

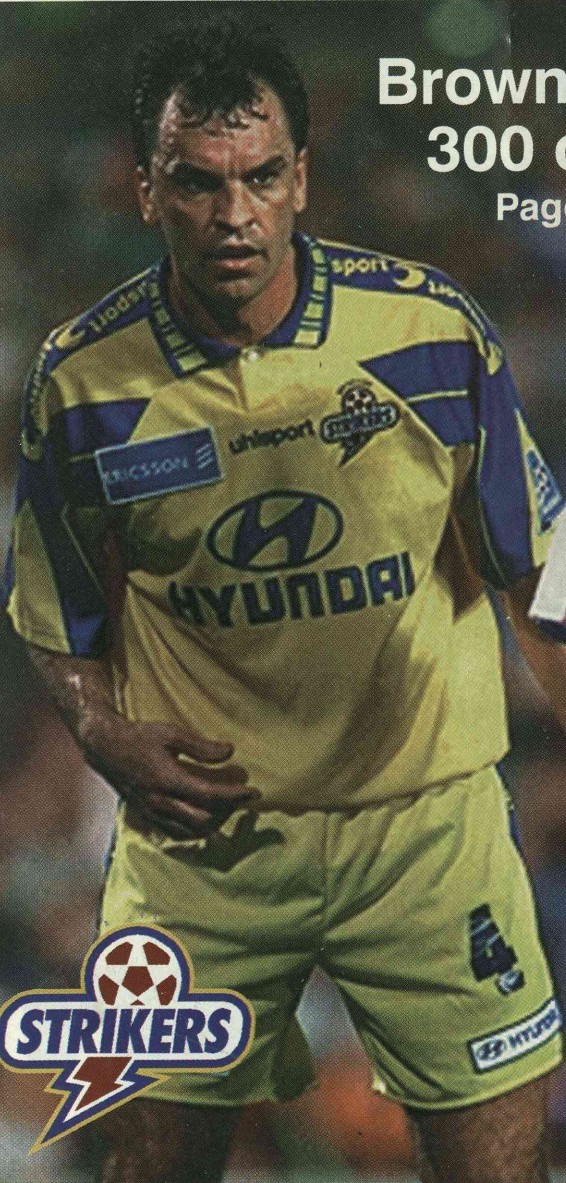
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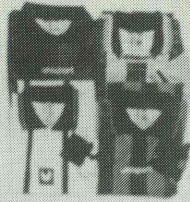


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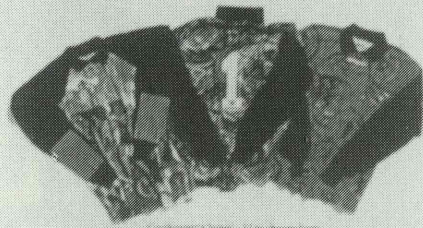
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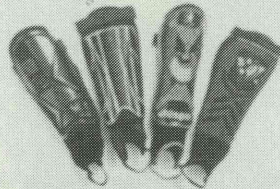


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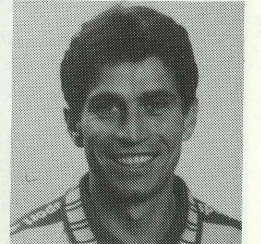
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Coach's Comment



Frank Farina

What a start! To say I was pleased with last weekend's result would be an understatement. It was great to pick up where we left off last season, with a crushing 6-1 win at home.

I don't think I'll have any problem remembering my first league victory as a coach.

Unfortunately the weather again was not on our side, but it was good to see such magnificent support, yet again, from you all.

Rod Brown had a great game, scoring a memorable hat-trick. His three goal effort was outstanding on its own but even more so when you consider the fact that he endured a week of "stick" from the media. Great response Brownly!

In all honesty, I couldn't pick a bad player on the night. All of the boys gave 100 per cent and I am sure if we maintain this level of commitment we will attain similar results throughout the season.

But in saying that, we must now put last week's success behind us and concentrate on what is sure to be a difficult game against Wollongong City tonight.

