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Cover Photograph: XXXX hostesses and
representatives of the eight Premier teams
were at the XXXX Premier League launch. All
players were sporting their new strips.



Editorial



There were some great matches played last weekend in Round 1 of the XXXX Premier League.

The new format will make for some exciting football this year.

City coach Bob Hamilton said: "One of the good things about the league revamp is that it should make all teams more competitive."

With the exception of Bundaberg, who's loss to Taringa might be explained by first round jitters, this would appear to be the case.

Soccer's profile within the state has been on the rise and it will continue to take more effort from all concerned to keep it that way.

It is pleasing to see the devotion of people at club level who give their all day in day out, week in week out.

It is disheartening to most of these same people to see a few continually criticise, complain and pull down what they have worked so hard to build up, and all in the name of journalism.

This magazine's aim is to promote the positive side of soccer. We will continue to do so irrespective of the politics of the sport. Controversy is not entertainment!

For a change, let's all pull in the one direction and look beyond any personal agendas.

On a final note, a special thank you to all those individuals who submitted articles this week.

The staff at *Eye On Soccer* appreciate your efforts and please, do not be disheartened if your work was not published in this issue.

We get a lot of information sent to us each week and I'm sure everyone will appreciate that space is at a premium.

Keep sending those stories in though and remember to mark your name and contact details clearly on the supplied information. Sadly, anonymous items will not be considered.

Taringa hang six on Waves

Taringa Rovers produced a performance as red-hot as their reverse strip, dishing out a 6-2 thumping to league newcomers Bundaberg Waves at Jack Speare Park on Sunday afternoon.

In a bright red strip far removed from their traditional blue and white, Taringa lived up to their premiership favouritism with some quality play and outstanding personal performances.

Glen Kolpak was the stand-out, scoring two and playing a part in several others while Ian Hutchison was also impressive, scoring a brace on his league debut for his new club.

In fact, it took only three minutes for Hutchison to open the scoring, as he got in behind the Bundaberg defence from a freekick and easily beat keeper Michael Bainbridge.

Taringa dominated possession throughout the match and Bundaberg were forced to stack their defence and rely on a few infrequent opportunities to counterattack.

The visitor's best chance of the first half came when a perfectly flighted Warren Allen cross was controlled by Giuseppe Baraza in the box who took the ball too wide before blasting into the side netting.

But Kolpak extended Taringa's lead before the break with the goal of the match, turning his man first one way and then the other before unleashing a fierce drive across goal which ricocheted in off the far post.

The home side began the second half as they did the first, making it 3-0 after only two minutes.

Again it was Kolpak causing most of the problems, taking the ball to the by-line before whipping in a cross that was deflected in for an own goal.

Bundaberg finally found the target in the 56th minute when Nick Maass bulldozed



Taringa seen here in possession... sadly this is how it was for most of the match.

through a couple of tackles before flicking the ball past Taringa keeper Anthony Hobbs.

But ten minutes later Kolpak restored Taringa's three goal buffer when he was on the end of a Darren Hillier cross to volley in for 4-1.

Steve Starr tried to get the visitors back into the game with a swerving 30 yard strike but was denied by a superb flying save from Hobbs.

Bundaberg's shell-shocked defence were resorting to tactics from other football codes but it was still not enough as Hutchison shrugged off a rugby tackle before firing in a cross that was easily converted by substitute Mark Flemington.

Hutchison added his second on 75 minutes when Bainbridge was far too slow off his line allowing the striker to race in and barrel the ball in for a 6-1 scoreline.

However, it was left to Bundaberg to finish the scoring when former Lions team-mates Warren Allen and Stephen Starr combined with Starr unmarked to put away Allen's corner with five minutes to go.

FOR HOT PERFORMERS



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Premier launch at XXXX

The new XXXX Premier League official launch was held at the Castlemaine Social Club last week with more than 100 guests and a large media contingent in attendance.

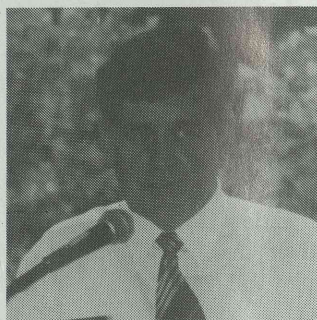
Players and officials from each of the eight clubs were also in attendance with the players modelling the new strips each club will wear during the 1997 season

Queensland Soccer Federation president Wallace Dann officially launched the league saying it was the ideal format to take Queensland soccer into the 21st century.

"The main objective of the restructure of the league was to ensure strong, viable and attractive competitions and, in particular, to give a more competitive edge to the XXXX Premier League," he said.

Dann said the crowds were flocking to international matches held in Brisbane and Strikers home games, and the QSF was determined to cash in on the game's growing popularity.

Mr Geoff Northcott, Castlemaine Perkins Sponsorship Manager spoke at the launch



"It will be one of our aims to take advantage of this situation by making our XXXX Premier League as attractive as possible to both new and established supporters of our game," he said.

Castlemaine-Perkins Sponsorship Manager Geoff Northcott was also in attendance and said his company was enthusiastic about its ongoing involvement with the game.

"We have a long and proud association with soccer in Queensland and are looking forward to our continued involvement with the new competition," he said.

City's revenge oh so sweet

Brisbane City gained revenge on Sunday afternoon when they defeated arch rival Brisbane Lions in the match of the round at Spencer Park.

City's 1 - 0 victory sweetened the bitter memory of last year's grand final loss to Lions.

