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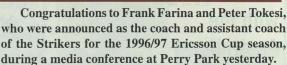
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Cover: Beenleigh's keeper Chris Roche went to great heights to prevent this one from going into the net. They drew 2-2 with Lions







While some may view these appointments with scepticism, I strongly believe these two men can build on the sound foundation the Strikers created for themselves last season, and continue to take the club onto an even higher level.

And you get the feeling that this may be just the start of things to come for both of these men. On behalf of **Eye On Soccer**, I would like to wish them all the best for the coming season.

Back on the local scene, there are some absolute cracker matches being played this weekend. Obviously the clash between traditional rivals Lions and City is the one that has been receiving the most publicity, and there should be a big crowd on hand to watch QSF President Wallace Dann hand over the Bill Waddell trophy to the winning captain.

However other matches of interest include the clash for fifth spot between Beenleigh and Taringa and the second division match between Rocklea and St Albans in Toowoomba, with Rocklea needing a win to secure the Premiership.

On another note, remember to order your club's Grand Final edition of **Eye On Soccer** by contacting us at the QSF before Friday August 23. The Grand Final edition will have the complete final tables, previews, the **Eye On Soccer** team of the year, and all of the news from the Gold Medal Dinner and Miss Queensland Soccer Quest.

Finally, as this is the last regular edition of **Eye On Soccer** for 1996 I would like to say a few thank you's to the following people: Jim Gilbert, Brent Read, Andrew van der Beek, our Tipsters Garry Legg, Arthur Higgins, Frank Farina and Gary Phillips, printer Ray Evans, Allan Watson, Terry and Tony Furphy, Fay Dower, Jerry Vogelbusch, Nick Nockemoffski, David Bearman from Anfield Sports, and all of the XXXX League coaches and administrators who contributed to the magazine this year.

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5.0.0.07 5 A striking new partnership

Months of speculation have ended and it is now official... Frank Farina will coach the Hyundai Brisbane Strikers in the upcoming Ericsson Cup season, and current Brisbane City coach Peter Tokesi, will be his assistant.

Farina came to the Strikers twelve months ago following a highly successful stint with some of Europe's top clubs.

In that time, he has forged a reputation in Oueensland as one of Australia's most talented sportsmen, becoming a household name and lifting the profile of the Strikers and Queensland soccer immeasurably.

But Farina believes his new role as player/ coach of the Strikers will be one of the most challenging things he has ever had to do.

"It won't be easy at all," Farina said. "We've lost three of our first eleven from last year and really, when you look at it like that, I'm in a no win situation.

"But this is what I want I want to do and a window of opportunity has opened up earlier than I expected and I'm going to dive right through it.

"I'll be going with youth because I don't believe the quality is currently there on the Australian transfer market. But I honestly believe we will remain competitive and there will be a fantastic atmosphere in the squad."

A former Queensland representative with four caps to his name, Farina's assistant Peter Tokesi, has coached Queensland junior sides for several years and has been involved in coaching at the senior level for the last two years, initially with Brisbane City's reserve team and this season with the XXXX League side.

Tokesi's job as Assistant Coach could however, be more hands on than what the title indicates.

"I was never the type of person to take on an assistant coaching position," Tokesi said, "...but with Frank still playing, I think that I will

The new Strikers Coach - Frank Farina



The new Strikers Assistant Coach -Peter Tokesi

have to become very involved in the coaching of the side."

"Obviously Frank will have the overall say in the way things are done, but after meeting with Frank a while back, we found out we had very similar views on the game so I think we'll complement one another quite well."

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Wolves reach first ever finals

Wynnum made certain of their place in the XXXX League semi-finals when they comfortably defeated Nerang 2-0 at Perry Park last Sunday.

The win elevated the Wolves to fourth place on the ladder and they cannot be dislodged from the top five with just the one round of fixtures remaining.

But the win came at a cost for the Wolves, skipper Tony McKinless sustaining a hamstring strain in the closing minutes which will rule him out of this week's match against Pine Rivers.

Scottish striker Jamie Macpherson again underlined his value to the Wolves when he opened the scoring in the 17th minute.

A fine through ball from Tony McKinless put Macpherson in the clear and he made no mistake with a right foot strike from 15 metres.

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Paul Wilkins almost added a second goal shortly afterwards but Nerang keeper Eddie Dixon made a fine save in the one-on-one situation.

