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Editorial



Last weekend's action proved that this year's competitions would be very fiercely contested, with a host of interesting results from every division.

The great soccer action will continue this weekend and with it comes the introduction of a new television program on **Briz 31**, *Brisbane Soccer Scene*.

Brisbane's new soccer program commences tonight, Thursday March 7 at 9pm and will feature coaching tips, a referees segment, phone in competitions, highlights of the weekend's games, player and coach interviews and tips for upcoming matches.

The show will take on the format of various football shows from around the country and feature regular commentators and local soccer identities Kieran Cooper, Davey Richardson and Mick Mulvey, as well as a weekly guest panel.

The show is the first of its kind for Queensland soccer and will be broadcast in the regular weekly timeslot of Thursday 9pm.

Still on the media front, **Eye On Soccer** welcomes back Brent Read, who resumes his weekly *Read Between the Lines* column this week.

'Ready' copped plenty of flack for his often critical and controversial look at different aspects of the local competition last year, and I'm sure he won't disappoint his loyal band of supporters this year.

Also new to the team is Andrew van der Beek, a final year Journalism student who will make his way around the grounds every week to keep abreast of happenings in the XXXX League.

Andrew's contribution will be a weekly match report, ensuring that a minimum of two games will be looked at in depth each week.

We welcome both of these writers and trust the clubs will keep them busy and on their toes all year round. We also would like to encourage clubs and supporters to submit items of interest throughout the season.

- From the Sideline -

Division Two club Rocklea United will be turning on their new flood lights this Friday night, March 8, at their Dunn Road headquarters, in a ceremony beginning at 6.30pm. The lights are valued at \$85,000 and will be switched on by the local Alderman in the presence of officials from the QSF. Thought to be one of, if not the best set of club lights in Brisbane, the lights are part of a huge redevelopment at Rocklea's grounds costing more than \$115,000, thanks mainly to the generous sponsorship from CSR. Following the ceremony, Rocklea United will play their Round Two matches with Olympiac.

The Hyundai Strikers play 2nd placed Marconi Fairfield Saturday night (March 9) at Suncorp Stadium, in a game that could see the Queenslanders move into second spot on the Ericsson Cup ladder. The top two positions in the Ericsson Cup are highly sought after by

all teams as the two sides that finish in these positions are afforded the right to play off to see which team will host the Grand Final on June 9. The Strikers are fresh from their impressive 3-1 victory over leaders UTS Olympic and are playing the best soccer of their highly successful season to date. For some great soccer action, Suncorp Stadium is the place to be this Saturday night. Kick-off is at 7.00pm.

Clubs should already be considering their options for the 1996 Miss Queensland Soccer Quest. The Quest is a great way for clubs to raise money and also gives entrants the opportunity of extensive overseas travel.

Eye On Soccer is currently searching for the ingredient that makes Frank Farina tick. An investigation is underway attempting to isolate that one thing that gives Frank the edge over his opponents. More next week!

QSF NOTICE BOARD - EXTRAS

■ As is usual at this time of the year, a number of new faces are apparent both on and off the field. With respect to players and coaches, this will be apparent upon perusal of the **Eye On Soccer** magazine in coming weeks.

However a number of new faces are involved off the playing field and within the confines of the Federation. Club officials who have perused the minutes of the Queensland Soccer Federation Board Meetings, will note of a number of vacancies occurring in the Regional DOC network around Queensland.

Tony Buesnel has moved from Bundaberg and is with Brisbane Southern Districts, Tony Walmsley is now the new permanent RDOC taking his place in Bundaberg, whilst the positions in Rockhampton and Townsville are still being finalised. Former State Director Jim Selby has gone to Sydney and his chair is now comfortably filled by Peter Kelly.

■ On the Board of Directors we welcome Gordon Arrowsmith and Ron Bradley, whilst a very much "behind the scenes" person within the office of Perry Park is Sally Proudlock, a veritable whiz on the computer. Next time you make a phone call to Perry Park and hear the voice of Super Sally, give her a welcome to the QSF.

■ With fewer regional affiliates participating in the XXXX Queensland Cup this year, this has opened up the way for the leading Division 2 teams to compete in the prestigious Cup competition.

The top three Division 2 teams as at 22 April 1996 will be drawn into the competition to pit their abilities against the XXXX League clubs and the remaining regional affiliates. Teams that compete in the Cup from Division 2 will still be able to compete in the QSC Cup. Watch out for the fireworks!!

Sweet Revenge for City

A late strike by midfielder Damien Waugh allowed Brisbane City to take their revenge on last year's Champions Rochedale Rovers with a 2-1 win in a replay of the 1995 XXXX League grand final, at Spencer Park last Friday night.

In a fast and physical match, both sides tried to out-muscle one another, forcing referee Bob Eedy to issue five yellow cards and award some 40 free-kicks.

City attempted to gain the upper hand early in the game, with Shane Haddow, Ian Hutchison and Waugh sending a number of speculators well over the head of Rochedale keeper Martin Simpson.

It was Rochedale who had the first genuine chance of the match though, in the 15th minute, when new Rockhampton signing Roy Bobb presented Andy Lees with a quick throw in, the speedy striker flicking the ball onto his scoring partner Kieran Cooper, who sent his shot to the right of the goals.

City's only significant chance of the first half came ten minutes later when striker Fiore Bartilomo found space on the right before sending a short cross to Hutchison at the near post, who also shot wide of the target.

Rochedale dominated the remainder of the first stanza and it was cool work by busy City midfielder John Schiavo that denied the visitors the opening goal, after he cleared an Eddie Lees drive off the line in the 32nd minute.

Chances to Cooper and Andy Lees also went begging late in the half due to wayward shooting.

