has made the leading scorer title his own since joining Brisbane City in 1987 winning it an amazing six times.

During that period he has played 151 XXXX League matches, amassing 131 goals, and that excludes finals and Cup matches.

The table below shows a record that is unmatched in Queensland soccer history and is a credit to Cooper's ability to play the game.

With that in mind, a total of 20 goals could be needed to win the title this year with Taringa's Andy Lees another to figure prominently. \*

Year	Club	Games	Goals
1987	Brisbane City	21	19
1988	Brisbane City	22	21
1989	Brisbane City	20	16
1990	Brisbane City	21	14
1991	Rochedale Rov	22	21
1992	Rochedale Rov	22	19
1993	Rochedale Rov	21	19
1994	Rochedale Rov	2	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>151</b>	<b>131</b>

## Do early results show trend?

**Round 3 of the XXXX Soccer League kicks off this weekend with North Star and Coalstars leading the competition.**

Six teams have emerged as top five favourites with at least three vying for the two relegation spots.

Pine Rivers, Taringa Rovers, Rochedale Rovers, Coalstars, Brisbane Lions and North Star look to be top five material while Rocklea United and Acacia Ridge look destined for tough seasons.

The likes of Wynnum, Willowburn, North Brisbane and Easts could go either way with their performances at home a big factor in their season's prospects.

Already a good crop of youngsters seem to be emerging from the competition with North Star and Coalstars containing two of the best.

North Star's Brent Reynolds has played outstandingly well in his first two encounters and has been well supported by Ian Hutchison and Damien Rosenthal.

For Coalstars Tony Cotton and Ricky Brown have impressed while Lee Pashley is yet to find a regular place in the Rochedale outfit.

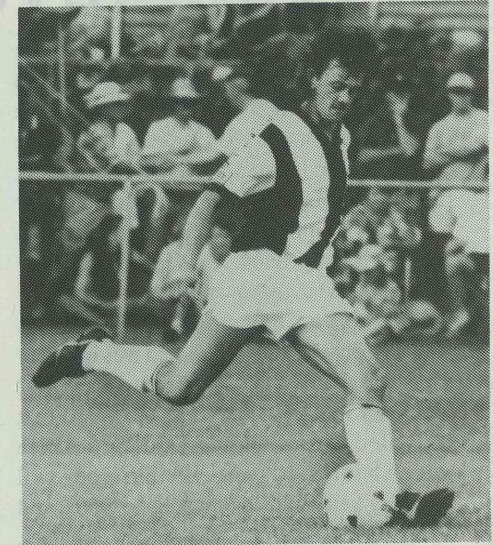
This weeks pick is the clash between Coalstars and Taringa at Eric Evans Reserve.

Coalstars find themselves unbeaten and in second place after two matches while Taringa are improving with every outing.

The combination of Andy Lees and Joe Stipancic reaped dividends last Sunday as they netted their sides five goals between them.

Coalstars fared just as well at Willowburn winning a tough encounter 2-1.

Their backline of Mark Gilbert, Alan McFarlane and Pat Boyle will be hard to penetrate at Bundamba and could provide the platform for a home win.



*Mick Turvey - Captained Willowburn against Coalstars in Toowoomba.*

The midfield duel between Cotton and Brent Read should also be an interesting one with Read expected to receive a hot reception at his old club.

In other games, Pine Rivers should increase their unbeaten run to three matches when they host Rocklea United at home on Saturday night.

Brisbane Lions should account for Acacia Ridge at home on Sunday while North Brisbane will have to be at their best against Rochedale Rovers at Prentice Park.

Willowburn host an in-form North Star at Bridge Street Toowoomba and Eastern Suburbs clash with local rivals Wynnum. \*

### NEXT WEEKENDS MATCHES

Fri March 11	Taringa Rov v Pine Rivers	8.30pm
Fri March 11	Rochedale Rov v Bris Lions	8.30pm
Sat March 12	Rocklea Utd v Nth Bris	3.45pm
Sat March 12	Acacia Rge v Eastern Sub	7.00pm
Sat March 12	Wynnum v Willowburn	7.00pm
Sat March 12	North Star v Coalstars	6.00pm

## EDITORIAL . . . . .

Having travelled to Willowburn last Sunday to watch the first ever XXXX League match played in that town I must say I came away confident that the Garden City will be a force in the League in the not too distant future. The Magpies put on an excellent day with a real family atmosphere present at the Bridge Street ground. The crowd was very reasonable and the overall presentation by the club has to be commended. Sponsors tents surrounded the field which was in a very good state. The match took a while to get going but in the end was very close one that provided three superb goals. While Willowburn lost the match I think they will be a very tough side to beat at home and could accumulate a lot of points there. Coalstars, on the other hand, looked very solid and seem to be about three players short of a Premiership winning side. They are a very tall and physical side and should be a good chance of making the top five again. Goalkeeper Kevin Farrar, Mark Gilbert, Alan

McFarlane and an in-form Pat Boyle provide the foundation for their efforts with Tony Cotton destined to be a player of the future. The up and coming Cotton has plenty of flair and attacking skills and will give many sides a hard time this season.