Wynnum sat back after securing their early lead, allowing Nerang to dominate the game territorially, but despite having the majority of possession Nerang could not penetrate a tight Wolves defence.

On the stroke of half time Ben Wood made it 2-0 after a fine solo run had placed him in a second one-on-one against Dixon.

Having missed his first attempt along the ground, the young midfielder kept his head to calmly chip the ball over the falling keeper.

Wynnum missed a couple of golden opportunities to seal the match immediately after the break with Macpherson and Dennis Eilmann pushing shots wide with the goal at their mercy.

Nerang became more involved in the latter stages of the match however long range shots from the Gold Coast side proved no problem for Wolves keeper Kevin Tatton.

Wayward shooting from both sides left the half-time score of 2-0 unchanged, giving the Wolves the three points and a long awaited shot at semi-final football.

Spencer Park to decide title

The 1996 XXXX League Premiership has come down to one match and even Steven Spielberg could not have written the script any better.

Many people predicted a Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions Premiership decider several months ago, and now D-Day has finally come for these traditional rivals.

And it will be a case of what could have been for the losers, when the winning captain holds aloft the Bill Waddell Trophy at Spencer Park this Sunday.

Both teams could have already sealed this year's title, City giving away an eleven point lead half way through the season and Lions missing an opportunity to claim the Premiership after only managing a 2-2 draw with Beenleigh last week.

City coach Peter Tokesi said he was happy to have another opportunity at making it back to back Premierships, after a disastrous midseason slump.

"We let Lions back in the hunt in the middle of the season. To their credit though, they have been in great form but they've given us a second chance after last week," Tokesi said.

Tokesi likened the clash to a rugby league State of Origin match, suggesting the passion and rivalry of the local derby would make the Premiership decider an absolute corker.

"We have everything to gain and nothing to lose. We've all been looking forward to this game and in a lot of ways I wish I was playing again," he said.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg (pictured) believed the odds were evenly stacked for what he described as the match of the year.

"We have the advantage in that we only need a draw, but they have the home ground advantage," Bleiberg said.



"But sometimes a big home crowd can work against a team because of the extra pressure placed on them by their supporters."

Bleiberg suggested there was also more than the Premiership up for grabs on Sunday, with the Club Championship still on offer, a week off during the finals and a chance to play the Strikers in the Johnnie Walker Cup.



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Beenleigh & Bris Lions both needed a win but fate gave them a draw. For Beenleigh, Corey Fisher & Marc Lederhose played out of their skins as did new signing Jeremy Harris and keeper Chris Roche. Stephen Starr accounted for one of Lion's goals and skipper Frank Mengotti came oh so close. The game had everything with penalties and a send off. Mind vou, keeper Rob Farrow can thank his lucky stars he missed an early shower.



B'leigh create scare for lions

by Andrew van der Beek

Next week's match at Spencer Park looms as the premiership decider after a disappointing Lions side struggled to a 2-2 draw at home on Sunday afternoon.

Lions went into the match with a 5 point buffer over City at the head of the table and a win would have seen them secure the premiership for the first time since 1991.

However, Beenleigh had their own end of season priorities, a win would have guaranteed them a top five finish and a finals berth in their first season back in the XXXX League.

In the opening minutes Lions looked anything but a team vying for its sixteenth consecutive win as the visitors tried to capitalise on some below par defending.

Alan Gordon's dipping strike as early as the third minute was turned around the post by Lions keeper Rob Farrow but proved a sign of things to come as Beenleigh went on the offensive.

Ten minutes later an exquisite Brett Druery pass sliced through the Lions defence to find an unmarked Gordon who slipped the ball past Farrow to take Beenleigh to a 1-0 lead.

After the goal, Lions began to dominate possession but wasted chance after chance to equalise, with Cliff Tuck the main offender.

With a host of chances going begging for Lions it was not surprising to see Beenleigh find the net at the other end on 25 minutes, but a linesman's flag saw Druery's farpost effort disallowed for offside.

Fifteen minutes later Beenleigh extended their lead, with another hole opening up straight through the middle of Lions defence and Druery the beneficiary. A sliding tackle from David Lonsdale nearly stopped the danger but Druery was able to regain his footing in time to knock the ball past Farrow to make it 2-0. Lions finally got the goal all their offensive pressure deserved in bizarre fashion just before the break. As the Beenleigh defence attempted to clear on the edge of a box, Tuck stuck out a leg and the ball rebounded off his knee, wrongfooting Chris Roche in the Beenleigh goal and striking a post before finishing in the net.

