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Cover Photograph: Brisbane City's Warren
Cooley shrugs of Eddie Lees and heads for
Craig Collins last weekend. City won 1-0.

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Editorial



The first national league title has been brought home to Queensland... By the girls.

What a coup for coach Greg Brown and his team of fifteen, who were backed all the way by his assistant Mark Boyd and manager Lesley Mann.

This may well stick in the craw of true die hard footballers but after waiting all these years I say, "good show and the heartiest congratulations to each and every one of them".

It is interesting to note that each weekend the team played, they always turned out for not one but two matches.

And then when they travelled to Canberra for the Northern Conference teams v Southern Conference teams, our girls played every day for five days straight.

I am not aware of any men's competition, at this level, that would be so demanding of players.

It surely was survival of the fittest and this brings praise back to the coaching staff who were responsible for ensuring players were able to take the field, as there were no specialist trainers in the support team.

The Ansett Summer Series, was the inaugural national women's competition, ensuring Queensland will be etched into the record books. Once again congratulations girls on a truly outstanding performance.

Moving to the XXXX Premier league, an interesting and unusual state of affairs has occurred.

On close inspection of the tables and the figures encased within, one notices that the team on top of the league ladder is one of the teams that has scored the second least number of goals.

The team that had scored the most number of goals can only manage third position, and the second highest scoring team is probably in the right spot in second spot.

Adding to the weirdness of the situation, is the fact that all the goals of the top positioned team has been scored by the one person... Someone who is not even a striker, he is a midfielder.... Imagine if he was up front!

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WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

XXXX League - Round 4

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

Semi Pro Division 1 North - Round 3

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

Semi Pro Division 1 South - Round 3

	FRANK FARINA	ARTHUR HIGGINS	GARY LEGG	GARY PHILLIPS
Souths United v Bye				
Redlands Utd v Mt Gravatt	Redlands	Mt Gravatt	Redlands	Mt Gravatt
Acacia Ridge v Slacks Creek	Creek	Creek	Ridge	Creek
Toowoomba v Rocklea Utd	Toowoomba	Toowoomba	Rocklea	T'woomba
Inala City v Ipsw St Helens	Inala	Inala	Inala	Inala

LAST WEEKS & (PROGRESSIVE) TTL'S 5 (11) 6 (12) 5 (9) 8 (11)

Almond puts City on top

Brisbane City scored their third consecutive 1-0 victory in the XXXX Premier League on the weekend as the best defence in the league got the better of top scoring team Rochedale.

Rochedale had scored four in each of its previous matches against Wynnum and Lions but were denied by some resolute City defending and missed opportunities in the match at Spencer Park.

Notable absentee from Rochedale's starting line-up was one Kieran Cooper, the league's top scorer for nine of the past ten seasons, who started the match on the bench.

Cooper's absence made room for young striker Steve Fitzsimmons in the run-on side, an opportunity he thoroughly deserved after his two goal substitute appearance against Lions last week.

Fitzsimmons impressed early with his high workrate and persistent pressure on the City defence but it was Clayton Koch who should have put the visitors in front in only the third minute.

Craig Collins worked the ball between two defenders and into the City box but Koch's lunging effort was superbly smothered by City keeper Daniel Duke.

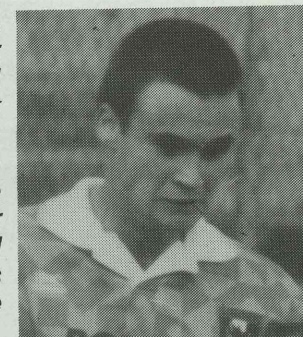
Rochedale dominated the first half and continued to create chances with David Pilic going close with a thirty yard strike.

Fitzsimmons continued to make things difficult for the City defence but wrong choices in the attacking third by the youngster meant the opportunities created amounted to nothing.

But with five minutes before half-time City broke the deadlock against the run of play when midfielder Dean Almond headed home a far post cross, into the back of the net.

Almond has now scored all three of City's

City's midfielder Dean Almond may well ask where his striking team mates have gone, after scoring all the team's goals to date



goals in the Premier League from midfield which suggests they lack some fire-power up front.

