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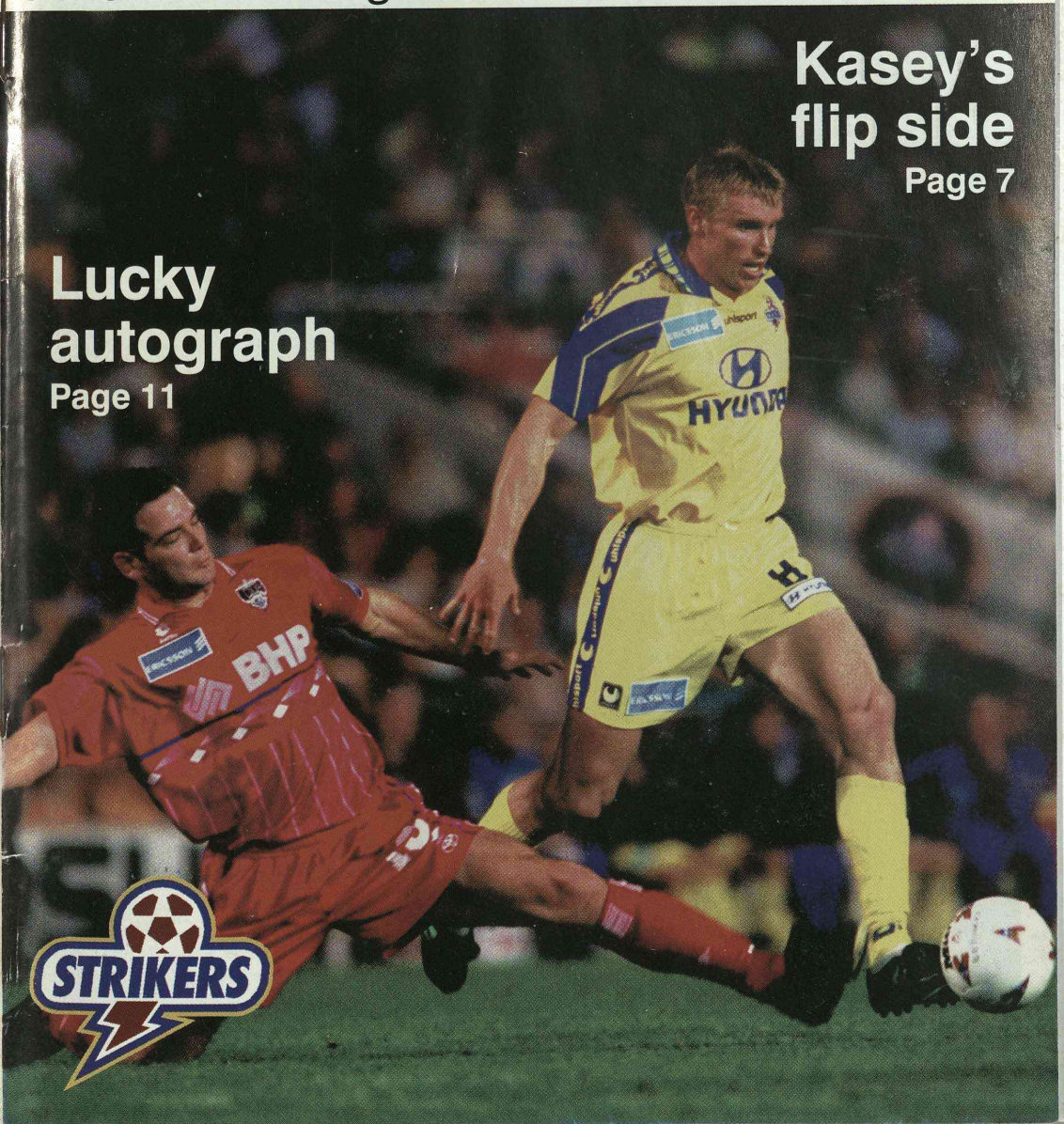
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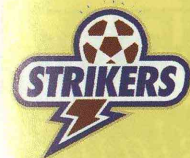
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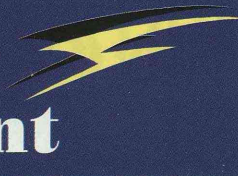
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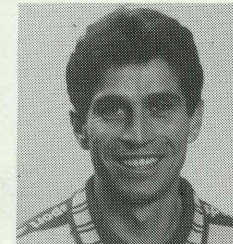


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Coach's Comment



After a memorable first ever win against South Melbourne in Melbourne, we return to Suncorp Stadium tonight to take on reigning Champions Melbourne Knights.



Frank Farina

Don't be fooled by all the armchair experts who say the Knights are not the force they were last year. After all, these are the same experts who said the Strikers were no more than a 66/1 shot for the title.

The Knights, with inspirational skipper Andrew Marth, are still one of the favourites for the Ericsson Cup in my eyes, and tonight will be a very difficult contest.