After the break the misses continued before Anthony Brown replaced young defender Brett McPaul to immediate effect. With his first touch of the match Brown worked a tight one-two with Steven Starr who fired in Lions equaliser with a swerving effort from the edge of the area.

Lions had the chance to secure their first premiership in five years minutes later when a questionable decision saw them awarded a penalty.

But the men in orange seemed determined to set the scene for a last round thriller at Spencer Park next week with Allen blasting his shot into the diving Roche.

In fact Beenleigh might have won it with a penalty of their own but Farrow produced a fine save to secure the draw for the homeside.

Going into the last round Lions now hold a three point lead over City who will fancy their chances of pinching the title from their bitter rivals after crushing Grange 6-0 on the weekend.

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Far North Qld looking good

The Far North Queensland Soccer Federation has expanded its Premier League competition this season with the addition of newly formed club Cairns Olympic.

The addition of an eighth club was seen to be a bold move by the Federation, but a necessary one to balance the League and provide more avenues for players in the growing area.

Although Olympic have struggled this year, administrators are confident that they will be in a far stronger position in 1997.

After 16 rounds of the League, Leichhardt head the table and have proved to be extremely tough opposition with the superb playing skills of former Red Star and Real Madrid player Milan Jankovic. Only Dimbulah and Yorkeys Knob have managed to extract points from them.

Reigning Premiers Innisfail are not out of

contention, but with the loss of some regular experienced players, they have not been as consistent as last year, which could have a bearing on the final outcome. Traditionally strong clubs Mareeba and Edge Hill have relied heavily on youth players this season, which should also hold them in good stead next year.

On the representative front, the FNQ Taipans have struggled to date in the newly formed Coral Coast League. Competing against the Mackay Devils and the North Queensland Razorbacks, the Taipans have recorded one win, three draws and one loss.

The win fortunately came at the expense of the Razorbacks, which managed to keep the competition open with two matches remaining. The competition could be decided in a fortnight's time in Townsville when the two traditional rivals meet.



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Final finals spot up for grabs

While Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions will be fighting it out for the Premiership this weekend, Taringa and Beenleigh will be embroiled in their own do or die match to decide the last finals spot.

It will be a case of deja vu for Beenleigh, who in the past few years have had similar crunch games in the second and third divisions. Last year they met Rocklea in the last match of the season, needing only to draw for the Premiership, but went down.

Beenleigh, currently in fifth just three points ahead of Taringa, have been in the top five all year and had a chance to wrap up a finals berth last weekend with a win at Brisbane Lions, but Steve Dolan's outfit only managed a 2-2 draw.

"The boys did very well to get a draw last week," Dolan said. "You must remember Lions have been undefeated in the last 15 rounds."

With both teams expected to field their strongest eleven, people are questioning whether or not Beenleigh will be up to he task.

Taringa defeated the XXXX League newcomers in the first round 4-1, after trailing 1-0 with just ten minutes to go. And Dolan agreed that it was inexperience that cost his side on that occasion, but he maintained his team would be up to it this weekend.

"The pressure won't be a problem. If we weren't up to it we wouldn't be in this position right now," Dolan said.

But Taringa coach Juan Cutillas said a lack of experience could be Beenleigh's downfall.

"Beenleigh will be very difficult to beat at home but they don't have much experience in finals situations like this," Cutillas said.

"We are in a very positive frame of mind. For the first time this year I will be able to put my best eleven on the park and we have a lot of experience in that eleven, which I think will allow us to qualify for the five." Beenleigh coach Steve Dolan believes his side will be up to the task when they meet Taringa for the vital fifth position on Sunday



A draw would be sufficient for Beenleigh to progress to the finals, but both coaches made it clear their teams would be going all out to win.

"We won't be changing our normal game plan," Dolan said. "We'll be going out there to score goals because if we can score then it will make it extra hard for them."

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Final QSF Divisions will not be known until the first week of October. Applicants are invited for these postions before that date. Applications should address the selection criteria (available from the club) and should be forwarded to the Secretary, Capalaba Soccer Club PO Box 34, Capalaba Q 4157

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Before The Whistle Jim Gilbert

This weekend sees the last round of fixtures in Division 2 and the Division 9's, and the penultimate round of fixtures for Divisions 3 - 8 inclusive. Already a handful of teams have won the Premiership despite one, or in some cases two, matches still to be played.