City's strike force of Darryl Grundy and Fiore Bartilomo lacked any real potency or cohesion for the home side and coach Bobby Hamilton might yet live to regret the club releasing Lee Scriggins and Ian Hutchison during the off-season.

The second half, not surprisingly, saw Kieran Cooper emerge from the dressing rooms to replace Andy Lees and he had an immediate impact.

He created chances for Fitzsimmons and Collins before he should have equalised himself.

Cooper was put clean through by Koch but lacked his usual ruthlessness in front of goal and Duke turned the ball just wide of his post.

Grundy and Bartilomo were replaced and Tony Delange found the net for City a minute from time only to have the goal disallowed in a bizarre piece of refereeing from Bob Eedy.

Eedy failed to allow the advantage to be played following a foul on the edge of the area and called City back for the free-kick.

The kick sailed wide of the goal and Eedy was forced to leave the ground with the raucous and understandable abuse of the Spencer Park faithful still ringing in his ears.

Bannon continues addiction

After a three year sojourn with the Brisbane Strikers, Peter Bannon has returned to the Premier League this year as coach of the Beenleigh Lions. He freely admits that he is "addicted to the world game" and "couldn't not coach".

Bannon was born in Liverpool to working class parents in 1948. His father worked as a factory manager; his mother was a housewife.

He played some games for County football sides but mainly learnt his trade in local competitions which Bannon said were of similar quality to our own Premier League.

In 1976 the Bannon family migrated to Queensland after an "impulsive decision" was made on a beach near Liverpool.

Bannon's foray into coaching was due to the urging's of well known Queensland soccer identity Brian McNicol, himself a native of Scotland, who managed to convince Bannon to try his hand at coaching the Kingsbridge under 15 side in 1978.

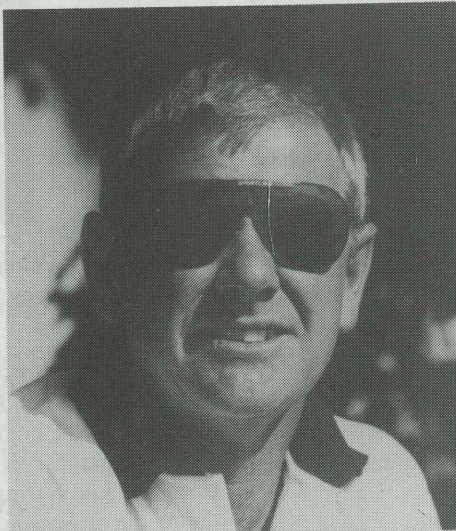
"They were a talented bunch of kids," Bannon said.

"In that first year, we won the league, the cup, and all the north side and south side competitions. It was quite a good start to my coaching career."

Bannon's credentials and reputation as a coach have steadily developed since those "early days".

He has coached numerous state champion Brisbane South junior representative sides, as well as Brisbane Croatia in Division Two and Premier League, and North Star in the Premier League.

But perhaps the crowning glory of his



coaching career to date, came when he was named assistant coach of the Brisbane Strikers in 1993.

"I was with the club for three years... It was a great learning experience to be involved with players of such high quality," he said.

Bannon said his mentor at the Strikers, Bruce Stowell, had been the biggest influence on his career.

"He (Bruce) improved my coaching immensely as I did my level's one, two and three certificates under him," he said.

"I hold him in the greatest respect because he has a tremendous knowledge of the game and a great football brain.

"What I learnt under Bruce, I am trying to apply at Beenleigh."

The life of a coach can be very frustrating at times but it's not all doom and gloom according to Bannon.

"There is the other side, that is, to see players improve and know you've had some input into that improvement," he said.

"What we've all got to remember is that we're only human.

"Everyone makes mistakes and you only hope it's not in crucial parts of the park or at bad times of the match.

"At the end of the day, I get satisfaction from knowing that my input has made the difference in a game whether it be through a vital substitution or the rearranging of players."

Beenleigh take home points

Beenleigh bounced back from their home loss in Round 2 to Brisbane city, with a solid 2-0 victory against Bundaberg at Chris Green Park on Sunday.

A goal each by Troy Wickstein and Kieren Galloway in the first twenty minutes of the match sealed the three league points for the Lions.