Two minutes after the break, Rochedale took a deserved 1-0 lead after Darren Hiller found Cooper in the penalty area with a pin-point free-kick, the former National League striker knocking the ball down for Bobb to tap in from close range at the far post.

A lethal left foot strike from the edge of the box by Brisbane City's Damien Waugh gave his side sweet revenge over Rochedale Rovers when the two sides met last Friday night



The second half, despite producing two more goals, was a very lacklustre affair from that point on, with only five genuine shots on goal for the remainder of the game.

City's equaliser came in the 59th minute with a well-worked goal to Fiore Bartilomo.

Midfielder Cameron Pearse found Schiavo on the right, who headed the ball on to Bartilomo, who in turn flicked on to Hutchison, his first time shot rebounding back for Bartilomo to slot into an open goal.

With just eight minutes of normal play remaining, the home side made it 2-1 when State player Damien Waugh was left unmarked at the edge of the box and sent one of his customary left foot drives past an outstretched Simpson in goals.

Rochedale's final chance to salvage a draw came in the last minute of the match when replacement Sean Carey broke away down the right flank and sent over a looping cross that forced City keeper Daniel Duke to tip over the bar.



Hill launches XXXX League

Soccer Australia Chairman David Hill officially launched the 1996 XXXX League season last Wednesday afternoon in front of 130 guests representing sponsors, clubs, the media and QSF.

During his speech Mr Hill expressed the importance that the XXXX League and other state leagues around the country had in the overall picture of Australian soccer.

"It is from competitions such as the XXXX League that Australian soccer can draw upon to support its premier competition, the Ericsson Cup," Mr Hill said.



"Without strong state leagues, we can not expect to have a strong national competition and hence a strong national team."

Mr Hill also gave special recognition to the major sponsor Castlemaine Perkins Ltd., saying that apart from the significant contribution they



provide to Queensland Soccer he "likes the taste immensely"... a statement appreciated by Castlemaine's Geoff Northcott (above).

He then made mention of the proposed State of Origin Interstate series to be played later this year. The series will be played on a Round Robin basis involving every State and Territory in Australia over the months of June and July.

Following Mr Hill's speech QSF General Manager Alan Vessey (below) introduced twelve players representing each of the XXXX League clubs to the audience, making special mention of Eastern Suburbs and Queensland stalwart Stein Grodum (left) who will be celebrating his testimonial this year. ▶



Thistle adopt youth policy

With changes to the current XXXX League competition already on the drawing board, clubs are looking for methods to maintain competitiveness and gain an edge over rival teams, in order to be a part of next year's format. For Grange Thistle, one of the oldest clubs in Queensland, youth is the key.

New coach Barry Dann, who returns to the XXXX League after a 14 year absence, has rejoined long time friend and Thistle President Barrie Allison to come up with a three to five year plan for the club that should hopefully see them enter next year's and future competitions without a hitch.

And the two "old hands" both agree that a new look, youthful Thistle is the only way to go for the advancement of the club.

"The club's heading in a new direction," Dann said.

"With the introduction of the new XXXX League in 1997, we must start looking to the future, and the future of the club lies in its youth.

"Because of this we have instigated a complete restructuring of the football side of the club, as part of a concerted effort on and off the field to be one of the clubs selected in the new League.

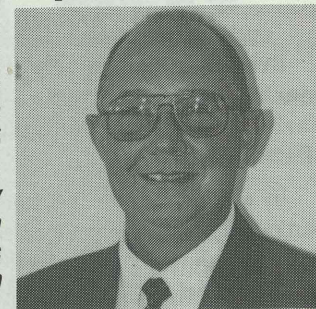
"In saying this, 1996 will obviously be the foundation year of Thistle's three to five year plan... a year that we can lay the basis for future seasons so we can become a force to be reckoned with."

The brother of QSF President Wallace Dann, Thistle's new coach is no stranger to the local soccer scene.

After playing junior soccer with Thistle, Dann made the A-grade side in 1959 at the tender age of 15.

Soon after he was named captain/coach of the team right up until his retirement as a player

New coach Barry Dann will be putting in place a 3-5 year plan, primarily focused on the club's youth



in 1974, when he resumed as coach until 1979.

It was in that year that he took his side to the inaugural State League Championship.

A cleanout of last year's squad, which finished 8th in its first season back in the XXXX League, has meant numerous player movements for the club.

"When I took over at the end of last season I found myself with a squad of a lot of players approaching the twilight of their careers," Dann said.

"And whilst having served the club well in the past, they did not fit in with our long-term forward planning."

Coming into the squad this year are Palm Beach trio Mark Jenkins, Ben Mannion and Josh McLaughlan, along with Bundaberg youth player Troy Schmidt and Northern New South Wales youngster Tony Percival, bringing the average age of the team down to just 20-21 years.

"The concept is to ensure we give our young players experience in the XXXX League so they can hopefully improve to the extent that they may challenge for a position with the Brisbane Strikers," Dann said.

"We will be competitive and I would like to think we can finish in the middle of the table... and I am confident that if we have an ounce of luck we can win more games than we'll lose and give the top sides a run for their money." ▶

Lions start season with win

by Andrew van der Beek

Brisbane Lions started their season on a winning note by securing a 2-1 victory over Taringa in a dour struggle on Sunday afternoon.

In a match where neither team played particularly well, Lions experience and tough defending allowed them to bottle up Taringa's young midfielders who so impressed in last week's Silver Boot triumph.

Only Taringa's Brent Read was able to make an impression and he might have scored in the opening minute when he ran on to a Fraser Cuba pass but dragged his shot wide of the goal.