Coach Bob Hamilton said the result was particularly pleasing because it helped answer some nagging questions.

"It spelled out a couple of doubts that I had," he said,

"The game proved we have a bit more depth in the side than I thought we did."

Hamilton said he felt the exploits of goalkeeper Daniel Duke were probably the difference between the two teams.

"Daniel made a couple of vital saves which kept the score at 0 - 0," he said.

The only down-side for City was the injury to defender Shane Haddow.

"Shane broke his arm in two places and we expect him to be out for four weeks at least," Hamilton said.

The game lacked the spectator appeal that one expects from matches between these traditional foes.

Almond's goal was the result of a goal mouth scramble rather than a well orchestrated piece of total football, but since the league has not yet concluded its second round, it would be fair to assume that some off season cobwebs still remain.

However, Lions coach Miron Bleiberg was blunt in his appraisal of the match.

"The game wasn't a great spectacle but it drew a very good crowd to Spencer Park," he said.

Bleiberg said he was disappointed his team



had squandered a couple of goal scoring opportunities.

"Greg Di Losa had a number of chances but his finishing was disappointing," he said.

Bleiberg said City's home ground advantage was not a factor in the final result.

"There was no real turning point in the game other than the goal which I didn't think City really deserved," he said.

"It (the goal) came from a double deflection and Robbie Farrow (pictured) could do nothing to stop it.

"We didn't have an impressive pre season or a good opening game but I would like to believe we have a good team.

"I will tell them they are a good team but we are lacking cohesion with five new players in the side."

Lions play at home this weekend against Rochedale Rovers who will be buoyed by their first round demolition of Wynnum.

City play away at Beenleigh and Peter Bannon is sure to have a few surprises ready for the boys from Spencer Park.

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

XXXX League - Round 2

	FRANK FARINA	ARTHUR HIGGINS	GARY LEGG	GARY PHILLIPS
Beenleigh v Brisbane City	City	Beenleigh	City	Beenleigh
Bundaberg v Coalstars	Coalstars	Coalstars	Coalstars	Coalstars
Wynnum Dist v Taringa Rov	Taringa	Taringa	Wynnum	Taringa
Brisbane Lions v Rochedale	Rocheale	Rochedale	Lions	Lions

Semi Pro Division 1 North - Round 2

	FRANK FARINA	ARTHUR HIGGINS	GARY LEGG	GARY PHILLIPS
Pine Rivers v Albany Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
The Gap v Olympic Utd	The Gap	Olympic	The Gap	Olympic
Newmarket v Capalaba	Capalaba	Capalaba	Capalaba	Newmarket
Eastern Subs v North Star	North Star	East	North Star	East
Grange Thistle v Mitchelton	Mitchelton	Mitchelton	Mitchelton	Mitchelton

Semi Pro Division 1 South - Round 2

	FRANK FARINA	ARTHUR HIGGINS	GARY LEGG	GARY PHILLIPS
Slacks Creek v Bye	-	-	-	-
Mt Gravatt v Toowoomba	Toowoomba	Toowoomba	Toowoomba	Toowoomba
Redlands v Souths Utd	Souths	Souths	Souths	Souths
Rocklea Utd v Inala City	Rocklea	Rocklea	Rocklea	Rocklea
Ipsw St Helens v Acacia Ridge	Ipsw St	Acacia Ridge	Acacia Ridge	Ipsw St

PREMIER PREVUE - Beenleigh v Bris City

Beenleigh play Brisbane City at Chris Green Park on Saturday at 7pm.

Beenleigh coach Peter Bannon said the match would be an "entertaining affair".

"This game will be part of the learning process for us as City are one of the 'big three'," he said.

"I've not seen them play this year as yet, but I know they've gained a few players."

Bannon said City would be confident after defeating reigning premiers Brisbane Lions last week, and Beenleigh would have to display a more polished performance if the Lions were to win.

"We need to play better in possession," Bannon said.

"Last week against Coalstars we didn't play particularly well, but we still managed to get the three points.

"We were a goal down at half time but to the boys credit they hung in there."

City coach Bob Hamilton said he had no doubts Beenleigh would be a tough opponent this week.

"One of the good things about the league revamp is that it should make all teams more competitive," he said.

"I think the match against Beenleigh will be a hard game and I will be preparing the side exactly as I did for the game against Lions."

It's hard to argue against a preparation formula that has yielded a 100 per cent win record!

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City
coach
Bob
Hamilton



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Hamilton said Daniel Duke was probably the difference between the sides.

"Daniel made a couple of vital saves which kept the score at 0-0 and I believe they were the turning points in the match."

BEENLEIGH v BRISBANE CITY

Chris Green Park, Beenleigh
Saturday March 15, 7.00pm

BEENLEIGH

1. Chris Roche
2. Dean Milosevic
3. Michael Roland
4. Ross Davidson
5. Kieran Calloway
6. Troy Wickstein
7. Brett Jones
8. Wayne Hinton
9. Mark Lederhose
10. Brett Druery
11. Michael Leake
12. Lee Preston
13. Fotis Skordu
14. Joe Morris
15. Anthony Roche
16. Chris Blake
17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)
20. (Not allocated)

BRISBANE CITY

1. Daniel Duke
2. Craig Paulett
3. Anthony Scodellaro
4. Mark Greer
5. Wayne Strange
6. Scott Elliott
7. Cameron Pearse
8. Simon Eslick
9. Warren Cooley
10. Shane Haddow
11. Fiore Bartilomo
12. Robert Kidd
13. Stephen Glockner
14. Dean Almond
15. John Schiavo
16. Tony De Lange
17. Barry Wilkinson
18. Darryl Grundy
19. (Not allocated)
20. Adriano Taraborrelli

PREMIER PREVUE - Bundaberg v Coalstars

Bundaberg Waves meet Coalstars at Thabeban Sports Ground on Saturday at 7pm.