The game was not a classic match-up characterised by end to end free flowing football but rather a "mixed bag" consisting of several highs and many lows.

Beenleigh coach Peter Bannon said: "The game was a bit of an odd one to be honest. We were our own worst enemies at times as we created a lot of opportunities but failed to capitalise on them."

"We were patchy in places but in saying that, we scored two terrific goals which were the result of some great lead up work by the lads which included six or so passes and then some great finishes.

"I'm always looking for improvement and I think we need to mainly work on ball retention and also our finishing... Also, our guys committed too many fouls in dangerous areas."

Indeed one such infringement led to a penalty shot being awarded to Bundaberg with Beenleigh leading 1-0. However, star off season recruit Warren Allen failed to square the ledger with his shot finishing high and wide of the target.

Bannon said Bundaberg were tough opposition as the players fought for the 90 minutes.

"They're going to upset some sides this season and there's no doubt they'll improve as the season goes on. However, I'd imagine the constant travelling might be a problem as it can't be much fun," he said.

Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta said he hoped the fortnightly trip to Brisbane would



Beenleigh's Brett Druery didn't figure in the goals but was one of their danger men

become less of an issue as the season progressed.

"Hopefully we will adapt to it... We currently leave around 6am on match day and arrive around an hour before the youth game kicks off. This should provide time for players to loosen up and be ready for the main match," he said.

Baretta said he was very disappointed with the team's loss.

"I believe we probably should have won and I think a number of players are playing on reputation alone and not contributing enough," he said.

"We conceded two goals in the opening twenty minutes though we stuck to our tasks after that and battled reasonably well but it was always going to be tough.

"The fact that we tightened up and made a few chances after conceding the early goals was pleasing."

Baretta said the team had some improving to do if they were going to match Brisbane City on the weekend.

"Obviously conceding early goals is a problem. We need to focus on this," he said.

PREMIER PREVUE - Bundaberg v Bris City

There's sure to be a "must win at all costs" attitude at Thabeban Sports Complex on Saturday when Bundaberg Waves host Brisbane City at 7pm.

In the three Rounds played in the Premier League, Bundaberg has looked suspect away against Taringa and Beenleigh and accomplished at home against Coalstars.

It's difficult to gauge the effect a four to five hour bus trip has on a player but if early season form is to be used as the yardstick, it would appear teams are struggling with the journey. Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta agrees to some degree.

"I hope the fortnightly trip down will become less of a problem as the season progresses," he said.

"We currently leave around 6am on match day and arrive around an hour before the youth game kicks off. This should provide time for players to loosen up and be ready for the main match.

"I think away results like the one at Beenleigh may come back to haunt us later in the year so it is vital we take maximum points at home."

Baretta said his side did not have any injury concerns for the match against the City although he expected to make a couple changes to the starting line-up.

"Obviously we're expecting stern opposition from the league leaders but we've planned a few surprises for them," he said.

By contrast, Brisbane City has had a dream start to the season accounting for Beenleigh, reigning premiers Brisbane Lions and competition favourites Rochedale Rovers.

City possess the best defence in the league

Waves's Giuseppi Baraza will need to call on all his ability against City this weekend



but appear to lack potency up front with all three of the team's Premier League goals coming from the boot of midfielder Dean Almond.

Perhaps the inclusion of a recognised striker in the form of the Brisbane Strikers Chris Slater, who was hurriedly signed earlier this week, will inject the firepower the team currently lacks.

BUNDABERG v BRISBANE CITY

Thabeban Park, Bundaberg
Saturday March 29, 7pm

BUNDABERG

1. Michael Bainbridge
2. Nick Maas
3. Giuseppi 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

BRISBANE CITY

1. Daniel Duke
2. Craig Paulett
3. Anthony Scodellaro
4. Mark Greer
5. Wayne Strange
6. Scott Elliott
7. Cameron Pearce
8. Simon Eslick
9. Warren Cooley
10. Shane Haddow
11. Fiore Bartilomo
12. Robert Kidd
13. Chris Slater
14. Dean Almond
15. John Schiavo
16. Tony De Lange
17. Barry Wilkinson
18. Darryl Grundy
19. Mark Lubric
20. Adriano Taraborrelli

PREMIER PREVUE - Rochedale v Taringa

The game between Rochedale Rovers and Taringa Rovers at Underwood Park at 7pm on Saturday will be the undisputed match of the Round.

