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I'm not normally one to complain or focus on a negative aspect of the game, but one thing that stood out in such a big way during my weekend trek to the grounds, was the excessive use of foul language by players, coaches and support staff.

Soccer is the largest participant sport in the country, with not only a large amount of senior players but also hundreds of thousands of junior boys and girls enjoying the round ball game.

Who do you think these children look up to and aspire to emmulate in years to come?

The senior players are the example to our youngsters, who don't need to be taught foul language and bad sportsmanship on the park.

One of the aims of the clubs is to present soccer as a social outing for the entire family.

How can this be achieved when players and coaches are too inconsiderate to think of their supporters, many of which are the wives, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and siblings of those on show.

Supporters are paying good money to be entertained with good football, not to be exposed to foul language and dummy-spitting.

Primarily it is up to the players and coaches, whom I assume are all mature adults capable of exercising basic self-control.

Failing the ability of the players to control their tongues, the onus falls squarely upon the referees.

Law 12 of the rules of the game states: A player shall be sent off the field of play and shown the red card, if, in the opinion of the referee, he: (p) uses foul or abusive language.

You can't get any clearer than that.

Certainly there is a time and a place for everything, but there is no place for this sort of behaviour in the public arena.

Wanted - Jnrs. ...and lots of them!

At least 2,000 junior soccer players are required to be a part of the Brisbane Strikers Olympic Spectacular to take place in a fortnight's time at Suncorp Stadium.

The spectacular will precede the Strikers match against Morwell on Saturday night March 30 and feature a march past of 2,000 junior players dressed in their team strips.

The spectacular, sponsored by Channel Seven and 4KQ, will be conducted in conjunction with the Queensland Olympic Council and will feature a parade of past Olympians such as Marlene Matthews (sprinter), Justin Lemberg (swimming), Greg Fasala (swimming), and members of Australia's 1956 Olympic soccer team including Col Kitching and Graham McMillan.

The parade will be complemented by a spectacular fireworks display and gymnastic performance provided by 4KQ.

A presentation will also be made to the Strikers' 1988 Olympians Alan Hunter and Frank Farina by the Qld Olympic Council.

The event will raise funds for Australia's 1996 Olympic Games team, illustrate the Olympic ideal to our youth and increase the profile of soccer as an Olympic sport.

All junior players dressed in their official team strip will be admitted free on the day and two adults will be admitted for the price of one, when accompanying a junior player in club uniform.

Registration forms have been sent to junior clubs and to be a part of the extravaganza you must get in touch with your club now.

Clubs that wish to take part in the extravaganza must register with the Brisbane Strikers on or before Monday 18 March 1996, by calling Pat Hanson on 3217 6322. This promises to be a great night out for the family.

QSF NOTICE BOARD - EXTRAS

- Overheard by a QSF Board Member earlier this week, was a comment to the effect that 'Laurie's (QSF Treasurer) budget in relation to fines expected for the forthcoming year, was certainly not optimistic, when one sees how many fines have already been incurred by clubs not phoning their results through, and also the use (misuse) of the new team sheets, the clubs fought so hard to get'. Upon perusal of the above factors, it is almost certain the Federation will be receiving a record amount of fines, with the season only two weeks old, not a great deal of care and attention is being taken by club's team officials.
- An innovation into the competition this year is the introduction of a Fair Play Award. The award has been initiated in an endeavour to have clubs clean up the game. In its initial season, the award will be for the XXXX League clubs in all grades and will be based on cautions

and send-offs incurred in the fixtures. Demerit points will be tallied against clubs, with cautions on their face value and send-offs worth six demerit points. Naturally, clubs with the **least** amount of points will be in the running for a yet to be finalised club prize.

There were a lot of frustrated XXXX League supporters around town last Monday when the daily paper failed to publish the weekend's results. The phones ran hot at Perry Park, so to set the record straight please be assured the QSF phoned and faxed the results through but the lack of staff at the paper last Sunday meant the results did not get published. They assure us it will not happen next week.



Grange Thistle up in thriller

by Andrew van der Beek

Grange Thistle's team of youngsters bounced back from last week's first round loss to defeat Pine Rivers 3-2 at Wallace J Dann Oval on Friday night.

And the win was all the more impressive considering Rivers crushing first round win over Easts last week.

It was a frustrating form reversal for Rivers coach Frank Pimblett who is looking for more consistency in his teams' performances this year.

"It's no good playing well one week and then losing a match you would expect to win the next" he said.

But it was Pimblett's Rivers outfit who settled in first and, after a period of wayward passing, began to take control of the midfield.