I am confident that if we can continue playing as a unit and do the "simple things" well, we will get the required result tonight, which is three valuable points.

Don't get me wrong. I am not over confident or cocky because I know full well how quickly football can change.

Personally, I would be the first one to clamp down and knock any signs of cockiness or complacency, on the head.

However I don't think there is a need for such tactics at the moment though.

The older guys in the squad are too experienced to think that way and will also be quick to pounce on the younger lads if heads start to get out of control.

But full credit is due to the entire squad for their tremendous enthusiasm and the support they've given to Peter Tokesi and myself to date.

This has been a great start that we have achieved. Let's hope our run continues tonight. Go the Strikers!

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Knights down but not out

Strikers coach Frank Farina has warned his players not to underestimate a Melbourne Knights team which is currently sitting in unfamiliar territory near the bottom of the Ericsson Cup table.

The Knights are the reigning Ericsson Cup Champions and despite their current 10th placing on the table, boast a formidable lineup, including Socceroo Andrew Marth, former Socceroo target man John Markovski and ex Australian Youth players Tom Pondeljak and Mark Silic.

The Knights have also secured the services of former Ghana Youth representative Ransford Banini, who proved a hit with Melbourne Zebras in the Ericsson Cup two seasons ago.

One of their more interesting players is 18 year old Josip Simunic, who despite being born and bred in Australia, recently refused to tour South America with the Young Socceros.

It seems the talented youngster, who played with the AIS at the expense of the Australian taxpayers, is considering a move to his parents' homeland, Croatia.

In short, it appears Simunic could be prepared to turn his back on the country in which he learned the game.

Simunic's actions led to a suspension from Soccer Australia, however the youngster should be on the park tonight.

Farina said the Knights were still Championship contenders and would be in the top six at the end of the regular season.

"They have a lot of class and a lot of big match experience, and possibly one of the best youth development policies in the country," the Strikers player/coach said.

"They are the reigning Champions so you would be foolish to right them off. They won't

Former Socceroo Striker John Markovski - the big man has a real nose for goal and will test the Strikers defence tonight



relinquish their title without a fight and we're expecting that fighting attitude tonight."

Farina said he would be maintaining the same squad that has been doing the job for Brisbane in the opening four rounds.

"Why change a winning line-up? These guys are playing well and it's up to the other players in the squad to displace them." □

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There's a flip side to Kasey

Two weeks ago, he was just another young soccer player fighting for a spot in the starting lineup. But a couple of goals and backflips later, 19 year old Kasey Wehrman has become a match winner, a hit with supporters and the media, and a regular starter for the Strikers.

Wehrman has just five Ericsson Cup matches under his belt but is already forging a name for himself thanks to his top class goal and spectacular gymnastics display at the Strikers last home match.

The plucky midfielder has scored two match winning goals for Brisbane, which equates to six valuable Ericsson Cup points, but he plays down his achievements.

"It felt great scoring, but in both games the side had to defend strongly for the last 15 to 20 minutes, so the wins have been real team efforts," Wehrman said.

"I realise I've been receiving a fair bit of attention in the past fortnight, but the credit belongs to the whole team."

The youngster seems to be having few problems stepping up to the Ericsson Cup and puts it down to playing "simple football".

However it has been pure determination which has allowed the Queensland Academy of Sport product to make the step up, according to his former coach Greg Brown

"Kasey always had the skill, but what set him apart at the youth level was his fierce determination," Brown said.

"He was the sort of player you had to hold back rather than keep pushing. It's great to see him doing well but he must remain focussed and continue on from here."

Strikers player/coach Frank Farina agrees. "It's very rewarding to see the young guys whom you've instilled faith in, coming through successfully and doing the job for the team," Farina said.