They've had a great start to the season and will be coming to Suncorp Stadium full of confidence, especially after holding us to a 1-1 draw at home last season... and don't I remember that game well!

But I'm confident that if we continue our form from the past two weeks, we will take the three points tonight.

These first five rounds are very important in the sense that every team is bustling for a handy position on the ladder, and it is these rounds that can easily determine how a team will fare for the rest of the season. This is the point I have been making to the boys at training this past week and I believe they will respond accordingly.

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Brown joins exclusive club

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Brown joins Gary Phillips (359 games), Danny Wright (330) and Alan Hunter (320), who are all members of the "300 club".

But it is not this achievement that will place the former Socceroo in Australian soccer's record books for years to come.

Following his three goal haul against Newcastle last weekend, Brown has moved into second place on the all time goal scorers list with a whopping 122 career goals.

His efforts last week allowed him to leap past Marshall Soper's 120 goals and Brown now finds himself just eleven goals away from knocking off John Kosmina's mark of 133.

And this is something Brown said he was aspiring to achieve this season.

League record in sight...

"I definitely have the scoring record in the back of mind and I know that I'm not getting any younger, so I'd like to achieve it this season," Brown said.

The Brisbane striker has had an illustrious career which includes seven Socceroo caps, stints with top clubs Marconi Fairfield and Apia Leichhardt, and a year overseas with Malaysian side Penang.

And there is not one goal nor one highlight that sticks to mind in a career which has spanned 14 seasons.

"Playing for Australia, winning the Championship with Apia in '87, and just the people I've met through the game would be the highlights of my career," Brown said.

"As far as goals are concerned, they all count the same and they all feel just as good."

The Sydney born Brown said he and his wife Lisa had decided to remain in Brisbane to



see out his playing career.

And it seems a fitting way to end a career, which took off in Mexico in 1983 with the Young Socceroos, when Brown's Australian striking partner was none other than Frank Farina. □

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Coca-Cola Cup Draw

| | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|------|
| Sat 19/10/96 | Brisbane Lions | v | Ridge Hills | 4-1 |
| | John Paul Coll | v | North Star | 2-19 |
| Sat 26/10/96 | Beerwah-Glass | v | Ips St Helens | |
| | Palm Beach | v | Pine Hills | |
| Sat 9/11/96 | Mitchelton | v | Nambour Reds | |
| | Pine Hills B | v | Logan City Kings | |
| Sat 23/11/96 | Teranora Lakes | v | Pine Hills A | |
| | Brisbane City | v | Taringa Rovers | |
| Sat 7/12/96 | Bribie Island | v | Rockville Rovers | |
| | Ridge Hills | v | Brisbane Lions | |
| Sat 21/12/96 | North Star | v | John Paul College | |
| | Ips St Helens | v | Beerwah Glass | |
| Sat 4/1/97 | Pine Hills | v | Palm Beach | |
| | Nambour Reds | v | Mitchelton | |
| Sat 1/2/97 | Logan City | v | Pine Hills B | |
| | Pine Hills A | v | Teranora Lakes | |
| Sat 22/2/97 | Taringa Rovers | v | Brisbane City | |
| | Rockville Rovers | v | Bribie Island | |
| Sat 8/3/97 | Second Round Playoff & Quarter Finals | | | |
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| Season | Final Position | Cup Placing | Avg Home Crowds | Result In Brisbane | Result In Wollongong |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1981 | 11th (16 teams) | =17th (36 teams) | 5000 | - | - |
| 1982 | 3rd (16 teams) | =9th (16 teams) | 3300 | - | - |
| 1983 | 15th (16 teams) | =9th (16 teams) | 1800 | - | - |
| 1984▲ | 12th (12 teams) | 22nd (24 teams) | 1100 | - | - |
| 1985▲ | 10th (12 teams) | =9th (32 teams) | 1100 | - | - |
| 1986▲ | 8th (12 teams) | =9th (32 teams) | 2300 | - | - |
| 1988 | 1st (14 teams) | =9th (14 teams) | 2400 | - | - |
| 1989 | 9th (14 teams) | =5th (14 teams) | 1700 | - | - |
| 1989-90 | 11th (14 teams) | =9th (14 teams) | 1600 | - | - |
| 1990-91 | 9th (14 teams) | =5th (14 teams) | 2600 | - | - |
| 1991-92 | 5th (14 teams) | =5th (14 teams) | 2700 | 2-1* Bris. | 3-0* Woll. |
| 1992-93 | 4th (14 teams) | =9th (14 teams) | 2700 | 3-2* Woll. | 3-0* Bris. |
| 1993-94 | 11th (14 teams) | =8th (14 teams) | 2500 | 2-0 Bris. | 2-2 |
| 1994-95 | 8th (13 teams) | =9th (14 teams) | 3100 | 2-0 Bris. | 2-0 Woll. |
| 1995-96 | 11th (14 teams) | =7th (12 teams) | 2900 | 1-1 | 2-1, 1-0 Bris. |