Rochedale players will be wanting to make amends for their 1-0 loss to Brisbane City last week, while Taringa will surely want to retain the honour of being one of only two teams still undefeated in the league.

Both teams possess a wealth talent across all areas of the park with the likes of Lees (times two), Koch, Collins and Cooper set to battle it out against Hillier, Ditton, Read, Kolpak and Stowers.

Rochedale coach Gary McDowall said he was disappointed with his team's inability to take advantage of a number of scoring opportunities against City.

"We had a lot of possession but never did anything with it," he said.

Kieren Cooper had a one on one with the keeper and usually you'd put your house on him converting, but unfortunately it finished wide," he said.

"We'll be at home this week and I can assure you that we'll be attacking them (Taringa) at all costs.

"Taringa have signed well in the off season and they've got a team you must respect; the way they have been playing is a credit to John Ogden and I think it's obvious he's done a good job."

Taringa coach John Ogden also pointed to finishing as the key to success at Rochedale.

"We need to improve on hitting the target as we created enough chances to win the game against Lions but failed to score," he said.

"Rochedale Rovers are probably the

Rovers' Gary Brattan in action against Brisbane City last weekend



toughest team on their own ground and I think they've never been beaten in the last three years at home, but we're not going for a draw, we're coming for a win."

Ogden said Rochedale were a complete side, but added he had some tricks in store which would expose them.

ROCHEDALE ROV v TARINGA ROV

Underwood Park, Rochedale
Saturday March 29, 7pm

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 Duck

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 - Wynnum v Beenleigh

The Wynnum Wolves will be searching for their first points of the season when they meet the Beenleigh Lions at Carmichael Park on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Reports filtering through from Wynnum matches suggest the team has been a little unlucky in at least two of its Premier League outings.

The Wolves lost a number of key senior players in the off season and now possess six or seven inexperienced players in the starting line-up either in their late teens or early 20's.

Coach George Cowie said there was no simple solution to his team's run of defeats but emphasised that the players had to get back to basics.

"Football is a simple game and there is no magic wand or special formula; we just need to do the simple things," he said.

"People have got to be realistic with their expectations of the side and to be honest, I can't fault the players for their efforts at training.

Cowie said he had been impressed by the early form of opponents Beenleigh.

"They've done a good job but we'll approach this game with the same mental attitude as we would any other," he said.

"If the lads continue to put the effort in and do their best, the results will come and if they don't, then they don't."

Beenleigh Coach Peter Bannon said he would go into Sunday's clash extremely wary.

"I reckon they're probably still smarting a bit about not having any points on the board as they've not been beaten by big scores in the last couple of weeks," he said.

"That will probably make them an extremely

Hard worker Damian Rogers will have to work even harder to help Wynnum obtain some points



dangerous opponent as they'll be going all out for their first win and I just hope they don't do it against us."

Bannon said the Lions had been creating a lot of scoring opportunities in recent weeks but had failed to capitalise on them. He said the players needed to take their chances and concentrate on ball retention.

WYNNUM DIST v BEENLEIGH

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa
Sunday March 30, 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

BEENLEIGH

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

PREMIER PREVUE - Bris Lions v Coalstars

Reigning premiers Brisbane Lions will want to add to their solitary league point on Sunday when they meet Coalstars at Lions Stadium at 2.45pm.

Lions finally broke their Premier League drought last week when they battled out a hard fought nil all draw against Taringa Rovers. Lions coach Miron Bleiberg was pleased and disappointed about the match result.

"Under normal circumstances I'd prefer the three points but I consider them a top team so it was not that bad... It was an even game and we had more chances, four to five, to one or two of theirs," he said.

"If we have 10 to 13 points at the end of Round 1, I will be happy. The top teams should have around 16 points."

Bleiberg said his midfield and attack were areas of concern that needed to be addressed.

"In our first game, our defence was good but our attack was lacking. In our second game, which was four-three, our defence was shocking but we scored three goals."

