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It was all "Gold and Glitter"



■ 330 guests attended the Gold Medal presentation dinner. The event was staged in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel last Monday evening, with Her Excellency the Governor Mrs Leneen Forde A.C. and her husband Mr Angus McDonald in attendance. Those in the know suggested the occasion outshone other functions of its kind.

Cover Shot: Mr Clem Jones congratulates Wynnum's Captain Tony McKinless on his win in the inaugural Clem Jones Gold Medal at a lavish function at the Hilton.

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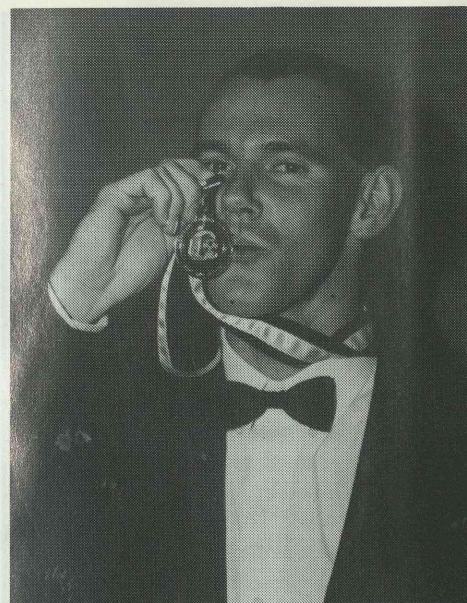
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▲ The Gold Medal shines supreme high above the heads of the guests.

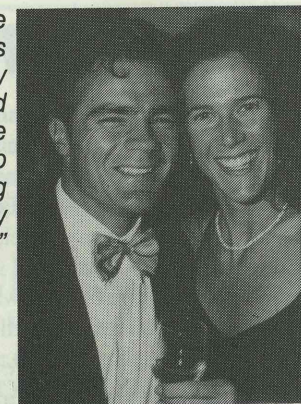


▲ With no expense spared, Pavarotti was flown in as the guest entertainer along with Boris Yeltsin, Lt. Colombo, Sean Connery, Rambo, Frank Sinatra and George Burns. All the creations of international impressionist Peter Kaye



▲ Wynnum Wolves captain Tony McKinless took out the inaugural Clem Jones Medal for the XXXX League's best and fairest player. McKinless polled 22 votes, one clear of two-times Gold Medal winner, veteran Frank Pimblett, to become his club's first ever winner of the award.

Brisbane Striker's player Gary Phillips and Rachel Pate summed up the evening "Absolutely fabulous"



Queensland Captain Stein Grodum and wife Kim LOOKED absolutely fabulous on the evening. Stein, who plays for Easts, was himself only 5 votes off the pace.

They come from Hell according to Her Excellency, in a joke she told to a captivated audience. However the Referees are the deciding factor in the Gold Medal Count. ▼



EDITORIAL

Grand Final day yet again, and how fast the year has gone. Some great soccer action is in stall for fans at Perry Park this evening, starting with the Division 3 Final between the two standouts Albany Creek and Capalaba. The Division 2 Grand Final should also be a great match as two out of town teams, Nerang and Ipswich St Helens do battle. The night will end with what should be an absolute cracker when the XXXX League Championship is decided between Premiers Brisbane City and the hungry Rochedale Rovers. Congratulations to all Grand Final teams on getting this far and may the best teams win!

What a night Monday night was. The inaugural Clem Jones Gold Medal presentation dinner at the Hilton was a huge success, with 330 guest there to witness Wynnum's Tony McKinless take out the Medal in a close finish. The win came as some consolation to McKinless, who narrowly missed skipping his side to an historic first ever XXXX League finals berth. Congratulations Tony on a fine

season. Back to the dinner, and for the first time in the history of the Medal, partners were invited, which enhanced the evening to no end. Thanks must go to Clem Jones and his group of companies for their generous sponsorship of the event. A special mention must also go to Morris McGiffin and Jim Gilbert for the time and effort they put in to provide guests with an unforgettable night.

It was pleasing to see the Federal Court injunctions granted to Melbourne SC and Heidelberg United in August, were dissolved earlier in the week. The hearing took place in Melbourne and was unopposed by either club, who were both present in the court. Soccer Australia is set to make application in Sydney in order to obtain a similar clearance with respect to Parramatta. The moves should ensure the A-League commences on October 6, and the Strikers, who have been working hard in the pre-season, should play their first home match on October 7.



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I read with interest the comments by Miron Bleiberg in Vol 4 No 25. Miron refers to the restructuring of the Brisbane competition, and it being best for the Strikers and Queensland as far as players go. You say his ideas are good and you will pass them onto the Management Committee.

What about players outside of Brisbane? We have no State League, only the Queensland Cup, and selectors do not look outside of the Brisbane competition for players for the Queensland team. There were things said about this in earlier editions of Eye On Soccer, and it appears that it

is all the Regional DOC's fault.

Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville and Cairns have formed an Intercity competition for 1996, to give country players some exposure to higher competition at home and away. Here's an idea you can put to the Management Committee.

Why not have the Management Committee organise a team from these four centres to play a team chosen from the Brisbane competition, that is City versus Country, before any Queensland team is chosen. This is the only way a true Queensland team can be chosen, and give players outside of Brisbane a fair go.