Both teams lost first round matches and will be eager to make a mark on the league ladder.

Waves coach Aldo Baretta said his team needed to improve in a couple of key areas after being thrashed 6 - 2 by Taringa in Round 1.

"We didn't play particularly well as the scoreboard would indicate and obviously our defence is one area we can improve," he said.

"We need to start from the back and play more through the midfield.

"It was a learning curve for us and has made us more aware of the standard we need to attain each week."

Baretta said he expected a tough match from Coalstars.

"I saw Coalstars play against Taringa a couple of weeks ago and I think we know how they play," he said.

Coalstars coach Paul Barry said Bundaberg were a "big unknown".

"I'm not reading too much into their (Waves) game against Taringa.... Be assured that Taringa are a very good side," he said.

"I just want the team to approach this game with a little more discipline than the one against Beenleigh.

"The competition is going to be so close this year and a lot of games will be decided on discipline."

Coalstars lead 1-0 at half time in their Round 1 match against Beenleigh but faded in the second half to lose 2 - 1.

"The penalty (scored by Brett Druery) was

Coalstars
Patrick
Boyle



the turning point," Barry said.

"We played quite well but failed to put our chances away.

"We had three one of one's, three shots cleared off the line and one goal disallowed.

"If you create that many scoring opportunities, you've got to make them count."

BUNDABERG v COALSTARS

Thabeban Sports Complex, Bundaberg
Saturday March 15, 7.00pm

BUNDABERG

1. Michael Bainbridge
2. Nick Maas
3. Giuseppe Baraza
4. Stephen Starr
5. John Giovannoni
6. Tony Roebuck
7. Michael Legg
8. Luke Graham
9. Anthony Brown
10. Rodney Cooper
11. Warren Allen
12. Chris Wilson
13. Sean Hunt
14. Shaun Aslett
15. Darren Bender
16. Paul Fagan
17. (Not allocated)
18. (Not allocated)
19. (Not allocated)
20. Ross Barbera

COALSTARS

1. Michael Cassidy
2. Patrick Boyle
3. Clint Scott
4. Andrew King (c)
5. Darren Petie
6. Peter Hinks
7. Brenley Jefferd
8. Mark Bennett
9. Matt Hilli
10. Wes Park
11. David Guest
12. Peter McKendrick
13. Peter Hallett
14. Scott Stenzel
15. William Ingledew
16. Wayne Adams
17. Marcello Cuba
18. Richard Hilli
19. Chris Barrett
20. Todd Vaggs

PREMIER PREVUE - Wynnum v Taringa

The Wynnum Wolves meet Taringa Rovers at Carmichael Park on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Wynnum were soundly beaten by Rochedale Rovers last week and coach George Cowie said the Wolves needed to create more scoring opportunities if the team was going to match Taringa.

"I was very disappointed with the result and believe we can make drastic improvements in our attack," he said.

"However, I was very impressed with the Rochedale side particularly their passing ability.

"Three of the four goals they scored against us were excellent... I don't believe there will be any better goals scored against us all season."

Cowie said the match against Taringa this week would be a tough encounter.

"They had a good result against Bundaberg on the weekend and have a lot of talented players in the squad," he said.

"In saying that though, all the games this season will be tough and it's important that we approach the match with the right attitude, get our heads down and get stuck in."

Taringa coach John Ogden, said he knew little of the Wolves style of play.

"I haven't seen Wynnum play this season yet so I'm going into the game a little blind," he said.

"I do expect a tough game as I don't think any team makes a trip to Wynnum and gets an easy match."

In many eyes, Taringa had a tremendous start to the season with a 6-2 thrashing of premier league newcomers Bundaberg, but coach Ogden said the side's inconsistency was a little concerning.

Ben Wood from Wynnum District backs up again this season for his club



"The team played some attractive football but were patchy in places," he said.

"We need to maintain our efforts for 90 minutes.

"However, we have a quality squad and I'm in a bit of a dilemma of who to start this week."

WYNNUM v TARINGA ROVERS

Carmichael Park, Rochedale,
Sunday March 16, 2.45pm

WYNNUM

1. Peter Underhill
2. Luke Adair
3. Ben Wood
4. Danny Valle
5. Rob Hilton
6. Tony McKinless
7. Geoff Maltby
8. Paul Wilkins
9. Stuart Popplewell
10. Wayne Corbett
11. Malcom Van Basten
12. Ricky McKinless
14. Mark Wilkins
15. Andrew Davidson
16. Trevor Murphy
17. Brendan Rogers
18. Damian Rogers
19. Lindsay Foster
21. Nick Hadland
20. Garth McCulloch

TARINGA ROVERS

1. Anthony Hobbs
2. John Hale
3. Laurence Inunciaga
4. Stein Grodum
5. Danny Britton
6. Shaun Sleep
7. Brent Read
8. Demetri Theochari
9. Danny Stowers
10. Darren Hillier
11. Ian Hutchison
12. Stuart Collins
13. Marc Flemington
14. Matthew Packer
15. Glen Kolpak
16. Scott Robertson
17. Des Hughes
18. Shaun Molenda
19. Brad Ditton
20. Scott Higgins

PREMIER PREVUE - Bris Lions v Rochedale

Brisbane Lions meet Rochedale Rovers at Lions Stadium on Sunday at 2.45pm.