▲ National League split into two 12 team conferences. Wollongong in Northern Conference
* As Brisbane United

Wolves - A brief history

In 1981 the number of teams in the National League was increased from 14 to 16. The National League executive was also intent on expanding the geographic base of the league, with a team from south of Sydney an obvious candidate. The Illawarra region had a large population base, rich soccer tradition and was separate, although still close to, established soccer areas like Sydney and Canberra.

In the early 1960's big name player Jim Kelly arrived from England to join South Coast United. Kelly attracted previously unheard of crowds to games. In what is still probably Illawarra's biggest achievement in the domestic soccer scene, the Kelly-led South Coast United defeated APIA in the grand final of the 1963 NSW Premiership in front of a massive 30,158 crowd. No team from the Illawarra region was strong enough to fill the void after South Coast United's demise in the early 1970s.

continued in the Wolves first year back in the National League, where they finished the home-and-away season on top of the ladder.

Despite never really being one of the glamour sides of the National League, Wollongong is now one of the most stable clubs in Australia. Strong and sensible management, a traditionally steady on-field performance, impressive local media coverage and a magnificent home ground has ensured a high level of acceptance by the Illawarra community.

A budget start

Wollongong City was formed specifically for entry into the 1981 season of the National League. Although having the strong support of the Wollongong Leagues Club, starting a National League team from scratch was in reality a risky undertaking. Added to this was the fact that Ken Morton, player-coach of the Wolves in its first year, had a budget of just \$70,000 from which to buy an entire squad. In that same year, Sydney Olympic spent \$120,000 on just four players! Wollongong's first ever National League game was against Olympic, on 15 February 1981. Of course, every Australian soccer pundit was predicting Wollongong to dip out to their richer first-up opponents... everyone except the 8,000 who turned out that day at Wollongong Showgrounds! The history books read that Wollongong won that game 3-1, and went through their first eight games undefeated.

After a promising first couple of years, the Wolves had a lean period in the mid-eighties. Along with two Brisbane teams, the Wolves were relegated when the league was drastically cut from 24 to 14 teams for the 1987 season. Wollongong soon returned, after winning the 1987 NSW First Division. This new found form

Seeking a trophy

All the Wolves need now is a major trophy to capture the underlying support that exists on the 370,000 person-strong region. With the likes of smart and tactical coach Nick Theodorakopoulos, and an infusion of fresh playing talent, the Wolves' first Ericsson Cup trophy may not be too far away.

- Andrew Howe

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If Gary Phillip's signature appears below then you have won a night for two people at La Promenade, Caloundra. Just take this magazine to the Operations Room at the Scoreboard end of the Grandstand to claim your prize.





CHRIS DAY

Q.A.S.

Born: 1/5/79

Where: Port Moresby

Previous club: Taringa

Position: Stopper

Nickname: "Daisy"

Game Play -

Best ~ Defending

Worst ~ Shooting

Honours: Aust Schoolboys

Hobbies: Having a good time

Favourites -

O/S Club ~ Dortmund

Food ~ Mum's

Drink ~ Slurpees

TV Show ~ Sesame Street

Flick ~ The Crow

Actor ~ Tom Hanks

Actress ~ Demi Moore

Band ~ Boyz 2 Men

Comedian ~ Steady Eddie

Dislikes: Attackers

Ambition: To play soccer for a living.

