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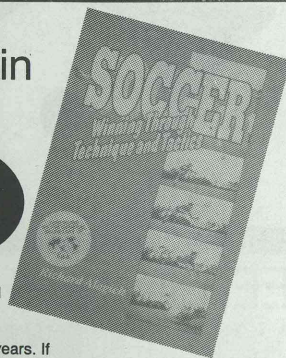
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Cover Photograph: Brisbane City's Ian Hutchison was the sole goal scorer when his team met Nerang last Sunday at Spencer Park



Editorial



Watching SBS Television's *Ericsson Cup* earlier this week, it was interesting to note the average number of goals being scored per game for Australia's premier competition.

John Warren and Les Murray announced the average number of goals per game in the Ericsson Cup was 2.92. In contrast with the leading European nations, Australia was 3rd behind Holland (3.09) and Germany (3.02).

The nations falling below Australia were Spain, England, Belgium, Italy, Portugal and France.

Interestingly, after three full rounds of the XXXX League competition, the ball has found the net on 63 occasions at an average of 3.61 goals per game, far exceeding the averages of all of the competitions mentioned above.

Granted we are talking about far different levels of football in these comparisons, and while much can be said for the tougher defences of the European and indeed the Australian leagues, as far as entertainment goes, XXXX League fans are being treated on average to more goals than their overseas and Ericsson Cup counterparts. Now there's food for thought!

On another matter off the field, I was a little disappointed last weekend when I visited a certain XXXX League club and struggled to find a copy of *Eye On Soccer* for purchase at the gate.

Make no mistake, the publication was for sale but was not offered and was well out of sight.

Instead I was handed a very ordinary photocopied A4 sheet consisting of the two team line-ups and minimal copy.

I might add that this was certainly not the first time nor the first club where I have been disappointed by this lack of enthusiasm to recoup club funds.

Eye On Soccer is not a money making venture but a publication designed to keep supporters informed, as well as a great promotional tool for the clubs if they are willing to contribute and promote it accordingly.

QSF NOTICE BOARD - EXTRAS

■ Another sad loss for soccer in Queensland was the recent passing of Peter Cox from Gympie, a former Vice President and Life Member of the QJSC and an important cog in the Marketing Committee of the QSF. A veritable "Who's Who" of soccer identities from South East Queensland attended his funeral last week. His will be a hard act to follow and our sympathies go out to wife Audrey and his very supportive family.

■ Upon perusal of the Disciplinary Committee minutes, it appears that either the referees are cracking down or there is a decided lack of discipline within clubs at present. Reading these minutes is not very pleasant at the moment, and in the case of XXXX League clubs it should make for very interesting reading when the first progress table of the Fair Play Award is published at the end of the month.

■ Further shuffles of teams taking place in the lower divisions. In Division 8 Kingsridge and Ipswich St Helens have been replaced by The Gap and Samford respectively. In Division

9A North Star is a late withdrawal, which all makes the originally published divisional placings just a little out of date.

■ A helpful statistic for the QSF to assist in gaining new sponsors and informing current ones is the gate attendances at XXXX League matches every week. A memo has already gone out to clubs urging their co-operation in this matter, and while some may believe there is a hidden agenda or another motive for the QSF's interest in numbers, you can be rest assured the sole purpose for having knowledge of exact gate attendances is for sponsorship purposes. The QSF is not concerned about the financial aspect and the number of freebies and so forth. This is a genuine request for information necessary to secure and maintain sponsors and to be able to show organisations just how much support Queensland soccer receives.

■ Don't forget your 1996 Miss Queensland Soccer entrant. The Quest is a great way for clubs to raise funds throughout the year so start work now and boost your club's finances!

MATCH SCORE BOARD - Taringa Rovers 5 def North Star 1

Venue: Jack Speare Park

Referee: R Eedy - 5

TARINGA
ROVERS

Rating

NORTH
STAR

Rating

Hall	6	Deranja	6
Worroll	6	Tribbeck	6
Voss	7	Alkan	6
Ogden	7	Wypych	6
Read	6	Brown	6
Theochari/Bennett	6/6	Rogers	6
Cuba	6	Houliston/Mortimer	6/6
Collins	6	Hayward	6
Hughes/Packer	7/6	Marley	6
Kolpak	6	Gomez/Moore	7/6
Freier/Cannon	6/6	Dwyer	6
TOTALS:	69		67



CORNERS

Rovers	8
North Star	4

FREEKICKS

Rovers	11
North Star	20

SHOTS

Rovers	7
North Star	3

Taringa finally off the mark

by Andrew van der Beek

Taringa Rovers secured their first victory of the season with a 5-1 thumping of North Star at Jack Speare Park on Sunday.

After a disappointing start to the season, with losses to Lions and Brisbane City in the opening rounds, Taringa finally began to show glimpses of the form which took them to such an impressive victory in the Silver Boot preseason tournament.

The scoreline probably should have been even more convincing but Taringa were unable to convert their dominance in possession into a more crushing scoreline.

The Rovers ascendancy in midfield was impressive but their distribution to the front men was often disappointing and numerous chances were wasted due to a wayward final pass.