Congratulations go to the following: The Gap - Div 2 Res, Willowburn - Div 2 Yth, Slacks Creek - Div 3, Margate - Div 6, Rocklea - Div 8 and Coalstars - Div 9B.

A number of other sides are 1 point or mere goal difference away from securing the Premiership, but it would be imprudent to concede the title to them, as that is usually the 'kiss of death'.

No Saturday night matches this weekend, due to the Miss Queensland Soccer Final being conducted at the Greek Community Centre.

When & Who

Division 2 - Round 22

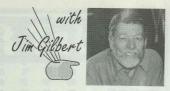
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Division 3 - Round 21

	Fri	8:30pm	Slacks Creek v Redlands Utd
ľ	Fri	8:30pm	Souths Utd v Annerley
	Sat	2:45pm	Darra Utd v Clairvaux
	Sat	2:45pm	Newmarket v Latrobe
		2:45pm	Mitchelton v Goodna
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Division 4 - Round 21

Fri	8:30pm	Moggill Utd v Pine Hills
Sat	2:45pm	Browns Plains v Greenbank
Sat	2:45pm	Southside Eagles v Samford
Sun	2:45pm	Ipswich City v South Star
Sun	2:45pm	Brothers v Bayside Utd
Sun	2:45pm	North Pine v Redcliffe City



DIVISION 2

Two games on Friday night, with mixed fortunes ahead for the sides, Acacia Ridge take on The Gap who have marginally the better form of late, pride the only thing at stake, could be a score draw. The other match between Capalaba and Inala is important from the visitor's point of view, as they need a win to secure the coveted third position, desperation looks to an away win.

On Sunday Albany Creek host Willowburn which should see the points remain at home, Mt Gravatt should pick up three points at Dittmer Park over luckless St Helens, Olympic host Logan City with an upset on the cards here an away win is my surprise tip, but the crunch match is at St Albans with Rocklea United as the visitors. Very difficult to get points from the Toowoomba 'Saints', and both sides need the points, the Saints struggling to retain third position, a home victory is on the cards.

DIVISION 3

In the two Friday matches home wins are likely with newly crowned Premiers Slacks Creek at home to Redlands, and Souths home to an inconsistent Annerley. In the two Saturday games Darra should secure 3 points over Clairvaux, and Newmarket should keep the points over Latrobe. One match on Sunday should see Mitchelton down visitors Goodna.

DIVISION 4

In the Friday game Moggill will keep the pressure on top spot by securing three points over Pine Hills. In the Saturday games Browns Plains are likely to pick up a rare win over visitors Greenbank, likewise Eagles should retain fourth spot over visitors Samford.

On Sunday a valiant Ipswich City will do well to pick up one point from South Star, but it all points to an away win, North Pine, now that their top four aspirations have gone, have only pride to play for in their match over Redcliffe, they should pick up the points although Redcliffe's away form is extremely good. Key match in this Division is Brothers v Bayside, home side looking for a top four spot, Bayside looking to remain in the top four, tight match, top one in prospect, score draw would not surprise, but putting my neck out, an away win.

DIVISION 5

Two games on Friday with Goodna's home game against Slacks Creek important to the home side to pull away from the bottom of the table, this they may do. Logan City will be looking to spoil the party of Acacia Ridge in the visitor's quest for the title, narrow home win the tip. On Saturday, Bethania will look to pick up three points in their last fixture for the year in their trip to St Helens, whilst The Gap will have a tough one on their hands at home to Capalaba, form points to an away win, but a score draw is more likely, remaining match on Sunday should see Jimboomba 'squeak' into the four with a win over Woodridge.

DIVISION 6

Half the matches are on Friday night, with Mooroondu to pick up 3 points in their trip to Albany Creek, Mitchelton will have a tough one against Premiership runners up Park Ridge, with the points to return to the Ridge, and Redlands will be far too good for Annerley. In the Saturday games Mt Gravatt will take 3 points away from Bayside, whilst Oxley will defeat Redcliffe and stay mid-table as a result, in the only match on Sunday, Premier's Margate will celebrate with a further 3 points over visitors Souths United.