Shades of BROWN...

It was nice for the QAS squad to notch up its first win of the season and especially nice to do it in front of our home crowd last weekend.

Following the loss of the previous week when we went down 3-1 to the AIS, when the scores were locked at 1-1 after 90 minutes, it has been encouraging to see the boys improve virtually on a daily basis.

We are playing a new type of system this season, which I feel will help the development of the players and give each of the lads some added responsibility.

The players have adapted to this new system in a very short space of time and have proved themselves against two very different teams.

The three goals we scored last week were great goals in their own rights, but what was most pleasing about them was that we had worked on the moves that resulted in these goals, during the previous week.

Today's game will be very interesting as Wollongong have had some good results in the last couple of weeks and will be very good opposition.

With the inclusion of colts teams and the fact that we have four byes this season, it's vital for our development that we play against quality sides like Wollongong.

Next week we have a bye but I am hoping we will be able to get together over the weekend to have three or four solid sessions and spend some quality time together as a squad.

I believe this is very necessary as we had very few pre-season matches to develop together.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Chris Day, Andrew Packer, Craig Barnes, Shane Gilroy and Matt Campion on their representative selections. □



Greg Brown

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QAS Squad NEWS

Day in Australian Schoolboys Squad

Queensland will be represented by only one player in the Australian Schoolboys soccer team, which will tour Europe next month.

QAS defender Chris Day (see profile left) was the only Queensland selected for the team following the National Titles held in Geelong earlier this year.

The 16 man team, which includes six players from the AIS in Canberra, will play ten games including U18 Internationals against Northern Ireland, Eire and Wales.

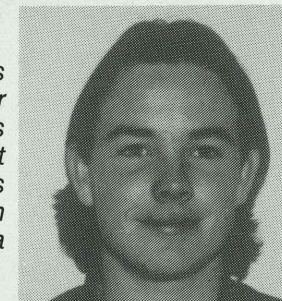
Other well known local players to have been selected for the Australian Schoolboys include Andrew Brayshaw, Wayne Knipe, Glenn Gwynne, Steve Corica and Jason Polak.

Standing at a towering 192cm (6'4") and still growing, Chris should be easy to spot in tonight's curtain raiser at Suncorp Stadium.

Still on the representative scene, four QAS players have been participating in a Joeys (U17) camp during the past week at the AIS in Canberra.

Andrew Packer, Craig Barnes, Shane Gilroy and a member of last year's QAS squad Matt Campion, are the four who were selected to attend the camp, which included 33 of Australia's best young talent.

Craig Barnes
- one of four
QAS players
to attend last
week's Joeys
camp in
Canberra



The squad will be reduced to about 20 players prior to next year's U17 World Cup.

In the meantime, a tour is on the cards for the squad before the end of the year and the World Cup qualifiers will begin early next year.

THE ACADEMY LINEUP...

- Andrew Packer
- Chris Day
- Duncan Easton
- Shane Steffanuto
- Aaron Bristow
- Todd Rumble
- Clint McDermott
- Craig Barnes
- Owen Filewood
- Stephen Bland
- David Efantie
- Royce Brownlie
- Darryl Anderson
- Shane Gilroy
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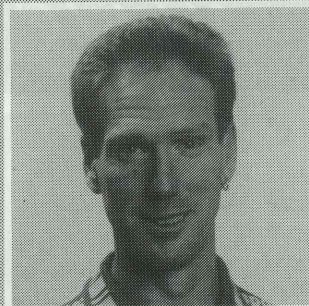
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Position: Striker

Nickname: "Dog"

Game Play -

Best ~ Heading

Worst ~ Defending

Honours: Socceroo

Hobbies: Golf

Favourites.....