Another side to impress early in the season is North Star. The Miron Bleiberg coached side played 45 minutes of scintillating football last week to destroy Eastern Suburbs. Five goals in that time secured the win which takes them to the top of the table. But it was their pace which impressed me most as they left the Easts side chasing shadows. Ian Hutchison, Michael Brockwell, Brent Reynolds, Nick Seeley and Damien Rosenthal form the North Star brat pack and these youngsters will destroy many a side before the year is out. Add the experience of Mick Mulvey, Glenn Archer, Danny Lobwein, Frazer Cuba and the Swan brothers, and you have a side that has the potential to go all the way.



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Dear Editor,

With all the controversy surrounding the Rugby League and Australian Rules over the playing of pre-season games in excessively hot conditions it surprises me that the QSF has scheduled fixtures that begin or end around the hottest times of the day. The multi-million dollar run Broncos with their numerous qualified trainers are still concerned that playing in such conditions will cause serious

injury to their finely tuned professional athletes. So what chance do our semi-professional and amateur players have. Will we have to wait for someone to collapse during a game before something is done. I hope this point is remembered when the QSF decides when to begin the season next year.

Yours in Sport, David Bearman - Rochedale Rovers Soccer Club

P.S. Maybe I'm wrong but I was of the opinion that all XXXX League teams had to have floodlights. Is this true?

*Dave, on the issue of the timings of the game I can tell you that your letter has been referred to the QSF and will be definitely be looked into. Secondly, it is a criteria of the QSF that all clubs have lights but not all choose to play at night. Under the QSF system, clubs have a choice as to when they play their games. Ed.*

## Quick strike boosts Lions

**The fastest goal of the season paved the way for a Brisbane Lions 2-0 win when they clashed with the Wynnum Wolves at Carmichael Park last weekend.**

Alan Hilton made it 1-0 on the 30 second mark, pouncing on a loose ball after Kevin Tatton had charged down a Warren Allen shot.

In what turned out to be a most subdued performance by the Wolves, particularly in view of the fact they had a quite vociferous crowd in their first night match, they were never effectively in the game and the shots at goal statistics (12-6) are a testament to that.

Lions completely dominated the first half and Man of the match Craig Priddy had a telepathic understanding with striker Warren Allen, feeding him time and time again.

But the Lions shooting was not what it should have been, otherwise they would have enjoyed a substantial first half lead.

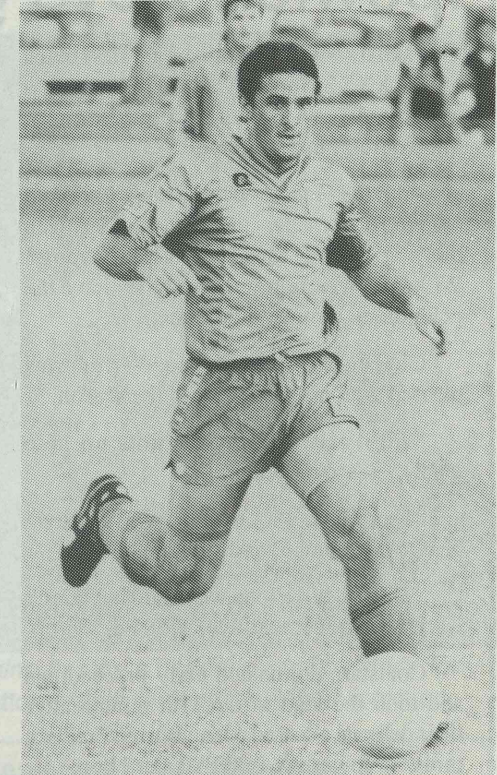
Twice mid-way through the first stanza, Priddy fed Allen with a superb placement of pass but on each occasion nothing eventuated.

Just before the half hour in only the third corner of the match, Frank Mengotti in his usual inimitable way, soared high off the ground to head Lions second goal.

To underline Wynnum's ineffectiveness, their first actual shot on goal did not come until the 30th minute, with Billy McDermott being thwarted by Rob Farrow's dive at his feet.

McDermott was without a doubt Wynnum's only effective striking weapon, as the burly Geoff Maltby, whilst showing strength in patches, faded rapidly as the game wore on.

The best shot on Farrow's goal came from Lions' own defender Mark Williamson when he went in for a do or die block tackle, only to see the ball fly past a stranded Farrow and over the crossbar.



*Brisbane Lions' Craig Priddy - Man of the Match against Wynnum Districts last Friday night.*

The half time score of 2-0 to Lions did not really reflect the dominance they showed in this game.