But it was Lions who hit the front in the 17th minute through the head of David Munn. Frank Mengotti floated in a freekick to the far post for new signing, Kevin Meacock, to head back across goal and Munn was on hand to put his team in front.

Meacock's aerial dominance was a feature of the match and will compliment the equally proficient heading ability of Munn as the season progresses.

Lions might have gone further in front two minutes later when Meacock broke clear of the Taringa defence but fired his shot over the bar.

Taringa came close to an equaliser before the break when the ball fell invitingly to Steve Boggiano but his shot was superbly stopped by Lions custodian Rob Farrow.

In the second half Taringa came out with newfound determination and conjured an equaliser in the 70th minute.

Halftime substitute Marc Flemington rode one challenge before taking the ball around the advancing Farrow and slipping the ball in for a 1-1 scoreline.

Then Des Hughes nearly put his team in front from a narrow angle but again Farrow was on hand to make a fine save.

Taringa coach Juan Cutillas paid tribute to Lions' keeper Rob Farrow after their encounter last Sunday



Farrow could do nothing shortly after though when a Brent Read shot took a wicked deflection, the ball looping up, but, to the little Taringa midfielder's despair, just over the bar.

However it was Lions who finally took the game by the throat when, with 20 minutes to go, skipper Mengotti smashed a ferocious swerving drive through the hands of Taringa keeper Anthony Hall and into the back of the net.

After that it was one way traffic, and Lions might have struck again through Meacock but his weak shot dribbled wide of the goal.

In the final minutes Trent Abel headed a corner against the Taringa bar but the rebound was cleared to safety and proved to be the last attempt on goal by either side.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg was coy about the result conceding it wasn't a good display by either side. But he said that in the end tactics had won the game for his team.

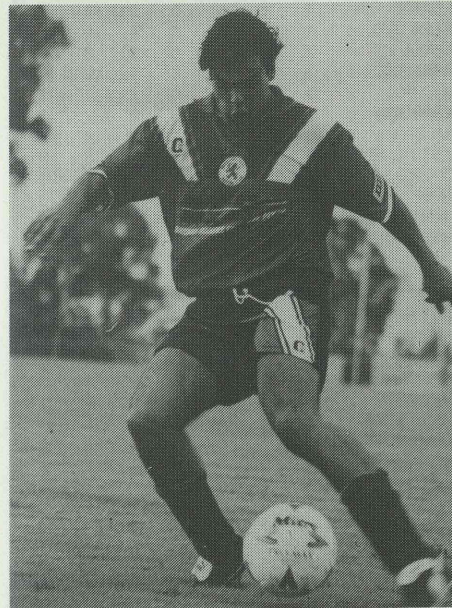
"We closed them down because we couldn't match them for pace and our toughness and experience was the difference."

Coach Cutillas on the other hand was disgusted by the performance of his Taringa outfit.

"This was one of the worst efforts I have ever seen by a Taringa side."

"We had them on the ropes after the equaliser but wasted our opportunities to win the game" he said.

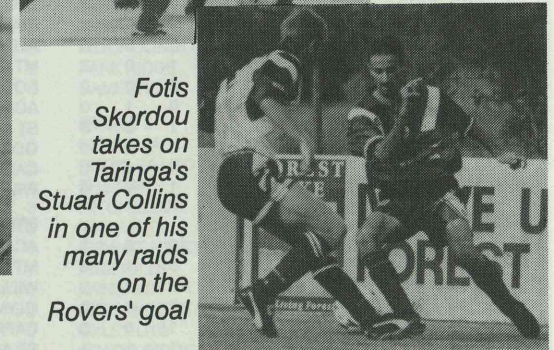
ACTION REPLAY



Brisbane Lions' Chris Della Rocca shows his impressive footwork in his side's opening match against Taringa



Mark Bennett holds off Lions' David Hunter as David Lonsdale moves in for the kill



Fotis Skordou takes on Taringa's Stuart Collins in one of his many raids on the Rovers' goal

MATCH SCORE BOARD - Brisbane Lions 2 def Taringa Rovers 1

Venue: Lions Stadium

Referee: J Palmer - 7

BRISBANE LIONS	Rating	TARINGA ROVERS	Rating
Farrow	7	Hall	6
Lonsdale	7	Worroll	6
Hunter	6	Voss	6
Della Rocca	6	Bennett	6/6
Hinton / Brown	6/6	Read	7
Skordou	6	Cuba	6
Mengotti	6	Collins	6
Munn / Cotton	6/6	Garwood / Williamson	6/6
Meacock	7	Boggiano / Flemington	6/7
Abel	7	Hughes	6
McPaul	6	Kolpak	6
TOTALS:	70		68



CORNERS

Lions	6
Rovers	3

FREEKICKS

Lions	20
Rovers	22

SHOTS

Lions	7
Rovers	6

EYE ON SOCCER Tables

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PINE RIVERS UTD	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
BEENLEIGH	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
BRISBANE CITY	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
BRISBANE LIONS	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
NERANG	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
WYNNUM	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
COALSTARS	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
GRANGE THISTLE	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
ROCHEDALE ROV	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
TARINGA ROVERS	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
NORTH STAR	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
EASTERN SUBS	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BEENLEIGH	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
NERANG	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
EASTERN SUBS	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
COALSTARS	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
BRISBANE LIONS	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
BRISBANE CITY	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
TARINGA ROVERS	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
ROCHEDALE ROV	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
PINE RIVERS UTD	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
WYNNUM	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
GRANGE THISTLE	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
NORTH STAR	1	0	0	1	1	7	0