O/S Club ~ Leeds Utd

Food ~ Italian

Drink ~ Water

TV Show ~ Sex Life

Movie ~ Dead Poets Society

Actor ~ Anthony Hopkins

Actress ~ Goldie Hawn

Comedian ~ Eddie Murphy

Dislikes: Bad refereeing

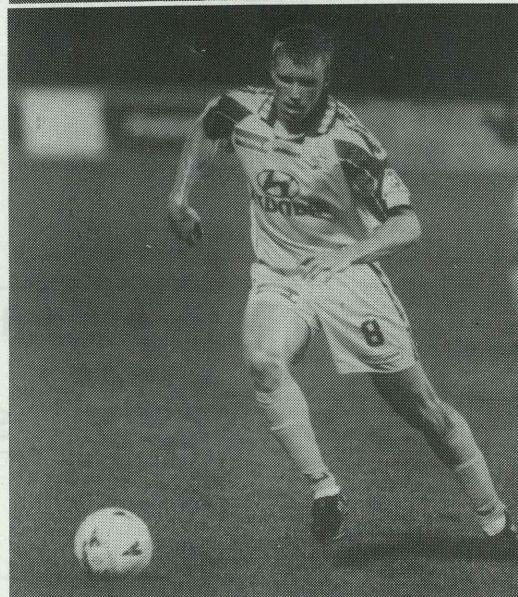
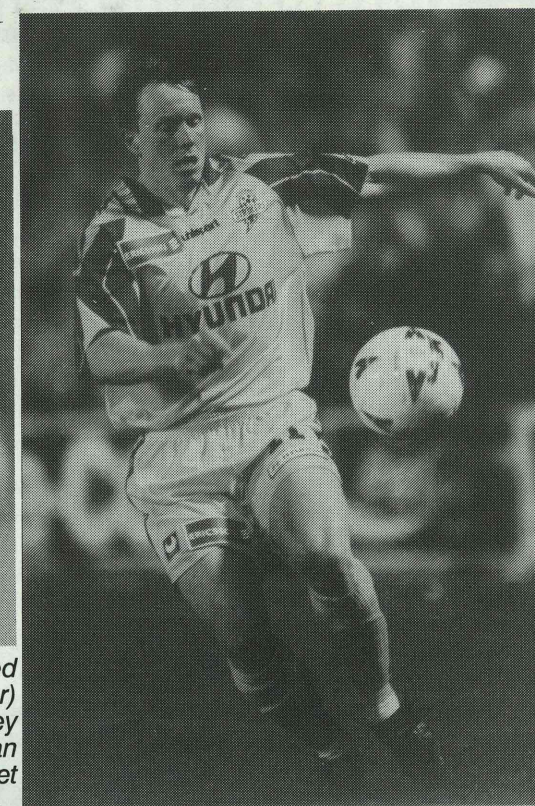
Like to Meet: Mr Gold Lotto

Ambition: To be part of the winning Strikers team that takes out the Championship this year.

ACTION REPLAY



Wet or Dry the Strikers didn't care as they kicked goal after goal... even Thor Jnr. (Damien Bender) didn't flinch in the downpour. Brothers Cranney turned on the speed down the flanks with Sean forcing a Newcastle own goal. Frank was the target for their hitmen and Kasey never let up all night.