The skills and composure of Clayton Koch were a feature in the early stages and it was a pass from the former National League player which led to the opening goal.

Koch controlled the ball near the edge of the box before rolling it into the path of striker Noel Carroll whose low angled shot beat Thistle keeper Gary Hartzenberg on the near post.

The second half was a major role reversal as the pace of Thistle's young guns began to open gaps in the Rivers defence.

With an average age of just 20-21 Thistle will outlast many teams this season and the speed of players like Greg DiLosa will cause opposition defences major problems.

And it was 18 year old DiLosa's phenomenal acceleration which created the equaliser as he beat advancing Rivers keeper Peter Underhill to the loose ball and flicked it into a vacant net.

The old heads in the Thistle team soon began to follow DiLosa's lead with Doogie Meila and particularly Effie Cassar becoming more prominent.

Noel Carroll, back in the XXXX League again, opened the Rivers scoreline last weekend with his goal in the first half



In fact Cassar's second half effort was quite outstanding and he capped it off with a superb goal with ten minutes to go.

Again it was the pace of DiLosa which created the opportunity but it took a perfectly placed lob by Cassar, over the despairing Underhill, to put Thistle in front.

It was to be a short lived lead however, as inexperienced defending gave Rivers a free kick directly in front of goal only three minutes later.

Koch stepped up to take the kick and levelled the scores with a mesmerising strike which curled around and over the wall before Grange custodian Hartzenberg could move.

But Thistle were not to be denied and found the winning goal three minutes from time when Rivers failed to clear a cross to the far post and it was volleyed in by Neil Darrington.

Thistle coach Barry Dan was extremely happy with the win, saying he was pleased with the character of his players in turning around last week's disappointment at Nerang.

"It was great to comeback after losing a game we probably should have won last week".

Frank Pimblett alluded to possible changes in his Rivers line up for next week's encounter with Rochedale citing lack of determination and over-confidence as the main reasons for his team's loss.

"The games' about guts and determination and we didn't show enough tonight" he said.

- From the Sideline -

● Eddie Thomson has included ten British based players in the 16-man Coca-Cola Socceroos squad to take on Scotland at Hampden park on Wednesday March 27. The British based players are Stan Lazaridis and Robbie Slater from West Ham United, Mark Bosnich (Aston Villa), Zeljko Kalac (Wolverhampton), Craig Moore (Rangers), Andy Bernal (Reading), Shaun Murphy (Notts County), Carl Veart (Sheffield United), and Jason Van Blerk (Millwall). Also included in the squad are the Vidmar brothers, Tony and Aurelio, Graham Arnold and Ned Zelic. Sydney United's Tony Popovic will be the only domestic player to make the trip to Scotland.

● The players of a certain XXXX League club may be asked to take a \$5 per week cut in wages so their team can participate in the new soccer show on Briz 31 TV. Evidently the club's administration decided in their wisdom

not to be involved with the production of the show, at the start of the season. The show, which was aired for the first time last Thursday, must have appealed to the players to warrant this consideration.

• Who was the well known referee who forgot to write the final score of a particular match on the teamsheets recently. The person in question argued his innocence vigorously but needless to say, his defence lacked any bite!

● Investigations are still underway into what gives Frank Farina the edge over his opponents. One thing Eye On Soccer has discovered is that it could be a substance Frank is alleged to ingest at half time of every match... and at this stage we have not ruled out the use of sniffer dogs. We are confident of solving the mystery and hope to have photographic evidence by the next edition of Eye On Soccer.



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Australian soccer has become the only truly national football code with a professional team in every major mainland capital city following last Saturday's announcement of next season's Ericsson Cup teams.

Soccer Australia announced Collingwood Warriors and Perth Glory as the two new soccer teams in the Ericsson Cup in 1996/97.

Soccer Australia's Chairman David Hill also announced Melbourne based Carlton would be admitted to the 1997/98 competition.

"With the announcement that Collingwood Warriors, backed by the Collingwood Football Club, and Perth Glory, supported by independent West Australian consortium Arena Investments, as the new teams selected for inclusion in the Ericsson Cup, we are breaking new ground," Mr Hill said.

The new teams will bring the number of Ericsson Cup sides up from 12 to 14, meaning the competition will run over 26 rounds.

The reduction in competition rounds will eliminate the need for midweek games and allow some flexibility for major *Coca-Cola* Socceroo internationals.

Next year, a further boost to the competition will come with Soccer Australia having already given Collingwood's fellow AFL club Carlton, conditional entry to the 1997/98 Ericsson Cup.

Carlton advised Soccer Australia that they were not in a position to proceed with their bid for this season but applied for entry in 1997.