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BEENLEIGH	1	1	0	0	10	0	3
GRANGE THISTLE	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
EASTERN SUBS	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
BRISBANE LIONS	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
WYNNUM	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
BRISBANE CITY	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
ROCHEDALE ROV	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
COALSTARS	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
PINE RIVERS UTD	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
TARINGA ROVERS	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
NERANG	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
NORTH STAR	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ST ALBANS	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
ROCKLEA UTD	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
CAPALABA	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
OLYMPIC UTD	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
INALA CITY	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
WILLOWBURN	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
LOGAN CITY	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
IPSW ST HELENS	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
ACACIA RIDGE	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
THE GAP	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
MT GRAVATT	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
ALBANY CREEK	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

DIVISION 2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
THE GAP	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
IPSW ST HELENS	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
LOGAN CITY	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
INALA CITY	1	1	0	0	5	4	3
ALBANY CREEK	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
MT GRAVATT	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
ROCKLEA UTD	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
ACACIA RIDGE	1	0	0	1	4	5	0
ST ALBANS	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
OLYMPIC UTD	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
CAPALABA	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
WILLOWBURN	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

DIVISION 2 YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ACACIA RIDGE	1	1	0	0	10	1	3
MT GRAVATT	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
WILLOWBURN	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
OLYMPIC UTD	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
CAPALABA	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
ST ALBANS	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
ALBANY CREEK	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
LOGAN CITY	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
THE GAP	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
IPSW ST HELENS	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
ROCKLEA UTD	1	0	0	1	0	8	0
INALA CITY	1	0	0	1	1	10	0

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
Beenleigh	3	3	0	0	19	1	9
Brisbane Lions	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Brisbane City	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Eastern Suburbs	3	2	0	1	7	3	3
Nerang	3	2	0	1	7	7	6
Wynnum	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
Grange Thistle	3	1	0	2	7	7	3
Coalstars	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Pine Rivers	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
Rochedale Rovers	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Taringa Rovers	3	0	0	3	3	7	0
North Star	3	0	0	3	1	19	0

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
REDLANDS UTD	1	1	0	0	8	1	3
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
UNI OF QLD	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
NEWMARKET	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
MITCHELTON	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
DARRA UTD	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
GOODNA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
SOUTHS UTD	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
CLAIRVAUX	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
ANERLEY	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
LATROBE	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
WESTERN SUBS	1	0	0	1	1	8	0

DIVISION 3 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
REDLANDS UTD	1	1	0	0	13	0	3
LATROBE	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
SOUTHS UTD	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
GOODNA	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
NEWMARKET	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
CLAIRVAUX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNI OF QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DARRA UTD	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
ANERLEY	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
MITCHELTON	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
SLACKS CREEK	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
WESTERN SUBS	1	0	0	1	0	13	0

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BAYSIDE UTD	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
S'SIDE EAGLES	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
REDCLIFFE	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
SAMFORD	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
SOUTH STAR	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
BROTHERS UTD	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
NORTH PINE	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
MOGILL UTD	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
BROWNS PLAINS	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
GREENBANK	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
PINE HILLS	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
IPSWICH CITY	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

DIVISION 4 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH PINE	1	1	0	0	15	2	3
BAYSIDE UTD	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
PINE HILLS	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
SAMFORD	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
SOUTH STAR	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
MOGILL UTD	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
GREENBANK	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
REDCLIFFE	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
BROWNS PLAINS	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
S'SIDE EAGLES	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
IPSWICH CITY	1	0	0	1	0	7	0
BROTHERS UTD	1	0	0	1	2	15	0

DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JIMBOOMBA	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
THE GAP	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
UNI OF QLD	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
ACACIA RIDGE	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
CAPALABA	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
LOGAN CITY	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
OLYMPIC UTD	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
WOODRIDGE	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
BETHANIA	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
GOODNA	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
IPSW ST HELENS	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

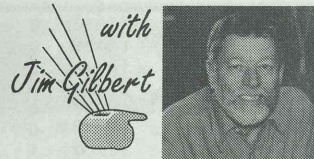
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OXLEY UTD	1	1	0	0	8	1	3
MARGATE	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
REDLANDS UTD	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
ALBANY CREEK	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
MT GRAVATT	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
BAYSIDE UTD	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
PARK RIDGE	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
SOUTHS UTD	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
MOOROONDU	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
MITCHELTON	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
ANERLEY	1	0	0	1	1	8	0
REDCLIFFE	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

DIVISION 7	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
DARRA UTD	1	1	0	0	8	2	3
CLAIRVAUX	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
JIMBOOMBA	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
KINGSRIDGE	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
NORTH PINE	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
THE GAP	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
MARGATE	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
NEWMARKET	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
MOOROONDU	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
PARK RIDGE	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
SAMFORD	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

DIVISION 8	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BETHANIA	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
ROCKLEA UTD	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
THE GAP	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
MITCHELTON	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
INALA CITY	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
IPSW ST HELENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINE HILLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANERLEY	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
REDLANDS UTD	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
OXLEY UTD	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
ACACIA RIDGE	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
ALBANY CREEK	1	0	0	1	0	8	0

DIVISION 9A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BEENLEIGH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRISBANE LIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COALSTARS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EASTERN SUBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANGE THISTLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIONS SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH STAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROVERS SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TARINGA ROVERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Before The Whistle



Now that the first match is safely out of the way, many coaches, and indeed club officials, can breathe a little easier, the first is always the hardest! There being five weekends in March, understandably things will be much, much clearer by the end of the month.

DIVISION TWO

Saw an excellent match at Capalaba last Friday night, and with the home side leading 3-0 at the break, you would have put money on a big win. The visitors came storming back and if the match had lasted four minutes longer, the points would have been shared.