"But it is a very long season and the real



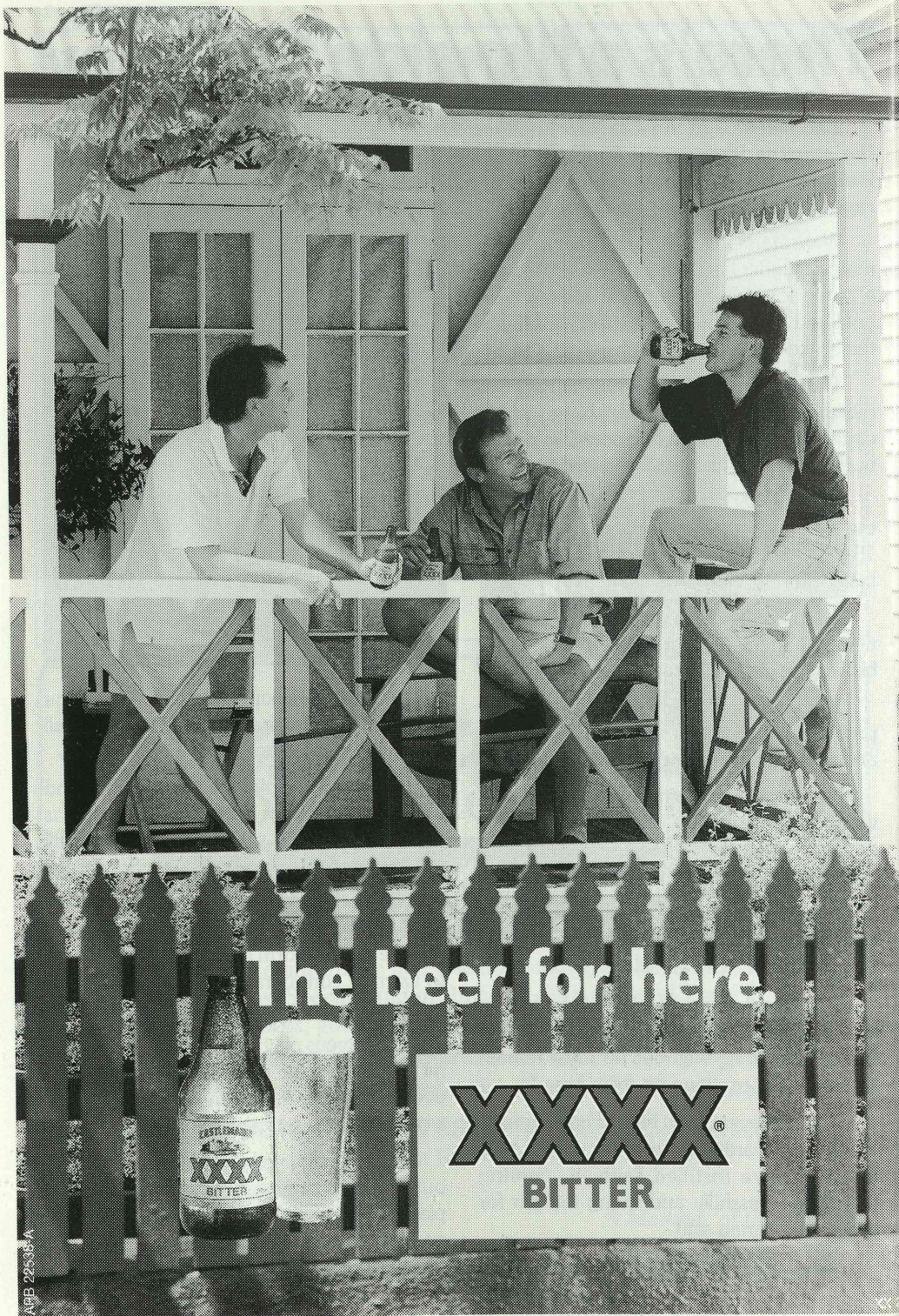
test for Kasey will come midway through the year. That's when he will have to call on all of his enthusiasm and determination."

Incredibly, despite his superb form and the added attention the young midfielder is receiving from the media, Wehrman is still yet to catch the eye of Young Socceroos coach Les Scheinflug.

And this is a sore point with Farina. "I believe Kasey's form has been good enough to warrant consideration from the National selectors," Farina said.

"If he keeps playing and training the way he has, then I see no reason why he won't eventually wear the green and gold. It's just a matter of the selectors taking notice."

Wehrman too believes his time will come, but in the meantime he just wants to keep playing and winning with the Strikers...oh and by the way, expect to see another of his trademark backflips if he finds the net tonight.



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	John Paul Coll	v	North Star	2-19
Sat 26/10/96	Beerwah-Glass	v	Ipsw St Helens	2-4
	Palm Beach	v	Pine Hills "C"	15-2
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	
	Ipsw St Helens	v	Beerwah Glass	
Sat 4/1/97	Pine Hills "C"	v	Palm Beach	
	Nambour Reds	v	Mitchelton	
Sat 1/2/97	Logan City Kings	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			
Sat 22/3/97	Quarter Finals			
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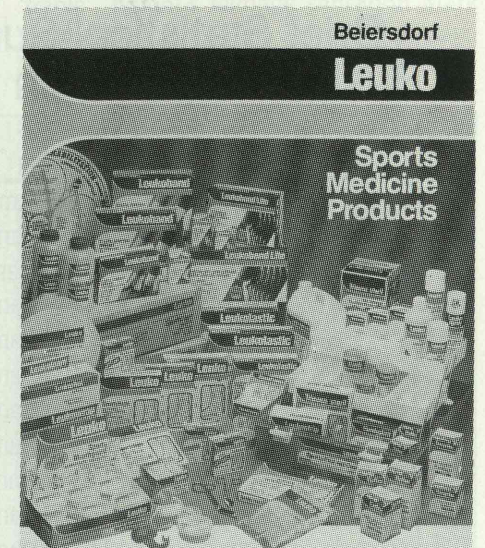
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1984▲	3rd (12 teams)	2nd (24 teams)	2800	-	-
1985▲	4th (12 teams)	=9th (32 teams)	2000	-	-
1986▲	10th (12 teams)	=9th (32 teams)	2300	-	-
1987	9th (13 teams)	=5th (13 teams)	1900	-	-
1988	9th (14 teams)	=9th (24 teams)	1700	-	-
1989	4th (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	4000	-	-
1989-90	3rd (14 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	4200	-	-
1990-91	1st (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	4100	-	-
1991-92	1st (14 teams)	=3rd (14 teams)	3900	2-1 Knts.	3-1 Knts.
1992-93	10th (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	2800	3-0 Bris.	3-1 Knts.
1993-94	1st (14 teams)	=8th (14 teams)	3100	3-0 Knts.	2-0 Bris.
1994-95	1st● (13 teams)	1st (14 teams)	4800	1-0 Knts.	1-0 Knts.
1995-96	2nd● (12 teams)	=7th (14 teams)	4400	0-0	2-0, 2-0 Knts.