Mr Hill said a number of other applicants from an original total of 23 had presented impressive bids and had been encouraged to keep Soccer Australia informed of their future plans.

Soccer Australia will enter a licence agreement with the current clubs until the year



The Strikers have easily met Soccer Australia's conditions of entry for next season

2000, conditional on the clubs satisfying the governing body's criteria for admittance on an annual basis.

"This is the most exciting leap forward Australian soccer has taken since the National League's inception in 1977," Mr Hill said.

"Soccer Australia has been overwhelmed by the huge response to our call for clubs who wished to be considered for inclusion in the Ericsson Cup next season and the competition was extremely fierce.

"It told us what our crowd sizes have already shown this year, that soccer is really on the move."

Conditions of entry to the Ericsson Cup laid down by Soccer Australia include: appeal to broad community base and non-discriminatory practices in all areas of activity; suitable administration, business and marketing plans; adequate ground facilities; sound financial backing; an expected standard of players and an ability to demonstrate a strong supporter base.

Soccer Australia has also made it clear that a number of teams must continue to improve in relation to spectator facilities, broader community appeal and financial administration.

Kickboxing at Carmichael Park

Beenleigh proved the better of two sides content to kick one another into oblivion, when they came away with a 1-0 victory against Wynnum at Carmichael Park last Sunday.

In a match that reached few heights and featured more swearing, cursing, fighting and backbiting than actual playing, Beenleigh took the points courtesy of a late goal by midfielder Anthony Roche.

With just five minutes of normal time remaining, an unmarked Roche took control of the ball 20 metres out from goals, popped it up for himself and volleyed into the top left corner, well out of the reach of Wolves' keeper Kevin Tatton.

Newcomers to the XXXX League, Beenleigh were eager to assert some authority over a flat Wynnum outfit and some early niggling tactics appeared to unsettle the Wolves from the outset.

The personal duel between Beenleigh's Richard Duffy and Wynnum's Paul Wilkins highlighted the tension between both sides, Duffy's niggling eventually getting the better of Wilkins, who was sent from the field with ten minutes remaining for his second "retaliating" offence.

Cheap shots from Beenleigh's Brett Druery and Wynnum players Ricky McKinless and Danny Valle also marred the latter stages of the game, with Druery getting his just reward, when referee Jeff Palmer presented him with a red card in the final minute of play.

Beenleigh dominated territory for the majority of the match and had the first opportunity to score in the 37th minute when a well weighted corner gave Druery a clear chance at the far post but sailed harmlessly across goals.

The visitors came out with the same intensity in the second half and an unmarked Michael

Wynnum's midfielder Paul Wilkins was sent from the field last Sunday on receiving two yellow cards. He was one of two dismissals on the day



Lipscombe came perilously close to giving his side the lead just two minutes after the resumption, when he rifled a shot from the edge of the box that was too good for Tatton but slammed into the right hand upright.

A minute later, Wynnum midfielder Paul Wilkins rounded Beenleigh's Alan McFarlane before knocking the ball to Billy McDermott, whose neat shot forced a good save from Beenleigh keeper Chris Roche.

The game then slipped back into its earlier mode of rough-house tactics and niggle, with the best entertainment coming from the boys in the stand at the southern end of the ground.

Good work from Tatton prevented the visitors from taking a 1-0 lead midway through the second half, the Wynnum keeper diving full length to his left to pull in a 25 metre screamer from Anthony Roche.

At the other end of the field Chris Roche proved just as reliable for Beenleigh, pulling in a number of dangerous crosses.

The former Eastern Suburbs custodian almost cost his side dearly with just 15 minutes remaining after he failed to secure a cross, giving Wilkins the perfect chance to head home for the Wolves, his attempt denied by the crossbar.



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Roche	8	Wilkins	0	FREEKICKS	528
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Druery	0	McDermott	6	Wynnum	15
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Lipscombe	7	Armstrong	6	Wynnum	9
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Before The Whistle





Already after only two rounds, some gaps are starting to appear in the table, however as pointed out last week, things will be clearer by the end of the month.

One club in the lower regions of Division 3 already are vying for the title of highest goal scorer, unfortunately at the wrong end!

This weekend will see matches spread more evenly over the weekend, with Saturday night having become free for the playing of games.