This week Logan City could shade Acacia Ridge on Friday night with the other Friday match between Rocklea and Olympic looking to share the points. On Sunday the perennial foes The Gap and Albany Creek do battle, with odds marginally favouring the home team, Inala (judging by last week's score) should defeat Willowburn, whilst Saints will look to get back on track at the expense of Capalaba, and Saint Albans a home banker over Mt Gravatt.

DIVISION THREE

Matches shared equally with three on Friday and three on Sunday. On Friday it looks to be wins all round for the home teams with Mitchelton over a lethargic Wests, Slacks Creek to down Goodna, and Redlands to be too good for Clairvaux.

In the Sunday games Newmarket should take the points over Souths, Darra will do it

 **James Hardie**
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tough with Annerley but should just creep home at the whistle, whilst University will be too good for Latrobe.

DIVISION FOUR

Took in most of the game between Bayside and Ipswich City last weekend, and I would have to say that Bayside would have to be one of the few clubs who would have "the stretcher" complete with blankets and pillows in ready view at the half way line, if it was required to be used. Hats off to the Lota club.

No night matches this weekend with all matches again being played during the day. On Saturday Moggill may keep the points over North Pine, Greenbank and Pine Hills could well share the points, whilst Samford and South Star will be a tight match, but the home side may get up at the whistle. On Sunday Brothers (playing at Lutwyche) will be too good for Browns Plains, Ipswich City will have a tough one against Redcliffe with form dictating an away win, and the remaining match is between last weekend's big winners Eagles and Bayside and whilst it would be easy to predict a draw, I will go for the home side.

DIVISION FIVE

The Gap and University both recorded big wins last week, I don't think they will be so big in this match, home side to take 3 points, Saint Helens will no have no joy with Capalaba, whilst Jimboomba, if last week's score is anything to go by, should relish a visit to Goodwin Park, the remaining Saturday match between Bethania and Acacia Ridge will go to the visitors.

On Sunday, Woodridge and Goodna were both surprise losers last week, home ground advantage may just sway it towards Woodridge, the remaining game between Logan City Kings and Slacks Creek, even though it's a local derby, should still favour the visitors.

DIVISION 6

The Friday night match between Souths and Mt Gravatt will see the points travel back to Dittmer Park, whilst in the Saturday games, Albany Creek will be too good for Mitchelton, Oxley and Redlands will be much tighter but home side still predicted to get up, and Bayside, likewise, to be home winners over Annerley. On Sunday two foes from way back and receiving promotion each year together, Margate and Park Ridge will do battle yet again, with odds decidedly tipped towards the home side in this one. The remaining match between Mooroondu and Redcliffe is a bit harder to predict as both sides had big losses last week, however home side should retain the points.

DIVISION 7

Only one game on Saturday between The Gap and University and early form dictates a 3 pointer travelling to St Lucia. All remaining matches are Sunday with the morning games between Newmarket and North Pine looking to be a home win, similarly Darra would appear to be too strong for Kingsridge. In the midday games, particularly the one between Margate and Park Ridge with both sides having lost on their first outing, looks to be marginally favouring the Bayside club, similarly Mooroondu and Jimboomba is also difficult to predict, and a score draw would not surprise. The remaining match between Samford and Clairvaux looks to be an away win.

DIVISION 8

Two matches to be played Friday night with Annerley not looking to pick up any points when The Gap come visiting, however the reverse will be the case when Rocklea meet Pine Hills, and despite the visitors not having a match last week, the points should still remain at Rocklea.

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Remaining matches are all on Saturday, with Inala City too good for Albany Creek, Oxley and Redlands may be a draw, however I doubt it and I will go for the home side, Mitchelton will quite enjoy the trip up to Ebbw Vale over a depleted Saint Helens, and, judging by last week's results, Bethania will be far too good for Acacia Ridge.

The two Division 9's still have two weeks before they commence fixtures, so presumably all of these players are still exercising their right elbows, or the dedicated few are in full training!

With so many matches being played on Friday nights this season, I hope to make many more visits to clubs in the lower Divisions, and will look to pass on all bouquets (and even brick bats if required) to clubs whose presentation of matches warrants a comment.

Clubs are urged to send in any photographs suitable for these pages, obviously our photographer cannot get around to all divisions, therefore your help is sought in this matter.

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Round
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BRISBANE CITY 2 v ROCHEDALE ROVERS 1 (0-0) at Spencer Park

SCORERS: Brisbane City: Fiore Bartilomo, Damien Waugh
Rochedale Rovers: Roy Bobb

ROCHEDALE ROVERS: Simpson, Brattan, Galloway, Harris, E Lees, A Lees, Cooper (Carey), Hillier (Jefferd), Bobb, Wright, Weatherby.

BRISBANE CITY: Duke, Paulett, Seeley (DeLange), Greer, Strange, Pearse, Waugh, Schiavo, Haddow, Hutchison, Bartilomo.

BEENLEIGH 2 v NORTH STAR 0 (1-0) at Chris Green Park

SCORERS: Beenleigh: Brett Druery, Sam Pryce

BEENLEIGH: C Roche, Duffy, Wass, McFarlane, Fisher, A Roche, Lederhose, Druery, Brisbane (Austin), Pryce (Barratta), Lipscombe.

NORTH STAR: Deranja, Wypych, Tribbeck, Kucuk (Hayward), Rodgers, Brown, Hayward (Mortimer), Houliston, Marley, Dwyer, Schloss.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 v TARINGA ROVERS 1 (1-0) at Lions Stadium

SCORERS: Brisbane Lions: David Munn, Frank Mengotti
Taringa Rovers: Marc Flemington

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Lonsdale, Hunter, Della Rocca, Hinton (Brown), Skordou, Munn (Cotton), Mengotti, Meacock, Abel, McPaul.