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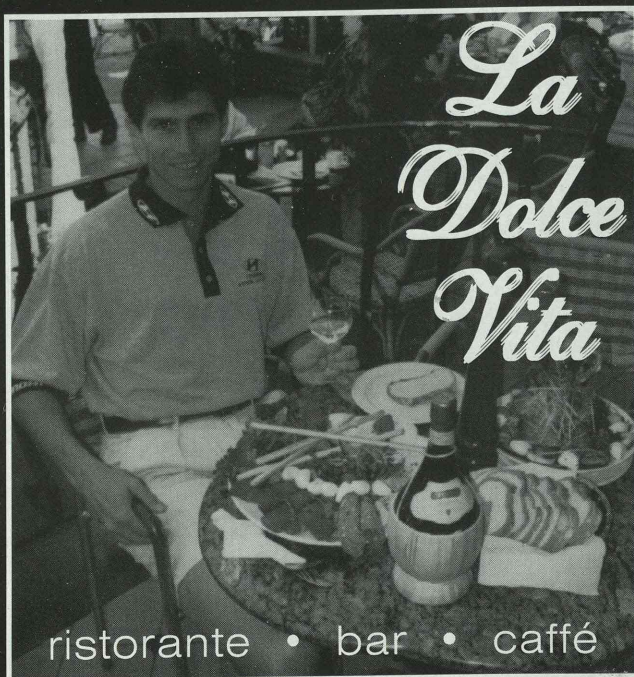
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|--------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|----------|--------|----------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------|----------|
| Sun 13/10 | Adelaide City | A 0-0 | ▲ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 19/10 | Newcastle Breakers | H 6-1 | ▲ | ▲ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 26/10 | Wollongong City | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 3/11 | South Melbourne | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 9/11 | Melbourne Knights | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 16/11 | Marconi Fairfield | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 23/11 | UTS Olympic | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 1/12 | West Adelaide | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 7/12 | Perth Glory | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 14/12 | Canberra Cosmos | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 21/12 | Collingwood Warriors | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 28/12 | Gippsland Falcons | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 4/1 | Sydney United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 12/1 | Sydney United | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 1/2 | Adelaide City | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 7/2 | Newcastle Breakers | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 14/2 | Wollongong City | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 22/2 | South Melbourne | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sun 13/4 | Collingwood Warriors | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| League Appearances | | | 76 | 107 | 0 | 320 | 57 | 359 | 162 | 79 | 299 | 330 | 148 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 20 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 0 |
| League Goals | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 6 | 20 | 90 | 12 | 122 | 48 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Legend: ▲ = Played ● = Substitute ○ = Non playing substitute ◆ = Own Goal in scoreline

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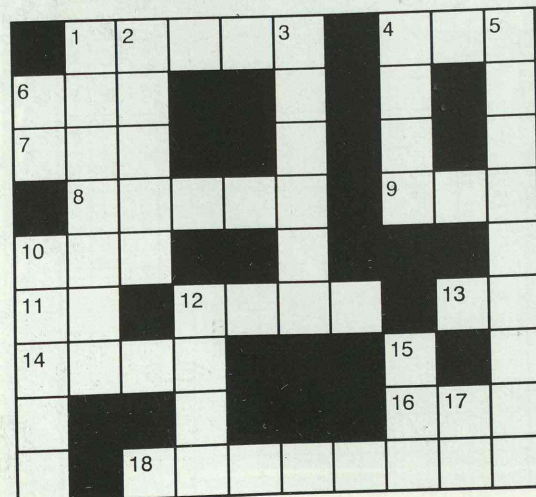
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Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 The Glory come from here
- 4 Where World Cup '94 was held
- 6 The number of goals Clint Bolton has scored
- 7 Home base of the Cosmos
- 8 What holds the floodlight up
- 9 A sore ___ makes it difficult to kick the ball
- 10 What you do at training
- 11 You win ___ you lose!
- 12 Wayne Knipe is very ___
- 13 Our games are played ___ Suncorp Stadium
- 14 You pick your sandwiches up from here
- 16 The Strikers must ___ their games
- 18 Former World Cup winning captain

Down

- 1 You'll find one of these in the newspaper
- 2 Pop singer who once owned Watford FC
- 3 Strikers new midfielder
- 4 The team must play as one ___
- 5 1986 World Cup winners
- 10 You'll find cowboys here
- 12 Soccer's world governing body
- 15 Number of goal posts on the field

FIND THE TEAM NAMES...

HTOLYMPICES
 ISISOMSOCBT
 ZTRNTFUZKRR
 SHYOMREYSEI
 RGVCIBOKEAK
 EIJLRROYVKE
 KNLAKERSLEG
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 ROLZLCROWSO
 TFUGSKRAHSR
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There are 14 team names hidden in this maze of letters. You must find them?