It would also give the Strikers' people a chance to have a look at players too.
Paul Thaler, Kirwan NQ

*Paul, your ideas will also be passed onto the Management Committee for consideration.
Ed.*

The night of the Champions

Rochedale will put behind them the 4-1 drubbing they handed out to City a fortnight ago in the major semi final, when the two sides meet again in tonight's XXXX League Grand Final. While many had Rochedale as firm Grand Final favourites following their last encounter with City, Rovers' coach Kim Wishart believes that match will have little bearing on tonight's result.

"That was by far our best performance of the year," Wishart said, "...and we may have just caught them on an off night.

"But this is the only piece of silverware left for the year and the boys are pretty keen to gain something out of the season."

Wishart praised the efforts of his midfielders this year and said he would be expecting similar performances in the last match of the season.

"A lot of emphasis has been placed on the big name guys in our side, but its been the unsung guys who have constantly done the job for us.

"They've all played an important role this year and have been a part of the mix we've had all season."

City coach Bob Hamilton had similar views on Rochedale's midfield but also pointed out the potent strike power the Rovers enjoyed.

"Rochedale's midfield is very good at supplying their strikers with quality ball, but they've also got a potent striker partnership with Cooper and Lees up front," Hamilton said.

"We need to stifle the balls coming through from the midfield, and if we do that we'll hopefully keep the front two a bit quieter."

Hamilton maintained the defeat they suffered at the hands of Rochedale was a "blessing in disguise".

"They touched us up a bit in the last game, but that game helped us recognise a few problems that needed sorting out.

"We were a little under strength and made a

few errors, but I can guarantee we won't make the same mistakes again."

City will be at near full strength with Mark Greer set to take his spot at the back and Stephen Glockner fully recovered from a back injury.

The only injury worry is midfielder Cameron Pearse, who suffered a corked thigh in last weekend's elimination final with Lions. Defender Nick Seeley will also miss the match due to suspension.

Rochedale will be without midfielder Eddie Lees, who has torn ligaments in his knee from a match a fortnight ago. *



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OLYMPIC UNITED

City survive Lions charge

By Marco Monteverde

In what at first appeared to be cakewalk, Brisbane City advanced to the XXXX League Grand Final with a 4-3 extra time win over arch-rivals Brisbane Lions at Perry Park on Saturday night.

Coming into the final five minutes the Sky Blues lead comfortably 3-1, and appeared to be thinking about their next opponents, Rochedale.

That was all to change however, in a frantic finish to normal time. Lions substitute Craig Priddy pulled one back in the 87th minute, scrambling the ball home from six yards, after both the City defence and goalkeeper Daniel Duke seemed to freeze on the spot.

Priddy was again involved in Lions dramatic equaliser in the 90th minute. His pinpoint cross was met beautifully by David Munn, who secured his second goal of the night with a perfectly executed header into the corner of the net.

The drama was to continue three minutes into stoppage time. After a mix up in the City midfield, Lions skipper Frank Mengotti broke away, and only had Duke to beat in the City goals. The young keeper, however, covered himself in glory, smothering the former City player's attempt on goal.

As extra time commenced it appeared to be anyone's game. Lions, however, seemed to run out of legs as City applied the pressure. Their cause was not helped by being reduced to ten men. Temperamental substitute Warren Allen was sent off in the 75th minute, after receiving a second yellow card in only 23 minutes of action.

City finally claimed victory nine minutes into extra time when Stephen Glockner rose to head home a cross from substitute Ian Hutchison.

Early on in the piece City were in cruise mood, even after Lions had taken an early lead through Munn. The wily striker found himself in the clear after a quarter of an hour and drove his shot passed an oncoming Duke.

City equalised one minute later through Warren Cooley, who got on the end of a Nick Seeley cross to guide the ball past Lions custodian Robbie Farrow.

City got their second in the 22nd minute through man-of-the match John Schiavo, who combined well with Simon Eslick before calmly chipping his shot over Farrow.

They made it 3-1 six minutes into the second half, when Seeley dispossessed Lions defender David Lonsdale before crossing to find Damien Waugh, who made no mistake from six yards.

For City coach Bobby Hamilton there was a sense of relief above anything else.

"In a sense we should be celebrating, but there's a sense of disappointment. We made it a lot harder than it should have been," Hamilton said.

"We don't get a lot of confidence for next week after the way the game ended."

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg was pleased with the character his side showed.

"We gave it our best shot," Bleiberg said.

He had not complaints about the make up of the decider.

"The best two teams in the competition are in the Grand Final." *



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Gary Wilkins - the greatest

By Andrew van der Beek

"We could hear machine-gun fire and explosions in the distance, and it wasn't uncommon to look out the window and see a car bomb go off in the street." Not exactly the sort of memories you'd expect from arguably the greatest soccer player ever to pull on the Queensland jersey.

But this is one of the most vivid images when Gary Wilkins thinks back to his debut for Australia in war-ravaged Saigon in 1967.

The Vietnam game was part of a 12 match tour of South-East Asia for the Socceroos, a tour during which they won every match.

Their first game in Saigon was played in front of 68,000 parochial Vietnamese

supporters. The security obviously had to be tight but Gary still remembers with amazement the lengths to which the authorities went in order to ensure their safety.

"We walked out of the tunnel into the stadium and were surrounded by police. There were these guys walking around with these funny machines, we didn't know what they were but they were all over the pitch." They found out later that these "funny machines" were mine detectors.

John Roderick, a former soccer columnist with The Queensland Times, remembers that Gary was always captain of junior teams both at club and representative level. "He always showed that he possessed the leadership qualities necessary for captaincy."

The representative authorities also recognised the potential of the kid from Ipswich, selecting him for the Queensland Schoolboys side at the age of only 13.