TARINGA ROVERS: Hall, Worroll, Voss, Bennett, Read, Cuba, Collins, Garwood-Gowers (Williamson), Boggiano (Flemington), Hughes, Kolpak.

PINE RIVERS 4 v EASTERN SUBURBS 1 (2-0) at Wendy Allison Park

SCORERS: Pine Rivers: Graham Eden, Noel Carroll, Clayton Koch, Dene Almond
Eastern Suburbs: Willie Carter

PINE RIVERS: Underhill, Cartwright, Eden, Ackinclose, Stillman, Almond, Browett (Calleja), Preston, Koch, Hale, Carroll (Kaps).

EASTERN SUBURBS: Harrison, Porteous (Rezek), Ingledew (Knowles), Carlross, Tollenaere, McPhee, Grodum, Fegan, McAuliffe, Carter, Thatcher.

NERANG 2 v GRANGE THISTLE 1 (0-1) at Glennon Park

SCORERS: Nerang: Cameron Watson, Gary Stone
Grange Thistle: Shaun Sleep

NERANG: Bowden (Yeates), Adair, Wood, Milosevic, Hodges, Stone, Robinson (Skelly), Hosier, Leake, Watson, Bitzios (Cockbain).

GRANGE THISTLE: Hartszenberg, Percival, Brydges, Sleep, Sommerville, Mannion, DiLosa, Meilia, Schmidt, Jenkins, Cassar (Molenda).

COALSTARS 1 v WYNNUM 2 (1-2) at Eric Evans Reserve

SCORERS: Coalstars: Troy Hews
Wynnum: Billy McDermott, Alan Eilmann

COALSTARS: Farrar, Boyle, Barrett, King, Fairclough, Ogdan, McKendrick, Park, Hilli, Hews, Reinhardt.

WYNNUM: Tatton, Andrews, Valle, Hilton, Larnach, McKinless, Wilkins, McDermott, A Eilmann, Maltby, Murphy

READ between the LINES

All the gossip with Brent Read



After last year's fearless predictions for the title race, an encore performance from your's truly has been heavily demanded in the week's leading up to the start of the new season.

Last year's tips came in for more criticism than an Australian cricketer in Sri Lanka, so after consultation with my bookie, hopefully this year's odds will be a little more palatable.

Fortunately the weekend's results helped to clarify some of the questions on the calibre of the new sides and the form of last year's teams.

Brisbane City, fresh from its successful return to the XXXX League, look to be the team to beat. The loss of big Mark Battistin has been offset by the acquisition of Lee Scriggins, so the side has lost little strike power.

City are the early favourites after Friday's win over Rochedale, coming in at 2/1.

On the second row of favouritism, it's difficult to split the chances of Rochedale, Brisbane Lions and Taringa.

Rochedale has improved its squad with the addition of Brenley Jefferd, but its two most recent losses to Taringa and Brisbane City cast doubt on the side's chances for a premiership.

The team's commitment can't be questioned, with my mates the Lees Brothers having to forego their Sunday morning Church service in favour of extra training sessions. Odds-5/2.

Brisbane Lions spent the off-season trying to buy a new team. They've now got the most depth of any squad in the league and will be definite contenders.

Even without the talents of Warren 'Woody' Allen and Steven 'Super' Starr, Lions kicked off its season in the best possible way with a win on Sunday. Odds-5/2.

Lee Scriggins is set to fill the striking vacancy left by Mark Battistin at Brisbane City this season



Taringa's playing staff has become somewhat of a revolving door in recent years, and the most recent off-season was no different.

A win in the Silver Boot Cup gave the players end-of-season trip coffers a kick-along, but the big prize remains a grand final win in September. Odds-5/2.

Of the remaining sides, Wynnum and Pine Rivers look capable of pushing the top sides. The Wolves endure as a big force in the league, Geoff Maltby a bigger force than most. Odds-7/1.

Rivers, on the other hand, have passed the coaching reins back to the mercurial Frank Pimblett. He will welcome back two of the club's former stars, Noel Carroll and John Preston, giving the side a formidable look up front. Rivers are the 'smokeys'. Odds-5/1.

Of the rest, Beenleigh and Nerang promise to be two of the better performed promoted sides in recent years, Grange Thistle will be dangerous, Coalstars are always tough, Easts will cause some upsets and North Star will struggle.

I look forward to hearing the reactions from all and sundry on the above predictions over the coming weeks. It's good to be back and I'll see you next week.

Bulldogs surprise Kings

The second division clash between Capalaba Bulldogs and Logan City Kings provided major shocks for both sides when they met last weekend.

Cruising down to the bay expecting an easy three points, the high-flying Kings crashed to be 3-0 down at half time.

Comfortably in front, the newly promoted Bulldogs relaxed into third division mode after the break and rapidly paid for their sins, conceding two goals in quick time.

Alan Prentice widened the gap with a sweetly struck penalty, only to see the Kings hit back with a fast reply.

Capalaba clung grimly to its 4-3 lead and there were 13 very relieved faces, none more so than new coach Eric Thompson, when the final whistle went.

The Bulldogs have been confidently predicting big things from their new strike force of Denny Whitfield and Michael Brockwell.

Whitfield had been an easily-identifiable target for markers in the third division and often was shut out of the game last season.

His fans were delighted last Friday night when his skilled and delicate footwork robbed Kings of the ball time and time again.

The addition of Brockwell to the squad has given Whitfield more options and opposition defenders more to think about.

Capalaba's new signing Michael Brockwell proved a worthwhile acquisition, scoring three goals last weekend



In fact Brockwell snapped up three of Whitfield's accurate passes to notch a hat-trick in his first outing for his new club.

