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On behalf of the Strikers and our fans I'd like to welcome UTS Olympic to Suncorp for what promises to be enthralling another encounter.

David Ratcliffe was and



Frank Farina

still is one of the most competitive personalities that I have encountered during my entire career. A quality which he has obviously passed onto his current team.

Unfortunately Kasey Wehrman is forced to take a spectator role tonight, but I'm confident that we have sufficient depth in our squad to replace him for tonight's match.

After last week's fantastic win in Sydney over Marconi, we're hoping to continue our superb start to the 96-97 campaign.

Olympic come to Suncorp overflowing with Socceroos and Young Socceroo representatives, so it gives a chance to some of our players, whom I believe are knocking on the representative door, to show they are capable of mixing it with the best.

It amazes me to think that eventhough we are sitting comfortably among the top teams in the country at the moment, in the last Socceroo and Young Socceroo squads named, Brisbane failed to have a representative.

Anyway, make sure you scream the house down tonight as one thing is guaranteed, Olympic are in for a "HOT" reception. So hold on for what is going to be another great night for our great game here at **GO THE STRIKERS!** Suncorp Stadium....

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Strikers - pay back time

Tonight's clash between the Brisbane Strikers and glamour side UTS Olympic is set to be a real grudge match.

Olympic was the team which put paid to Brisbane's chances of securing a top two finish and hosting the inaugural Ericsson Cup Grand Final.

They did this courtesy of a last round victory in front of a vocal 10,000 strong Leichhardt Oval crowd.

The two sides have built up a fierce rivalry in recent years, and with a total of 25 players from both squads having represented their countries at one level or another, it follows that both teams have a healthy respect for each other.

However, the memory of last season's final round loss has lingered in the minds of many Brisbane players.

Veteran midfielder Gary Phillips, who played twelve seasons with Olympic, is one Striker who finds the loss hard to forget.

"It was very disappointing to miss out on a top two finish after such a long season," Phillips said.

"And in the end, it came down to that one match, and to be honest, it was a match we were very much in control of, and should have won.

It does stick in the mind and it would be great to get some consolation with a solid victory this time around."

Olympic boasts one of the strongest squads in the Ericsson Cup.

The additions of former Socceroo goalkeeper Tony Franken, Young Socceroos Brett Emerton and Carlos Gonzales, and controversial former Socceroo Abbas Saad, who was at the centre of match-fixing



UTS Olympic captain Dave Barrett and Strikers Andy Brayshaw during last year's encounter. Will they go head to head again tonight?

allegations in Malaysia recently, have bolstered Olympic's depth.

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Tokesi - is he the Strikers forgotten man?

The Strikers are currently enjoying their most successful start ever to an Ericsson Cup campaign. And while most of the credit has been aimed towards player/coach Frank Farina, there is one man who some people may have forgotten.

Brisbane's Assistant Coach Peter Tokesi is the other half to what is shaping up to be a highly successful coaching marriage.

The new addition to the Strikers coaching camp came from the local XXXX League ranks, where he narrowly missed out on taking Brisbane City to a second consecutive premiership.

It seems as though the former National League defender has found his feet at his new club.

"I feel I've settled in well. Frank and I have a good rapport and we usually seem to be on the same wavelength," Tokesi said.

The question remains though; who really calls the shots for the Strikers?

Farina believes it is a combined effort which is currently steering the Strikers toward success.

"Peter's contribution to the team is invaluable," Farina said.



The partnership works well, except when Peter has red wine which makes him snore all night," grumbled Farina.

"He has his say and I have mine. It's very much a joint thing and we rarely don't see eye to eye on matters".

Farina said the deciding factor in Tokesi's appointment as the Assistant Coach, was, that the two shared common views on critical aspects of the game.

"If there had been differences, it would not have worked," Farina said.

Tokesi's role is more "hands on" than many people may think.

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Aside from the regular postmortems of matches, Tokesi takes control on match nights.

"During matches I take charge from the sideline and make the decisions on substitutions," Tokesi said.

"I take the training sessions during the week and Frank takes charge the night before the match.

"The pre-match talk is made by Frank and at halftime I give the talk and Frank adds his comments".

The formula is working for the moment, which is not only comforting for Strikers' fans, but is giving bookmakers a real headache too!

SOCCER QUIZ

Eve On Strikers and ABC Printing are giving you the chance to win a framed, fully autographed Strikers jersey.