DIVISION 7

In the two games on Saturday there will be convincing wins for the home sides, University over Mooroondu and The Gap to defeat Park Ridge. On Sunday, Margate should do enough to secure the Premiership over Samford, Newmarket will continue their climb up the ladder at the expense of Jimboomba, and Premiership runners up Kingsridge should enjoy the long trip to North Pine, the remaining match between the two bottom - markers Darra and Clairyaux should be a win for the home side.

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Three matches on Friday should see Redlands down The Gap, Annerley to have no success with their visitors from Acacia Ridge, and Albany Creek to have even less success with Premiers Rocklea United. On Saturday Inala City will be too good for Mitchelton, Pine Hills should take three points home from Oxley, and on Sunday Bethania will cement the runnersup spot at the expense of Samford.

DIVISION 9A

DIVISION 8

The top four composition is set, only the positions could change with this weekend's games. On Friday Coalstars will look to upset Premiership contenders Taringa in their home game, but it seems more like a win to the visitors, and in the derby game at Richlands, visitors Brisbane Lions will be far too good for 'hosts' Lions. On Saturday Beenleigh will not advance their points with their visitors from the Grange, whilst Rovers will more than likely go into third spot after Wynnum have paid a visit.

DIVISION 9B

In this Division the top two are set, but three teams are vying for the remaining two places!

On Friday pride is the only thing at stake in the match between Lions and Brisbane Lions, with the 'hosts' to take the points, however a crunch match at Bundamba between Coalstars and third place Taringa, with the visitors possibly dropping right out of the four if they lose, home win the tip. On Saturday, Slacks Creek will ensure the pressure is maintained with a home win over Park Ridge, and Mt Gravatt will look to prevent Wynnum from creeping into the four with a win at Dittmer Park. On Sunday, second place Capalaba should quite enjoy their afternoon with Wolves.

FOOTNOTE

Thanks to all the comments received from Club Officials and players in relation to this column, even if at times you were receiving a 'bagging', I enjoy the visits to club grounds, and look forward to doing a wrap up of all Divisions in our special Grand Final edition of Eye on Soccer.

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Blackburn's magic to no avail

Craig Blackburn's magic reflexes and brilliant saves may have made him man of the match last Sunday, but they did not prevent The Gap beating Capalaba 2-1.

Control of the first half was evenly shared, with neither side able to take charge. Denny Whitfield scored for the Bulldogs when he tidied up a scramble in the box after an Alan Prentice corner kick, and Sam Wiseman rounded the keeper after a pass from Kevin Begley for The Gap's goal.

With the score locked at 1-1, The Gap botched a chance straight after the break when Darren Bender failed to notice an unmarked Phil Townsend.

Bender turned the tables later in the second stanza though, when he beat the defence and sent in an awkward ball. Blackburn did well to get a hand to it, but the ball hit the upright and deflected into the net. Play settled down and swung from end to end, then Brian Webster sent in a great cross which Bender hit hard and low. Blackburn's save at point-blank range was brilliant.

Bender streeted the Capalaba defence soon after and Blackburn found himself in a desperate one-on-one situation.

He ran out of the 18 yard box to jockey Bender to the sideline, then produced an amazing effort to get back to his line quickly enough to foil Wiseman's shot from the resulting cross.

As time ran out The Gap settled back to defend their lead, giving the Bulldogs the opportunity to take the game right up to them.

Whitfield and Prentice up front, with tremendous support from Robbie Ashcroft and Mark Pritchard kept hammering away, but their fight for an equaliser was put to an end by the final whistle. - *Allan Watson*



Quest night - only hours away

Just hours before the 1996 Miss Queensland Soccer Gala Dinner Dance at the Greek Club at South Brisbane. Some fantastic prizes are on offer for those successful in this year's Quest, including \$5,000 and \$2,500 worth of air travel, as well as a return trip for two to Sydney. Nerves would surely be building at this stage and Eye On Soccer wishes all entrants Good Luck!

Michelle Smith is Nerang's entrant in the Quest. A 27 year old manager for Darrell Lee Chocolates at Surfers Paradise, Michelle has played for the Nerang ladies side for one season. Miss Maleny Rangers, 17 year old Stacee McLune, would like to visit Fiji with her partner Chris, should she take out the major prize on Saturday night.



In her spare time, Michelle plays the piano and enjoys a social round of golf. Michelle would one day like to travel to Europe.

A year 12 student at Redlands College, Miss Mooroondu, Melanie Condom, hopes to undertake a career in business or hospitality.