In the earlier match, the reserves found the going much tougher, struggling through the first half and conceding two goals.

After the break the Bulldogs found their rhythm and both sides played entertaining football but could not change the 2-0 scoreline.

On Sunday, the youth teams produced almost a carbon copy of the seniors match.

Once again Kings were slow to start and Capalaba's David Gleeson and Shane Ritter each scored with 25 metre screamers.

The Logan youngsters came back strongly in the second period, taking control of the midfield, but not doing enough to stop the home side from claiming a solid 3-1 victory.

• Story by Alan Watson



WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK



	GARRY LEGG	ARTHUR HIGGINS	FRANK FARINA	GARY PHILLIPS
XXXX League - Round 2				
Grange Thistle v Pine Rivers	Rivers	Thistle	Rivers	Thistle
Rochedale Rov v Nerang	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rochedale
Eastern Subs v Coalstars	Easts	Coalstars	Coalstars	Easts
Wynnum v Beenleigh	Wynnum	Wynnum	Beenleigh	Wynnum
North Star v Brisbane Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions
Taringa Rov v Brisbane City	City	Taringa	City	Taringa
Division 2 - Round 2				
Logan City v Acacia Ridge	City	City	Ridge	Ridge
Rocklea Utd v Olympic Utd	Olympic	Rocklea	Rocklea	Olympic
The Gap v Albany Creek	Gap	Gap	Creek	Creek
Inala City v Willowburn	Willowburn	Inala	Willowburn	Willowburn
Ipsw St Helens v Capalaba	St Helens	St Helens	Capalaba	St Helens
St Albans v Mt Gravatt	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints
Division 3 - Round 2				
Mitchelton v Western Subs	Wests	Mitchey	Mitchey	Mitchey
Slacks Creek v Goodna	Creek	Creek	Goodna	Goodna
Redlands Utd v Clairvaux	Redlands	Clairvaux	Clairvaux	Redlands
Newmarket v Souths Utd	Newmarket	United	United	United
Darra Utd v Annerley	Annerley	Darra	Annerley	Annerley
Uni of Qld v Latrobe	Latrobe	Uni of Qld	Latrobe	Uni of Qld
Division 4 - Round 2				
Moggill Utd v North Pine	Norths	United	United	United
Greenbank v Pine Hills	Greenbank	Pine Hills	Pine Hills	Pine Hills
Samford v South Star	Samford	Samford	Samford	South Star
Brothers Utd v Browns Plains	Browns Plns	Brothers	Browns Plns	Brothers
Ipswich City v Redcliffe	City	City	City	City
S'side Eagles v Bayside Utd	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
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Eye on Soccer Match of the Week

WYNNUM V BEENLEIGH

Two of the real up and coming teams in the XXXX League, Wynnum and Beenleigh will in all probability be sniffing around for a spot in the top five at the end of the season and their Round Two match this Sunday could be an indication of who will have the upper hand.

Wynnum were unlucky to miss the finals last season and the boys showed enough in the latter stages of the competition to sound a warning to other sides in this year's XXXX League.

The Wolves have also bolstered their squad with the additions of youngster Ben Wood and seasoned defender Sean Armstrong.

A solid 2-1 away victory at Coalstars last weekend gave the Wolves the start they needed and the home ground advantage they will enjoy this Sunday could be the difference between the two sides.

Newcomers to the XXXX League, Beenleigh also enjoyed a successful start to the season last weekend with a 2-0 victory over North Star.

Wynnum at home should prove to be a tougher proposition and will test the young side.

Beenleigh will have to rely heavily on new signings Alan McFarlane, Chris Roche, Adam Coppolino and Anthony Roche, all of which have had extensive experience in the top grade, to pull them through.

For the Wolves, watch for the scoring prowess of Billy McDermott and the skills of last season's Clem Jones Gold Medal winner Tony McKinless.

Eye On Soccer's Round Two Match of the Week will be played at Carmichael Park, Tingalpa this Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2.45pm.

WYNNUM v BEENLEIGH

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa,
Sunday March 10, 2.45pm
Referee - M Shields

WYNNUM	BEENLEIGH
1. Kevin Tatton	1. Chris Roche
2. Duncan Andrews	2. Richard Duffy
3. Ben Wood	3. Craig Wass
4. Danny Valle	4. Alan McFarlane
5. Rob Hilton	5. Cory Fisher
6. Tony McKinless	6. Adam Coppolino
7. Geoff Maltby	7. Anthony Roche
8. Paul Wilkins	8. Marc Lederhose
9. Dennis Eilmann	9. Brett Druery
10. Billy McDermott	10. Jarrod Austin
11. Malcom Van Basten	11. Jason Eacott
12. Ricky McKinless	12. Steve Konstantinou
13. Alan Eilmann	13. Ray Brisbane
14. Mark Wilkins	14. Sam Pryce
15. Craig Larnach	15. Michael Lipscombe
16. Trevor Murphy	16. (Not allocated)
17. Darren Hindes	17. (Not allocated)
18. Sean Armstrong	18. (Not allocated)
19. Nick Hadland	19. (Not allocated)
20. Garth McCulloch	20. Shannon Fisher