Five trivia questions will be printed each issue. After four successive home matches, supporters should have answered 20 trivia questions. Here is your third set of questions:

- Q1. Who has recently been appointed as the Socceroos' coach?
- Q2. Name the latest Strikers' player to be selected in a national team?
- Q3. Where was Strikers' midfielder Chay Hews born?
- Q4. How many current Strikers have played for the Socceroos?
- Q5. How many times have the Strikers beaten Olympic in the Ericsson Cup?

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UTS Olympic - A brief history

In 1958, the Pan-Hellenic soccer club, later to become UTS Olympic, was born. It took the club only five years to establish itself at the top level of domestic football at this time - the NSW first division. In these prenational league years, Pan-Hellenic made the grand final of the NSW first division once in 1968 - losing 2-4 to Sydney City.

Sudney Olympic had a slow beginning to the national league, not finishing above halfway on the final ladder until 1982. In fact, finishing second last in the then Philips Soccer League in 1979. Olympic was relegated back to the NSW first division, but not for long. A grand final victory against Parramatta Eagles in 1980 paved the way for a return to the top flight in 1981.

In stark contrast to its first four years in national competition, Olympic finished in the top half of every final table competition ladder from 1982 to 1992. Olympic's moment of glory did finally arrive, on 20 May 1990. Buoved on by the majority of a packed Parramatta Stadium of 26,353, Olympic beat Marconi in the grand final 2-0.

Despite great expectations, the early 1990s was a relatively tough time for Olympic. One solitary statistic reflects the downturn in Olympic's fortune over recent

years. The home gate in their game against Adelaide City in March 1995 - a measly 871. was by far the lowest ever recorded by Olympic in the national league.

Olympic redeemed themselves last season by finishing near the top of the league. Their fans also returned and Strikers' fans won't forget UTS Olympic's 1995-96 season in a hurry. The last round defeat by Olympic (2-1) denied Brisbane second spot on the ladder - and a double chance at securing a 1995-96 grand final berth.

Seen by many as being lucky to survive the 1995 off-season culling of several clubs from the Ericsson Cup, Olympic is back with a vengeance. In 1995-96 a prosperous partnership with the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) was formed. At the same time, the club secured the services of reputable NSW state coach David Ratcliffe, and also appointed high-profile general manager Lydia Dowse.

For the 1996-97 season a long-awaited move to the more traditional heartland of Olympic, the Belmore Sports Ground was accomplished. These recent, positive off and on field achievements indicate that UTS Olympic could very soon again be one of the flagships of Australian soccer.

Brief Statistical Summary of UTS Olympic/ Brisbane clashes in the National League

Season	Final Position	Cup Placing	Avg UTS Home Crowds	Result in Brisbane	Result in Melbourne
1991-92	2nd (14 teams)	=8th (14 teams)	4600	2-0 Bris	1-1
1992-93	9th (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	3500	2-1 UTS	2-0 UTS
1993-94	6th (14 teams)	=8th (14 teams)	4800	3-2 UTS	1-0 UTS
1994-95	9th (13 teams)	=3rd (14 teams)	2900	3-2 Bris	0-0
1995-96	3rd (12 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	6300	3-1 Bris	0-1, 1-2 UTS

The Strikers newest International Matt Bell, could get his big chance tonight.

The 19 year old defender has been biding his time with the Strikers since touring South America with the Young Socceroos last month.

Of the nine matches during the four week tour, Bell played in five, including four international matches against Uruguay and Chile.

He said the tour was a fantastic experience and the accumulation of years of hard work.

"I was really excited when I saw that my name was included in the squad," Bell said.

"I dreamed about playing for Australia when I was younger but then I let it go as I saw so many of the players aspiring to wear the green and gold too."

"I didn't think about representative football much after that. I just kept playing football and the next thing I know, I was in the Australian Youth Squad".

Bell said one of the highlights of the tour was when the Chilean national team, including Inter Milan's star striker Ivan Zamorano, fronted to watch their Youth team take on the visiting Australians.

After experiencing the highs associated with such a tour, Bell said be became a little disappointed when he missed selection in the Strikers starting line-up.

But the young man marker knows he will get his opportunity to impress coaches Frank



"Some South American grounds were like playing on carpet." claimed Bell.

Farina and Peter Tokesi.

"At first I was a little disappointed not to be playing", Bell said.