In fact three of Taringa's goals came from dead ball situations, the first a penalty after fifteen minutes.

There was controversy leading up to the goal with the referee allowing play to continue despite an offside flag from his linesman. Des Hughes continued on his run before being unceremoniously flattened by North Star keeper Paul Deranja, giving ref Eedy no choice but to point to the spot.

Despite a wave of protests from North Star players and supporters alike, Taringa's John Ogden stepped up to comfortably tuck the ball away for a 1-0 lead.

Twenty minutes later Taringa had a second goal when a change of pace from midfielder Stuart Collins took him past two defenders and his inch-perfect cross was turned in by Des Hughes.

The youngsters of North Star came out fired up after the break, determined to show they can be competitive at this level and might have pegged a goal back after only two minutes.

Veteran John Ogden helped Taringa to its first win of the season scoring from the penalty spot on two occasions



Henry Gomez charged through a gap and rounded the keeper only to see his shot hit the post and roll along the goal-line before being hurriedly cleared by the Taringa defence.

Gomez went close again minutes later when his well struck shot from the edge of the box fizzed just wide of the upright.

It was Taringa who troubled the scorekeeper again in the 55th minute. Fraser Cuba was largely an anonymous figure against his former club but his curling freekick from just outside the box was too good for Deranja and extended the lead to 3-0.

Shortly after it was beginning to look like a massacre when another questionable decision saw Taringa awarded a second penalty. There seemed little contact as Deranja raced out to confront the advancing Des Hughes but the referee not only pointed to the spot but also gave the keeper a yellow card.

Amid another barrage of ridicule directed at the referee Ogden kept his nerve and again converted the spot kick.

With five minutes to go North Star got the goal their persistence deserved when Ben Dwyer hit a fine volley from the edge of the area which gave Taringa custodian Anthony Hall no chance.

Taringa were not quite done and finished the scoring as substitute Matthew Packer headed in their fifth on the stroke of full time. ▶

- From the Sideline -

Word from O'Callaghan Park to date is, despite the scorelines pertaining to the top team, in North Star's only home game so far the crowd support was the best it has been in two years. Maybe the local supporters are getting behind the new youthful brigade in the North Star XXXX League squad. There must be a moral in there somewhere!

SBS Television will present for the first time in history, extensive coverage of both FA Cup semi finals on Monday April 1 at 6.30am... and no it's not an April Fools joke! This year's road to Wembley has been evenly contested. Three of the four quarter finals recently played ended in draws, with only Manchester United through to the semi finals at this stage. United will play the winner of the match between Wimbledon and last year's finalists Chelsea. In the other semi final, Nottingham Forest, Leeds United, Liverpool and Aston Villa are all still in the race for English soccer's most coveted crown. A replay of the semi finals will be telecast on SBS that same night at 11.10pm.

The Coca-Cola Socceroos campaign of International matches in the countdown to France '98 continues with the announcement of a match against one of the powers of South American soccer, Chile on Tuesday April 23 in Santiago, Chile. Currently ranked 33 in the latest FIFA world rankings, Chile, like Scotland, will be taking on a Coca-Cola Socceroo team that will be predominantly made up of overseas-based players. The Chile International will come hot on the heels of the match against Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow on Wednesday March 27, which will be televised live on SBS Television from 6.30am on the morning of Thursday March 28. These games are important to Soccer Australia's initiative to improve the Coca-Cola Socceroos' world ranking.

The award for the strangest goal of the week goes to Souths United player Brenden Freeman in Division Three. Unfortunatley Freeman is Souths' goalkeeper and... you guessed it, the goal was scored at his end. It seems Brenden got his teammates' calls mixed up after he took possession of the ball and prepared himself to thow it back out to the field. Reports say a spectator form behind Brenden's goals also called for the ball and Brenden obliged but failed to take into account that the net was in the way... then again it may just have been a great stuff up! Anyway, Brenden is now challenging the leading goalscorers in Division Three and is the only keeper in all divisions to have scored.

On his ring around to the clubs regarding next weekend's Olympic Games promotion at Suncorp Stadium, Strikers Marketing man Pat Hanson came across a junior club that won't be participating. The club's chief organiser and secretary took out the first division prize in Gold Lotto and hasn't been seen or heard of since.

Word has it that frustrated Pine Rivers coach Frank Pimblett may be considering a return to the field following his side's humiliation by Rochedale last week. Should Pimblett return, he will be joining excellent company in Queensland's player/coach ranks, including Nerang's Paul Cockbain, Annerley's Alan Niven and John Stewart from Slacks Creek. Other high profile players now coaching include former Socceroos Gary McDowall (Mitchelton) and Kim Wishart (Rochedale), past Rothmans Medal winner Mickey Rooney (Mt Gravatt) and former state representative Peter Tokesi (Brisbane City).



Shield - step closer to dream

Local referee Mark Shield has just returned from the Oceania Football Confederation Elite Referees Course in Auckland New Zealand.

The four day seminar was conducted by General Farouk Bouzou of Syria, a member of FIFA's Referee Committee.