The reigning premiers will be keen to revert their early season lapse in form and notch their first win in the new premier league.

Lions Coach Miron Bleiberg said Rochedale were the form team of the competition at present and probably deserved to go into Sunday's game as favourites.

"We didn't have an impressive pre-season or a good opening game but I would like to believe we have a good team," he said.

"Robbie Farrow and Steve Jackson played well but everyone else was below par."

Bleiberg said the inclusion of five new players in the squad was hindering team cohesion.

Rochedale coach Gary McDowall said he had to be happy with a team that scored four goals in its opening match of the season.

"It was a good first up win for us but we can still improve," he said.

"We need to get a little more consistency into our game and the players need to do the simple things.

"I'm a big believer in the old saying that a good team will always beat a team of good players.

"As coach, I'm trying to impress on the lads the importance of playing as a unit.

"It's true that good teams win things."

Rochedale have some injury concerns with Nick Seeley out for at least five weeks with a hernia complaint.

McDowall said he had seen only limited action from Lions matches this season.

1996 Qld rep player and Rochedale Rover John Weatherby



"They're the reigning premiers so it's not as if they're going to give us the game on a platter," he said.

"It's always going to be a difficult game down there.

"We're an attacking side and that's how we'll be approaching the game."

BRISBANE LIONS v ROCHEDALE

Lions Stadium, Richlands,
Sunday March 16, 2.45pm

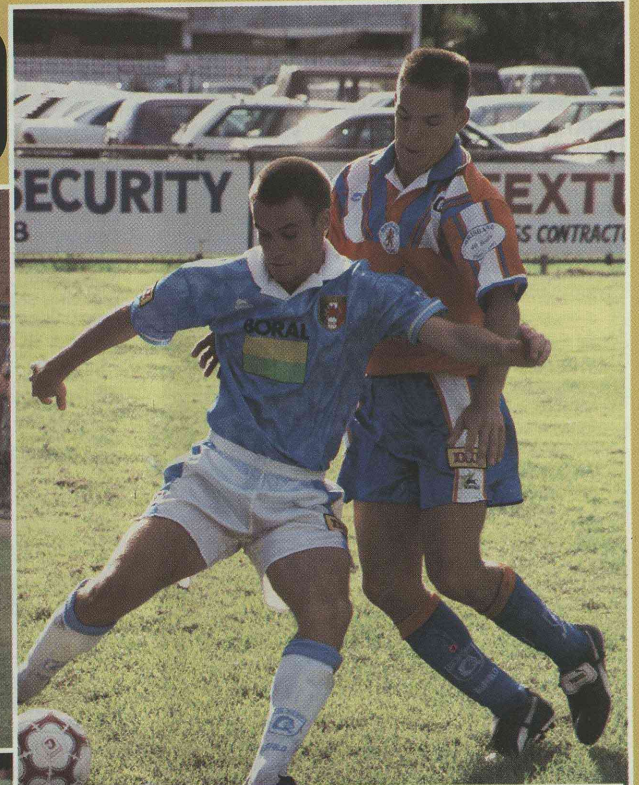
BRISBANE LIONS

1. Robbie Farrow
2. David Lonsdale
3. Ibro Cahut
4. Cliff Tuck
5. David Hunter
6. Mark Geritz
7. Steve Jackson
8. Robert Pudja
9. Greg Di Losa
10. Kevin Meacock
11. Martin Matula
12. Roy Huth
13. Craig Rogers
14. Cameron Watson
15. Anthony Cotton
16. Chase Bursnall
17. Adam Daly
18. (Not allocated)
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21. Jason Lucas

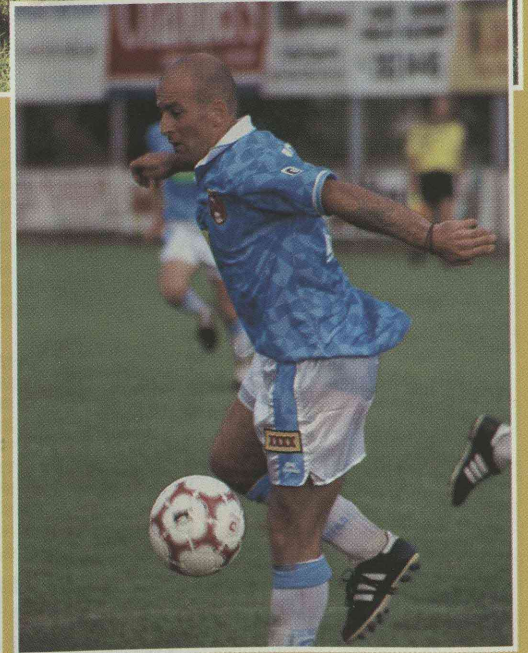
ROCHEDALE ROVERS

1. Clint Dal Santo
2. Andy Munument
3. Nick Seeley
4. Michael Lane
5. Damian Harris
6. Eddie Lees
7. Craig Collins
8. Andy Lees
9. Kieran Cooper
10. Clayton Koch
11. John Weatherby
12. David Pilic
13. Paul Grugan
14. Steve Dawe
15. Steve Fitzsimmons
16. (Not allocated)
17. Gary Brattan
18. Greg Anderson
19. Aaron Baldwin
20. Cameron Dick

WEEKEND REPLAY



Last weekend was the start of the 1997 XXXX Premier League.... and what a colourful weekend it was. At Spencer Park we saw Brisbane City defeat Brisbane Lions 1-0 before a large crowd... down Indooroopilly way Taringa Rovers took care of newcomers Bundaberg Waves to the tune of 6-2.



EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX PREMIER LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
ROCHEDALE ROV	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
BEENLEIGH	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
BRISBANE CITY	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
COALSTARS	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
BRISBANE LIONS	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
WYNNUM	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
B'BERG WAVES	1	0	0	1	2	6	0

XXXX PREMIER RESV.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WYNNUM	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
BEENLEIGH	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
BRISBANE LIONS	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
TARINGA ROVERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRISBANE CITY	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
COALSTARS	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
ROCHEDALE ROV	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

XXXX PREMIER YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
WYNNUM	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
BRISBANE CITY	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
BRISBANE LIONS	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
BEENLEIGH	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
COALSTARS	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
B'BERG WAVES	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
ROCHEDALE ROV	1	0	0	1	2	3	0

The leading club in the XXXX Premier League Club Championship at the end of the fixtures will win a set of strips from Attack Sports and a \$1000 voucher from Insurance Exchange of Australia. Last years Club Championship winners were Brisbane Lions.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beenleigh	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Taringa Rovers	2	2	0	0	9	4	6
Wynnum District	3	2	0	1	8	8	6
Brisbane City	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Brisbane Lions	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Rochedale Rovers	3	4	0	2	8	8	3
Bunderberg Waves	2	0	0	2	4	9	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
NORTH STAR	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
ALBANY CREEK	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
EASTERN SUBS	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
NEWMARKET	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
OLYMPIC UTD	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
THE GAP	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
CAPALABA	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
GRANGE THISTLE	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
PINE RIVERS UTD	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH STAR	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
CAPALABA	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
MITCHELTON	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
OLYMPIC UTD	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
THE GAP	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
ALBANY CREEK	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
NEWMARKET	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
EASTERN SUBS	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
PINE RIVERS UTD	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
GRANGE THISTLE	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NEWMARKET	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
CAPALABA	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
ALBANY CREEK	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
GRANGE THISTLE	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
NORTH STAR	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
MITCHELTON	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
PINE RIVERS UTD	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
THE GAP	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
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SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ROCKLEA UTD	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	7	4	3
TOOWOOMBA UTD	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
INALA CITY	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
IPSW ST HELENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MT GRAVATT	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
SOUTHS UTD	1	0	0	1	4	7	0
REDLANDS UTD	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
ACACIA RIDGE	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	8	1	3
ROCKLEA UTD	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
MT GRAVATT	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
REDLANDS UTD	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
TOOWOOMBA UTD	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
IPSW ST HELENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACACIA RIDGE	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
INALA CITY	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
SOUTHS UTD	1	0	0	1	1	8	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MT GRAVATT	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
ACACIA RIDGE	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
REDLANDS UTD	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
TOOWOOMBA UTD	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
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SOUTHS UTD	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
ROCKLEA UTD	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
INALA CITY	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
DARRA UTD	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
SOUTH STAR	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
LATROBE	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
UNI OF QLD	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
NORTH PINE	2	1	0	1	8	3	3
REDCLIFFE	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
ANERLEY	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
GOODNA	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
MOGGILL UTD	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
S'SIDE EAGLES	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
BAYSIDE UTD	2	0	0	2	2	10	0
SAMFORD	2	0	0	2	2	11	0

AMATEUR DIV 1 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	2	2	0	0	13	0	6
NORTH PINE	2	2	0	0	12	2	6
MOGGILL UTD	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
S'SIDE EAGLES	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
LATROBE	2	1	0	1	6	2	3
SOUTH STAR	2	1	0	1	3	9	3
DARRA UTD	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
ANERLEY	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
SAMFORD	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
GOODNA	2	0	1	1	0	9	1
BAYSIDE UTD	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
REDCLIFFE	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BROTHERS UTD	2	2	0	0	14	0	6
MARGATE	2	2	0	0	10	4	6
CLAIRVAUX	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
PARK RIDGE	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
IPSWICH CITY	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
JIMBOOMBA	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
GREENBANK	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
MOOROONDU	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
PINE HILLS	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
BETHANIA	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
OXLEY UTD	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

AMATEUR DIV 2 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	2	2	0	0	12	1	6
CLAIRVAUX	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
JIMBOOMBA	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
PINE HILLS	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
PARK RIDGE	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
OXLEY UTD	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
BROTHERS UTD	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
GREENBANK	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
BETHANIA	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
MOOROONDU	2	0	0	2	1	10	0
IPSWICH CITY	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	2	2	0	0	11	2	6
SAMFORD	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
ANERLEY	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
WOODRIDGE	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
KINGSRIDGE	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
ARCHERFIELD	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
IPSWICH CITY	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
JIMBOOMBA	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
NORTH PINE	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
BAYSIDE UTD	1	0	0	1	1	7	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
ACACIA RIDGE	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
BRISBANE LIONS	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
SLACKS CREEK	2	1	0	1	9	3	3
THE GAP	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
MITCHELTON	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
CAPALABA	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
SOUTHS UTD	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
NORTH STAR	2	1	0	1	4	11	3
NEWMARKET	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
ALBANY CREEK	2	0	0	2	2	9	0
PARK RIDGE	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WOODRIDGE	2	2	0	0	13	2	6
MT GRAVATT	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
UNI OF QLD	2	1	1	0	13	5	4
EASTERN SUBS	2	1	1	0	12	4	4
IPSW ST HELENS	2	1	1	0	7	6	4
ALBANY CREEK	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
WYNNUM	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
COALSTARS	2	0	1	1	6	7	1
BRISBANE CITY	2	0	1	1	6	13	1
BRISBANE LIONS	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
REDLANDS UTD	2	0	0	2	3	12	0
SAMFORD	2	0	0	2	1	13	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	2	2	0	0	13	1	6
BRISBANE LIONS	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
NEWMARKET	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
LIONS SC	1	1	0	0	10	2	3
WYNNUM	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
TARINGA ROVERS	2	1	0	1	8	6	3
CAPALABA	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
SLACKS CREEK	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
EASTERN SUBS	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
KINGSRIDGE	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
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WOMEN'S WRAP UP