▲ National League split into two 12 team conferences. Knights in Southern Conference.
● Grand Final winners.

Knights - A brief history

by Andrew Howe

Melbourne Knights enter the 1996-97 Ericsson cup as league champions. In 1994-95 the club also took out the league title as well as the cup final. These two trophies, both won for the first time in 1994-95, were a long time coming for a club which has existed in one form or another for over 40 years.

Essendon Croatia, who changed their name to Melbourne Croatia (1984) and then the Knights (1993), were formed in 1975.

A club simply called Croatia entered the Victorian provisional league in 1953. Croatia merged with Preston Croat in 1965 and three years later took out their first Victorian state league title. After being expelled from the Victorian Soccer Federation in 1972, the club took over the Essendon Lions in 1975. The Lions themselves were developed from a combination of Victorian clubs - Hajduk and Ukrainian Lions, who merged in 1959. In 1978 and 1979 Essendon Croatia won the state league championship.

With the drastic restructure of the national league in 1984, Melbourne Croatia as they were known, entered the competition. It was this year the national league reverted from a one division, 16 team league, to a dual conference. Each conference consisted of twelve teams. Their national career commenced as the club made it to the preliminary final of the southern conference. Not to mention a narrow loss to Newcastle in the final of the national cup that year.

Croatia were final series' contenders in 1989 and 1989/90, but their first grand final appearance came at the climax of the 1990/91 season. In probably the most enthralling national league final ever played, Croatia outplayed South Melbourne only to lose in a penalty shoot-out. The teams drew 1-1 in front of Victoria's biggest ever national league crowd - 23,318. The same scenario occurred the following year, the Knights losing on penalties to Adelaide City. Yet another grand final appearance in 1994 saw another loss,

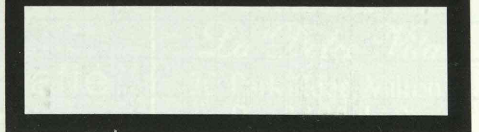
again to Adelaide City (0-1). It was the club's first grand final played outside of Melbourne, in May 1995, where the Knights were ultimate victors at last. The Knights gained revenge in defeating Adelaide City 2-0.

In their first visit to Knights Park in 1993, the Strikers emerged 2-0 victors. No team has since visited the Knights home ground and topped that winning margin against the 1990s' most successful team.

Season 1994-95 was no doubt the Knights' season. The team were champions, minor premiers and cup-winners - the first time ever that one club has taken out the 'treble'. Knight's teenage sensation Mark Viduka took out all the awards that year. Mirko Bazic was voted coach of the year. Despite the loss of Viduka and fellow Socceroo defender Steve Horvat, the club won the league again in 1995-96. □

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subscriptions are also available. Call Carmelina at the Strikers on (07) 3217 6322 for more information.

■ The East Benthleigh Strikers, a small junior club in Melbourne, are preparing to become the Strikers home supporters club in Melbourne. The team was out in force at the Strikers South Melbourne match last Sunday and cheered Brisbane to victory before meeting the players after the match. The club's next plan is to bring Thor down for the Strikers away match to Collingwood, so they can meet and have a BBQ with the god of thunder in person.

■ A young supporter turned up at lost property department in search of missing items... but to no avail. However all was not doom and gloom as he won the Sanyo raffle.