Stacee, attends Maleny High and says her most admired sportsman is her Uncle Ray, a Para-Olympic hockey player and footballer.

Kimberly Millward, a 22 year old fifth year Medical student at the University of Queensland, is UQ's entrant in the Quest.



The 17 year old's hobbies include dancing, writing poetry, swimming and playing or coaching indoor netball.



Kimberly, finishes her degree next year, and wants to go to Africa to do an overseas elective subject. A Quest win would be very timely.

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Round 21

NORTH STAR 3 v PINE RIVERS 1 (2-0) at O'Callaghan Park

SCORERS:North Star: Sam Houliston, Damien Rogers, Michael Brockwell Pine Rivers: Clayton Koch NORTH STAR: Walter, Alkan, Tribbeck, Houliston, D Rogers, B Rogers, Mortimer

(Ritchie), Rezes, Dwyer, Moore, Brockwell. **PINE RIVERS:** Underhill, Eden, Cartwright, Hale, Stillman, Koch, Preston, Browett (Almond), Kaps (Manson), Snell, Kinsella (Window).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 v BEENLEIGH 2 (1-2) at Lions Stadium

SCORERS:Brisbane Lions: Cliff Tuck, Stephen Starr Beenleigh: Brett Druery, Alan Gordon
BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Lombardo, Lombardo, Starr, Tuck, Mengotti, Meacock, Matula (Hunter), McPaul (Brown), Allen, Della Rocca (Vosuga).
BEENLEIGH: C Roche, McFarlane, Jones (A Roche), Gordon, Fisher, Lederhose, Austin, Druery, Lipscombe (Eacott), Green, Harris (Kalic).

EASTERN SUBURBS 2 v ROCHEDALE ROVERS 2 (0-1) at Heath Park SCORERS: Eastern Suburbs: Jason Preston, Willie Carter

Rochedale Rovers: Kieran Cooper, Andy Lees EASTERN SUBURBS: Harrison, Porteous, Ingledew, McPhee, Grodum, Fegan, McAuliffe, Carter, Preston (Gowans), Poggi, Carloss. ROCHEDALE ROVERS: Duck, Brattan, A Lees, Galloway, Wright, Jefferd, Russell (Carey), Harris, Hillier, Cooper, Collins.

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

SCORERS: Taringa Rovers: John Ogden, Marc Flemington TARINGA ROVERS: Hobbs, Worroll, Voss, Lane, Bennett, Ogden, Read, Theochari, Flemington, Collins, Hughes. COALSTARS: Farrar, Boyle, Scott, King, Reinhardt, Daly, McLean, Morris, Fairclough

(Stenzel) Hallett, Hilli.

WYNNUM DISTRICT 2 v NERANG 0 (2-0) at Perry Park

SCORERS: Wynnum District: Jamie Macpherson, Ben Wood WYNNUM DISTRICT: Tatton, Macpherson (Corbett), Wood, Hilton, T McKinless, Maltby (Graham), Wilkins, McDermott, Van Basten (D Eilmann), R McKinless, Larnach. NERANG: Yeates, Adair, Fitzsimmons, Milosevic, Rogers, McLoughlan, Leake, Mannion, Watson, Skelly, Vermillion (Smith).

BRISBANE CITY 6 v GRANGE THISTLE 0 (1-0) at Perry Park

SCORERS:Brisbane City: Damien Waugh 2, Ian Hutchison 2, Simon Eslick, Lee Scriggins

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

GRANGE THISTLE: Hartzenberg, Sleep, Anderson, Armstrong, Docherty, Healy, Brydges (Ribone (Molenda)), Percival (Boyd), Kolpak, Wiseman, Yabsley.

- From the Sideline -

Division Three clubs Annerley and Darra United will fight out the final of the 1996 Qantas Cup after winning their respective semis on Tuesday night. Darra easily accounted for Taringa's Youth team 9-1, while Annerley fought hard to overcome Gold Coast team Merrimac 2-1, a side that had previously knocked out Division 3 Premiers Slacks Creek, who incidentally will be awarded their Premiership medals at their home match against Redlands on Friday night.

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Matty Jackson was a notable omission from the Darra side that won on Tuesday night. You may remember that Matty played in a Golden Oldies match at Wynnum a fortnight ago, and was reported in **Eye On Soccer** as being a heart condition candidate in his 60's, who was running around with Darra last season. Well it seems we got our facts wrong! Matty gave us a call during the week to tell us he was a youthful 56, who merely suffered an angina attack, and was still having the occasional rum (whoops... run) with Darra's reserves. Sorry Matty, we'll get it right next time!