Queensland finished on top in last weekend's final round of the Ansett Australia Summer Series.

Women's Soccer Queensland hosted three games at Perry Park over the weekend with a round of matches between Queensland, Northern New South Wales and New South Wales.

Friday night saw Queensland take on New South Wales in what proved to be a fairly tight match.

Queensland's Lindsay Whidette scored from a free kick early in the first half and Queensland maintained their one goal lead into the second half.

New South Wales came out firing after half time and failed to capitalise on several goal scoring opportunities. Queensland's Lisa Dunn (pictured) and Kim Revell scored the final two goals that saw Queensland take the game 3-0.

Northern New South Wales defeated New South Wales on Saturday afternoon three goals to one.

The Queensland versus Northern New South Wales game on Sunday was a hotly contested match with both sides producing fairly even play.

Northern's Lisa Casegrande got a break halfway through the first half and the half-time score was 1-0 to Northern.

In the second half, Queensland's Alicia Ferguson played a beautiful shot to even the score.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Queensland's Sonia Gegenhuber converted a penalty that was awarded for a hand ball.

Alicia Ferguson then increased Queensland's lead to two with another goal.

Northern started to dominate the game and Queensland's keeper Belinda Kitching was tested in the box.



Northern's Lisa Casegrande took her goal tally to two for the game in injury time but Queensland held out to take the game and the series.

Queensland, New South Wales and Northern New South Wales will now compete in the series play-offs in Canberra at the end of March with South Australia, ACT and Victoria.

The second round of the Atlanta Cup was played in Brisbane and its districts over the weekend, with surprisingly few upsets. The Premier League missed out on this round however, as many players were representing Queensland in the Ansett Australia Summer Series.

- Toni Slater

Atlanta Cup

Premier League	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
QAS	1	1	-	-	4	0	2
Coalstars	1	1	-	-	2	0	2
Newmarket	1	1	-	-	2	1	2
Redlands	1	1	-	-	1	0	2
Slacks Creek	1	-	-	1	0	1	0
QUT City	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
The Gap	1	-	-	1	0	2	0
Eastis Mt Gravatt	1	-	-	1	0	4	0

New Toowoomba team opens account with a win

Toowoomba United opened their Semi-Pro Division 1 campaign with a comfortable 3-0 win over Redlands on the weekend.

The home side dominated throughout the match and were put on the road to victory when Craig McConnell made it 1-0 after 18 minutes.

The visitors were clearly frustrated and resorted to some rough tactics prior to half time but failed to stop the home side going to the break in front.

The visitors began the second half in more determined fashion but failed to make an impact on the scoreboard before Toowoomba doubled their lead.

Shane Biber took on the defence and made room to shoot before firing a sweet left-footer

past the Redlands keeper on 65 minutes.

Biber struck again one minute later making the score 3-0 and putting the match beyond the reach of the visitors.

Toowoomba coach Gary Scott was pleased with his team's effort but felt they had made the game unnecessarily hard for themselves.

"It's a new side and we still need to work on a few things," he said.

"We can only get better from here and the boys will get a lot of confidence from that win."

Scott said Shane Biber was underrated by many but no one could fault his work rate on the weekend and his two goals in a minute had secured his side's victory.

one extra home game this season.

The first legs will be played on the weekend of March 22-23, with the return games played on April 12-13.

The aggregate winner of each of these matches will then move into the second round phase, which again will be drawn in the same manner as before.

These matches are likely to be played as midweek games. Where possible, matches will be scheduled at the first named teams home ground.

The quarter-finals have been scheduled for the weekend of June 7-8 with the host team to be decided as previous.

From the second phase, the matches will take on a knockout format with the loser eliminated from the competition.

The semi's and Cup Final will be played at Perry Park with dates yet to be confirmed.

Semi-Pro 1997 Cup competition

The Semi-Pro Division 1 Cup competition draw was conducted on Wednesday at Perry Park with club representatives in attendance.

The tournament will feature all clubs from both the Semi-Pro Division 1 north and south leagues with the first round opponents determined via a dual barrel draw to ensure clubs play opposing teams that they do not meet in their regular fixtures.

The first round matches will be played over two legs allowing each club to host at least



READ between the LINES

All the goss with Brent Read

Well, the 1997 season was launched last week in glittering circumstances overlooking one of Brisbane's most attractive views, the XXXX Brewery.

Once again the glitterati of Queensland soccer assembled for the occasion. Some of the state's most famous sporting personalities were also in attendance.