Similar courses were held in each of the other five member confederations.

A total of 20 referees from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tahiti and Tonga attended the course, 18 of whom were current FIFA referees.

The exceptions were the two Australian representatives, Shield and Brett Hugo from New South Wales, their inclusions being recognition of their potential to achieve this level at a future date.

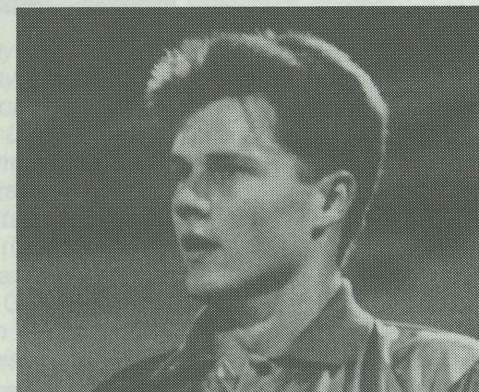
Also in attendance from Australia were National Director of Referees Gary Power, who was involved with organising and presenting the course, and New South Wales state coach Phil Hafey.

The seminar consisted of a series of lectures and presentations covering all aspects of the laws of the game, with physical training sessions thrown in to ensure the muscles were exercised as well as the minds.

There was also time to attend a New Zealand National League game, but without the chance to relax and enjoy the game, as participants had to provide a written report on the referee's fitness and take part in group discussions on the overall performances of the three match officials.

Shield (pictured) feels that he has gained a better knowledge of the laws in general as well as updated information on the new law changes and interpretations.

There were also benefits gained in spending time with a number of FIFA referees from



different backgrounds and sharing their ideas on subjects such as positioning.

Fast approaching the end of his first Ericsson Cup season, Shield is hoping his attendance at the seminar will help towards his next ambition of achieving a FIFA badge.

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Lions feel Wolves sharp bite

Wynnum staged a remarkable form reversal to shock Brisbane Lions with a convincing 2-0 victory at Lions Stadium last Sunday.

Following their poor performance against Beenleigh the previous week, few would have given the Wolves any chance against a previously undefeated Lions, but the Wolves came to Richlands with a greater sense of urgency and commitment in a revamped lineup.

Both sides traded misses in the opening 20 minutes, with Lion's strikers David Munn and Kevin Meacock failing to convert good crosses.

Wynnum striker Alan Eilmann also squandered a couple of genuine opportunities to put the visitors in the lead after failing to convert two one-on-one chances with Lions' keeper Rob Farrow.

Farrow kept superbly throughout the match, receiving his club's Man of the Match Award for his efforts.

The speedy Eilmann proved a constant thorn in Lions' side with a number of probing runs which teased the defence.

Following a scoreless first half, Lions came out with renewed vigour after the break but it was the Wolves who struck first when midfielder Malcom Van Basten played a clever wall pass with Tony McKinless, before placing his shot past a stranded Farrow.

Lions continued to pour everything into attack and looked certain to equalise when striker David Munn was given a half chance, only to be brought down by Wolves' defender Rob Hilton, who was sent from the field by referee Mark Shield for the professional foul.

The visitors clung desperately to their narrowest of leads and put the match beyond Lions with just ten minutes of normal time remaining.

Wynnum's striker Alan Eilmann caused the Lions defence no end of trouble and could have put his side two goals in front early on but for the good keeping of Rob Farrow



Again it was Van Basten, who found a gap at the near post and rifled a shot past Farrow and into the back of the net.

Meanwhile Grange Thistle also surprised Coalstars with a 1-0 win at Bundamba.

In near heatwave conditions, Coalstars came out strong in the first twenty minutes forcing Thistle keeper Gary Hartsenburg to make two good saves.

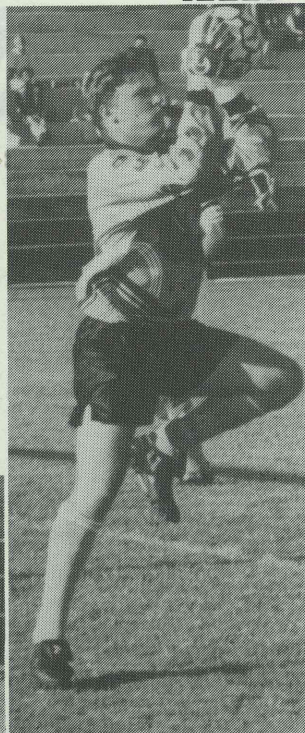
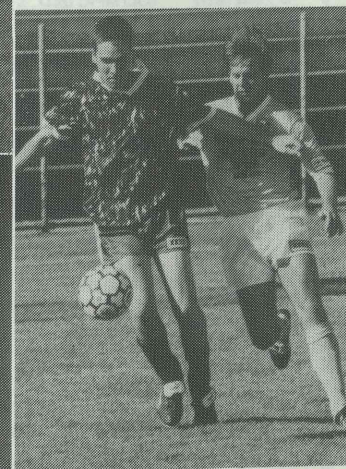
The visitors then settled down and came out firing in the second half, the speed and skill of Greg Di Losa proving the difference on the day.