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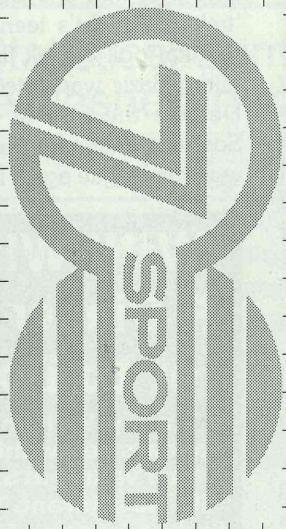
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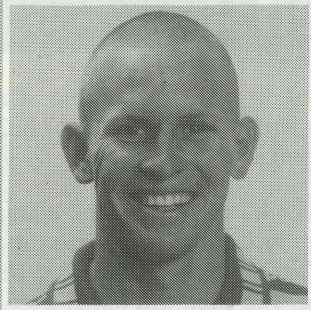
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Sat 19/10	Newcastle Breakers	H	6-1	◆																			
Sat 26/10	Wollongong City	H	2-1		▲																		
Sun 3/11	South Melbourne	A	2-1			▲	▲	▲															
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Sat 23/11	UTS Olympic	H																					
Sun 1/12	West Adelaide	A																					
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KASEY WEHRMAN

No 17

Born: 16/8/77

Where: Cloncurry

Previous club: QAS

Position: Midfield

Nickname: "Handbrake"

Game Play -

Best ~ Backflips

Worst ~ Cartwheels

Honours: Girlfriend Nicola

Hobbies: Fishing

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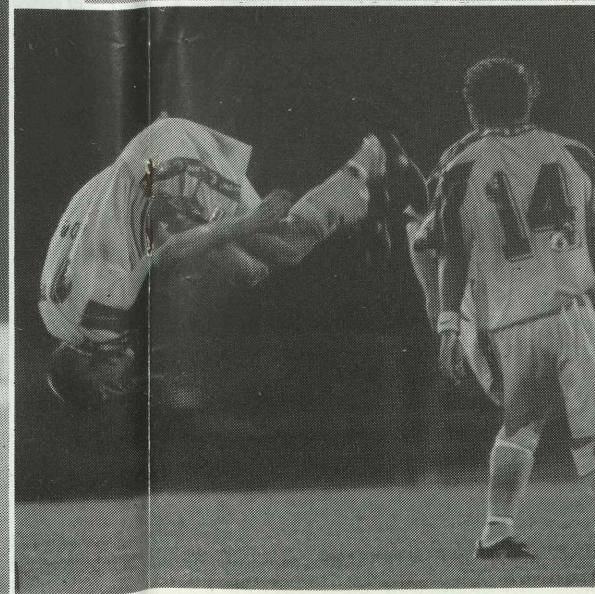
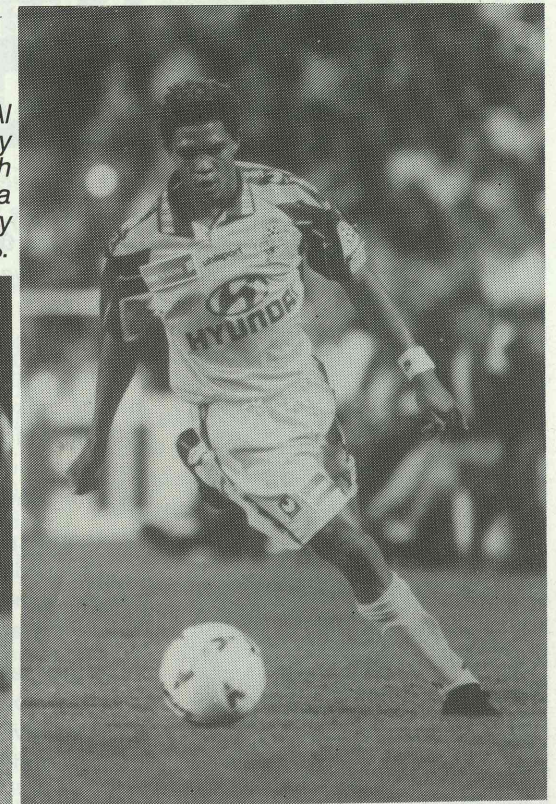
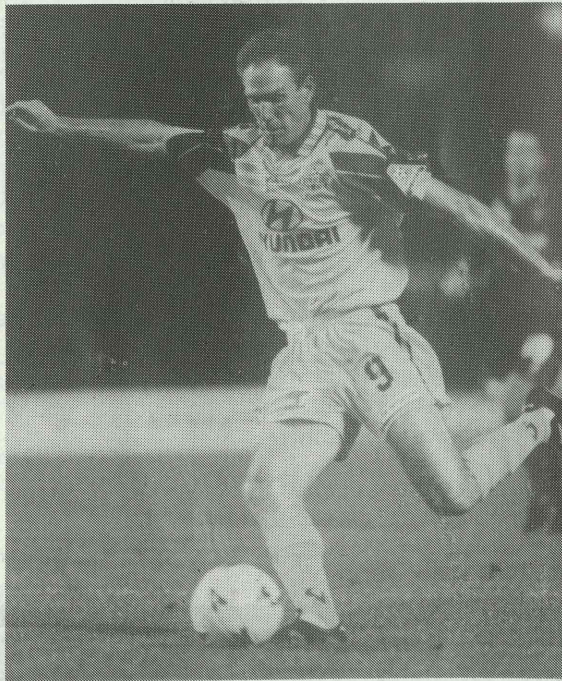
Dislikes: Bad Hair Days

Like to Meet: No I'm Vegetarian

Ambition: To do a backflip in a World Cup Final.