Former rugby league and Channel seven celebrity Trevor Gillmeister was on hand for the opening. 'Gilly' just didn't look the same without the Queensland jersey on but it looks as though the tough tackling second rower is enjoying his work with the sponsor's company.

Another on hand was my old mate Steve Starr. Starry made the trip from his new home in Bundaberg.

He looks to be relishing his new surroundings. Big bucks, a place on the beach, junior coaching duties and the captain's armband with the embryonic club make life pretty good.

But Starry and his Bundy mates were brought crashing back to Earth on the weekend, on the receiving end of a 6-2 thrashing from Taringa.

Starry, a former Taringa player, momentarily forgot who he was playing for, contributing a goal for both sides.

The weekend's games gave an early indication of what to expect this season. Rochedale, despite Kieran Cooper's protests, enter the season as clear favourites.

They won the pre-season competition and dealt Wynnum a flogging on Friday night. Once again my old sparring partners, the Lees Brothers, are back at Rochedale and will play a major part in the club's season.



Bundaberg Waves new signing and captain Stephen Starr in the club's new strip at the launch

Eddie, a regular visitor to the "House of Fun" last year (yes, it still exists minus the red-headed Scott 'Giggles' Higgins), went the Gazza look in the off-season, shaving his head and dyeing what was left of it blonde.

However, sanity has prevailed. While the hair cut has gone, it seems Eddie's stint as a blonde has won the aggressive midfielder a cult following at the club.

Anyway, anybody who caught up with the soccer show on Bris 31 last week would have seen my tips on the new league.

Rochedale and Taringa start the season as early favourites. Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions will be major threats again, Bundaberg and Coalstars will be tough at home and Beenleigh and Wynnum will struggle.

The results on the weekend did nothing to suggest it will be any different. Anyway, it's good to be back and I look forward to your positive response to the article in 1997.

Newmarket competitive underdogs

This week's Semi-Pro Division 1 North sees Newmarket host Capalaba at McCook Park on Sunday.

Newmarket play their first home game of the season after what coach Peter Carey described as a pleasing 0-0 away draw against Olympic last week.

"It was a good result last week as it was a tough encounter with Olympic," he said.

"Everyone played extremely well but I should single Paul Tatters out for special praise following his first class effort in the centre of midfield."

Carey said despite last week's result, they could probably expect to be underdogs against

Capalaba but with home ground advantage he was sure his side would be competitive.

Meanwhile Capalaba coach Alan Prentice said his side were extremely disappointed with their effort last weekend in losing 2-1 to Easts.

"It was a match we should have won quite comfortably considering the players we have this season," he said.

"But in saying that, eight of our starting line-up from last week are new to the club this season. They have obviously not played together a lot."

Prentice said he was confident he had one of the best squads in the league and he expected them to turn it around with a good result this weekend.

The match kicks off at 2.45pm at McCook Park, Badger St Newmarket.

Rocklea look young and fit

The Semi-Pro Division 1 South clash between local rivals Inala and Rocklea promises to be an enthralling encounter with both teams recording winning starts to the season last weekend.

Inala's 1-0 victory over Mt Gravatt was a surprise to many, but Inala coach Ian Seeley said his side thoroughly deserved the win.

"It was a very pleasing result for us for two main reasons. Firstly we had a couple of first choice players unavailable but more importantly we worked our butts off," he said.

"All the talk has been about how well Mt Gravatt have bought and they passed the ball around beautifully 50 yards from our goal. But they never really threatened us and I would have been happy to see them play like that all day."

On his side's chances against Rocklea who thrashed Acacia Ridge 5-1 last weekend, Seeley said he expected a very tough match.

"Last season Rocklea started off tremendously well and their result last week points towards them doing something similar this season," he said

"In saying that I don't know much about the side other than they are young and likely to be very fit."

Rocklea's coach, Alan Hughes was unavailable for comment on his preparations.

The match is on at 7.00pm on Saturday night and will be played at Dunn Road, Rocklea.

Before The Whistle

with
Jim Gilbert



A lot of goals scored last weekend, the first full weekend of all divisions participating.

Indeed, there were 4 matches that had an aggregate total in double figures, Division 1S Slacks Creek defeated Souths 7-4, in Division 5 there were two with Easts defeating Samford 9-1, Uni beating Redlands 10-2 and in Division 6 Lions defeating The Gap also 10-2.

Whilst it's nice to be scoring goals, hopefully that trend of one sidedness does not continue.

At time of writing already a number of pink and yellow slips have come in with team sheets, meaning player discipline is not what it should be at this early stage of the year.

In one Amateur Division 1 fixture that I saw, the referee desperately tried to keep all 11 players on the park, but a series of silly fouls, together with the inability of some players to button their lip, resulted in a number of cautions, with inevitably led to the double yellows and a subsequent sending off. Again, I would hope that this is but a mere 'flash in the pan', and not an aspect that will be continuing into the season proper.

Far too early to predict anything for titles and finals in relation to current standings, but in some of the amateur divisions, those clubs that already have two wins under their belt, must be feeling rather secure.

Semi Professional Division 1 (N)

Two games on Saturday night with Pine

Rivers home to Albany Creek, home side doesn't look as if they will be able to pick up any points in this one given their visitors better credentials.

The other match will be the first one under lights for The Gap who are at home to Olympic, The Gap went down narrowly to the Creek last week whereas Olympic were held to a draw at Goodwin Park, it could just be a win for the home side.

On Sunday afternoon Newmarket host Capalaba with this looking to be a quite exciting encounter, home side again narrowly favoured.