DIVISION TWO

Two of the high flyers meet at Capalaba on Saturday night, with the home side defending a 100% record up against visitors Rocklea also undefeated, form points to a home win. The same night at Proud Field, Acacia Ridge and Ipswich also meet, with both occupying an unaccustomed position at the bottom of the table, pride will lift the form of both sides, with a narrow home win the prediction. The remaining Saturday night game between Albany Creek and Mt Gravatt is a lot tougher, the Creek had a win away last week with the Hawks picking up a very good point in Toowoomba, a score draw would not surprise in this one. In the three games on Sunday Willowburn may lose their 100% record against visitors Logan City, although the points may well be shared, The Gap will look to get back on track against old foes Inala, whilst in the evening match Olympic will certainly know they have been in a match when they entertain St Albans, with an away win being the forecast of this encounter.



DIVISION THREE

At Cleveland Showgrounds last Friday night it was great to see two good servants of the game on the park together, one playing and one not! For the home side Phil Kerr, he with the cultured left foot, is still applying his wares on the field, after having stints with Lions, City and Coalstars since his arrival from Wollongong, and is now encouraging the younger and 'not so young' players at Redlands and his passing ability was a treat to watch. The other person to whom I refer was the referee, Calvin Daunt who has spent close on the last twenty years playing at all levels including National League and in particular the Cup winning side of Lions in 1981, now turning his hand to refereeing. What a treat it was to see him in action, as a player at the highest level he knows all the wrinkles, and was quick to play advantage when required, any teams having Calvin as their referee, should have no fears as the play will definitely flow. Matches this weekend spread over three days, with the only Friday night match between Mitchelton and Newmarket, looking to be a home win, despite the visitors impressive record to date. In the only day game on Saturday two struggling sides in Wests and Clairvaux meet and judging by performances an away win should be the tip. Three games at night with Darra looking to have three draws out of three at the expense of their hosts Souths, another visiting team in good form University, will look to steal all three points from Goodna, whilst in the other night match between Annerley and Slacks Creek, again the visitors look too strong. Only one match on Sunday between Latrobe and Redlands, and recent form dictates another away win.

DIVISION 4

The battle of the western suburbs teams of Pine Hills and Samford will be a cracker to watch, both teams have comparable records, looks to be a narrow home win. At Lota, Bayside will be too strong for Greenbank, Browns Plains, despite playing on their lush new pitch, will have no joy with South Star, whilst in the lone match at night North Pine, struggling at present, will be too strong for Ipswich City. On Sunday Brothers, after last week's big win, will be too good for Moggill, and the battle of the top two, Redcliffe and Eagles take place on the peninsula, with current form looking to be a home win.

DIVISION 5

Two matches on Friday night and Capalaba look to be far too strong for Olympic, similarly the three points will stay at Slacks Creek with St Helens having a fruitless visit. On Saturday afternoon Logan City should pick up three points when they travel to Goodna, however the points will remain at The Gap. The struggles of the southside clubs between Jimboomba and Bethania resume on Sunday, fortunes favouring the home side in this one, and in the remaining match between University and Acacia Ridge a tight match in prospect, but points to St Lucia.

DIVISION 6

A close match on Friday night between Redlands and Bayside, with the edge going narrowly to the home side, similarly at Albany Creek, visitors Mt Gravatt will have a tough one and again, a narrow home win is predicted. Two games on Saturday, the one between Park Ridge and Mooroondu looks to be an away win, whilst Annerley and Margate will again see three points travelling back to the peninsula. The remaining match, Oxley will be too good for Mitchelton.

DIVISION 7

In the early Saturday game Mooroondu will be too strong for hosts Park Ridge, The Gap marginally better than Newmarket, whilst it will be a much tighter match between North Pine and Darra, with the three points going to the hosts at the final whistle. On Sunday the match



between Jimboomba and Samford is a lot tougher to predict, due to their fluctuating fortunes to date, however home side to come home narrowly, Kingsride and Margate will have a very tight match indeed, and whilst a score draw would not surprise, the three points may well stay with the hosts, the remaining match should see a win by University over Clairvaux.

DIVISION 8

Two matches Friday night should see a win for Redlands over visitors Annerley, whilst the reverse will be the case in the other game, with Acacia Ridge quite enjoying their long trip out to Albany Creek. One match only on Saturday with the points to remain firmly at home with Inala over Oxley. On Sunday Bethania make the long trip to the Jinker Track, and will take three points home with them, similarly Rocklea will have a fruitful trip to Mitchelton in the early match on Sunday. St Helens have withdrawn their team from this division, therefore The Gap will have a week off.



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GRANGE THISTE 3 v PINE RIVERS 2 (0-1) at Wallace J Dann Oval

SCORERS: Grange Thistle: Greg DiLosa, Anthony Sommerville, N Darrington

Pine Rivers: Noel Carroll, Clayton Koch

GRANGE THISTLE: Hartzenberg, Percival (Darrington), Brydges, Sleep, Sommerville,

Mannion, DiLosa (Jenkins), Meila, Schmidt, Cassar Lundberg (Molenda).