"I thought I might get a run but I understand being patient is part of the maturing process of a player."

"I've tried to take some positives from a disappointing situation... If you look at the defensive line-up we have, then its understandable that I will be taking a back seat initially."

"We have the best back three in the League at the moment and I'm just happy to learn from Big Al, Gwynnie and Batts at training... for the moment that is!"

These words could prove ominous, because it is quite clear this likeable young talent will take his place in the Strikers line-up very soon.

Who knows? It may even by tonight. \square







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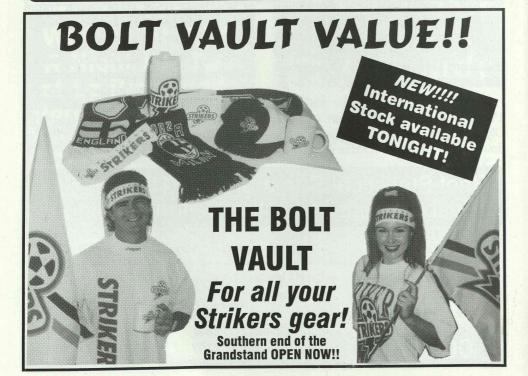
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Venables says yes to Hill

Following are extracts of Soccer Australia's announcement on the signing of Terry Venables as the Australian National coach to replace Eddie Thomson.

2300 hrs. Sydney: Tuesday Nov. 19, 1996.

Soccer Australia tonight announced that Terry Venables had agreed to coach the Australian soccer team during its campaign for the World Cup in France in 1998

Venables' term as National Coach will begin on January 1, 1997 and finish at the end of the 1998 World Cup. Most recently, the Londoner coached England in the European Championships (Euro 96).

Venables characterised his appointment as a personal and professional challenge.

"I enjoyed the international scene with England at Euro 96 and was in no rush afterwards to commit muself to any of the good offers that came my way. My motivation to coach isn't based on money. I want to be at the World Cup and I know Australia wants to be at the World Cup and I believe we can achieve it from a marriage of our determination to succeed," Venables said.

"I have no doubt Australia has the players to compete at the international level but our first goal is to qualify for the World Cup."

Soccer Australia Chairman David Hill was with Venables at a news conference in London.

"We want the very best Socceroos squad to have the very best coach so, together, they can realise their potential on the road to the World Cup in France. We went after the best possible replacement for Eddie Thomson and we've found that person in Terry Venables," Hill said.

"We had a lot of terrific options, led by Australians Raul Blanco and Zoran Matic, but the Soccer Australia board went for what it believes to be the right person for one of the most important tasks in Australian soccer history. We're thrilled to have Terry Venables leading the Socceroos.

English super coach Terry Venables set to take Socceroos to the next World Cup. Photo courtesy Courier Mail

Mr Hill announced a restructure of the National Coaches panel to coincide with Venables' appointment. Olympic coach Raul Blanco will become the Assistant National coach. Les Scheinflug will continue his role with the U/17 team, the Joeys. Importantly Australia's best coaches will be invited to join a development programme which will see them work closely with Terry Venables.

On speculation about the amount of time Venables would spend in Australia, David Hill said: "Venables will be where the Australian team is. We have the home series in January against Norway, South Korea and New Zealand and Terry will be with the Socceroos. The same goes for the Superstars series and the Oceania World Cup qualifiers through June, the World Cup series against the fourth placed Asian team and the Confederations' Cup in Saudi Arabia in December 1997. The Socceroo coach's job is a global role now. We have potential Socceroos going around in our domestic Ericsson Cup National League and as well as Asia and some 10 Nations in Europe."

"Raul Blanco will leave Les Scheinflug in charge of the current U/17's tour of South America to join Terry here in London to begin planning Australia's campaign for World Cup France '98," Hill said.

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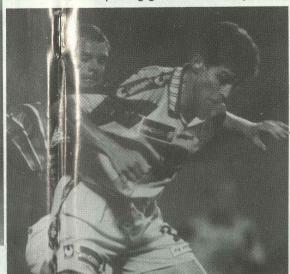
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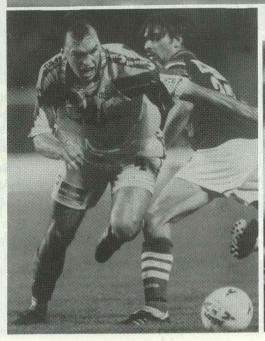
ACTION REPLAY



Oh it was tough... the reigning premiers arrived set on victory but they didn't count on Big Alan Hunter in brick wall mode or Sean Cranney who sliced them open down the flank. Clint Bolton turned in a blinder and likewise Andy Brayshaw. Farina & Marth clashed but after Frank's opening goal. A 2-1 victory to us!