On the subject of Queensland soccer stalwarts, Stein Grodum's Testimonial Dinner is not too far away on Friday September 13 (great date Stein), at Chancellor on the Park from 7pm. The cost of the dinner is \$50 per head, which includes a superb three course dinner, beverages and entertainment for the night. It's sure to be a great night with an interesting guest speaker set to make an appearance, as well as some great prizes and raffles. For more information, call Anna at Eastern Suburbs Soccer Club on 3391 6099.

The Ekka's not too far away and the Brisbane Strikers Soccer Stand will again be in operation, with all the latest in Strikers and International soccer merchandise. Players will also be on hand every day to meet with fans and sign autographs. You can be the first to see the new range of Strikers gear when you visit the stand.

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on sale, with a range of packages available for all sorts of budgets. Call Pat Hanson on 3217 6322 for more details.

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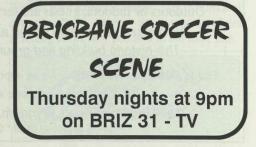
Only eight schools remain in the Queensland section of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup, with 37 now eliminated. The prestigious knockout competition for under 15's boasted 705 entries this year from as far away as Mossman in North Queensland and Wodonga in Victoria. The Queensland winner will progress to the National semi-finals in Newcastle in September. The eight remaining schools are Kirwan, Biloela, Bundaberg, Nudgee College, St Joseph's Stanthorpe, Bremer, Alexandra Hills and Windaroo Valley.

A matter of concern to clubs around town. A number of clubs have been broken into in the last week or so, with the intruders taking large amounts of money and causing lots of damage. Be sure to take the necessary precautions to prevent your club from being violated.

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Another area of concern to clubs. Be on the lookout for a smiling Scotsman with a big bushy moustache, who is reported to be sniffing around clubhouses canvassing votes for next year. The affable "chappy" will dazzle you with his charm!

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WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

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READ between the LINES All the goss with Brent Read

When the season started, the QSF couldn't have asked for a better script entering the final round of fixtures.

The premiership title is up for grabs between the league's two highest profile arch rivals, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions, and a place in the top five beckons for the winner of the game between Taringa and Beenleigh.

The Lions-City game should be an absolute bolter played before a massive crowd, by XXXX League standards, at Spencer Park.

To add even more spice to the clash, it will decide the club champions, with their matches in nearly every grade having some bearing on the final make-up of the five.

The other game between Taringa and Beenleigh should be a War. Beenleigh play a physical game and we won't be backward in coming forward.

The weekend will also decide the leading scorer title, with Cooper and Flemington separated by a single goal.

Andy Lees looms as a bolter, with he and Coops set to face a Grange Thistle side that has forgotten how to win, let alone stop teams scoring goals.

In my opinion Flemington will have to score a hat trick, and for our sake I hope he scores a few more. He'll welcome back his striking partner, Fraser Cuba, who is returning from an enforced holiday courtesy of yellow card accumulation.

With the league entering its final week, the time is right for what should amount to a final update on the house of fun.

Not much has happened recently, with the team devoting its energies to the football field. Visitors have flowed through its doors, although

Taringa's striker Fraser Cuba returns to the field of play this weekend after a forced break due to too many yellow cards



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one regular, Eddie Lees, has vowed to reduce his appearances after leaving in a fit of disgust recently.

Plans are underway for a massive end of season party as the players relieve the tension of the weekly grind.

Next time I talk to you, it'll be grand final week. My tip is a clash between Brisbane City and a completely unbiased selection, Taringa.

Provided they can get through this weekend, Rovers will be the dark horses. If Beenleigh manage to end our season, Rochedale and Lions will battle for the other grand final spot.

One final selection - the QSF Gold Medal. Last year's selection proved to be the "kiss of death' for those players who were (un)lucky enough to be selected.

This year, once agin I'm tipping Damien Waugh, Park Road raconteur Craig Collins and, a smoky, Steve 'Super' Starr, who has been revelling in his new position in the back line.



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22 XXXX Socer Match of the Week BRISBANE CITY V BRISBANE LIONS

It seems a fitting way to end the season, as two arch rivals clash for not only local derby honours but for the 1996 XXXX League Premiership.