The Thistle striker found himself in a one-on-one with Coalstars' keeper Kevin Farrar and neatly slotted the ball under the advancing keeper to give his side the points.

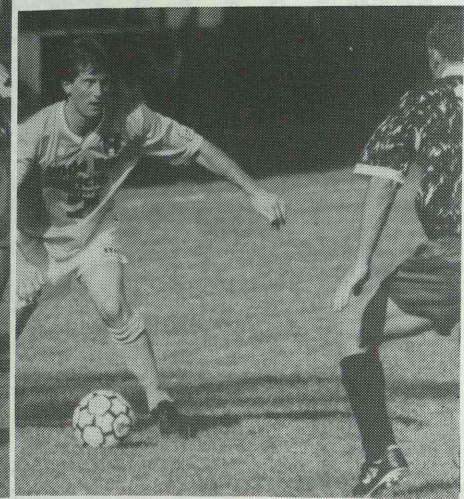
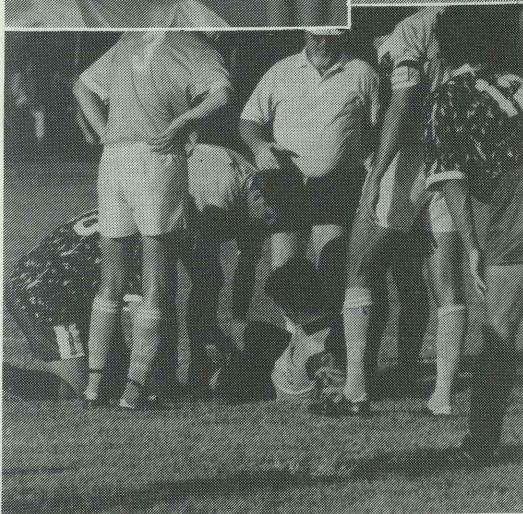
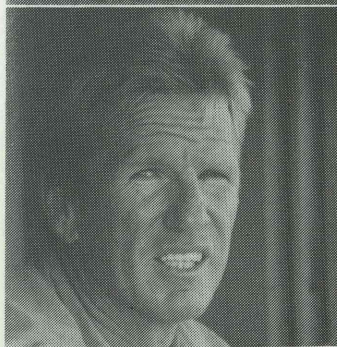
In other weekend matches Kieran Cooper and Andy Lees wreaked havoc at Wendy Allison Park during Rochedale's 8-1 walloping of Pine Rivers, Taringa notched its first win of the season with an emphatic 5-1 victory over a young North Star side, Brisbane City struggled to overcome newcomers Nerang 1-0 at Spencer Park, and Beenleigh continued its unbeaten run with a 1-0 victory at home to Easts.

ACTION REPLAY

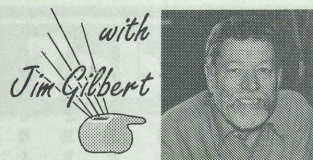
Nerang's player/coach Paul Cockbain played the second half looking for the equaliser. City's keeper Daniel Duke let none past him. The referee's style was cramped during the latter stages. Coach Peter Tokesi (City) had a few moments of anxiety towards the end and Gary Stone got the drop on City's Shane Haddow... this time.



City's Cameron Pearse couldn't decide which way around the Nerang defence so ended up chipping to Hutchison whose drive went well over the bar (below)



Before The Whistle



A few gaps starting to appear in the tables in some Divisions, conversely a few teams look to be in trouble, even this early in the season! Divisions 9A and 9B start this week, so referees may be in even thinner supply than before.

DIVISION 2

Two matches on Friday night both look to be good home wins with Logan City now sitting equal second to down The Gap, and table topper, Rocklea United, to defeat Acacia Ridge, despite the blue's tremendous last start win.

A keen match will take place at Freeman Road where Inala City, sitting in an unaccustomed second position, take on Albany Creek, home win the tip, at Ebbw Vale, St Helens host Willowburn. The home side could not be any lower, whilst their visitors had an unaccustomed set-back last week, score draw! In Toowoomba St Albans should down Capalaba, whilst Mt Gravatt will have a tough one against Olympic with visitors the tip.

DIVISION 3

Two player coaches were on view in the match that I watched last Saturday night that saw Alan Niven pit his wits against John Stewart, coaches of Annerley and Slacks Creek respectively. These two former National league, and State team players showed all of their experience and skills in the game, and, despite the apparent one sided score line, Annerley was certainly in the match for a goodly part of its duration. The vast experience on show with a number of Creek players will certainly keep

them in contention for a promotion spot for the bulk of the season, Annerley's main claim to fame in this match, was that they scored the only goal the Creek have conceded to date!

Two games Friday with the afore mentioned Creek looking too strong for Souths, whilst Clairvaux will do battle with Latrobe with the visitors coming off a resounding win over Redlands the previous week, if the home side are looking for any points to commence the season, this could be the one.

Two matches on Saturday with Darra and Mitchelton doing battle, can this be four draws for the home side, the other match is between University and Annerley, with the St Lucia team looking to retain the points.