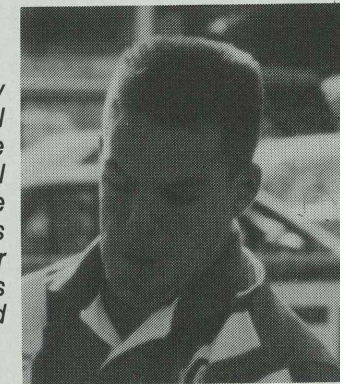
And on Lions chances of beating Coalstars, Bleiberg said: "We are better than them even though we lost one nil in pre season; this game has more pressure than last week as we must get the three points... There is no excuses."

Coalstars coach Paul Barry said: "We had a good result in pre season but gee it's going to be tough."

"They are quick and we need to negate them out wide. We need to shut down these players such as Di Losa and Meacock as they can cause a lot of trouble and we have to stop that."

Barry conceded the Stars had to work on releasing the ball quicker instead of holding onto it.

Lions Roy Huth will be instrumental in the Coalstars encounter this weekend



He also added he was very pleased with his team's performance of last week.

"The boys showed courage to come back from one goal down," he said.

"They didn't drop their heads, instead they played with a bit of desperation and played better," he concluded.

BRISBANE LIONS v COALSTARS

Lions Stadium, Richlands
Sunday March 30, 2.45pm

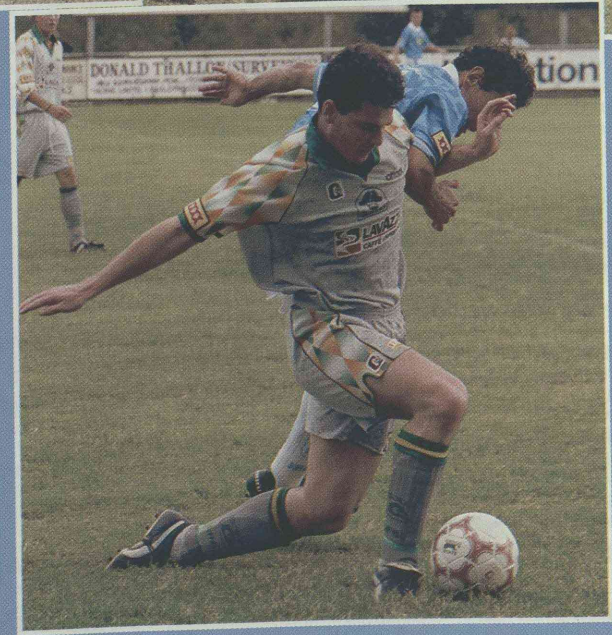
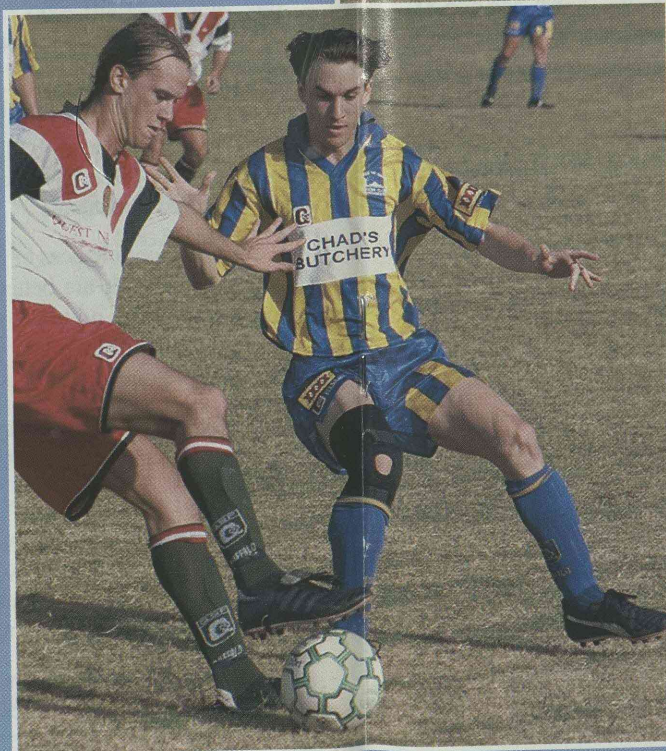
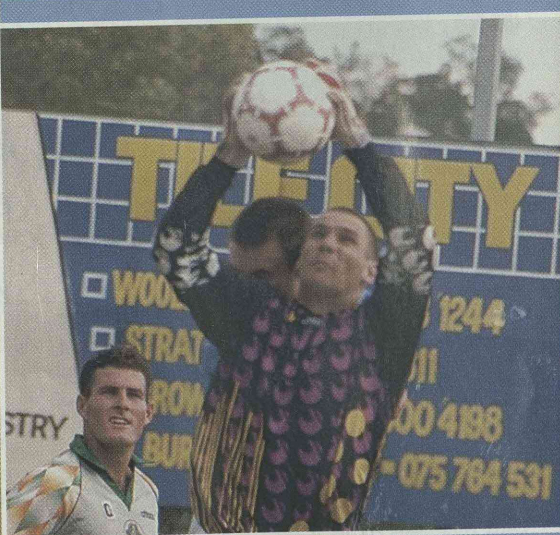
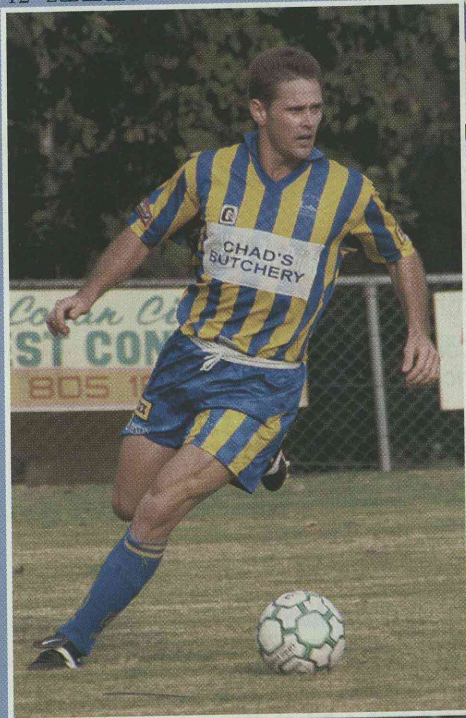
BRISBANE LIONS