It was the start of a love affair with the Queensland jersey, which would see him wear it constantly until his premature retirement due to injury and work commitments at the age of 29.

But it was in 1967 when his greatest achievements came. Soccer was still receiving its fair share of media attention and that year Gary Wilkins became a household name in Queensland.

Positions Vacant

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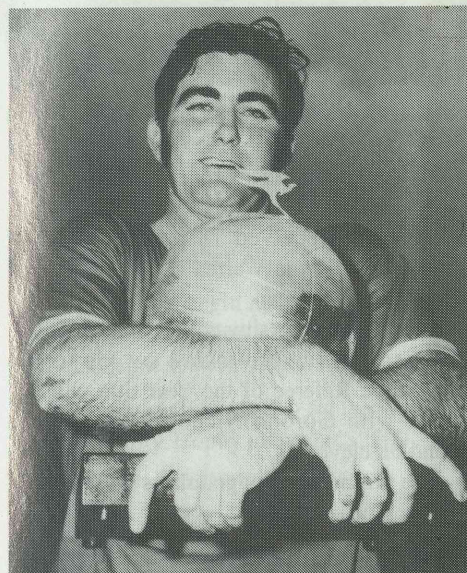
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AS IN LIFE, THE FINER THINGS IN FOOTBALL ARE OFTEN WORTH WAITING FOR.



"1967 was a big year for me. I played my first senior game for the State against Manchester United, won the Courier Mail's Best and Fairest Award and played for Australia in South-East Asia."

Manchester United were at the height of their golden era of domination of the domestic game in England and the side which Queensland faced on that day featured players like George Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law - names which remain the greatest in English football to this day.

Gary went on to play for Queensland on 34 occasions, 33 as captain, and both are achievements yet to be equalled by anyone to date.

Sunday Mail journalist Bruce Waddell remembers Gary as "a burly, aggressive midfielder, the engine room of any side he played in."

Put simply this was a man to stay away from on the field - if you could!

That's not to say he was unnecessarily physical, rather it was his sheer determination to succeed that made him such a formidable opponent.

The sincerity of the man thus portrayed is unquestionable when Gary (pictured above) describes living the dream of millions of other players and wearing the green and gold jersey of Australia for the first time.

"It had been a dream of mine right from a boy, and to pull on the shirt for the first time and stand there while they play the national anthem brings tears to your eyes. It still does even now when I think about it."

Gary "Ice-Cold Wombat" Wilkins returned to Australia after the tour of Asia in '67 and was told he would have to move to Sydney if he was to further his playing career. He had earned the nickname while on tour through a combination of his temperament and friendly teasing, being one of only three Australian born players in the touring party. The other were Ray "Billabong" Barts and goalkeeper Ron "Cobber" Corrie.

Despite the offer of a \$30,000 sign on fee (huge money for 1967) and numerous other fringe benefits, Gary decided against the move to Sydney and continued to play in the Brisbane first division with Hollandia-Inala. The burly midfielder remained here for the majority of his senior career.

Staying in Brisbane probably limited his appearances for Australia but he still played for his country on 17 occasions, four of which were at full international level.

The statistics speak for themselves. Eight years as a Queensland representative and three in the National squad surely place Gary Wilkins without peer as the greatest player in the history of Queensland soccer.



FEEL THE PASSION

Eye On trophies highly prized

Taringa's Brent Read has won the 1995 Eye On Soccer/Anfield Sports Player of the Year award.

The award was voted on by the XXXX League coaches, with each nominating his top three players. Read topped the vote with 12 points, five clear of his nearest rival, Kieran Cooper.

The crafty midfielder collects \$1000 worth of sporting goods courtesy of Anfield Sports, located at the Rochedale Rovers Soccer Club.

In the other **Eye On Soccer** awards, which were provided by UhlSport, Brisbane City's Wayne Strange won Rookie of the Year, after a

countback with team mate Daniel Duke.

Bob Hamilton completed a successful year's work by being the clear winner in the Coach of the Year award.

Hamilton received 18 points, with his nearest rival Wayne Warren of Coalstars way back on seven points.

It was a similar situation for the referees, with Derek Crawford taking out his fourth consecutive Referee of the Year title with 19 points, with Gordon Nicholson coming in second on eleven.

Eye On Soccer congratulates all four men for their fine seasons. *

Charity Shield aids research

The Queensland Institute of Medical Research is set to benefit from the proceeds of a charity soccer day presented by the Australian Soccer Referees Federation next Saturday, September 30.

The day will begin at 1pm, with the main match between Division 2 Premiers Nerang and XXXX League Premiers Brisbane City at 5pm.

Both sides will be playing for the Waterford Crystal Charity Trophy valued at \$2500.

1.00pm	Brisbane North	v	Brisbane South	(Under 12)
1.30pm	QAS	v	Eastern Suburbs	(Women)
2.30pm	Brisbane North	v	Brisbane South	(Under 15)
3.15pm	Referees	v	Media	
5.00pm	Brisbane City	v	Nerang	(Main Game)
7.00pm	Strikers	v	Sydney Olympic	

The Strikers will then meet Sydney Olympic, who will be flown up by the ASRF, in an exhibition match at 7pm.

Admission to the day is \$5 before 5pm and \$10 after 5pm, with a family pass for two adults and two children costing just \$15.

In what is sure to be a fun day for the whole family, matches will be contested throughout the day on both fields at Perry Park. The program is set down below.