ACTION REPLAY

The Wolves crept back to their Den after Big Al Hunter took the bite out of their attack and they lost 2-1 to our boys... Brownie celebrated his 300th game, Congrats Rod. Kasey Wehrman put on a turn when he scored his first League goal and Gary Phillips and Wayne Knipe gave their usual 110%.



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Previous club: Taringa

Position: Midfielder

Nickname: "Kerry"

Game Play -

Best ~ Work Rate

Worst ~ Lack of confidence

Honours: Joeys

Hobbies: Surfing

Favourites -

O/S Club ~ Tottenham

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Actress ~ Sharon Stone

Music ~ Dance

Comedian ~ Jim Carey

Dislikes: Peer criticism

Ambition: To play for the Brisbane Strikers and then the Socceroos.

Shades of BROWN...

Last weekend we had a bye so we took the time to travel to the Gold Coast to help everyone get to know each other better.

The weekend consisted of a game between ourselves and the Strikers on the Friday evening, before we travelled down to Currumbin Surf Life Saving Club the following day.

Apart from catching plenty of sun and surf, the boys played a practice match Saturday afternoon between themselves, with some of the local talent also invited to play, to make up the numbers.

A recovery session at the beach the following morning capped off a successful and enjoyable time, which involved a bit of hard work on the field and a lot of team bonding off the field.

Hopefully the break the lads have just had will make them even more hungry to perform well against the Sydney United Colts team this evening. I don't believe this team has played their best game yet, but they are starting to show signs of being a very competitive outfit.

There's a strong chance that we will field some of our younger players this evening, as we are playing against a Colts side.

I think it's important the younger lads get a taste of the National Youth League and it will be a little easier for them if they come into the competition against players more their age.

Finally, congratulations to Andrew Packer and Craig Barnes on their selections for the Joeys team.



Greg Brown



James Hardie
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QAS Squad

NEWS

Two QAS players off to South America

Two QAS players have been selected to represent the Australian Under 17 Joeys on a tour of South America later this month.

Andrew Packer and Craig Barnes will take off on the four week tour on Monday November 18 with the Australian Joeys squad.

The tour will include matches against Argentina, Uruguay and Chile and is designed to help the Joeys prepare for next year's U17 World Cup.

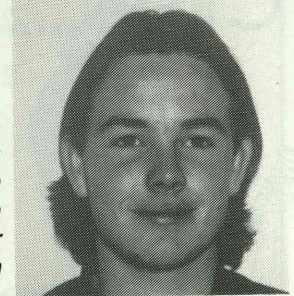
QAS coach Greg Brown was ecstatic for the youngsters and suggested the tour could be a turning point in their careers.

"The tour will be great for their development and hopefully during the time they spend over there, they will be able to cement their place in next year's U17 World Cup squad," Brown said.

Meanwhile, Brown has put the QAS's 2-1 loss to Wollongong a fortnight ago, down to experience.

The Academy looked comfortable going into the break 1-0 up, but seemed to suffer a touch of complacency in the second half, to concede two goals. □

Craig Barnes will be taking off for South America with the Joeys later this month



"It was disappointing to lose that match but the guys knew they had it in the bag at 1-0 and showed a real lack of discipline after the break," Brown said.

"As long as the boys have learned from that game, then we can still get something out of it."

THE ACADEMY LINEUP...

- Andrew Packer
- Chris Day
- Duncan Easton
- Shane Steffanuto
- Aaron Bristow
- Todd Rumble
- Clint McDermott
- Craig Barnes
- Owen Filewood
- Stephen Bland
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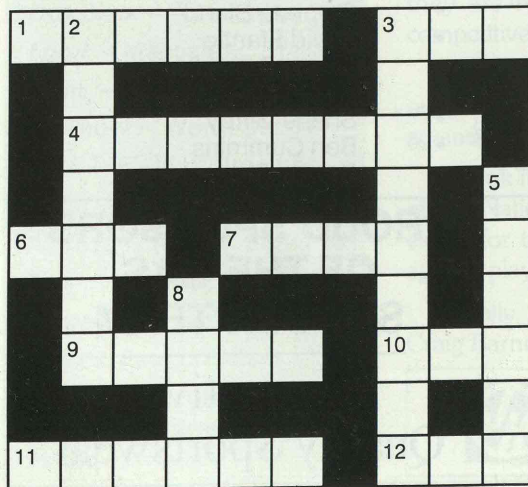
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Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Player/coach
- 3 What you must do to get into the gate
- 4 The name of our team
- 6 Our team is currently in this position on the table
- 7 Midfielder who works with school children
- 9 Top Yorkshire club
- 10 Where the Cosmos come from
- 11 Our skipper
- 12 Aust. and Qld fast bowler - Billy the ...