At Heath Park Easts will be hosting North Star both sides had a good win last week, much more difficult to predict this one, I'll go for the home side narrowly.

In the remaining match at Lanham Park Mitchelton are the visitors and look very likely to take the points back with them.

Semi Professional Division 1 (S)

Three matches scheduled on Saturday with Mt Gravatt hosting Toowoomba, the home side suffered a surprise loss last week, this also will be a tough one with the visitors mettle being severely tested, still looks like a 3 pointer for the Hawks.

Two sides who went down by the same -3 margin last week are Redlands and Souths, home turf could favour Redlands, remaining match on Saturday night between Rocklea and Inala, looks to be a win for Rocklea, despite Inala's good first up win last week.

Remaining match on Sunday gives St Helens their first run-out of the season at home to Acacia Ridge, with the home side's confidence and strength of players very much unknown, could be a win to the visitors.



James Hardie
MODULAR BUILDINGS

Amateur Division 1

In the first of the Saturday games to be previewed between Samford and Bayside, both sides currently propping up the table with an almost identical minus goal difference, home side fielding an essentially youthful team looking for experience, visitors experienced though they are, will now be depleted following last weeks efforts.

Could be a first up 3 pointer for the home side in this one, at St Lucia, University will be out to protect their 100% record against Redcliffe, who themselves are no slouches.

Should still be a win for the students, remaining afternoon match between Annerley and South Star looks very much to be a 3 pointer returning to Willawong.

In the night match North Pine will be out to consolidate their near top status against Goodna, it won't be easy but the 3 points should remain at Dakabin.

On Sunday Latrobe will be out to retain their 100% record at the expense of a struggling Moggill, whilst Southside Eagles will be doing it tough against table topping Darra, and may sneak 1 point in this one.

Amateur Division 2

Clairvaux currently enjoying the heady heights of third position visit Pine Hills on the Jinker Track, and should retain their thrust for promotion in this game.

The same could almost be said for Park Ridge who visit Oxley, with the host side currently leaking goals like a sieve, difficult to see Oxley getting any points in this match.

Remaining Saturday match is under the new lights at Margate with Brothers the visitors and what a cracker this should be, as outright leadership is at stake, home team the tip.

In the Sunday matches Greenbank could pick up their first win of the year at the expense of hosts Mooroondu, whilst Bethania will struggle against a rejuvenated Ipswich City.

Amateur Division 3

One match on Friday should see Annerley continue their surge up the table at the expense of Ipswich City.

In the Saturday matches Kingsridge may well pick up their first win of the season when they travel to Dakabin, whilst at Bayside, again it looks to be no joy for the home side when Samford come calling.

In the only match on Sunday University look good things to retain pole position at the expense of hosts Jimboomba.

Amateur Division 4

Three matches being played on Friday night, with Souths versus The Gap looking, on paper at least, very much like a score draw, however visitors marginally favoured.

Acacia Ridge should retain their excellent record when they visit North Star, whilst at Richlands Brisbane Lions will similarly retain all three points at the expense of Newmarket.

Only one match being played on Saturday afternoon between Mitchelton and Albany Creek looks to be a 3 pointer for the home side.

Remaining 2 matches are at night with Capalaba a sure thing against Park Ridge, remaining match between Taringa and Slacks Creek has now been scheduled to Saturday evening, and whilst it will be a tough encounter between two high scoring sides, still looks to be 3 points remaining at Jack Speare Park.

Amateur Division 5

In the Friday evening match between Redlands and Samford, the wooden spoon is at stake, or perhaps that should read the wooden spoon will be given to the losers, Redlands marginally favoured to win, the remaining

**Cup Competition**

It's Cup time with the Semi-Pro teams getting underway with their competition next weekend, details on Page ???

The Qantas Cup for all Amateur teams and Youth sides will get under way later in the season. Watch this space.

Miss Queensland

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Friday match between Wynnum and St Helens should go to the hosts.

Two matches on Saturday with Albany Creek favoured to steal 3 points from Brisbane City, whilst at Heath Park Easts will retain all the points from the lads from Bundamba.

On Sunday both matches look to be big wins for the home side, Mt Gravatt should well and truly out point Brisbane Lions.

In the game at Woodridge with University as the visitors, both teams are unbeaten and are scoring lots of goals, but still looks to be a 3 pointer for the hosts.

Amateur Division 6

Two matches on Friday night will have vastly different styles of football being played, and could have dramatically different results.

The Gap make the trip down to Wynnum where the home side should pick up a relatively easy 3 pointer.

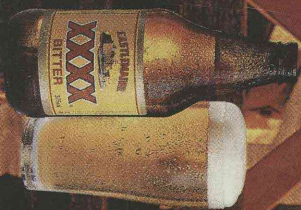
At Richlands the game between Brisbane Lions and Newmarket will be vastly different, both sides out to protect their 100% record, with both teams having near identical goal differences, should be a most interesting match, with possibly only one goal margin in it, and the points to remain at Richlands.

On Saturday only one match played in daylight hours between Easts and Coalstars with the visitors to take all three points.

Capalaba host Lions in the twilight match with visitors greater goal-scoring potential likely to see them through in this one.

The remaining match between Taringa and Slacks Creek has been rescheduled to a 6pm kick off, and both teams looking draw specialists, but I'll go for the home side in this one.

One match only on Sunday between Kingsridge and University, not much to choose in this one, maybe home ground advantage could point the direction of the result.



The beer for here.