Eye On Soccer's 1995 Dream Team

Trevor Gilliland
(Willowburn)

Gary Brattan
(Rochedale)

Mark Greer
(Bris City)

Stein Grodum
(Eastern Subs)

Brent Read
(Taringa)

Eddie Lees
(Rochedale)

Damien Waugh
(Bris City)

John Weatherby
(Rochedale)

Mark Battistin
(Bris City)

Fraser Cuba
(North Star)

Kieran Cooper
(Rochedale)

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XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	22	16	4	2	53	22	52
ROCHEDALE ROV	22	15	3	4	52	17	48
TARINGA ROVERS	22	13	3	6	35	25	42
BRISBANE LIONS	22	11	8	3	38	19	41
COALSTARS	22	11	2	9	31	26	35
WYNNUM	22	10	4	8	30	24	34
NORTH STAR	22	10	3	9	38	42	33
GRANGE THISTLE	22	7	3	12	29	39	24
EASTERN SUBS	22	5	5	12	23	47	20
PINE RIVERS UTD	22	3	10	9	23	35	19
NORTH BRISBANE	22	3	4	15	23	39	13
WILLOWBURN	22	2	3	17	21	61	9

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	22	16	4	2	60	22	52
ROCHEDALE ROV	22	13	8	1	50	15	47
WYNNUM	22	12	5	5	40	22	41
TARINGA ROVERS	22	12	4	6	50	25	40
EASTERN SUBS	22	10	5	7	40	42	35
BRISBANE LIONS	22	9	4	9	44	34	31
PINE RIVERS UTD	22	10	1	11	34	35	31
COALSTARS	22	6	8	8	29	31	26
GRANGE THISTLE	22	6	5	11	30	43	23
NORTH BRISBANE	22	4	5	13	20	43	17
NORTH STAR	22	4	3	15	33	58	15
WILLOWBURN	22	3	2	17	20	80	11

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	22	17	2	3	66	17	53
ROCHEDALE ROV	22	15	2	5	63	26	47
PINE RIVERS UTD	22	14	3	5	46	21	45
COALSTARS	22	14	2	6	41	19	44
EASTERN SUBS	22	12	5	5	64	32	41
BRISBANE LIONS	22	11	2	9	54	32	35
WYNNUM	22	10	4	8	45	33	34
BRISBANE CITY	22	9	5	8	37	31	32
NORTH STAR	22	6	2	14	24	54	20
GRANGE THISTLE	22	5	2	15	36	54	17
WILLOWBURN	22	2	1	19	12	79	7
NORTH BRISBANE	22	1	2	19	14	104	5

XXXX 3RD GRADE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	22	18	3	1	84	17	57
ROCHEDALE ROV	22	17	2	3	85	28	53
WYNNUM	22	14	4	4	60	18	46
BRISBANE CITY	22	12	4	6	84	38	40
BRISBANE LIONS	22	11	2	9	50	43	35
PINE RIVERS UTD	22	11	1	10	58	50	34
EASTERN SUBS	22	10	2	10	49	42	32
COALSTARS	22	8	3	11	46	66	27
NORTH BRISBANE	22	7	3	12	48	65	24
GRANGE THISTLE	22	5	3	14	32	73	18
WILLOWBURN	22	2	3	17	20	103	9
NORTH STAR	22	2	0	20	29	102	6

XXXX LEAGUE LEADING GOAL SCORERS

- 18 Gls K Cooper (RR)
- 14 Gls M Battistin (BC)
- 13 Gls F Cuba (NS), D Munn (BL), T Hews (C)
- 12 Gls A Lees (RR)
- 11 Gls W Cooley (BC), D Bender (GT)
- 8 Gls T McKinless (WY), (BL), L Scriggins (PR)

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NERANG	22	14	2	6	48	26	44
BEENLEIGH	22	13	4	5	64	36	43
IPSW ST HELENS	22	13	4	5	51	31	43
ST ALBANS	22	12	1	9	36	28	37
LOGAN CITY	22	11	3	8	34	30	36
ROCKLEA UTD	22	10	4	8	32	22	34
ACACIA RIDGE	22	9	4	9	33	36	31
OLYMPIC UTD	22	8	4	10	26	35	28
INALA CITY	22	8	4	10	41	57	28
MT GRAVATT	22	5	3	14	24	40	18
SOUTHS UTD	22	5	3	14	30	51	18
UNI OF QLD	22	4	4	14	19	46	16

DIVISION 2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LOGAN CITY	22	13	4	5	43	25	43
ROCKLEA UTD	22	11	7	4	36	28	40
IPSW ST HELENS	22	10	8	4	48	23	38
INALA CITY	22	11	4	7	47	28	37
BEENLEIGH	22	9	8	5	62	31	35
OLYMPIC UTD	22	8	8	6	39	36	32
SOUTHS UTD	22	9	4	9	33	32	31
MT GRAVATT	22	8	6	8	34	24	30
ACACIA RIDGE	22	7	5	10	30	34	26
UNI OF QLD	22	5	8	9	29	36	23
NERANG	22	5	4	13	31	55	19
ST ALBANS	22	1	4	17	13	93	7

DIVISION 2 YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	22	17	2	3	69	23	53
BEENLEIGH	22	16	2	4	63	18	50
OLYMPIC UTD	22	14	1	7	52	26	43
IPSW ST HELENS	22	13	3	6	49	22	42
NERANG	22	13	2	7	68	38	41
ROCKLEA UTD	22	8	6	8	30	33	30
SOUTHS UTD	22	8	4	10	42	57	28
MT GRAVATT	22	6	5	11	28	51	23
ST ALBANS	22	6	4	12	33	44	22
ACACIA RIDGE	22	5	6	11	34	52	21
LOGAN CITY	22	6	2	14	31	43	20
INALA CITY	22	1	1	20	8	100	4