On Sunday there should be wins for the home sides in both games, Newmarket over Wests and Redlands too good for Goodna.

DIVISION 4

Matches split fifty - fifty between Saturday and Sunday this weekend. On Saturday Brothers make the long trip to Ipswich City and should return home with the points, Redcliffe will have an long trip down to Greenbank and should take three points home with them. In the remaining match the battle of fourth placing between Samford and Bayside takes place, with the home side having marginally the better credentials.

On Sunday Moggill will be too good for Browns Plains, the high flying Eagles far too strong for North Pine and co-leaders South Star will retain three points over Pine Hills, this match taking place at Annerley's ground.

DIVISION 5

Only one match on Friday between Acacia Ridge and Jimboomba, away win would not surprise. In Saturday's games local derby time between St Helens and Goodna with visitors to

take the points, and Bethania will certainly be struggling against leaders Capalaba, the twilight match between Olympic and Slacks Creek should go the way of the visitors.

On Sunday University should enjoy their trip to Woodridge, with The Gap another visiting team relishing the trip down to Meakin Park.

DIVISION 6

I took in the match between Margate and Annerley last week, mainly to see how the leaders were faring but this match was not a true assessment, mainly because the home side only started with nine players and it was half-time before they had their full quota, by then Margate were six goals up. A number of players stood out and despite the score line, the home side's keeper was exceptional, even saving a penalty.

In the Friday night game, Souths (apologise for leaving them off last week) should be marginally too strong for Park Ridge. On Saturday, Bayside should secure three points at home over Mitchelton, Mooroondu will be too good for Annerley, similarly Redcliffe will not relish travelling to Mt Gravatt. In the Sunday matches Oxley will do it tough against Albany Creek but should secure three points, whilst the battle between Margate and Redlands should see the points stay firmly at home.

DIVISION 7

The match between Mooroondu and Kingsridge will be interesting in view of the teams almost identical positions on the table, most column readers know I hate predicting draws so sticking my neck out, a narrow home win. The other Saturday game should be a little bit more clear cut with Jimboomba to return with the points after visiting Clairvaux.

In the Sunday matches Newmarket will have no joy with visitors University, Darra and The



Gap should have odds marginally favouring the visitors, Margate are home to North Pine and the home side's great defensive record may take a bit of a thumping after this one. The remaining match between Samford and Park Ridge looks to be a win for the home side.

DIVISION 8

One match on Friday, with Inala's impressive record looking to be in no danger when they visit Annerley. Again only one game on Saturday with Bethania to be too good for Mitchelton. The remaining matches are all on Sunday.

Rocklea don't look to be in any danger when they play The Gap, Samford's second outing in this Division will be a good one against Redlands, with my tip going to the home team, Oxley and Albany Creek will be battling for the wooden spoon with odds marginally favouring the home side, the remaining match between Acacia Ridge and Pine Hills should go the way of the team from the Ridge.

DIVISION 9 A

Round one for all players and teams in these Divisions, so no form book to look at, two matches on Friday should see Coalstars down Brisbane Lions, Rovers have a bye, and the remaining match between Lions and Wynnum to go the way of the home side. On Sunday Easts will be too good for hosts Beenleigh, similarly Taringa will enjoy the trip to Grange.

DIVISION 9 B

Most teams in this Division will relish this weekend, with four out of the five matches taking place Friday night thus clearing the way for them to do their own thing on the weekend. Capalaba host Slacks Creek with odds favouring the home side, Brisbane Lions to enjoy the trip to Bundamba, similarly Wynnum should relish visiting Lions in their own den, but back at Carmichael Park, the hungry wolves should be too good for Taringa. The remaining match in this Division between Mt Gravatt and Park Ridge should see the points remain at Dittmer Park.

 **James Hardie**
MODULAR BUILDINGS

THE XXXX REPORT

Round
3

PINE RIVERS 1 v ROVEDALE ROVERS 8 (0-4) at Wendy Allison Park

SCORERS:

Pine Rivers: Joel Hale

Rochedale Rovers: Andy Lees 3 (inc pen), Kieran Cooper 2 (inc pen),

Craig Collins, Gary Brattan, Darren Hillier

PINE RIVERS: Underhill, Cartwright, Eden, Ackinclose (Snell), Almond, Window (Carroll), Browett, Preston, Koch, Hale, McDowell (Patrick).

ROCHEDALE ROVERS: Simpson (Dal Santo), Brattan, Galloway, Harris (Matula), E Lees, A Lees, Cooper (Jefferd), Hillier, Collins, Wright, Weatherby.

BEENLEIGH 1 v EASTERN SUBURBS 0 (1-0) at Chris Green Park

SCORER:

Beenleigh: Jason Eacott

BEENLEIGH: C Roche, Duffy (Coppolino), Wass, McFarlane, Fisher, A Roche, Lederhose, Brisbane, Pryce, Lipscombe, Eacott.

EASTERN SUBURBS: Harrison, Clark, Ingledew, Carlross, R Tollenaere, McPhee, Grodum, Fegan, S Tollenaere (Anthony), Carter, Thatcher.