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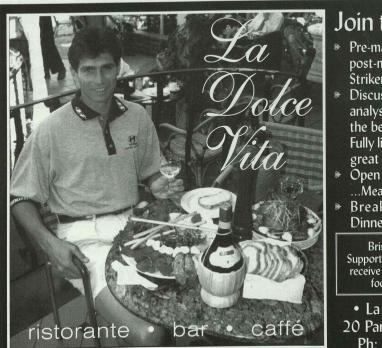
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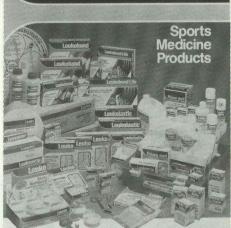
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	Brisbane City	٧	Taringa Rovers	
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	Pine Hills "A"	٧	Teranora Lakes	
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Shades of BROWN...

With the U20 World Youth Cup and the U17 World Cup being played next year, we are hopeful that Queensland will be well represented in both competitions.

With Kasey Wehrman and



Greg Brown

Wayne Knipe grabbing the headlines of late, Queensland's young talent is finally beginning to gain the profile and respect they undoubtedly deserve.

Hopefully Kasey and Wayne will both continue their good form and force themselves into contention to team up with Strikers team-mate, Matthew Bell, in the national U20 side.

The U17's of course, have Andrew Packer and Craig Barnes, as well as Wade Baldwin from Rochedale.

Wade has been involved in the ITC programme from an early age and also trained with the Queensland Academy of Sport before going on the tour to South America.

This is a good example of how the QAS and the clubs can work alongside each other for the benefit of our elite young players.

We also have five of our State U15 team training with us. The team reached the Grand Final of the National championships earlier this year before a narrow, extra time loss to New South Wales.

The boys are adapting well to the pace of our training sessions and don't be surprised to see some of their names cropping up in the academy line-up in the future.



QAS Squad NEWS

Enfantie back soon

As we mentioned in the last programme, two QAS boys, Andrew Packer and Craig Barnes, are now on tour in South America with the Joey's.

This week will also be the last game for Chris Day before he travels to Europe with the Australian schoolboy's for a three week tour

This is probably the best time for the players to go as we have a bye while they are away and will only be without them for two games.

In case you've been wondering where David Enfantie has been, he unfortunately contracted a virus three days after his arrival from Emerald.

This has meant he has been unable to play to date, but we are hopeful he will be ready for next week's game.

Regrettably, we were unable to follow up a comprehensive 3-0 last home win against Sydney United Colts when we travelled south last week.

The 2-0 loss to Marconi before the Strikers game was disappointing and probably not really a true reflection of the match.

We were forced to play a different formation as we had three players

David Enfantie
was laid low
with a virus but
should be
back on the
park next
game



unavailable for the game and were subsequently made to revert back to 3-5-2.

But there were a lot of good individual performances and we will be ready for Olympic, who boast one of the strongest junior squads in the competition.

THE ACADEMY LINEUP...

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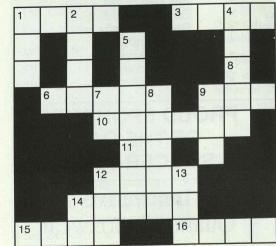


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Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Striker's keeper Graham ----.
- 3 To score the ball must get ---- the keeper.
- 6 1996 QSF Premiers.
- 9 The Ericsson Cup is only 2 years ---.
- 11 Rain -- shine
- 12 First name of Strikers No. 5.
- 14 When we win we are ----.
- 15 Before you start, you must ---- for the whistle.
- 16 An essential part of a picnic.