The leading club in the XXXX League 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 winners were Rochedale Rovers.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochedale Rovers	88	61	15	13	250	86	195
Taringa Rovers	88	61	12	16	235	84	192
Brisbane City	88	53	17	18	234	113	176
Wynnum District	88	46	17	25	175	97	155
Brisbane Lions	88	42	16	30	186	128	142
Coalstars	88	39	15	34	147	142	132
Pine Rivers	88	38	15	35	161	141	129
Eastern Suburbs	88	37	17	34	176	163	128
Grange Thistle	88	23	13	52	127	209	102
North Star	88	22	8	59	124	256	74
North Brisbane	88	15	14	59	105	251	59
Willowburn	88	9	9	70	73	323	36

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	22	18	3	1	58	17	57
ALBANY CREEK	22	18	1	3	69	16	55
THE GAP	22	13	4	5	46	25	43
MITCHELTON	22	14	1	7	40	27	43
SLACKS CREEK	22	9	4	9	32	26	31
REDLANDS UTD	22	9	2	11	27	34	29
NEWMARKET	22	8	4	10	30	36	28
GOODNA	22	9	1	12	34	44	28
ANERLEY	22	8	3	11	33	40	27
LATROBE	22	5	4	13	25	44	19
CLAIRVAUX	22	5	1	16	20	51	16
NORTH PINE	22	1	2	19	12	66	5

DIVISION 3 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SLACKS CREEK	22	17	3	2	63	24	54
CAPALABA	22	16	4	2	83	24	52
NEWMARKET	22	15	5	2	60	22	50
THE GAP	22	13	5	4	52	26	44
ALBANY CREEK	22	13	4	5	70	29	43
MITCHELTON	22	13	3	6	64	34	42
REDLANDS UTD	22	7	1	14	32	39	22
ANERLEY	22	5	5	12	35	69	20
CLAIRVAUX	22	4	4	14	31	55	16
GOODNA	22	5	1	16	30	62	16
NORTH PINE	22	4	2	16	29	63	14
LATROBE	22	1	1	20	10	112	4

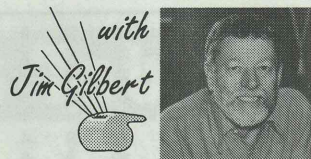
DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WESTERN SUBS	22	15	5	2	46	22	50
DARRA UTD	22	14	3	5	49	19	45
MOGILL UTD	22	13	4	5	54	24	43
S'SIDE EAGLES	22	13	4	5	43	13	43
REDCLIFFE	22	13	1	8	53	36	40
BROTHERS UTD	22	10	4	8	49	38	34
SAMFORD	22	8	4	10	35	41	28
SOUTH STAR	22	7	6	9	33	41	27
LOGANHOLME	22	6	4	12	29	40	22
IPSWICH CITY	22	5	5	12	24	51	20
PINE HILLS	22	2	7	13	26	50	13
OXLEY UTD	22	1	3	18	16	82	6

DIVISION 4 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WESTERN SUBS	22	17	3	2	115	33	54
PINE HILLS	22	17	1	4	67	25	52
SAMFORD	22	17	0	5	81	30	51
DARRA UTD	22	15	3	4	101	39	48
S'SIDE EAGLES	22	13	2	7	67	32	41
LOGANHOLME	22	12	3	7	65	44	39
MOGILL UTD	22	13	0	9	56	49	39
REDCLIFFE	22	7	3	12	60	60	24
SOUTH STAR	22	5	0	17	38	100	15
BROTHERS UTD	22	4	1	17	32	120	13
IPSWICH CITY	22	3	1	18	32	101	10
OXLEY UTD	22	0	1	21	15	96	1

DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BAYSIDE UTD	22	16	3	3	64	21	51
UNI OF QLD	22	14	4	4	64	23	46
GREENBANK	22	14	3	5	63	31	45
BROWNS PLAINS	22	11	7	4	49	23	40
WOODRIDGE	22	12	2	8	47	37	38
OLYMPIC UTD	22	8	6	8	37	37	30
IPSW ST HELENS	22	8	6	8	33	40	30
BETHANIA	22	7	5	10	36	37	26
JIMBOOMBA	22	6	3	13	32	39	21
THE GAP	22	7	0	15	27	67	21
GOODNA	22	5	4	13	21	58	19
SLACKS CREEK	22	1	3	18	16	76	6

DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LOGAN CITY	22	18	1	3	84	21	55
CAPALABA	22	15	3	4	55	22	48
ACACIA RIDGE	22	14	4	4	61	28	46
OLYMPIC UTD	22	12	3	7	49	31	39
SOUTHS UTD	22	11	5	6	55	43	38
MT GRAVATT	22	11	2	9	51	34	35
MITCHELTON	22	10	3	9	35	37	33
INALA CITY	22	9	2	11	45	50	29
ANERLEY	22	6	2	14	27	52	20
REDLANDS UTD	22	4	5	13	31	61	17
IPSW ST HELENS	22	2	5	15	16	57	11
BEENLEIGH	22	2	1	19	20	93	7

Before The Whistle



THE SEASON IN RETROSPECT

From Division 2, Beenleigh (the "nearly" team of '94) have now attained promotion, however they are already out of the Finals Series, their co-promoted team Nerang, are in with a big chance of the double, but can they successfully compete in the XXXX League next year? At the bottom, Souths United, who narrowly avoided relegation last year, finally succumbed this year albeit on goal difference from Mt Gravatt, who will be joined with University in Division 3 next year, their places were taken a few weeks before the conclusion of the season, by Capalaba and Albany Creek. Both these clubs will need to strengthen both their on-field personnel, as well as improve their facilities in order to compete with many of the current Division 2 clubs. However that should not detract from their overwhelming performance in Division 3 this past season. Relegated were North Pine, who never did get to grips with Division 3, and a battle to the end, between Clairvaux and Latrobe with the former team sliding back to Div 4.