BRISBANE CITY 1 v NERANG 0 (1-0) at Spencer Park

SCORER:

Brisbane City: Ian Hutchison

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

NERANG: Dixon, Adair, Skelly, Milosevic, Hodges, G Stone (Bitzios), Robinson (F Stone), Hosier (Cockbain), Leake, Watson, McLachlan.

COALSTARS 0 v GRANGE THISTLE 1 (0-0) at Eric Evans Reserve

SCORER:

Grange Thistle: Greg Di Losa

COALSTARS: Farrar, King, Ogden, McKendrick, Park, Guest (Boyle), McLean, Hilli (Brown), Hews (Stenzel), Reinhardt, Daly.

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

TARINGA ROVERS 5 v NORTH STAR 1 (2-0) at Jack Speare Park

SCORERS:

Taringa: John Ogden 2 (pens), Des Hughes, Fraser Cuba, Matthew Packer

North Star: Ben Dwyer

TARINGA ROVERS: Hall, Worroll, Voss, Ogden, Read, Theochari (Bennett), Cuba, Collins, Hughes (Packer), Kolpak, Freier (Cannon)

NORTH STAR: Deranja, Wypych, Tribbeck, Alkan, Rogers, Brown, Hayward, Houliston (Mortimer), Marley, Dwyer, Gomez (Moore).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 v WYNNUM DISTRICT 2 (0-0) at Lions Stadium

SCORERS:

Wynnum: Malcom Van Basten 2

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Lonsdale, Hunter, Hinton, Cahut (Abel), Skordou, Vosuga, Munn, Mengotti, Meacock, Georgiou.

WYNNUM: Tatton, Wood (Cootes), Valle, Hilton, Murphy (R McKinless), Armstrong, T McKinless, McDermott, Van Basten, Maltby (D Eilmann), A Eilmann.



READ between the LINES

All the goss with Brent Road

The Queensland Soccer Federation face a fine balancing act in trying to avoid clashes with National Soccer League and encouraging spectators to attend clashes in the local competition.

The clubs also face a difficult challenge in promoting their games and ensuring soccer of the highest standard is played.

One of the most trying decisions involved in this process is the timing of games - when they should be played and under what conditions.

In recent seasons, the National Soccer League has moved to a summer season and, as a result, its games have in the main be transferred to Saturday and midweek nights or late Sunday afternoon.

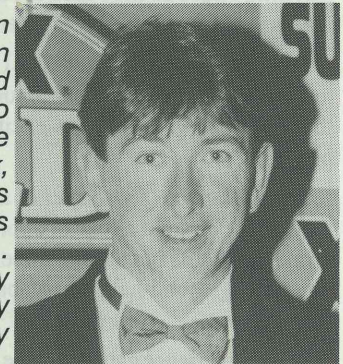
This has allowed the clubs to avoid clashes with the withering heat associated with our summer climate and avert the corresponding games played in our popular early winter and summer sports, such as cricket, rugby league and Australian rules.

The time has come in the local competition to put in place a similar process, particularly in the early stage of the season while the effects of Brisbane's oppressive heat are still being felt to some degree.

Sunday's conditions, for example, weren't conducive to teams playing entertaining football. With the condition of some of the pitches in the local game making it difficult to play, the problem was exacerbated.

Most of the clubs in the top divisions in Queensland have a satisfactory standard of lighting, and although they face a level of tension from local residents over the use of these facilities, for the sake of the game it should be encouraged.

*Irishman
Kieran
Cooper had
plenty to
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last week,
two goals
and St Pat's
day...
Monday
was a very
long day*



Spectators are more likely to view an entertaining game on Saturday night or late Sunday than the prospect of a dour clash in the heat of the day on Sunday afternoon.

With teams facing games around midday on Sunday at Perry Park in the coming weeks, it's important the players maintain a high level of hydration to avoid any chance of serious injury on a park that requires an exceptional level of fitness to play.

It was only within the last decade a rugby league player from Eastern Suburbs (Danny Shepherd I believe) faced a stint in hospital after collapsing due to dehydration. It signalled the end of his career in the QRL's game.

So remember, drink plenty of water over the coming weeks. With Sunday just past being St Patrick's Day, it wouldn't have been water many of our Irish players and their friends were drinking on the weekend.

Kieran Cooper, Rochedale's lethal goal scorer and a proud Irishman, had twin reasons to smile after collecting a double strike and having the chance to celebrate the day associated with his patriots.

He and his numerous Irish friends, who seem to be regular partners in his blossoming media career, would surely have celebrated in style. ▀

Rocklea too good for 'dogs

Capalaba Bulldogs are on a steep learning curve as they face the highly skilled teams in Queensland soccer's second division.

The experience of Rocklea United proved too much for Capalaba last Saturday night, as they went down 2-1 in an exciting match at home.

Alan Prentice's screamer of a goal from 30 metres out brought a roar of approval from the home spectators but despite three opportunities late in the second half, Capalaba had to settle for a loss.

The experience gained will be invaluable for Sunday's vital away match at St Albans, according to coach Eric Thompson.