With so much tradition and pride to play for, Spencer Park will be a buzz this Sunday as Brisbane City attempts to overtake Brisbane Lions to make it back to back Premierships.

The equation is simple: A City victory will give them the title on goal differences, while a draw will be good enough for Lions to take their first Premiership since 1991.

After relinquishing an eleven point lead midway through the year, City have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

They have been handed a second chance by Lions, who had a great opportunity to wrap the title up last weekend but could only manage a 2-2 draw with Beenleigh.

Peter Tokesi's boys have really hit their

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straps in recent weeks and will be a much different proposition to the side that went down 2-0 at Lions Stadium in the first round.

For City, Lee Scriggins and Ian Hutchison up front are supported by a strong midfield led by Damien Waugh and John Schiavo.

The possible return of Craig Paulett at the back should bolster City's defence, which boasts Mark Greer, Nick Seeley and Wayne Strange. Conceding just 19 goals to date, it is the best back line in the competition.

Lions will be relying on skipper Frank Mengotti and keeper Rob Farrow, players who know the passion associated with these clashes.

Look for big things also from Kevin Meacock and the in-form Anthony Brown up front for Lions.

A huge crowd is sure to be on hand for what is not just the Match of the Week, but the Match of the Year.

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PINE RIVERS v WYNNUM DIST Wendy Allison Park, Strathpine Sunday July 4, 2.45pm Referee - C McColl							
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 Peter Underhill John Cartwright Graham Eden Joel Hale Chris Wilson Andrew Stillman Dene Almond Barry Browett John Preston Clayton Koch Tony De Lange Noel Carroll Kielly Calleja Daniel Window Michael Manson Mark Kaps Toin Snell Frank Pimblett Not allocated) Sott Patrick 	6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.	Ben Wood Danny Valle Rob Hilton Tony McKinless (c)					

COALSTARS V Eric Evans Rese Sunday July Referee - C	erve, Bundamba / 4, 2.45pm
COALSTARS	NORTH STAR
 15. Rick Brown 16. Matthew Fairclough 17. Brendan Eastwell 	 Paul Deranja Chris Tribbeck Bulent Alkan Haydn Wypych Shane Brown Brendan Rogers (c) Stuart Houliston Damien Rogers Brett Hayward Adam Marley Michael Brockwell Ben Dwyer Gary Thompson Sandor Rezes Anthony Blake Landon Dare (Not allocated) Adam Mortimer John Walter

NERANG V EAST Glennon Pa Sunday July Referee - G	rk, Nerang (4, 2.45pm		Underwood F Sunday Ju	GRANGE THISTLE Park, Rochedale Ily 4, 2.45pm S Kingshott
VERANG	EASTERN SUBURBS		ROCHEDALE ROVERS	GRANGE THISTLE
 Eddie Dixon Luke Adair Vaughan Skelly Trevor Wood Dean Milosevic Josh McLoughlan Steve Fitzsimmons Gary Stone Michael Rowland Paul Cockbain Ben Mannion Michael Leake Craig Rogers Cameron Watson (c) Michael Bettridge Damian Bitzios Faul Matthews Fred Stone Adam Vermillion 	 Robbie Harrison Sam Porteous Bill Ingledew Nathan Carloss Rohann Tollenaere Gary McPhee Stein Grodum (c) Chris Fegan Tim McAuliffe Willie Carter Shane Tollenaere Robert Thatcher Sean Clarke Jason Poggi Mark Winning Jarmes Gowans (Not allocated) (Not allocated) (Not allocated) Todd Fairbrother 		 Clint Dal Santo Gary Brattan (c) Kieran Galloway Brad Russell Damian Harris Eddie Lees Craig Collins Andy Lees Kieran Cooper Darren Hillier (Not allocated) Ross Gosney Jason Elmore Gavin Wright (Not allocated) Wade Baldwin Brenley Jefferd Paul Grugan Sean Carey Martin Simpson 	 Gary Hartzenberg Danny Docherty (c) Mark Anderson Ryan Brydges Shaun Sleep Sean Armstrong David Stallan Glen Kolpak Troy Percival Greg DiLosa Fenton Healy Damien Lundberg Matthew Banberry Mark Boyd Shaun Molenda Troy Schmidt Randall Banks (Not allocated) (Not allocated) Brett Dickens
20. Julian Bowden	20. Iouu railbrouloi	212	20. maran ompoon	LO. DIOR DIORONO