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- TULBAYT
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Strike Squad *NEWS*

by Thor

Good News and Bad News

First the bad news! The amount of paper used to celebrate at last week's game was a little over the top and consequently we have been asked by the stadium management to keep the mess down to a minimum. A number of people were seen to be rolling the paper up and throwing it into the crowd. This is unacceptable and dangerous. If anyone was to be injured then all our fun, colour and excitement would be stopped permanently. Also, we have to realise that someone has to clean up after the game and with so much rubbish allied with so much rain, it was a real headache. Please keep the ticker tape down to manageable levels. Now the good news! A fantastic atmosphere was generated by the small but vocal Strike Squad last week and I believe the media was able to get some great shots of our celebrations after each of the six goals scored by the lads. Let's continue to really go crazy after we score so that many more people will join us and extend our already great reputation as the best supporters group in the country.

Thank-You

I would like to personally thank the members of Cho's Tae Kwon Do club for their great efforts at last week's match. I really had a great time at training during the week prior to the match and feel that the demonstration and routine performed by the eight guys and girls was enjoyed by all who saw it. These young people were as enthusiastic and professional a group as I have ever worked with and my hearty thanks and congratulations goes to them. Keep watching for more fun and games involving myself, the Great White Hunter and other people, clubs and associations throughout the season.

Next Please!

After disposing of the Newcastle Breakers in such style last week, I can only say, "Who's next?" The team played magnificently, the Strike Squad performed very well, the crowd was behind the lads all the way and the rain came pouring down. If last week was any indication of how our season is going to unfold, then all I can say is bring on any opponent and we will be triumphant.

Get Involved

Remember that we can always use new songs or chants and there is a prize for the best dressed, most colourful or most outrageous costume (other than mine) seen throughout the year. Bring your friends and lets all have a fantastic time. □

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The Last Line

with Alan Hunter

A positive mental attitude and hard work in front of goal at training, paid off last week when it rained goals in our first highly entertaining 6-1 win against a Newcastle side that struggled last Saturday night at Suncorp Stadium.

Rod Brown proved once again how good he can be with his "noggin", finishing the match with a cool hat-trick. Gazza drilled in the goal of the week from 25 metres and Frankie stole another penalty from your's truly to wrap up his first win as player/coach and send the Breakers back from Brisbane broken! Let's keep up the 100 percent record.

Wollongong are rebuilding with new coach Nick Theodorakopoulos and four points and four goals from their opening two matches has given them the start they would have been looking for this season. Tonight's match will definitely be our toughest test to date. Matthew Horsley is obviously in good form, with three of the Wolves goals and 'Harpo' Van Egmond's signing has strengthened their defence. But the lads are still seething from last season's 1-1 result at home and are looking for some revenge. So get behind us tonight. We like the noise!

The list of Ericsson Cup "baldies" grows each week, with West Adelaide and former New South Wales skipper Robbie Hooker joining the gang. I can sympathise with Robbie, as he probably only needed seconds to remove the little bit of hair that testosterone was kind enough to leave him! Who knows... maybe Robbie's decided to take up jet skiing with another current New South Wales sporting skipper... yeah, yeah!

As the Ericsson Cup proved recently, Manchester United should have a 6-1 win this week. After their historic shock 5-0 loss to current Premier League leaders Newcastle United, a lottery winner was the only thing the "Geordies" didn't score!

This is what a half drowned Striker looked like last Saturday when the heavens opened up



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Eye on Strikers Tables

ERICSSON CUP

| As at end of Round 1 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| UTS OLYMPIC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| STRIKERS | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| COLLINGWOOD | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| SYDNEY UNITED | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| WOLLONGONG CITY | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| MARCONI FAIRFIELD | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| NEWCASTLE BREAKERS | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| MELBOURNE KNIGHTS | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| WEST ADELAIDE | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| ADELAIDE CITY | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| GIPPSLAND FALCONS | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SOUTH MELBOURNE | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| CANBERRA COSMOS | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| PERTH GLORY | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 |

ROUND 3 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- SAT OCT 26 Canberra Cosmos v West Adelaide
- SAT OCT 26 Strikers v Wollongong City
- SAT OCT 26 Gippsland Falcons v Marconi Fairfield
- SAT OCT 26 Newcastle Breakers v Perth Glory
- WED NOV 13 Adelaide City v South Melbourne
- TBA Collingwood Warriors v UTS Olympic
- WED NOV 6 Sydney United v Melbourne Knights