The second half, but for a few intermittent patches of flare shown by Allen and Munn for Lions, and replacement midfielder for Wynnum, Denis Eilmann, rather deteriorated, to the extent that it was almost a relief when referee Gordon Nicholson blew the final whistle.

A most disappointing home debut for the 1994 season for the Wolves, but on this performance the Lions are now on their way back.

*By a staff reporter \**

## Ipswich boys grab spotlight

Coalstars jumped into equal first place on the XXXX Soccer League table after a patchy 2-1 win over Willowburn in Toowoomba last weekend.

With the Magpies putting on an excellent opening match day program, the Ipswich boys grabbed the spotlight although Willowburn certainly showed they have the potential to do well this season.

Coalstars coach Wayne Warren was pleased with his sides start to the season.

"We'll take the three points up here gladly," Warren said.

"There'll be a lot of sides who come up here (Toowoomba) and struggle.

"There's still a long way to go but I think we'll be very competitive," he said.

Coalstars dominated early proceedings and took the lead in the 11th minute after their defence allowed a long Darren Freiberg throw-in to bounce in the six yard box.

Midfielder Tony Cotton, who starred with a dominating performance, rose well to head past Trevor Gilliland.

New signing Anthony Brown struck back for Willowburn within 10 minutes, steering home a spectacular diving header after a Gavin Freier cross took a deflection off team mate Troy Hews.

Tragedy struck just before half time when Willowburn's Laurence Inunciago was stretchered from the field after a challenge from Coalstars' Wes Park.

Park appeared to bump Inunciago off balance causing him to fall and crash his head into team mate Mick Young's knee.

Play was held up for several minutes with



an extended half time taken to allow the Ambulance to take the unconscious Inunciago to the local hospital.

Coalstars picked up the tempo after the break with Cotton and Freiberg both denied by good saves from Gilliland.

The pressure eventually told in the 60th minute when Cotton scored with a brilliant curling freekick after Willowburn were penalised for an infringement on the edge of their area.

From that point on Willowburn pressed hard with striker Troy Hews peppering the Coalstars' goal with shots.

The Magpies best chance fell to Paul Daly after a neat through ball left him with only the keeper to beat but Farrar did well to smother his shot.

Shane Biber also had a chance right at the death but pushed his shot across the face of the goal.

Coach Gordon Arrowsmith was justifiably hard on his players after they failed to capitalise on their 19th minute equaliser.

"We didn't deserve to win," Arrowsmith said.

"We're not tough enough mentally or physically.

"There are players out there that just go through the motions." \*

## WEEKEND ACTION



An airborne Trevor Gilliland can do nothing to stop a header from Coalstar's Tony Cotton finding the back of the net. Cotton's team mate mark Gilbert looks on.

### MATCH SCORE BOARD - Coalstars 2 def Willowburn 1

Venue: Bridge St. Toowoomba Referee: J Nuell - 7

COALSTARS	Rating	WILLOWBURN	Rating
Farrar	7	Gilliland	7
Gilbert	7	Hutfield	6
Boyle	8	Turvey	7
McFarlane	7	Young	7
King	7	Biber	8
Petie	6	Jones	6
Freiberg	6	Daly	6
Cotton	8	Freier	6
McKendrick	6	Inunciago/Able	6/6
Park	7	Brown/Goldie	7/6
Brown	7	Hews	8
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>76</b>		<b>74</b>



#### CORNERS

Coalstars 7  
Willowburn 2

#### FREEKICKS

Coalstars 9  
Willowburn 20

#### SHOTS

Coalstars 16  
Willowburn 16

# North Star's youngsters turn it on

North Star's youth brigade stole the show at O'Callaghan Park last weekend as the Zillmere-based side thrashed Eastern Suburbs 6-1.

Damien Rosenthal, Ian Hutchison and Brent Reynolds were the stars of the match with the experienced Michael Mulvey running things in the middle.

The home side looked dangerous from the outset with Mark Battistin and Nick Seeley coming close in the opening minutes.

Young Easts' keeper Chris Roche, who cost his side the win against Willowburn at Heath Park last week, redeemed himself with a solid performance including a point blank save to deny Ian Hutchison from five metres.

Ironically it was a defender that gave North Star the lead in the 17th minute when stopper Craig Jones drove home after Battistin headed back from a corner.

Two minutes later it was 2-0 when Mulvey evaded a defender before rifling home a scintillating 30m shot that gave Roche no chance.

Ian Hutchison, who came off the bench to score the winner against Brisbane Lions last week, made it 3-0 from close range in the 24th minute after Battistin again headed down from a cross.

Easts' coach Calvin Daunt injected Wayne Corbett into the fray soon after with Corbett one of the Tigers' best on the night.