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)
19. (Not allocated)
20. (Not allocated)
21. Jason Lucas

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 Ingledeu
16. Wayne Adams
17. Marcello Cuba
18. Richard Hilli
19. Chris Barrett
20. Todd Vaggs

WEEKEND REPLAY



EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX PREMIER LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	3	3	0	0	3	0	9
TARINGA ROVERS	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
ROCHEDALE ROV	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
BEENLEIGH	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
BUNDABERG	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
COALSTARS	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
BRISBANE LIONS	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
WYNNUM	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

XXXX PREMIER RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
BEENLEIGH	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
WYNNUM	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
TARINGA ROVERS	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
COALSTARS	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
BRISBANE CITY	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
ROCHEDALE ROV	3	0	1	2	5	8	1

XXXX PREMIER YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
WYNNUM	3	2	0	1	4	5	6
BRISBANE LIONS	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
BRISBANE CITY	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
ROCHEDALE ROV	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
BUNDABERG	3	0	2	1	7	8	2
BEENLEIGH	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
COALSTARS	3	0	2	1	3	4	2

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
Taringa Rovers	8	6	1	1	16	6	19
Brisbane Lions	9	4	2	3	17	14	14
Beenleigh	8	4	2	2	14	11	14
Brisbane City	9	4	2	3	14	13	14
Wynnum District	9	3	1	5	16	17	10
Rochdale Rovers	9	3	1	5	18	21	10
Coalstars	8	1	3	4	8	13	6
Bundaberg Waves	6	1	2	3	12	16	5