ERICSSON CUP HOT SHOTS

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Jason Bennett | Newcastle | 4 |
| Rod Brown | STRIKERS | 3 |
| Matthew Horsley | Wollongong | 3 |
| David Zdrilic | Sydney Utd | 2 |
| Glenn Sprod | Newcastle | 2 |
| Kimon Taliadoros | Collingwood | 2 |
| Norman Tome | UTS Olympic | 2 |
| Kimon Trajanovski | UTS Olympic | 2 |
| Jimmy Tsekinis | West Adelaide | 2 |
| Mark Babic | Sydney Utd | 1 |
| Sean Babic | Marconi | 1 |
| Mathew Bingley | Marconi | 1 |
| Con Boutsianis | Collingwood | 1 |
| Frank Farina | STRIKERS | 1 |
| Craig Foster | Marconi | 1 |
| Nick Josevski | Wollongong | 1 |
| Norman Kelly | Canberra | 1 |
| Brian MacNicol | Collingwood | 1 |
| Gary Phillips | STRIKERS | 1 |

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BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Clint Bolton - FO
- 2 Glenn Gwynne
- 3 Matthew Bell - YS
- 4 Alan Hunter - FS (C)
- 5 Brad Ditton - FYS
- 6 Gary Phillips
- 7 Frank Farina - FS
- 8 Sean Cranney - S
- 9 Rod Brown - FS
- 10 Danny Wright - FYS
- 11 Troy Cranney - FYS
- 12 Mark Battistin
- 13 Vedran Becirbegovic
- 14 Wayne Knipe
- 15 Andrew Brayshaw
- 16 Chay Hews
- 17 Kasey Wehrman
- 18 Jeromy Harris
- 19 Reece Tollenaere
- 20 Graham Ross
- 21 Damien Waugh
- Coach - Frank Farina

WOLLONGONG CITY

- 1 Brett Hughes - FYS
- 2 Alvin Ceccoli
- 3 Gary Van Egmond - FS
- 4 Stephen Laybutt
- 5 Martin Bourke
- 6 Mathew Horsley - FS
- 7 Sony Sevin
- 8 Lupco Naumovski
- 9 Sasho Dimoski - FO
- 10 Michael Reda
- 11 Tony Perlnich
- 12 Neil Harlock
- 13 Nick Joseski
- 14 Richard Lloyd
- 15 Billy Gjakovski
- 16 Michael Kariamis
- 17 Antony Surjan
- 18 Dejan Kaplanovic
- 19 Jason Connolly
- 20 Adrian Thompson
- 21 (Not Allocated)
- 22 Colin Luff
- Coach - Nick Theodorakopoulos

Legend: O - Olyroo, YS - Young Socceroo, S - Socceroo, FS - Former Socceroo, FYS - Former Young Socceroo, FO - Former Olyroo, OI - Other International



The Strikers



1 Clint BOLTON



2 Glenn GWYNNE



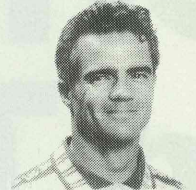
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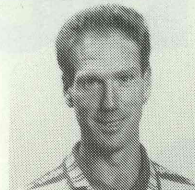
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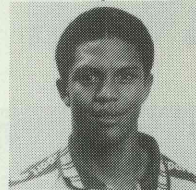
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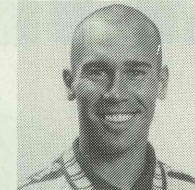
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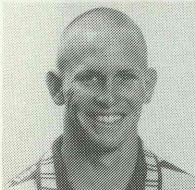
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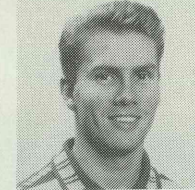
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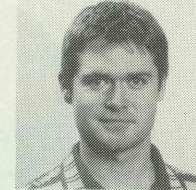
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