The robust striker missed most of last season due to a knee injury but had a solid hit out in his first game back and could be just what Calvin Daunt needs to get his side going.

But Corbett's comeback was overshadowed

by North Stars' Hutchison and Rosenthal who took the score to 5-0 before the break.

Rosenthal struck first after standing up two defenders on the right flank before surging past them to slot home from an acute angle.

Hutchison's goal was simply awesome with the young striker heading a Shane Haddow cross from the edge of the area into the roof of the net.

Easts came out more organised after the break and deservedly got on the score sheet when Paul Georgiou pounced on the ball after goalkeeper Jason Parks failed to hold a Denny Whitfield shot.

Rosenthal rounded off the scoring midway through the second period after a pin point cross from Seeley found him unmarked at the par post.

With only Roche to beat he controlled before coolly smashing the ball home.

North Star coach Miron Bleiberg was jubilant after the match and heaped praise on his young players who had a big hand in the win.

"Rosenthal and Brockwell are my two aeroplanes," Bleiberg said.

"They are very fast and played well tonight."

Easts' coach Calvin Daunt conceded his side had a lot of work ahead of them.

"We paid them too much respect in the first half and they punished us," he said.

"We were given a football lesson." \*



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## FROM THE SIDELINE



Is this a precursor of things to come in the XXXX League Season? In round one we had two hat tricks, now in round two we have the fastest goal of the season to Alan Hilton after a mere 20-30 seconds. It's a record that will stand for a long time.

Did anyone spot the deliberate mistake in last week's points tables! Apparently a few did, judging by the phone calls the Perry Park office received. No there is not a new points scoring system for teams this year - it is still three points for a win, one for a draw and nothing for a loss. A gremlin got into our new computerised points tables which caused the hiccup.

Just how many clubs are adhering to the QSF's request to identify their team captain by an arm band in conformity with the professionalism of the CCSL. In an attempt to have a better understanding and recognition of

the Captains in all grades in both Division 2 and the XXXX League, they are asked to wear an armband. It appears that the message has not got through to the Team Managers' as yet, going by the dearth of such armbands so far.

Eye on Soccer would like to apologise to Tanya Corbett for her omission in our women's story as an Australian representative. Tanya missed the camp at the Australian Institute of Sport due to a spell in hospital but assures us she is still in the squad. Good luck Tanya.

Just how many of the soccer following public are aware that the Striker's next home game is on a Sunday afternoon against glamour club South Melbourne. Judging by the applications for trial matches to be held on that day, not a lot!

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# EYE ON SOCCER Tables

## XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH STAR	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
COALSTARS	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
PINE RIVERS	2	1	1	0	9	3	4
ROCHEDALE ROV	2	1	1	0	7	5	4
TARINGA ROV	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
WYNNUM DIST	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
BRISBANE LIONS	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
NORTH BRISBANE	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
WILLOWBURN	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
EASTERN SUB	2	0	1	1	2	7	1
ROCKLEA UTD	2	0	0	2	0	7	0
ACACIA RIDGE	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

## XXXX LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROV	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
EASTERN SUB	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
NORTH STAR	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
NORTH BRISBANE	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
ROCHEDALE ROV	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
WILLOWBURN	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
WYNNUM DIST	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
COALSTARS	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
ACACIA RIDGE	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
PINE RIVERS	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
BRISBANE LIONS	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
ROCKLEA UTD	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

## XXXX LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

<b>5 Goals</b>	C Koch (PR)
<b>4 Goals</b>	K Cooper (RR), A Lees (TR)
<b>3 Goals</b>	A Cotton (CS), I Hutchison (NS)
<b>2 Goals</b>	J Playle (RR), D Rosenthal (NS), S Star (PR), J Stipanovic (TR), M Van Basten (WD)
<b>1 Goal</b>	A Brown (WB), N Carroll (PR), W Carter (NB), F Cole (RR), M Colliccoat (TR), C Collins (NB), C Fegan (ES), D Guest (CS), P Georgiou (ES), T Hews (WB), A Hilton (BL), C Jones (NS), G Maltby (WD), F Mengotti (BL), D Miller (NB), M Mulvey (NS), S Sleep (NB), D Waugh (PR), M Wilkins (WD)

## XXXX YOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	2	2	0	0	9	0	6
EASTERN SUB	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
PINE RIVERS	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
BRISBANE LIONS	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
TARINGA ROV	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
ACACIA RIDGE	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
ROCHEDALE ROV	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
NORTH BRISBANE	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
NORTH STAR	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
WYNNUM DIST	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
WILLOWBURN	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
ROCKLEA UTD	2	0	0	2	0	11	0