West's are promoted from Division 4 with a five point margin, the second promotion spot went right to the end, with Darra being successful, which is in stark contrast to their performance in 1994! Oxley yielded, as did Pine Hills, despite their last ditch attempt at the end of 1994 to retain their status.

Promoted from Division 5, are Bayside and Greenbank, both clubs with a good following and in areas where a higher status of football is needed. From Division 6 the promoted clubs

are Logan City Kings and Capalaba, which again shows the strength in depth within these clubs. Equally as important are the promotions from Division 7 to Division 6 of Park Ridge and Margate, both clubs new to the Queensland Soccer Federation and special congratulations go to these two for their continued success this past season.

In Division 8, The Gap won the Premiership in style, with a + 99 goal difference, however Runner-Up Acacia Ridge gaining revenge in the Finals last weekend.

FINALS SERIES

At time of writing, Finals are still being played in Divisions 2 and 3, with a replay taking place in Divisions 4 and 6, so it is difficult to congratulate all teams.

However congratulations should go to University, successful in Division 5 and attaining some form of recompense for not being able to receive promotion from that Division, Margate also took revenge in Division 7 over Premier's Park Ridge by taking out the title of Champions, and as already mentioned, Acacia Ridge took out the Championship in Division 8 over The Gap.

Best wishes to the teams still playing in Finals, and to use a much spoken cliché, "may the best team win".

My thanks to all those who have made comments both good and "at times" bad about this column over the season. As expressed on a number of occasions, it is mainly to give recognition to all the vast numbers of players and officials from the lower Division clubs over the entire season, clubs who make up the bulk of the membership of the QSF.

I trust after the next week, all members both playing and non-playing, will seek a good deal of R&R in readiness for another tilt at the competition next year.

Best wishes to all, for a safe off-season.

FROM THE SIDELINE



▲ The new look Wynnum side after narrowly missing out on this year's finals. It seems all the boys were trying their best to emulate the naturally thin haired Rob Hilton.

Who's the babe in the skirt? Is it the XXXX League's leading goal scorer? Yes...Keiran Cooper lost out in a fund raising slave auction when the Rochedale ladies team bought him for a song and ordered him to be their cheerleader at their Grand Final.

The State U15 and U16 teams are currently in Sydney to contest the Nationals from September 23-29. After the annual State Championships in the last June holidays, initial training squads were chosen. The teams were finalised following a recent training camp on the Gold Coast.

Congratulations to the Queensland State Primary Schools boys side, which recently won the Nationals in Adelaide. Standouts in the tournament were Cairns trio Michael Thwaite, Chris Campbell, and Zenan Caravella, who is also the nephew of Frank Farina. The Primary School girls also competed well at their Championships, coming in third.

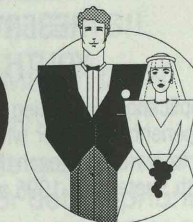
The QAS took out the Division One Women's Soccer final late last month when they overcame Easts 3-1. Results of other women's finals were: Div 2 Souths 1 def Newmarket 0, Div 3 Darra 0 def Lions 0 (3-2 pens), Div 4 Mitchelton 1 def Rochedale 0, Div 5 Tiwiwarrin 2 def Morayfield 0, Div 6 Albany Creek 2 def Taringa 0, Juniors Coalstars 2 def Lions 1.



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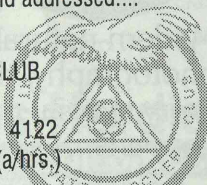
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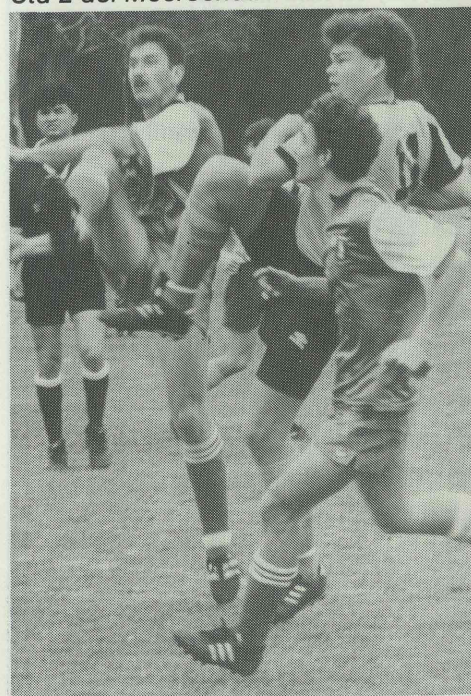
FINALS ACTION



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▲ Division 5 Premiers - Bayside United

Division 7 Knockout Semi saw Bayside
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All the goss with Brent Read

First of all I'd like to thank the loyal supporters of this column who made the abuse and intolerance worth the effort. I'd also like to thank those players who came forward with suggestions on what should be included in the column, although it was not always printable.