Down

- 1 First name of Strikers No. 9
- 2 Indian garment
- You need lots of this to make the first team
- 5 The Strikers play at ----- Stadium
- 7 Order of Australia (abbrv.)
- 8 Some players need to ---- their ankles
- 9 What you need in a row boat
- 12 At the Gabba you play with --- and ball
- 13 You use --- to change your hair colour
- 14 A popular greeting

FIND THE PLAYERS NAMES

TQMUSCATZML
OKONBFGEEOB
BCRYJALCDRC
IRIZBIHKPIF
NAAKCVIAOAX
ONXIUVWLPKR
TNCORICAOUN
TETLSDPCVDO
AYDHGMEOIIS
ICQRMANFCVT

There are 14
Socceroo
player's
names
hidden in
this maze of
letters. You
must find
them NOW!



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The following opposition players have been struck by one of Thor's lightning bolts. Can you unscramble their names to find out who they are?

> RABRETT KETSSINE RAWEDSD DEMERHIT OMET JAROTKISNAV DRENOA



IS THIS YOU?



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Strike Squad NEWS

by Thor

Spread the Load

After the Melbourne Knights' game I was happy to note that more people throughout the crowd are joining in when we chant some regular songs.

If some of the existing Strike Squad people or even some older members who no longer come down to the front can sit together not far from the squad and help to encourage others to sing or clap then it adds to the atmosphere and helps spread the load from the Strike Squad.

I believe that the more people who join in the songs the better as even the shy ones amongst us will soon follow on.

Welcome Home

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to the Strike Squad, Stewart Homes, one our founding members.

Stewie has been in the United Kingdom for the last couple of months and has brought back some new and interesting thoughts from supporters over there. Keep listening and reading the column for new ideas and songs.

I've got the rhythm

As you may have noticed, I have been up to a few different pre-match high jinks this season, but this week I have caught the rhythm at Rio Rhythmics dance school.

In a show of multicultural support, they're our special guests tonight and as well as the dancing, the drums are just brilliant.

If you would like to become as rhythmic as myself, call Tarcisio at Rio Rhythmics on 3844 1824. This special attraction is provided courtesy of Casablanca Night Club at Caxton Street.

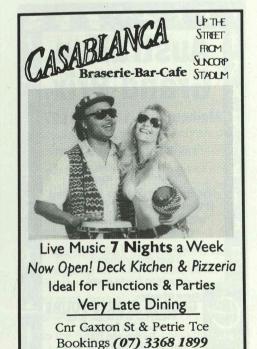
Autograph hunters

Regretfully it is necessary to implement a new policy for children and spectators who wish to obtain player autographs.

The practice of running onto the field has created certain problems and to ensure the safety of the children and the players alike, this will no longer be allowed.

As of tonight, players will be directed to move to the sideline placing themselves at reasonable intervals apart, to allow as many children as possible to obtain the autographs they desire.

Children **may not** proceed any further than the sideline in front of the Castlemaine Street grandstand and we ask that Mum's and Dad's explain this to their children.









The Last Line

with Alan Hunter



This week's game shapes as the match of the season so far as we strive to maintain our 100 per cent home record against Sydney big guns, UTS Olympic.

It's also a chance to welcome Queenslander Nick Meredith back to the Sunshine State. Nick will undoubtedly take the field for the Sydneysiders.

Last week's win at Marconi was a great fighting effort and means we've now had two wins and a draw from our three away matches. There were some outstanding individual performances against the Fairfielders with Clint Bolton, Glen Gwynne and Mark Battistin the standouts and Rod Brown on hand to score his usual winner!

Hopefully we can continue our run of good form tonight against our long time rivals UTS Olympic, who currently hold down third place on the ladder.

Olympic currently trail us by six points and a win tonight would extend this gap to a handy nine.

It will be a tough match against a team armed to the teeth with an impressive array of fire power.

Kris Trajanovski is on a high following recent performances with the Socceroos and Norman Tome and midfielder Nick Meredith are sure to provide great entertainment.

Of course entertainment is what it's all about and it's time I gave a personal thank you to Thor and the Thor Juniors, the Strike Squad and all our loyal fans for their continued support this season. I hope you have your tonsils well oiled for this evening's match and show the southerners what we are made of!

Rod Brown turned in the only goal of the match last weekend against Marconi



This is our best ever start to a season and it has helped boost our profile on and off the pitch. But we can never have too many supporters, so encourage your friends to come along and enjoy what is a fantastic night out for the whole family.

I noted with interest recent reports that Soccer Australia has approached Terry Venables to take on the national coach's job following Eddie Thomson's move to Japan. Venables credentials speak for themselves after leading England to the semifinals of the European Championships earlier this year.