## XXXX 3RD GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTERN SUB	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
TARINGA ROV	2	1	1	0	7	0	4
ACACIA RIDGE	2	1	1	0	7	2	4
ROCHEDALE ROV	2	1	1	0	5	0	4
BRISBANE LIONS	2	1	1	0	8	5	4
NORTH BRISBANE	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
WILLOWBURN	2	1	0	1	8	4	3
COALSTARS	2	1	0	1	2	6	3
WYNNUM DIST	2	0	1	1	6	8	1
NORTH STAR	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
ROCKLEA UTD	2	0	0	2	0	9	0
PINE RIVERS	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

The leading club in the overall Club Championship at the end of the fixtures will win a set of strips from Attack Sports and a \$1000 voucher from Insurance Exchange of Australia. Last years winner was Taringa Rovers.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coalstars	8	6	-	2	19	11	18
Eastern Suburbs	8	5	2	1	17	15	17
Taringa Rovers	8	5	1	2	28	8	16
Rochedale Rovers	8	4	2	2	20	12	14
North Brisbane	8	4	2	2	14	12	14
Brisbane Lions	8	4	1	3	13	10	13
Pine Rivers	8	3	2	3	14	18	11
North Star	8	3	1	4	14	13	10
Acacia Ridge	8	2	3	3	12	15	9
Willowburn	8	2	1	5	14	15	7
Wynnum	8	2	1	5	13	16	7
Rocklea United	8	-	-	8	1	35	-

# THE XXXX REPORT

Round  
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## WYNNUM 0 v BRISBANE LIONS 2 (0-2) at Carmichael Park

**SCORERS:** Lions: Alan Hilton, Frank Mengotti

**Man of the Match:** Craig Priddy (Brisbane Lions)

**WYNNUM:** Tatton, Hindes, Valle, T McKinless, B Maltby, Wilkins, McDermott (Murphy), Van Basten, Andrews (Eilmann), R McKinless, G Maltby.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Farrow, Williamson, Lonsdale, Mengotti, Hunter, Lombardo, Gilroy, Hilton, Munn, Priddy, Allen.

## NORTH STAR 6 v EASTERN SUBURBS 1 (5-0) at O'Callaghan Park

**SCORERS:** Nth Star: Craig Jones, Michael Mulvey, Ian Hutchison 2, Damien Rosenthal 2

**East:** Paul Georgiou

**Man of the Match:** Damien Rosenthal

**NORTH STAR:** Parks, Worroll, Seeley, Jones, Brockwell, Mulvey, Battistin, Rosenthal, Haddow, Hutchison (Cuba), Reynolds (R Swan).

**EASTERN SUBURBS:** Roche, Banner (Corbett), McColl (Poggi), Geritz, Haynes, Konstantinou, Fegan, Mannion, Georgiou, Whitfield, Le Cocq.

## ROCKLEA UNITED 0 v TARINGA ROVERS 5 (0-3) at Dunn Road

**SCORERS:** Taringa: Andy Lees 3, Joe Stipanovic 2

**Man of the Match:** Andrew Lees (Taringa Rovers)

**ROCKLEA UNITED:** Guzic, M Cuba, Vilches, Bors (Leko), Kosic, Stanic, Marinov, Sinko, Cule, Luburic, M Mejias.

**TARINGA ROVERS:** Lucas, Tonel, Ogden, Stowers, Brayshaw (Pearse), Read (A Jefferd), B Jefferd, E Lees, Colliccoat, Stipanovic, A Lees.

## ROCHEDALE ROVERS 3 v PINE RIVERS 3 (1-1) at Underwood Park

**SCORER:** Rovers: Justin Playle 2, Keiran Cooper

**Rivers:** Clayton Koch 2, Steven Starr

**Man of the Match:** Clayton Koch (Pine Rivers)

**ROCHEDALE ROVERS:** Lebihan, Vasquez, Dillon, Galloway, Wetherby, Harris, Fehlberg (Theochari), Stewart, Cole, Playle(Pashley), Cooper.

**PINE RIVERS:** Underhill, Stillman, Starr, Cartwright, Calleja (Ackinclose), Waugh, Strickland (Campbell), Greer, Koch, Marschner, Dines.

## ACACIA RIDGE 0 v NORTH BRISBANE 3 (0-0) at Proud Field

**SCORERS:** Nth Bris: Willie Carter, Craig Collins, David Miller

**Man of the Match:** Scott Cunningham (North Brisbane)

**ACACIA RIDGE:** Hobbs, Spiers, Davidson, A Butchard, Stone, Gooding, Kelly, Kirsopp, McCarthy (Ibanez-Formas), Thompson, Hamlett.

**NORTH BRISBANE:** Evans, Fagan, Whyte, Cox, Carter, Cunningham, Bender (Miller), Collins, Vincenzino (Ingledeed), Sleep, Love.