On the soccer front, there's no doubt several players would have been irritable at work Tuesday morning after the bubbly flowed thick and fast at the Clem Jones Medal on Monday.

Tony McKinless' hangover would have been the best he's ever had after the hard working midfielder edged out two former winners, Frank Pimblett and Steve Glockner, to clinch the inaugural medal.

Tony's been the leader of the unheralded Wolves side and deserved the recognition for an outstanding year.

As usual, the medal night served up a quality evening with fine food and entertainment. The night served a secondary purpose of acting as a player market, with many players answering questions about where their futures lie.

The media made their presence known, particularly two of the Sunday Mail's high profile reporters. Showing their complete and utter professionalism, Geoff Stead and Bruce Waddell fought off the effects of fatigue to go the distance with the players.

Hopefully they'll have something to show for their efforts, after all, dedication like that deserves its rewards.

I'd hate to have been on the receiving end of the bill after the night. It was by far the biggest medal night in recent years with several members of the sporting, political and

corporate community showing their support for our burgeoning code.

Clem Jones should be congratulated for providing Queensland soccer with such a fine night.

On the playing front, this weekend's grand final has all the makings of a classic as the year's two form sides meet in the big one.

City will be looking to reverse their earlier finals clash and the return of several players will improve their chances.

Rochedale go into the game minus my good mate and midfield maestro Eddie Lees after he injured his knee in the side's win over Taringa Rovers. His brother Andy will be the family's only representative, but he too will be carrying the scars of a recent clash from an unsavoury off field incident.

My prediction is a close win to Rochedale, but only because I'm going to Fiji with several members of the team on a soccer tour.

See you next year, if I've still got the gig.



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1995 XXXX LEAGUE GRAND FINAL - 7.00pm



ROCHEDALE ROVERS

1. Clint Dal Santo
2. Gary Brattan (c)
3. Kieran Galloway
4. Brad Russell
5. Damian Harris
6. Eddie Lees
7. Craig Collins
8. Andy Lees
9. Kieran Cooper
10. Darren Hillier
11. John Weatherby
12. Fletcher Lee
13. Greg Anderson
14. Gavin Wright
15. Brad Melville
16. Craig Wass
17. Jason Elmore
18. Ian Pedley
19. Sean Carey
20. Martin Simpson

BRISBANE CITY

1. Daniel Duke
2. Wayne Cooley
3. Nick Seeley
4. Mark Greer
5. Wayne Strange
6. Cameron Pearse
7. Damien Waugh
8. John Schiavo
9. (Not allocated)
10. Stephen Glockner
11. Simon Eslick
12. Mark Battistin
13. Jason Poggi
14. Shane Haddow
15. Warren Cooley
16. Ian Hutchison
17. Anthony Scodellaro
18. Mark Dessi
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DIVISIONS 2 & 3 GRAND FINALS

NERANG v IPSWICH ST HELENS

Perry Park - 23rd September, 1995. 5.00pm
Referee - D Prentice. Linesmen - J Palmer, G Gibbs

Nerang would have to be undisputed favourites for this match after securing the Premiership and promotion into next year's XXXX League. The boys from the coast will be keen to take out their second Premiership/Championship double in as many years.

Ipswich St Helens have been the form team of the second round, however their finals form has been questionable. They will have to be at the best to cause a boilover.

MATCH WINNERS

Player/Coach Paul Cockbain has been Nerang's mainstay all season. He will be eager to help his side to the double.

Peter Vogler was Ipswich St Helens leading scorer this season with 13 goals. He will have to be watched closely by the Nerang defence.

NERANG

1. Eddie Dixon
2. Jason Lanigan
3. Vaughan Skelly
4. Dominique Dorbeaux
5. Steve Childs
6. Mario Collavino
7. David Viitakangas
8. Gary Stone
9. Paul Cockbain
10. Damien Bitzlos
11. Lee Hosier
12. Michael Leake
13. Craig Rogers (c)
14. Bob Cray
15. (Not allocated)
16. (Not allocated)
17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)
20. Paul Bosio

IPSWICH ST HELENS

1. Bert Van Manen
2. Mark Williamson
3. Neville O'Sullivan
4. Tommy Novack
5. Keith Broom
6. Damien Butler
7. Peter Vogler
8. Lee Kool
9. Damien Conquest
10. Steve Chalmers
11. Brad Smith
12. Paul Payne
13. Christian Rook
14. Glen Gibb
15. (Not allocated)
16. (Not allocated)
17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)
20. Todd Vaggs

ALBANY CREEK v CAPALABA

Perry Park - 23rd September, 1995. 3.00pm
Referee - M Shield. Linesmen - J Peacock, V Dogan

Albany Creek have finished the season extremely well and would also have to assume favouritism for the Division 3 Grand Final. A 5-0 thumping of Capalaba a fortnight ago should give them plenty of confidence.

Capalaba were the top team all year though, taking out the Premiership in fine style. Sweet revenge would be on their minds, which should make for a top game.

MATCH WINNERS

Creek striker Gary Hornigold has been in form of late and seems to relish Perry Park. In his last outing at H.Q. he netted six goals.

Capalaba is stacked with ex-XXXX League players, and one that could have a real impact is Denny Whitfield. He is a skilful player who has a keen nose for goal.