Down

- 1 London Premier League team
- 3 The home of Queensland Soccer
- 5 The team which beat us in the semi finals last year
- 8 You use these to kick the ball

FIND THE TEAM NAMES

F I O R E T L H M O P
 H R B O Z L A I B V O
 C A N A R M Q Z L S N
 I N T E R P A X D I J
 N G U A V C W E T L K
 U E P D M F E L T O D
 M R J E L L I L X P I
 T S H A M F Y A O A R
 A X Z T H N J K E N D
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There are 14 overseas team names hidden in this maze of letters. You must find them NOW!



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Strike Squad *NEWS*

by Thor

What a Start

The Strikers have had their best start to any season in their four year history and I believe that the Strike Squad has had as much influence over this at home as anything.

Our fervent support in the first two home games has been tremendous. The new boys in the side have settled in well and I hope that we can come up with some new songs or chants for them as soon as possible.

If you have any thoughts on this please let myself or Tony Fraser know and we will try to get the song incorporated into our repertoire.

Competition

Don't forget that there will be a prize for the most innovative and interesting costume, hat, banner or other type of supporters flag throughout the season. Please try to encourage your friends to think up new ideas for this colourful clothing.

I am still unable to confirm what the prize will be, but rest assured whoever wins will be a happy little Strikers supporter.

Away trips

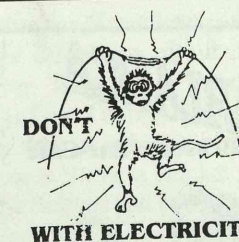
Once again we are looking at travelling with the Strikers on a number of their away matches. Last year we travelled to Marconi, Canberra and UTS Olympic to see the Strikers win the first two games and narrowly miss out on taking the third match.

We would like to hear your suggestions on which away matches you would like to go to. At present we are considering the games against Wollongong in February, Olympic in March and Collingwood in April.

So start saving now for these dates and give us your suggestions. In the meantime, if you would like to travel to a Strikers match away from home, you can book through Global Sports Tours.

Don't be shy

Come down and join in the fun of the Strike Squad as we get behind the Strikers tonight. The boys are going to need all the support they can get because you can be sure the Knights will have plenty of followers tonight. The Strike Squad is not a special closed group of supporters. It is open for anyone to come down and be a part of the atmosphere that we generate. The more people we have cheering, the more likely the boys will be spurred on to score goals. So don't be shy! □



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- Q1. Which former Soccerroo is currently coaching Perth Glory?
 Q2. What is Frank Farina's nickname?
 Q3. Which Japanese club will Eddie Thomson be coaching next season?
 Q4. Who is the striking couple in the Yellow Cabs advertisement on page 23?
 Q5. Which team did Blackburn defeat to register their first win of the season?

Send your 20 answers, Name & Address to: **Eye On Strikers/ABC Competition, Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd. Mayne 4006** by Friday 13 December 1996. The first correct entry to be drawn, will take home the magnificent framed Strikers jersey.



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The Last Line

with Alan Hunter



I'd like to open this week by thanking Chris Young, who wrote to the team to express his views on the side. Thanks for your words of wisdom Chris. They have certainly been noted and we look forward to meeting you soon. We'd also like to encourage other supporters to write to us and share their views.

After our great battle in the Middle Park mud last Sunday, which provided us with three valuable away points, we now face last year's Champions Melbourne Knights. These encounters are always fast and entertaining, and tonight we will be tested by a quality side stacked with quality players.

I hope all of you young Strikers supporters have been practising your

Birthday Boy - Danny Wright celebrated his 32nd Birthday last Saturday



gymnastics in recognition of Kasey Wehrman's latest celebrations. Let's hope the trend continues for Kasey. Well done mate, but don't give up your day job!

The chances of predicting who will make it into the finals, are about the same as predicting Tuesday's winner in the Melbourne Cup. I think at this early stage of the season there is only one guarantee... you will be able to throw a blanket over the top six and the Strikers will be right up there.

Tonight there could possibly be an opportunity for Vedran Becirbegovic to play against some of his former comrades. I know if "Splinter" gets the chance he will show plenty of "flare" or is that flair?

Another player has joined the 32 band with Danny Wright rolling over last Saturday. Happy birthday Danny!

Finally, special thanks go out from myself and all the players to our Media Liaison, Jason Kluver, who unfortunately is leaving us for (much) greener pastures in Rockhampton. All the best Jason... keep in touch and keep up the good work!

Enjoy our World Game!