PINE RIVERS: Underhill, Cartwright, Eden, Ackinclose, Stillman, Almond (Window), Browett,

Preston, Koch, Hale, Carroll.

ROCHEDALE ROVERS 2 v NERANG 1 (2-1) at Underwood Park

SCORERS:

Rochedale Rovers: Craig Collins, Kieran Cooper

Nerang: Lee Hosier

ROCHEDALE ROVERS: Simpson, Brattan, Galloway, Harris, E Lees, A Lees, Cooper (Carey),

Hillier, Collins (Jefferd), Wright, Weatherby.

NERANG: Dixon, Adair, Wood (F Stone), Milosevic, Hodges, G Stone (Cockbain), Robinson,

Hosier (Skelly), Leake, Watson, McLachlan.

EASTERN SUBURBS 1 v COALSTARS 4 (0-2) at Heath Park

SCORERS:

Eastern Suburbs: Rowan Tollenaere

Coalstars: David Guest 2, Troy Hews, own goal

EASTERN SUBURBS: Harrison, Clark (Rezek), Ingledew, Carloss, R Tollenaere, McPhee,

Grodum, Fegan, S Tollenaere (McAuliffe), Carter, Thatcher.

COALSTARS: Farrar, King, Ogden, McKendrick (Fairclough), Park, Guest, McLean, Hilli,

Hews, Reinhardt, Daly.

WYNNUM DISTRICT 0 v BEENLEIGH 1 (0-0) at Carmichael Park

SCORER: Beenleigh: Anthony Roche

WYNNUM: Tatton, Valle, Hilton, T McKinless, R McKinless, P Wilkins, McDermott, D Eilmann

(A Eilmann), Maltby (Murphy), Van Basten (Wood), Armstrong.

BEENLEIGH: C Roche, Duffy, Wass, McFarlane, Fisher, A Roche, Lederhose, Druery, Brisbane

(Austin), Pryce (Eacott), Lipscombe.

NORTH STAR 2 v BRISBANE LIONS 6 (0-2) at O'Callaghan Park

SCORERS:

North Star: Brendan Rogers, Adam Marley (pen)

Lions: Anthony Brown 2, Kevin Meacock 2, Frank Mengotti, Roy Huth

NORTH STAR: Deranja, Wypych, Tribbeck, Alkan (Hayward), Rogers, Brown, Hayward

(Mortimer), Houliston, Marley, Dwyer, Schloss.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lucas, Lonsdale, Hunter (Abel), Hinton, Cahut (Brown), Skordou

(Vosuga), Munn, Mengotti, Meacock, Huth, Cotton.

TARINGA ROVERS 0 v BRISBANE CITY 2 (0-2) at Jack Speare Park

SCORERS: Brisbane City: Damien Waugh, Ian Hutchison

TARINGA ROVERS: Hall, Worroll, Voss, Bennett (Freier), Read, Theochari, Cuba, Collins,

Flemington, Hughes, Ogden.

BRISBANE CITY: Duke, Paulett, Seeley (DeLange), Greer, Strange, Pearse, Waugh, Schiavo,

Haddow, Hutchison, Bartilomo.

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READ between the LINES

All the goss with Brent Read

It's already the third week of the season and things are starting to become a little clearer in the local league. Brisbane City's winning ways continued on the weekend at the expense of Taringa Rovers, giving credence to my early season predictions.

Down Taringa way, we're down but certainly not out and as I explained to several rabid Brisbane Lions supporters two weeks ago, there's twenty two weeks in a season and it's better to be leading the competition in September rather than March.

With the QSF looking to wind the league up at a more rapid rate this year and avoid too much conflict with the National Soccer League and the high-flying Brisbane Strikers, all the clubs face a busy time over the next few months.

The lack of exposure the local league faces when the Strikers are playing is obvious to all and sundry. The results from the weekend's games in the XXXX League didn't appear in *The Courier Mail* until Tuesday.

With the current disillusionment in rugby league circles over the Superleague controversy, all sports have had the chance to steal the march on league in recent times. The AFL has been particularly successful, while soccer's support at a National level has also benefited.

A ray of hope has developed in local soccer with the inauguration of a new show on community station Briz 31. Under the leadership guile of media doyen Kieran Cooper, the show (titled rather ingeniously *Brisbane Soccer Scene*) looks at all the XXXX League games on the weekend, with highlights and interviews.

Sponsored in part by the clubs (although not all contributed), the show is sure to give some much needed exposure to the local game before next year's streamlining.