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	2	2	0	0	8	0	6
EASTERN SUBS	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
NORTH STAR	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
CAPALABA	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
ALBANY CREEK	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
PINE RIVERS UTD	2	1	0	1	2	6	3
OLYMPIC UTD	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
NEWMARKET	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
THE GAP	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
GRANGE THISTLE	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH STAR	2	2	0	0	10	0	6
MITCHELTON	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
OLYMPIC UTD	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
THE GAP	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
CAPALABA	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
ALBANY CREEK	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
NEWMARKET	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
PINE RIVERS UTD	2	0	0	2	4	9	0
EASTERN SUBS	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
GRANGE THISTLE	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
MITCHELTON	2	1	1	0	7	2	4
ALBANY CREEK	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
NEWMARKET	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
NORTH STAR	2	0	2	0	5	5	2
PINE RIVERS UTD	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
THE GAP	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
EASTERN SUBS	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
OLYMPIC UTD	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
GRANGE THISTLE	2	0	1	1	3	8	1

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
INALA CITY UTD	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
TOOWOOMBA	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	7	4	3
ROCKLEA UTD	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
IPSW ST HELENS	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
SOUTHS UTD	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
REDLANDS UTD	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
ACACIA RIDGE	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
MT GRAVATT	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 1STH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MT GRAVATT	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
REDLANDS UTD	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	8	1	3
ACACIA RIDGE	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
INALA CITY UTD	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
ROCKLEA UTD	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
TOOWOOMBA	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
IPSW ST HELENS	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
SOUTHS UTD	2	0	0	2	1	13	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 1STH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ACACIA RIDGE	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
TOOWOOMBA	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
SLACKS CREEK	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
ROCKLEA UTD	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
SOUTHS UTD	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
MT GRAVATT	2	1	0	1	5	7	3
REDLANDS UTD	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
IPSW ST HELENS	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
INALA CITY UTD	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LATROBE	4	4	0	0	14	6	12
UNI OF QLD	4	4	0	0	10	2	12
SOUTH STAR	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
NORTH PINE	4	2	1	1	12	6	7
ANERLEY	4	2	0	2	10	8	6
DARRA UTD	4	2	0	2	10	9	6
GOODNA	4	1	1	2	4	3	4
REDCLIFFE	4	1	1	2	10	10	4
S'SIDE EAGLES	4	1	0	3	3	8	3
BAYSIDE UTD	4	1	0	3	8	15	3
SAMFORD	4	1	0	3	4	16	3
MOGILL UTD	4	0	1	3	4	11	1

AMATEUR DIV 1 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	4	4	0	0	28	2	12
NORTH PINE	4	3	1	0	20	7	10
ANERLEY	4	2	2	0	10	5	8
S'SIDE EAGLES	4	2	2	0	7	5	8
MOGILL UTD	4	2	1	1	4	11	7
LATROBE	4	2	0	2	10	3	6
GOODNA	4	1	2	1	7	12	5
SOUTH STAR	4	1	1	2	5	14	4
BAYSIDE UTD	4	1	0	3	6	11	3
DARRA UTD	4	0	2	2	5	10	2
SAMFORD	4	0	1	3	2	11	1
REDCLIFFE	4	0	0	4	6	19	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BROTHERS UTD	4	3	1	0	21	3	10
MARGATE	4	3	1	0	17	6	10
PARK RIDGE	4	2	2	0	8	1	8
GREENBANK	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
CLAIRVAUX	4	2	1	1	8	8	7
JIMBOOMBA	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
IPSWICH CITY	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
PINE HILLS	4	0	1	3	1	5	1
MOOROONDU	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
BETHANIA	3	0	1	2	4	12	1
OXLEY UTD	4	0	0	4	4	28	0

AMATEUR DIV 2 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	4	4	0	0	16	2	12
PARK RIDGE	4	3	0	1	16	4	9
CLAIRVAUX	4	3	0	1	14	3	9
JIMBOOMBA	3	3	0	0	11	1	9
GREENBANK	3	1	1	1	9	8	4
BROTHERS UTD	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
PINE HILLS	4	1	1	2	3	13	4
IPSWICH CITY	3	1	0	2	4	10	3
OXLEY UTD	4	1	0	3	4	13	3
MOOROONDU	4	0	1	3	5	19	1
BETHANIA	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