ALBANY CREEK

1. Ian Traill
2. Mick Hornby
3. Darryl Kyle
4. Mork Snelgrove
5. Glen Ramsay
6. Craig Steer
7. Matthew McKenna
8. Gary Hornigold
9. Trent Lonton
10. Demetri Theochari
11. Damon Tune
12. Craig Watson
13. Adrian Butcher
14. Dean Steer
15. Chris Bartz
16. Kevin Swadling
17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)
20. Kevin Dunbar

CAPALABA

1. Jason Parks
2. Mark Pritchard
3. Reece James
4. Chris Banner
5. Deon Haynes
6. Andrew Coulson
7. Vince Kelly
8. David Cudmore
9. Robert Ashcroft
10. Alan Martens
11. Denny Whitfield
12. John Quinn
13. Ronnie Flett
14. Tony Quinn
15. (Not allocated)
16. (Not allocated)
17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)
20. Gary Keating

1995 EYE ON SOCCER AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Brent Read has won the 1995 **Eye On Soccer/Anfield Sports** Player of the Year title.

Read featured prominently in a majority of the coaches' "top three players", and ended up being a clear winner at the completion of the tally.

The midfielder takes home \$1000 worth of sporting goods courtesy of Anfield Sports, which is located at the Rochedale Rovers Soccer Complex.

It was probably just as well he won something because he sure wasn't going to win any journalistic prizes for his inspired pieces in **Eye On Soccer** this year. Congratulations Brent!



BRENT READ
Taringa Rovers

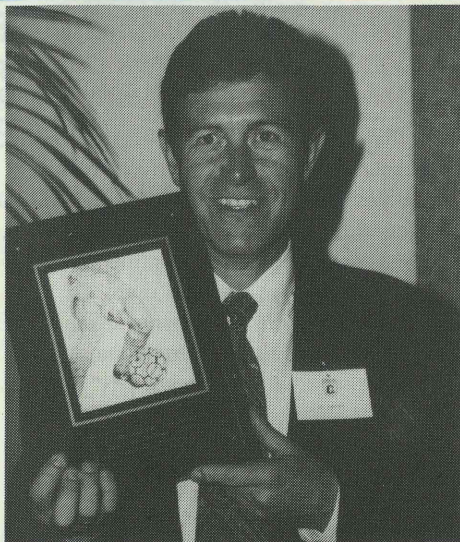
COACH OF THE YEAR

Bob Hamilton took his side to the Division 2 Premiership last year, and went a step further by taking them all the way to the XXXX League Premiership in this their comeback season.

It was no surprise then, when he was named the **Eye On Soccer/Uhlsport** Coach of the Year during Monday night's Gold Medal Presentation Dinner.

Hamilton polled extremely well with his colleagues and was a deserved winner.

No doubt he will be hoping his side can repeat last season's effort of the 1995 Premiership and Grand Final double tonight. Congratulations Bob!



BOB HAMILTON
Brisbane City

1995 EYE ON SOCCER AWARDS

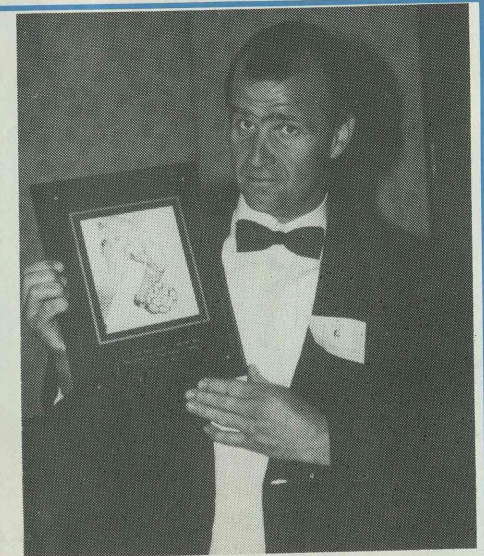
REFEREE OF THE YEAR

For yet another year, Derek Crawford has taken out the **Eye On Soccer/Uhlsport** Referee of the Year Award.

This is the fourth consecutive year Crawford has won the award, and the vote by the coaches categorically confirmed this whistle blower's status as the best referee in Brisbane.

Speaking with a few of the players, some of the media, and a handful of spectators, the win seemed to be a popular one.

Crawford will now be preparing for the upcoming National Soccer League season, after completing a successful year in the XXXX League. Congratulations Derek!



DEREK CRAWFORD

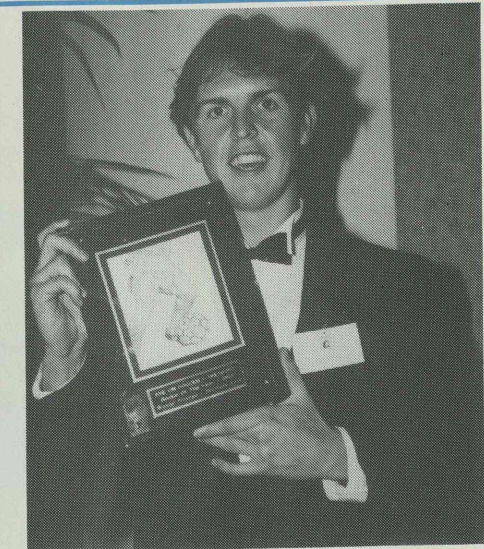
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Brisbane City's Wayne Strange capped off a good year by taking out the **Eye On Soccer/Uhlsport** Rookie of the Year Award, after a close duel with team mate Daniel Duke.

The lanky defender made a superb transition from Division Two to help his side to the 1995 XXXX League Premiership.

Strange proved invaluable at the back for City, particularly in the latter stages of the season when his side was without a couple of key defenders.

Strange will no doubt be looking for a continuation of his fine form in tonight's Grand Final. Congratulations Wayne!



WAYNE STRANGE
Brisbane City

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