GRANGE THISTLE v PINE RIVERS

Wallace J Dann Oval, Grange,
Friday March 8, 8.30pm
Referee - G Brownlie

GRANGE THISTLE	PINE RIVERS
1. Ian Sinclair	1. Peter Underhill
2. Danny Docherty (c)	2. John Cartwright
3. Troy Percival	3. Graham Eden
4. Ryan Brydges	4. Paul Ackinclose
5. Shaun Sleep	5. Chris Wilson
6. Josh McLaughlan	6. Andrew Stillman
7. Anthony Sommerville	7. Dene Almond
8. Ben Mannion	8. Barry Browett
9. (Not allocated)	9. John Preston
10. Greg DiLosa	10. Clayton Koch
11. Doogie Meila	11. Joel Hale
12. (Not allocated)	12. Noel Carroll
13. Shaun Molenda	13. Kiely Calleja
14. Troy Schmidt	14. Daniel Window
15. (Not allocated)	15. Michael Manson
16. (Not allocated)	16. Mark Kaps
17. Mark Jenkins	17. Michael McDowell
18. (Not allocated)	18. Frank Pimblett
19. (Not allocated)	19. (Not allocated)
22. Gary Hartzenberg	20. Scott Patrick

ROCHEDALE ROV v NERANG

Underwood Park, Rochedale,
Friday March 8, 8.30pm
Referee - B Power

ROCHEDALE ROVERS	NERANG
1. Clint Dal Santo	1. Julian Bowden
2. Gary Brattan (c)	2. Luke Adair
3. Kieran Galloway	3. Vaughan Skelly
4. Brad Russell	4. Trevor Wood (c)
5. Damian Harris	5. Dean Milosevic
6. Eddie Lees	6. Stuart Hodges
7. Craig Collins	7. Steve Fitzsimmons
8. Andy Lees	8. Gary Stone
9. Kieran Cooper	9. Michael Robinson
10. Darren Hillier	10. Paul Cockbain
11. John Weatherby	11. Lee Hosier
12. Ross Gosney	12. Michael Leake
13. Roy Bobb	13. Craig Rogers
14. Gavin Wright	14. Cameron Watson
15. Brad Melville	15. Rodney Hall
16. Martin Matula	16. Damian Bitzios
17. Brenley Jefferd	17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)	18. (Not allocated)
19. Sean Carey	19. (Not allocated)
20. Martin Simpson	20. (Not allocated)

EASTERN SUBS v COALSTARS

Heath Park, East Brisbane,
Sunday March 10, 2.45pm
Referee - R Eedy

EASTERN SUBURBS	COALSTARS
1. Robbie Harrison	1. Kevin Farrar
2. Sam Porteous	2. Pat Boyle
3. Bill Ingledew	3. Chris Barrett
4. Nathan Carlross	4. Andrew King
5. Rowan Tollenaere	5. Jason Reinhardt
6. Gary McPhee	6. Andrew Ogden (c)
7. Stein Grodum (c)	7. Troy Hews
8. Chris Fegan	8. Scott Stenzel
9. Tim McAuliffe	9. Peter McKendrick
10. Willie Carter	10. Wes Park
11. Shane Tollenaere	11. David Guest
12. Robert Thatcher	12. Scott McLean
13. Shaun Clarke	13. Richard Hilli
14. Michael Rezek	14. Adam Daly
15. Carl Paczensky	15. Rick Brown
16. Justin Amor	16. Matthew Fairclough
17. Graeme Knowles	17. Brendan Eastwell
18. James Gowans	18. (Not allocated)
19. Darryl Dixon	19. (Not allocated)
20. Brett Beves	20. (Not allocated)



NORTH STAR v BRISBANE LIONS

O'Callaghan Park, Zillmere,
Sunday March 10, 2.45pm
Referee - C McColl

NORTH STAR	BRISBANE LIONS
1. Paul Deranja	1. Robbie Farrow
2. Chris Tribbeck	2. David Lonsdale
3. Bulent Alkan	3. David Hunter
4. Haydn Wypych	4. Chris Della Rocca
5. Shane Brown	5. Brett McPaul
6. Brendan Rodgers	6. Wayne Hinton
7. Stuart Houliston	7. Fotis Skordou
8. Paul Schloss	8. Frank Mengotti (c)
9. Brett Hayward	9. David Munn
10. Adam Marley	10. Kevin Meacock
11. Henry Gomez	11. Trent Abel
12. Ben Dwyer	12. Roy Huth
13. Brendan Hayward	13. Ibro Cahut
14. Mick O'Byrne	14. Anthony Brown
15. (Not allocated)	15. Cheeta Vosuga
16. (Not allocated)	16. Anthony Cotton
17. (Not allocated)	17. (Not allocated)
18. Lokman Kucuk	18. (Not allocated)
19. Adam Mortimer	19. (Not allocated)
20. (Not allocated)	21. Jason Lucas

TARINGA ROV v BRISBANE CITY

Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly,
Sunday March 10, 2.45pm
Referee - D Crawford

TARINGA ROVERS	BRISBANE CITY
1. Anthony Hall	1. Daniel Duke
2. Paul Worroll	2. Craig Paulett
3. Damon Voss	3. Nick Seeley
4. Michael Lane	4. Mark Greer
5. John Ogden	5. Wayne Strange
6. Mark Bennett	6. John Schiavo
7. Brent Read	7. Damien Waugh
8. Demetri Theochari	8. Cameron Pearce
9. Fraser Cuba	9. Stephen Glockner
10. (Not allocated)	10. Lee Scriggins
11. Marc Flemington	11. Ian Hutchison
12. Stuart Collins	12. Simon Eslick
13. Cameron Williamson	13. Jason Poggi
14. Matthew Packer	14. Shane Haddow
15. Andrew Garwood	15. Warren Cooley
16. Des Hughes	16. Fiore Bartilomo
17. Scott Robertson	17. Anthony Scodellaro
18. Glenn Kolpak	18. Tony DeLange
19. (Not allocated)	19. Mark Geminelli
20. (Not allocated)	20. Scott Higgins



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