A first half injury to Bulldogs' keeper Jason Parkes, who collided heavily with a Rocklea forward as they battled for a ball in the air, could prove expensive.

Parkes struggled to overcome a dislocated shoulder and was hampered by a lack of mobility.

He was replaced in the second half by Craig Blackburn, who had already put in two full games with the Youth and Reserve teams.

Midfielder Simon Kalaba said the Bulldogs had underestimated Rocklea, whose young players had benefited tremendously from playing together over recent years.

"Rocklea brought the game to us and we did not respond quickly enough," Kalaba said.

"We were 2-1 down in the second half but dug deep and showed we could come back and match it with these good teams."

Kalaba said once the Bulldogs recognised they could meet the higher division teams on an equal basis, they would settle down to play their own game and become one of the leading contenders for promotion.

Capalaba defender Reece James said the side had missed Terry Henry and Mark Curran and had worried too much about Rocklea's strong reputation.

"We'll be a far better side with this experience," James said.

"Even with the missing players we proved we have plenty of depth and (coach) Eric Thompson will have a hard time picking the run-on side when everyone is back on deck.

"Eric has a great ability to analyse a game and no doubt will work on improvements at training this week. He misses nothing."

In the reserves, Cosi La Frenz added to his tally and Gary Rogers headed in for a 2-0 Capalaba win.

The Bulldogs youth side comprehensively dominated Rocklea in the earlier match. Gab Kaszab scored a great hat-trick while Matt Lindgren slotted away a missile from inside the box and also scored from the penalty spot. David Steele knocked one in for a final score of 6-1.

Story by Allan Watson

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

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

WYNNUM DISTRICT V TARINGA ROVERS

Shaking off a couple of very ordinary performances in Round Two, Wynnum and Taringa both posted impressive victories last weekend.

A convincing 2-0 win at Brisbane Lions last Sunday proved Wayne Gracey's Wolves were a far better side than they showed their Carmichael Park fans a fortnight ago.

Supporters can be assured of a much better effort from the baysiders when they are at home this Sunday.

Taringa posted their first win of the season last weekend since taking out the pre-season Silver Boot trophy last month.

The 5-1 win over a struggling North Star side could be just what Juan Cutillas' boys need to give them the confidence to move even further up the competition ladder.

Wynnum will be without key defender Rob Hilton, who is serving a one match suspension following his send off last weekend.

This could be a huge setback for the Wolves but a bonus for the Rovers.

Taringa's busy midfielder Brent Read will be looking to combine with new signing Fraser Cuba in an effort to exploit a possible Wynnum weakness caused by Hilton's absence.

For Wynnum, Midfielder Malcom Van Basten will be oozing with confidence following his two-goal haul at Richlands, and Dennis Eilmann's menacing runs through the midfield should cause Taringa plenty of headaches.

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa is the venue for Eye On Soccer's Round Four Match of the Week, the game commencing at 2.45pm Sunday afternoon.

WUNNUM V TARINGA ROVERS

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa,
Sunday March 24, 2.45pm
Referee - C McColl

WYNNUM	TARINGA ROVERS
1. Kevin Tatton	1. Anthony Hall
2. Duncan Andrews	2. Paul Worroll
3. Ben Wood	3. Damon Voss
4. Danny Valle	4. Michael Lane
5. Rob Hilton	5. John Ogden
6. Tony McKinless	6. Mark Bennett
7. Geoff Maltby	7. Brent Read
8. Paul Wilkins	8. Demetri Theochari
9. Dennis Eilmann	9. Fraser Cuba
10. Billy McDermott	10. (Not allocated)
11. Malcom Van Basten	11. Marc Flemington
12. Ricky McKinless	12. Stuart Collins
13. Alan Eilmann	13. Cameron Williamson
14. Mark Wilkins	14. Matthew Packer
15. Craig Larnach	15. Andrew Garwood
16. Trevor Murphy	16. Des Hughes
17. Darren Hindes	17. Scott Robertson
18. Sean Armstrong	18. Glenn Kolpak
19. Nick Hadland	19. (Not allocated)
20. Garth McCulloch	20. (Not allocated)

GRANGE THISTLE V BEENLEIGH

Wallace J Dann Oval, Grange,
Friday March 22, 8.30pm
Referee - D Crawford

GRANGE THISTLE	BEENLEIGH
1. Brett Beves	1. Chris Roche
2. Danny Docherty (c)	2. Richard Duffy
3. (Not allocated)	3. Craig Wass
4. Ryan Brydges	4. Alan McFarlane
5. Shaun Sleep	5. Cory Fisher
6. Effie Cassar	6. Adam Coppelino
7. Anthony Sommerville	7. Anthony Roche
8. Ben Mannion	8. Marc Lederhose
9. Troy Percival	9. Brett Druery
10. Greg DiLosa	10. Jarrod Austin
11. David Meila	11. Jason Eacott
12. (Not allocated)	12. Steve Konstantinou
13. Shaun Molenda	13. Ray Brisbane
14. Troy Schmidt	14. Sam Pryce
15. Damien Lundberg	15. Michael Lipscombe
16. (Not allocated)	16. (Not allocated)
17. Mark Jenkins	17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)	18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)	19. (Not allocated)
22. Gary Hartzenberg	20. Shannon Fisher