## WILLOWBURN 1 v COALSTARS 2 (1-1) at Bridge Street

**SCORERS:** Willow: Anthony Brown

**Stars:** Tony Cotton 2

**Man of the Match:** Tony Cotton (Coalstars)

**WILLOWBURN:** Gilliland, Hutfield, Young, Turvey, Daly, Freier, Hews, Inunciago (Abel), Biber, Brown (Goldie), Jones.

**COALSTARS:** Farrar, Boyle, McFarlane, King, Gilbert, D Petie, Cotton, McKendrick, Park, Brown, Freiberg.

# Before The Whistle



*Eye on Soccer is pleased to welcome back Jim Gilbert's column with it's appropriate new title. Jim reports exclusively on the lower divisions and his insight into their fixtures is often quite prophetic. Welcome back Jim.*

With only two weeks before fixtures start for the lower Divisions, it's time to have a preview of how they may fare in the new season.

## DIVISION 2

Beenleigh did very well in their first appearance, and could be expected to improve on last year's performance, they have been very quiet in the transfer market, but no Steve Dolan coached team lacks heart and combination, expected to do well. Brisbane City having missed promotion by a whisker last year, will be out to achieve XXXX League status this time, they lost a few players in the off-season, but are again confident of success. Neighbours Grange Thistle, struggled quite prolifically last year, and couldn't possibly repeat that performance, mid-table must be their aim. Inala City whilst not achieving any great success in the XXXX League, will have learnt from that experience, and cannot be taken lightly. The same could be said for the other relegated Club - Mt Gravatt, they have indeed lost some quality players, but having acquired an astute coach in Joe Gilroy, should be up there, or there abouts, at the business end of the season.

For Newmarket they couldn't possibly (or could they) follow on last season's remarkable surge to the title, sweeping everything before them. Coach again is Bob White, and it is expected he will get the best out of the players at his disposal. Olympic United just sneaked into the five last year, although they had a horror start to the season, if they can reverse that form in 1994, Goodwin Park could be a grave-yard to visitors. For Souths United, it may be another

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The Brisbane Strikers head to Adelaide this Sunday knowing they must win their clash with West Adelaide to remain in the hunt for the finals.

Currently sitting in eighth place, Brisbane are just one point ahead of West Adelaide but are yet to win in the City of Churches this season.

The Sharks boast a very solid line-up and go into the game having drawn with the Knights and Marconi in recent weeks.

Striker Greg Brown is their main attacking weapon with 10 goals so far this season while Socceroo Stan Lazaridis and striker Pablo Cardozo are also dangerous.

Brisbane remained on line for their first ever finals berth with a dour 2-0 win over Wollongong City at Perry Park last weekend.

Having lost on their previous three outings, the Strikers started well with Chris Slater netting in the 11th minute after Alan Hunter had flicked on a Gary Phillips corner.

Former Young Socceroo Sean Cranney sealed the result late in the second half, neatly rounding Wollongong City keeper Brett Hughes to put the ball into an open net.

Brisbane head south without keeper Clint Bolton who left for Europe on Tuesday with the Young Socceroots.

Bolton and team mate Mark Viduka (Melbourne Knights) were at the centre of a club versus country row in recent weeks after CCSL clubs were notified that they will lose their Young Socceroo representatives for the last four matches of the season.



Brisbane Midfielder Brad Ditton

Reserve keeper Graham Ross will assume the duties for the Strikers in Bolton's absence. \*

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MELB KNIGHTS	22	14	4	4	52	18	46
STH MELBOURNE	22	13	5	4	38	17	44
SYDNEY UNITED	22	12	5	5	27	24	41
MARCONI	22	10	7	5	44	27	37
ADELAIDE CITY	22	9	7	6	41	22	34
MORWELL	22	8	7	7	20	21	31
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	22	8	7	7	34	36	31
STRIKERS	22	8	6	8	24	21	30
WEST ADELAIDE	22	8	5	9	35	28	29
PARRAMATTA	22	7	8	7	23	23	29
WOLLONGONG	22	5	7	10	22	30	22
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Coalstars v Taringa Rovers	Taringa Rov ✓	Taringa Rov ✓	Coalstars ✓	Taringa Rov ✓
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## XXXX SOCCER LEAGUE - ROUND 3



### PINE RIVERS UNITED v ROCKLEA UNITED

Wendy Allison Park, Strathpine, Saturday Mar 5, 7:00pm  
Referee - B Power



On paper this game looks like a mismatch with Pine Rivers in devastating form and Rocklea United coming off a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Taringa at home. Relegation is a word that has already been associated with Rocklea and they must make sure they keep giving 100 per cent every week.

For Rivers, Clayton Koch is in good form and will be looking to add to his tally.

#### MATCH WINNERS

Rocklea coach John Caric will be hoping his defence can tighten up this week or face the real possibility of conceding five goals again. Rivers coach Dave Scriggins, on the other hand, will be hoping his side can maintain their discipline and prepare for next weeks clash with Taringa Rovers.