Brisbane Soccer Scene co-hosts Kieran Cooper (right) and Dave Richardson. The show goes to air...





Thursday nights at 9pm on Briz 31 and features interviews, highlights and previews

Although I missed the first show last week, I'm sure it was worth watching with the Irish humour of Cooper and his offsider Davey Richardson certain to keep the show running at a volatile pace.

Cooper's media career already involves a show on radio in the Logan area, and with the new soccer show up and running, the only thing he hasn't got is a column in **Eye on Soccer**.

Alongside him on the show are former National League and Acacia Ridge player Dave Richardson and assistant coach of the QAS, Mick Mulvey.

If Cooper is set to become soccer's equivalent of Chris Bombolas, minus a couple of hundred kilograms, does that mean Richardson and Mulvey have become the soccer equivalents of 'Fatty' Vautin and 'Blocker' Roach.

Just as long as none of the players put on a dress, as 'Blocker' and 'Fatty' have been known to do, we'll all be happy.

The show can be caught Thursday's at 9pm, fortunately avoiding a clash with Melrose Place, much to the delight of Eye on Soccer's editor, Jason Kluver.

Bulldogs expect tough clash

Capalaba's 2-1 Second Division win against St Helens has set the scene for a tough third round at home against Rocklea this Saturday.

The Bulldogs lost midfielder Terry Henry early in the game and are anxiously awaiting a medical report on his progress.

Also being checked out during the week is Reece James, who ran the full 90 minutes in the reserve game but showed effects of the injury he was carrying.

Capalaba will need its stronger players for the Rocklea clash, although coach Eric Thompson is confident his team has the depth to make it very tough for Rocklea.

An outstanding game at home is vital to the Bulldogs, who have set out to build their support by ensuring an attractive attacking style of play.

Midfielder Vince Kelly, who scored the opening goal in the Bulldogs 2-1 win at St Helens, believes Rocklea will be extremely hard to beat.

"Rocklea are putting in a big effort both on and off the field, to ensure they benefit from the proposed changes in next year's XXXX League," Kelly said.

"This Saturday's match will be the toughest we've been faced with so far."

The match against St Helens was a dour, no holds barred struggle.

Neither team was outstanding, particularly in the first half, with inaccurate passing and lost chances throughout.

Veteran John Quinn proved to be Capalaba's solid rock in the midfield, breaking up a number of St Helens attacks and creating some great opportunities for the visitors.

Quinn attributed the high temperature and a poor playing surface as reasons for a scrappy first half performance.

"We have a lot of good ball players and we're all playing smarter now," Quinn said.

"On that field though, some of the things we tried just didn't come off."

The Bulldogs came to life for a brief period, Kelly creating a top goal out of nothing and Michael Brockwell scoring with a cracking shot almost immediately after the restart.

Although managing to pull one goal back, St Helens were outplayed and Capalaba never allowed them to settle into any pattern.

In the earlier match, although St Helens scored first, the Capalaba reserves never looked like losing.

They equalised when unrelenting pressure forced an own goal, then surged to the lead with goals from Gary Rogers, Darren Begley and Cosi La Frentz. Final score 4-2.

• Story by Allan Watson

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

	GARRY	ARTHUR	FRANK	GARY
	LEGG	HIGGINS	FARINA	PHILLIPS
Beenleigh v Eastern Subs Pine Rivers v Rochedale Rov Brisbane City v Nerang Coalstars v Grange Thistle Taringa Rov v North Star Brisbane Lions v Wynnum	Beenleigh	Beenleigh	Beenleigh	Beenleigh
	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rivers
	City	City	City	City
	Thistle	Thistle	Thistle	Coalstars
	Taringa	Taringa	Taringa	Taringa
	Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions
Division 2 - Round 3 Capalaba v Rocklea Utd Acacia Ridge v Ipsw St Helens Albany Creek v Mt Gravatt Willowburn v Logan City The Gap v Inala City Olympic v St Albans	Capalaba	Capalaba	Capalaba	Rocklea
	Acacia	St Helens	St Helens	Acacia
	Mt Gravatt	Creek	Creek	Mt Gravatt
	Logan City	Willowburn	Logan City	Willowburn
	The Gap	The Gap	The Gap	The Gap
	St Albans	Olympic	St Albans	Olympic
Division 3 - Round 3 Mitchelton v Newmarket Souths Utd v Darra Utd Goodna v Uni of Qld Annerley v Slacks Creek Western Subs v Clairvaux Latrobe v Redlands Utd	Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket	Newmarket
	Darra	Souths	Darra	Souths
	Goodna	Uni of Qld	Goodna	Goodna
	Creek	Creek	Creek	Annerley
	Clairvaux	Clairvaux	Clairvaux	Clairvaux
	Redlands	Redlands	Redlands	Redlands
Division 4 - Round 3 North Pine v Ipswich City Pine Hills v Samford Bayside Utd v Greenbank Browns Plains v South Star Brothers Utd v Moggill Redcliffe City v S'side Eagles LAST WEEKS & (PROGRESSIVE) TTL'S	City	North Pine	North Pine	North Pine
	Samford	Pine Hills	Samford	Pine Hills
	Bayside	Bayside	Bayside	Bayside
	Plains	Plains	South Star	South Star
	Moggill	Moggill	Moggill	Brothers
	Eagles	Redcliffe	Eagles	Redcliffe
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Editor's Suggestion!