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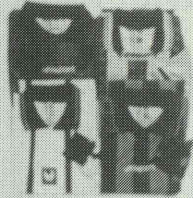
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ERICSSON CUP

As at 6 November	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY UNITED	4	3	1	0	12	5	10
STRIKERS	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
UTS OLYMPIC	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
COLLINGWOOD	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
PERTH GLORY	4	2	0	2	11	8	6
WEST ADELAIDE	4	2	0	2	8	10	6
WOLLONGONG CITY	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	5	1	2	2	9	11	5
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	4	1	2	1	6	8	5
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	4	1	1	2	2	6	4
ADELAIDE CITY	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	4	0	2	2	2	6	2
SOUTH MELBOURNE	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
CANBERRA COSMOS	5	0	1	4	4	14	1

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

As at 4 November	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AUST. INST. SPORT	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
UTS OLYMPIC	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	4	3	0	1	4	2	9
SYDNEY UNITED	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	3	2	0	1	7	6	6
WOLLONGONG CITY	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
QAS	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
MARCONI F'FIELD COLTS	4	1	0	3	6	7	3
UTS OLYMPIC COLTS	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
NSW INST. SPORT	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
ACT ACADEMY SPORT	3	0	0	3	1	7	0
SYDNEY UTD COLTS	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

ERICSSON CUP HOT SHOTS

Jason Bennett	Newcastle	4
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	4
Matthew Horsley	Wollongong	4
Norman Tome	UTS Olympic	4
Rod Brown	STRIKERS	3
Kris Trajanovski	UTS Olympic	3
Frank Farina	STRIKERS	2
Kasey Wehrman	STRIKERS	2
Alex Duric	Gippsland	2
Glenn Sprod	Newcastle	2
Kimon Taliadoros	Collingwood	2
Jimmy Tsekinis	West Adelaide	2

THIS WEEK'S OTHER ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

FRI NOV 8	Wollongong City v South Melbourne
FRI NOV 8	N'castle Breakers v Canberra Cosmos
SAT NOV 9	Gippsland Falcons v West Adelaide
SUN NOV 10	Collingwood Warriors v Perth Glory
SUN NOV 10	Adelaide City v Marconi Fairfield
SUN NOV 10	Sydney United v UTS Olympic

NEXT WEEK'S ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

SAT NOV 16	Canberra Cosmos v Collingwood
SAT NOV 16	Marconi Fairfield v Strikers
SAT NOV 16	Perth Glory v Gippsland Falcons
SUN NOV 17	Sth Melbourne v Newcastle Breakers
SUN NOV 17	Melbourne Knights v W'gong City
SUN NOV 17	UTS Olympic v Adelaide City
SUN NOV 17	West Adelaide v Sydney United

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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

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

- 1 Joe Di Dulica
- 2 Dragi Nastevski
- 3 Ilija Dragicevic
- 4 David Cervinski
- 5 Zoran Markovski
- 6 Andrew Marth - S (C)
- 7 Mark Silic - FYS
- 8 Josip Simunic
- 9 Oliver Pondeljak
- 10 Lubo Lapsansky
- 11 John Markovski - FS
- 12 Ice Kutlesovski
- 13 Damien Vojtek
- 14 Mijo Tropkovic
- 15 Tom Pondeljak - FYS
- 16 Ante Kovacevic
- 17 Branko Bacak
- 18 Damir Movric
- 19 Ante Deak
- 20 Vilson Knezevic
- 21 Ivan Duzel
- 22 Ransford Banini - OI
- Coach - Ian Dobson

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



The Strikers



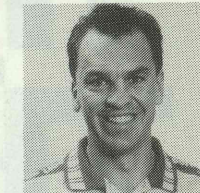
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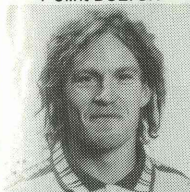
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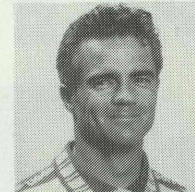
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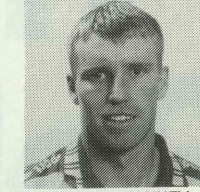
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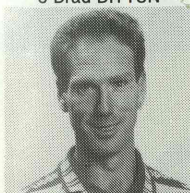
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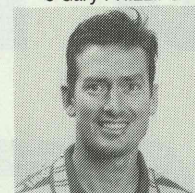
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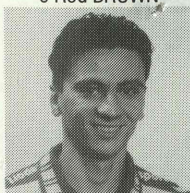
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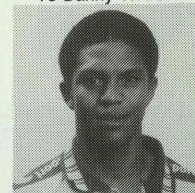
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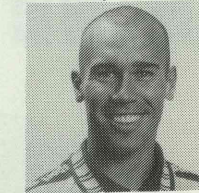
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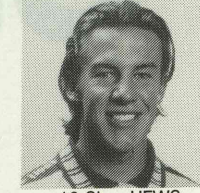
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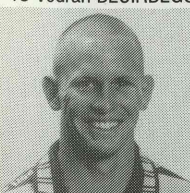
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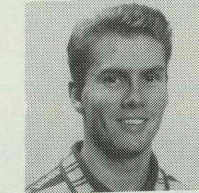
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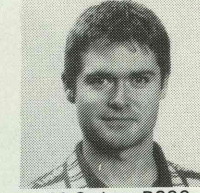
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