#### PINE RIVERS

- Peter Underhill
- Stephen Starr
- Graham Eden
- John Cartwright
- Mark Greer
- Kiely Calleja
- Damien Waugh
- Andrew Strickland
- Noel Carroll
- Clayton Koch
- Dene Almond
- Lindsay Dines
- Paul Ackinclose
- (Not allocated)
- Robert Marschner
- David Campbell
- (Not allocated)
- Andrew Stillman
- (Not allocated)
- Brendan Fergus

#### ROCKLEA UNITED

- Elvis Guzic
- Marcelo Cuba
- Juan Vilches
- Ivan Kotic
- Pejo Stanic
- Billy MacFarlane
- Robert Senko
- Stjepan Bors
- Patricio Gonzalez
- Anthony Cule
- Mark Luburic
- Darren Baldwin
- Karlo Leko
- Marcelo Mejias
- Danny Zemlich
- Elia Moubarak
- Stephen Perkovic
- (Not allocated)
- Robert Pigac
- Danny Correa



### COALSTARS v TARINGA ROVERS

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba, Sunday Mar 6, 3:45pm  
Referee - D Crawford



This game should be the highlight of Round 3 with both sides coming off impressive wins. Coalstars are yet to play any of the more established sides while Taringa's only win was against Rocklea.

The battle of the midfield should decide the game with the clash of Taringa's Brent Read and Coalstars Tony Cotton a highlight.

#### MATCH WINNERS

Taringa's Andy Lees and Joe Stipancic will come up against one of the tallest and toughest defences in the League and will have to be at their best.

Watch out too for Tony Cotton's exploits, he has already scored in his sides opening two matches.

#### COALSTARS

- Kevin Farrar
- Pat Boyle
- Alan McFarlane
- Andrew King
- Mark Gilbert
- Darren Petie
- Darren Freiberg
- Anthony Cotton
- Peter McKendrick
- Wes Park
- Rick Brown
- David Guest
- Shane Rendoth
- (Not allocated)
- Mark Petie
- (Not allocated)
- (Not allocated)
- (Not allocated)
- (Not allocated)
- Richard Cooper

#### TARINGA ROVERS

- Jason Lucas
- Cameron Pearse
- Stu Greer
- Andrew Brayshaw
- John Ogden
- Michael Collicoat
- Brent Read
- Eddie Lees
- Andy Lees
- Joe Stipancic
- Brenley Jefferd
- Shane Tollenaere
- Danny Stowers
- Aaron Jefferd
- Dominic Tonel
- Andrew Philp
- (Not allocated)
- (Not allocated)
- (Not allocated)
- Graeme Bews

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### BRISBANE LIONS v ACACIA RIDGE

Lions Stadium, Richlands, Sunday Mar 6, 3:45pm

Referee - R Miszczuk



Acacia Ridge have conceded nine goals in two games and must get tighter at the back or face a long, hard season.

Brisbane Lions, on the other hand, returned to their winning ways last week with Alan Hilton scoring one of the fastest goals ever scored in the league. That goal started them on their way and they played some very good football. Expect them to be too good for Acacia Ridge in this one.

#### MATCH WINNERS

The Ridge's Andrew Hobbs will have to be at his best for this clash which is expected to contain plenty of goals. For Lions look out for Craig Priddy who was in scintillating form against Wynnum last week.

#### BRISBANE LIONS

1. Rob Farrow
2. Mark Williamson
3. David Lonsdale
4. Frank Mengotti
5. David Hunter
6. Jeff Lombardo
7. Mark Gilroy
8. Alan Hilton
9. David Munn
10. Craig Priddy
11. Warren Allen
12. John Lowey
13. Ian Simpson
14. Wayne Hinton
15. Rob Hilton
16. Trent Abel
17. John Schiavo
18. Ben Yeuell
19. Nenad Skulic

RGK. David Mac

#### ACACIA RIDGE

1. Andrew Hobbs
2. Alan Spiers
3. Paul Davidson
4. Andrew Butchart
5. Fred Stone
6. Neville Gooding
7. Jim Kelly
8. Martin Kirsopp
9. Michael McCarthy
10. Jason Eacott
11. Brett Hamlett
12. Damien Bitzious
13. Jorge Ibanez-Formas
14. Martin Rudge
15. Michael Butchart
16. Norm Bell
17. Wade Cannon
18. Chris Woods
19. Anthony Hillier

RGK. Keith McLeish



### NORTH BRISBANE v ROCHEDALE ROVERS

Prentice Park, Lutwyche, Sunday Mar 6, 3:45pm

Referee - R Eedy



North Brisbane and Rochedale Rovers produced two very exciting matches in the League last year with Rochedale winning 2-0 away and the sides drawing 2-2 at home. The Aces replied with a 2-0 win in the Queensland Cup.