Based on the huge number of complaints to the QSF regarding the lack of coverage the XXXX League has received in the *Courier-Mail*, there is obviously a lot of discontented soccer supporters.

It is important that the newspaper is made aware of these concerns and in that regard we urge these unhappy followers to write to the *Courier-Mail* to voice their displeasure. Letters should be addressed to: *The Editor, Courier-Mail, PO Box 130 Brisbane 4001*.



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Söccer Match of the Week

COALSTARS V GRANGE THISTLE

Coming off solid victories last weekend, Coalstars and Grange proved they have what it takes to be competitive in this year's XXXX League. Both teams will be looking to consolidate on their fine second round performances with a victory this weekend.

Coalstars have been criticised in the past for a lack of flair, but that was not apparent in their 4-1 demolition of Eastern Suburbs last Sunday.

The Coalminers have a spattering of class players right across the park and are renowned as having one of the toughest defences in the League.

No side enjoys visiting Bundamba and the first up loss Coalstars suffered at home to Wynnum could work in their favour, as they go for their first home win of the season.

A young Thistle side overcame the odds to

COALSTAR V GRANGE THISTLE

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba,

Sunday March 17, 2.45pm

Referee - J Palmer

surprise Pine Rivers 3-2 last weekend, a result that would instil confidence in new coach Barry Dann and his charges.

The pace of Greg DiLosa will be a highlight of the match and something the Coalminers must combat.

Look out also for Gold Coast midfielder Ben Mannion, who is out to resurrect his XXXX League career, following an aborted stint at Easts two seasons ago.

For Coalstars, Kevin Farrar will be hard to get past in goals and the skills of Australian Schoolboy representative Adam Daly will be a treat for spectators.

The Round Three Eve On Soccer Match of the Week will kick off at 2.45 at the Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba this Sunday.

BEENLEIGH V EASTERN SUBURBS

Ghris Green Park, Beenleigh, Friday March 15, 7.00pm

COALSTARS

Kevin Farrar Pat Boyle

3. Chris Barrett

Andrew King Jason Reinhardt

Andrew Ogden (c) Troy Hews

Scott Stenzel

Peter McKendrick

10. Wes Park

11. David Guest 12. Scott McLean

13. Richard Hilli 14. Adam Daly

15. Rick Brown

16. Matthew Fairclough 17. Brendan Eastwell

18. (Not allocated)

19. (Not allocated) 20. (Not allocated)

GRANGE THISTLE

Brett Beves Danny Docherty (c)

(Not allocated)

4. Rvan Brydges Shaun Sleep

Effie Cassar 6. Anthony Sommerville

Ben Mannion

Troy Percival 10. Greg DiLosa 11. David Meila

12. (Not allocated)

13. Shaun Molenda 14. Troy Schmidt

15. Damien Lundberg

16. (Not allocated) 17. Mark Jenkins

18. (Not allocated) 19. (Not allocated)

22. Gary Hartzenberg

Referee - B Power

BEENLEIGH

Chris Roche 2. Richard Duffy

3. Craig Wass 4. Alan McFarlane

Corv Fisher

Adam Coppolino Anthony Roche Marc Lederhose

Brett Druery 10. Jarrod Austin

11. Jason Eacott 12. Steve Konstantinou

13. Ray Brisbane Sam Pryce

15. Michael Lipscombe

16. (Not allocated) 17. (Not allocated) (Not allocated)

19. (Not allocated) 20. Shannon Fisher

EASTERN SUBURBS

Robbie Harrison Sam Porteous

Bill Ingledew

Nathan Carloss Rowan Tollenaere

Gary McPhee Stein Grodum (c)