ROCHEDALE ROV v COALSTARS

Underwood Park, Rochedale,
Friday March 22, 7.30pm
Referee - M Shield

ROCHEDALE ROVERS	COALSTARS
1. Martin Simpson	1. Kevin Farrar
2. Gary Brattan (c)	2. Pat Boyle
3. Kieran Galloway	3. Chris Barrett
4. Brad Russell	4. Andrew King
5. Damian Harris	5. Jason Reinhardt
6. Eddie Lees	6. Andrew Ogden (c)
7. Craig Collins	7. Troy Hews
8. Andy Lees	8. Scott Stenzel
9. Kieran Cooper	9. Peter McKendrick
10. Darren Hillier	10. Wes Park
11. John Weatherby	11. David Guest
12. Ross Gosney	12. Scott McLean
13. Roy Bobb	13. Richard Hilli
14. Gavin Wright	14. Adam Daly
15. Brad Melville	15. Rick Brown
16. Martin Matula	16. Matthew Fairclough
17. Brenley Jefferd	17. Brendan Eastwell
18. (Not allocated)	18. (Not allocated)
19. Sean Carey	19. (Not allocated)
20. Clint Dal Santo	20. (Not allocated)

NERANG v PINE RIVERS

Glennon Park, Nerang,
Sunday March 24, 2.45pm
Referee - R Eedy

NERANG	PINE RIVERS
1. Julian Bowden	1. Peter Underhill
2. Luke Adair	2. John Cartwright
3. Vaughan Skelly	3. Graham Eden
4. Trevor Wood (c)	4. Paul Ackinclose
5. Dean Milosevic	5. Chris Wilson
6. Stuart Hodges	6. Andrew Stillman
7. Steve Fitzsimmons	7. Dene Almond
8. Gary Stone	8. Barry Browett
9. Michael Robinson	9. John Preston
10. Paul Cockbain	10. Clayton Koch
11. Lee Hosier	11. Joel Hale
12. Michael Leake	12. Noel Carroll
13. Craig Rogers	13. Kiely Calleja
14. Cameron Watson	14. Daniel Window
15. Rodney Hall	15. Michael Manson
16. Damian Bitzios	16. Mark Kaps
17. (Not allocated)	17. Michael McDowell
18. (Not allocated)	18. Frank Pimblett
19. (Not allocated)	19. (Not allocated)
20. (Not allocated)	20. Scott Patrick

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EASTERN SUB v BRISBANE LIONS

Heath Park, East Brisbane,
Sunday March 24, 2.45pm
Referee - P Hulme

EASTERN SUBURBS	BRISBANE LIONS
1. Robbie Harrison	1. Robbie Farrow
2. Sam Porteous	2. David Lonsdale
3. Bill Ingledew	3. David Hunter
4. Nathan Carlross	4. Fotis Skordou
5. Rowan Tollenare	5. Cheetah Vosuga
6. Gary McPhee	6. Ibro Cahut
7. Stein Grodum (c)	7. Wayne Hinton
8. Chris Fegan	8. Frank Mengotti (c)
9. Tim McAuliffe	9. Warren Allen
10. Willie Carter	10. Kevin Meacock
11. Shane Tollenare	11. David Munn
12. Robert Thatcher	12. Roy Huth
13. Shaun Clarke	13. Chris Della Rocca
14. Michael Rezek	14. Trent Abel
15. Carl Paczensky	15. Anthony Cotton
16. Justin Amor	16. Anthony Brown
17. Graeme Knowles	17. (Not allocated)
18. James Gowans	18. (Not allocated)
19. Darryl Dixon	19. (Not allocated)
20. Neal Bunkum	21. Jason Lucas

NORTH STAR v BRISBANE CITY

O'callaghan Park, Zillmere,
Sunday March 24, 2.45pm
Referee - B Power

NORTH STAR	BRISBANE CITY
1. Paul Deranja	1. Daniel Duke
2. Chris Tribbeck	2. Craig Paulett
3. Bulent Alkan	3. Nick Seeley
4. Haydn Wypych	4. Mark Greer
5. Shane Brown	5. Wayne Strange
6. Brendan Rodgers	6. John Schiavo
7. Stuart Houlliston	7. Damien Waugh
8. Paul Schloss	8. Cameron Pearse
9. Brett Hayward	9. Stephen Glockner
10. Adam Marley	10. Lee Scriggins
11. Henry Gomez	11. Ian Hutchison
12. Ben Dwyer	12. Simon Eslick
13. Brendan Hayward	13. Jason Poggi
14. Mick O'Byrne	14. Shane Haddow
15. (Not allocated)	15. Warren Cooley
16. (Not allocated)	16. Fiore Bartilomo
17. (Not allocated)	17. Anthony Scodellaro
18. Lokman Kucuk	18. Tony DeLange
19. Adam Mortimer	19. Mark Geminelli
20. (Not allocated)	20. Scott Higgins



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