It's definitely a positive step to be bringing a coach of his calibre into our national setup. He's an entertaining and charismatic figure and his often nonconformist views are sure to create more interest in the game.

Finally, while were talking about England, I should point out Manchester United are back in the winner's circle at last, with a victory over Arsenal, even if it was via an own goal!

Go the Red Devils and enjoy our World Game! \Box



Eye on Strikers Tables

ERICSSON CUF	,						
As at 17 November	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY UNITED	6	5	1	0	17	8	16
STRIKERS	6	5	1	0	13	4	16
UTS OLYMPIC	5	3	1	1	10	4	10
COLLINGWOOD	5	2	3	0	8	4	9
WEST ADELAIDE	6	3	0	3	12	14	9
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	6	2	2	2	7	9	8
PERTH GLORY	6	2	1	3	13	11	7
WOLLONGONG CITY	6	1	4	1	6	6	7
ADELAIDE CITY	6	1	3	2	3	4	6
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	7	1	3	3	11	14	6
SOUTH MELBOURNE	6	1	2	3	5	8	5
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	6	1	2	3	6	10	5
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	6	1	2	3	3	8	5
CANBERRA COSMOS	7	0	3	4	8	18	3

THIS WEEK'S	OTHER ERICSSON CUP MATCHES
	N'castle Breakers v Collingwood
SAT NOV 23	Sydney United v Perth Glory
SAT NOV 23	Gippsland Falcons v Canberra
	South Melbourne v Melb Knights

SUN NOV 24 Adelaide City v West Adelaide SUN NOV 24 Wollongong City v Marconi Fairfield

NEXT WEEK'S ERICSSON CUP MATCHES SAT NOV 30 Canberra Cosmos v Sydney United SAT NOV 30 Marconi Fairfield v South Melbourne SUN DEC 1 Perth Glory v Adelaide City SUN DEC 1 Melb Knights v Newcastle Breakers

SUN DEC 1 Collingwood v Gippsland Falcons SUN DEC 1 UTS Olympic v Wollongong City SUN DEC 1 West Adelaide v Brisbane Strikers

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UTS OLYMPIC	5	3	2	0	10	4	11
AUST. INST. SPORT	5	3	2	0	9	3	11
SYDNEY UNITED	5	3	2	0	8	2	11
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	4	3	0	1	10	6	9
WOLLONGONG CITY	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
NSW INST. SPORT	4	2	0	2	6	3	6
MARCONI F'FIELD COLTS	5	2	0	3	8	7	6
QAS	5	2	0	3	8	7	6
UTS OLYMPIC COLTS	4	1	0	3	3	12	3
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- Alan Hunter FS (C)
- Brad Ditton FYS
- Gary Phillips
- Frank Farina FS
- Sean Cranney S
- Rod Brown FS
- Danny Wright FYS
- Troy Cranney-FYS
- Mark Battistin
- Vedran Becirbegovic
- Wayne Knipe
- Andrew Brayshaw
- Chay Hews
- Kasey Wehrman
- Jeromy Harris
- Reece Tollenaere
- Graham Ross 20
- Damien Waugh Coach - Frank Farina

UTS OLYMPIC

- Anthony Franken FS
- David Barrett FYS (C)
- Adam Ciantar FO
- Scott Baillie
- Ivan Zelic YS
- Peter Tsekenis FO
- Norman Tome FO
- Alistair Edwards S
- Walter Ardone S
- Brett Emerton YS
- Kris Trajanovski S
- (Not allocated)
- Raphael Bove
- Elias Augerinos
- Nick Meredith
- (Not allocated)
- Milan Blagojevic S
- Carlos Gonzales YS
- George Sorras FYS
- George Bouhoutsos -FYS
- Abbas Saad FYS
- Coach David Ratcliffe

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



5 Brad DITTON



9 Rod BROWN



13 Vedran BECIRBEGOVIC



17 Kasey WEHRMAN



21 Damien WAUGH



2 Glenn GWYNNE



6 Gary PHILLIPS



10 Danny WRIGHT



14 Wayne KNIPE



18 Jeromy HARRIS





3 Matthew BELL



7 Frank FARINA



11 Troy CRANNEY



15 Andrew BRAYSHAW



19 Reece TOLLENAERE



Asst. Coach Peter TOKESI





8 Sean CRANNEY



12 Mark BATTISTIN



16 Chay HEWS



20 Graham ROSS





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