Chris Fegan Tim McAuliffe

10. Willie Carter 11. Shane Tollenaere

12. Robert Thatcher 13. Shaun Clarke

14. Michael Rezek 15. Carl Paczensky

17. Graeme Knowles 18. James Gowans

19. Darryl Dixon

20. Neal Bunkum

PINE RIVERS V ROCHEDALE ROV

Wendy Allison Park, Strathpine, Friday March 15, 7.00pm Referee - C McColl

PINE RIVERS

Peter Underhill John Cartwright

Graham Eden Paul Ackinclose

Chris Wilson Andrew Stillman

Dene Almond Barry Browett

John Preston 10. Clayton Koch

11. Joel Hale 12. Noel Carroll 13. Kielly Calleja

14. Daniel Window 15. Michael Manson

16. Mark Kaps 17. Michael McDowell

18. Frank Pimblett 19. (Not allocated)

20. Scott Patrick

ROCHEDALE ROVERS

Clint Dal Santo

Gary Brattan (c) Kieran Galloway

Brad Russell Damian Harris 6. Eddie Lees

Craig Collins Andy Lees Kieran Cooper

10. Darren Hillier 11. John Weatherby

12. Ross Gosney 13. Roy Bobb

14. Gavin Wright 15. Brad Melville 16. Martin Matula

17. Brenley Jefferd 18. (Not allocated)

19. Sean Carey 20. Martin Simpson

BRISBANE CITY V NERANG

Spencer Park, Newmarket, Sunday March 17, 2.45pm Referee - J Peacock

BRISBANE CITY

Daniel Duke Craig Paulett 2. 3.

Nick Seelev Mark Greer Wayne Strange

5. John Schiavo Damien Waugh

Cameron Pearse Stephen Glockner

10. Lee Scriggins 11. Ian Hutchison

12. Simon Eslick 13. Jason Poggi

14. Shane Haddow 15. Warren Cooley

16. Fiore Bartilomo 17. Anthony Scodellaro

Tony DeLange 18. 19. Mark Geminelli 20. Scott Higgins

NERANG

Julian Bowden

Luke Adair

Vaughan Skelly Trevor Wood (c)

Dean Milosevic

Stuart Hodges Steve Fitzsimmons

8. Gary Stone

9. Michael Robinson

10. Paul Cockbain 11. Lee Hosier

12. Michael Leake

13. Craig Rogers 14. Cameron Watson

15. Rodney Hall 16. Damian Bitzios

17. (Not allocated) 18. (Not allocated)

19. (Not allocated) 20. (Not allocated)

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BRISBANE LIONS v WYNNUM

Lions Stadium, Richlands, Sunday March 17, 2.45pm Referee - M Shields

BRISBANE LIONS

David Hunter

Brett McPaul

Wayne Hinton

Fotis Skordou

David Munn

10. Kevin Meacock

14. Anthony Brown

15. Cheetah Vosuga

16. Anthony Cotton

11. Trent Abel

12. Roy Huth

13. Ibro Cahut

17. (Not allocated)

18. (Not allocated)

9.

Chris Della Rocca

Frank Mengotti (c)

Robbie Farrow David Lonsdale

16. Justin Amor

19. (Not allocated) 21. Jason Lucas

WYNNUM

Kevin Tatton **Duncan Andrews**

Ben Wood Danny Valle

Rob Hilton Tony McKinless

Geoff Maltby Paul Wilkins Dennis Eilmann

10. Billy McDermott 11. Malcom Van Basten 12. Ricky McKinless

13. Alan Eilmann 14. Mark Wilkins 15. Craig Larnach

16. Trevor Murphy 17. Darren Hindes 18. Sean Armstrong

19. Nick Hadland 20. Garth McCulloch

TARINGA ROV v NORTH STAR

Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly, Sunday March 17, 2.45pm Referee - R Eedv

TARINGA ROVERS

Anthony Hall 2. Paul Worroll

Damon Voss Michael Lane John Ogden

Mark Bennett Brent Read Demetri Theochari

Fraser Cuba 10. (Not allocated) 11. Marc Flemington

12. Stuart Collins 13. Cameron Williamson

14. Matthew Packer 15. Andrew Garwood

16. Des Hughes 17. Scott Robertson

18. Glenn Kolpak 19. 20. (Not allocated)

(Not allocated)

Stuart Houliston Paul Schloss

NORTH STAR

Paul Derania

Bulent Alkan

Chris Tribbeck

Haydn Wypych

Brendan Rodgers

Shane Brown

Brett Havward 10. Adam Marley

11. Henry Gomez

12. Ben Dwyer 13. Brendan Hayward

14. Mick O'Byrne 15. (Not allocated)

16. (Not allocated) 17. (Not allocated)

18. Lokman Kucuk 19. Adam Mortimer

20. (Not allocated)