This clash then should be a beauty with only one point separating the teams at this stage. Rochedale go in as slight favourites with the Aces confident after winning last week.

#### MATCH WINNERS

Craig Collins is carrying on from where he left off last season and could be the key. Rochedale's Damien Harris is also playing well and should revel on Prentice Park.

#### NORTH BRISBANE

1. Wayne Evans
2. Paul Fagan
3. Danny Cox
4. George Whyte
5. Michael Lane
6. Scott Wilson
7. Willie Carter
8. Steve Love
9. Darren Bender
10. Craig Collins
11. Bill Ingledew
12. David Viccenzino
13. David Miller
14. Scott Cunningham
15. Steve Peto
16. Shaun Sleep
17. Brendan Haywood
18. Lorenzo Cucchi
19. Paul McDowall

RGK. Adam Fittock

#### ROCHEDALE ROVERS

1. Graham Ross
2. Martin Fehlberg
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. Lee Pashley
14. John Weatherby
15. Alan Prentice
16. Craig Walsh
17. Dean Svensson
18. Adam Lebihan
19. Mark Haynes

RGK. Mark Haynes

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### WILLOWBURN v NORTH STAR

Bridge Street, Toowoomba, Sunday Mar 6, 3:45pm

Referee - S McGregor



Willowburn performed solidly last week but will have their defence put to the test in this clash. Losers in their first home match, they will want to give their supporters the three points this weekend.

North Star will want to take up where they left off last week and maintain their place at the top of the table.

#### MATCH WINNERS

Willowburn's Troy Hews battled hard last week and looked dangerous. With Anthony Brown struggling with a calf injury, scoring goals rests solely on his shoulders.

North Star's Damien Rosenthal was running hot last week and could destroy Willowburn out wide if he is at his best.

#### WILLOWBURN

1. Trevor Gilliland
2. Russell Hutfield
3. Clayton Stansbie
4. Paul Able
5. Mick Turvey
6. Robin Heslehurst
7. Paul Daly
8. Gavin Freier
9. David Jones
10. Troy Hews
11. Laurence Inunciago
12. Leigh Ramia
13. Shane Biber
14. Anthony Brown
15. Mick Young
16. Craig McConnell
17. Andrew Goldie
18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)

RGK. Bradley Dorge

#### NORTH STAR

1. Robbie Harrison
2. Paul Worroll
3. Nick Seeley
4. Glenn Archer
5. Danny Lobwein
6. Simon Eslick
7. Ken Swan
8. Ross Swan
9. Mark Battistin
10. Ian Hutchison
11. Michael Brockwell
12. Shane Hadow
13. Craig Jones
14. Damien Rosenthal
15. Shaun Blackman
16. Michael Mulvey
17. Brent Reynolds
18. Frazer Cuba
19. Brendan Rogers

RGK. Jason Parks



### EASTERN SUBURBS v WYNNUM

Heath Park, East Brisbane, Sunday Mar 6, 3:45pm

Referee - J Nuell



East's and Wynnum have not clashed in the XXXX League for many years and this clash will have that real local derby feel about it. Both enter the match after losing badly last week and will be playing for their places in the team as well as pride.

Billy McDermott and Geoff Maltby will line up against their old club and will be looking to do them no favours.

#### MATCH WINNERS

East's had too many bad players last week and Wynnum were no different.

This game gives them all a chance to relieve themselves. Watch out for Wayne Corbett and Geoff Maltby to star in this one.

#### EASTERN SUBURBS

1. Chris Roche
2. Chris Banner
3. Craig McColl
4. Mark Geritz
5. Deon Haynes
6. Steve Konstantinou
7. Paul Georgiou
8. Chris Fegan
9. Phillip Makridakis
10. Wayne Corbett
11. Richard Nicol
12. Jason Poggi
13. Denny Whitfield
14. Robert Le Cocq
15. Craig Hodges
16. Peter Georgiou
17. William O'Neale
18. Trevor Carson
19. Ben Mannion

RGK. Brendon Damsma

#### WYNNUM DISTRICT

1. Kevin Tatton
2. Darren Hinds
3. Chris Cootes
4. Craig Larnach
5. Danny Valle
6. Tony McKinless
7. Geoff Maltby
8. Trevor Murphy
9. Mark Wilkins
10. Billy McDermott
11. Malcolm Van Basten
12. Denis Eilmann
13. Brett Maltby
14. Duncan Andrews
15. Ricky McKinless
16. Harry Muir
17. Phil Kerr
18. David Thomson
19. (Not allocated)

RGK. Dave Mewburn

A close-up photograph of a man's face in profile, drinking from a can of XXXX beer. The can is held up to his lips, and a bright light source behind it creates a lens flare effect. The man is wearing a patterned shirt. The background is a solid, warm reddish-brown color.

Make it  
a perfect  
Queensland day.

Have a

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