- 3 Gls Steve Fitzsimmons (Rochdale Rov)
- 3 Gls Dene Almond (Brisbane City)
- 2 Gls Darren Bender (Bundaberg)
- 2 Gls Ian Hutchison (Taringa Rovers)
- 2 Gls Steve Jackson (Brisbane Lions)
- 2 Gls Glen Kolpak (Taringa Rovers)
- 2 Gls Andy Lees (Rochdale Rovers)
- 2 Gls Brenley Jefford (Coalstars)
- 2 Gls Troy Wickstein (Beenleigh)

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAMFORD	4	4	0	0	14	2	12
UNI OF QLD	3	3	0	0	14	3	9
KINGSRIDGE	4	2	2	0	7	4	8
IPSWICH CITY	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
ANERLEY	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
WOODRIDGE	3	1	0	2	4	11	3
ARCHERFIELD	3	0	2	1	5	7	2
NORTH PINE	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
JIMBOOMBA	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
BAYSIDE UTD	3	0	0	3	2	13	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	4	4	0	0	17	3	12
ACACIA RIDGE	4	3	0	1	14	3	9
BRISBANE LIONS	4	3	0	1	11	7	9
CAPALABA	4	2	1	1	19	7	7
THE GAP	4	2	1	1	13	7	7
NEWMARKET	4	2	0	2	16	10	6
ALBANY CREEK	4	2	0	2	10	10	6
NORTH STAR	4	2	0	2	6	18	6
SLACKS CREEK	4	1	0	3	10	12	3
MITCHELTON	4	1	0	3	7	15	3
SOUTHS UTD	4	1	0	3	2	13	3
PARK RIDGE	4	0	0	4	2	22	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WOODRIDGE	4	4	0	0	26	6	12
MT GRAVATT	4	4	0	0	15	4	12
EASTERN SUBS	4	3	1	0	25	5	10
UNI OF QLD	4	2	1	1	21	13	7
WYNNUM	3	1	2	0	9	7	5
IPSW ST HELENS	4	1	2	1	10	11	5
COALSTARS	4	1	1	2	12	13	4
ALBANY CREEK	4	1	1	2	6	11	4
REDLANDS UTD	4	1	0	3	9	19	3
BRISBANE CITY	4	0	2	2	11	23	2
BRISBANE LIONS	3	0	0	3	4	17	0
SAMFORD	4	0	0	4	6	25	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	4	4	0	0	21	4	12
NEWMARKET	4	3	1	0	14	5	10
CAPALABA	4	3	0	1	12	5	9

WOMEN'S WRAP UP

Women's soccer is currently in the pre-season stage in Queensland with all divisions currently contesting the Atlanta Cup tournament.

The Cup is providing an opportunity for players to develop some fitness and teamwork prior to the start of the season.

Premier League teams are the top sides in Brisbane and are currently providing some entertaining matches and a number of impressive score lines.

The Gap boosted their goal difference and moved into fourth position on the table following their convincing 4-1 victory against QUT City on the weekend.

But, QUT City player Carmelina Lanza-Volpe said the scoreline was not a true reflection of the competitiveness of her side.

"We actually had most of the play but they scored all four of their goals from breakaways," she said.

"The general feeling of supporters from both sides was that we outplayed them but they got all the luck."

Slacks Creek and Newmarket played out a tough 1-1 draw in their match but Slacks Creek coach Richard Littler said he believed his team should have done a lot better.

"We had a host of chances but just didn't put them away," he said.

"We're definitely lacking fitness but I expect us to be very competitive when the season proper begins."

East Mt Gravatt were the other big winners of the round recording a 3-0 win away to Coalstars while the match between the QAS and Redlands was postponed.

Corinne Currey in the match against NNSW at Perry Park a few weeks ago



Atlanta Cup

Premier League	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
QAS	3	3	0	0	11	0	6
East Mt Gravatt	4	3	0	1	10	7	6
Newmarket	4	2	1	1	6	8	5
The Gap	4	2	0	2	9	7	4
Slacks Creek	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
Redlands	3	1	0	2	7	3	2
QUT City	4	1	0	3	6	8	2
Coalstars	4	1	0	3	4	8	2

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Taringa	4	4	0	0	12	0	8
Souths	4	3	0	1	18	5	6
Qld University	4	2	2	0	11	3	6
Margate	4	2	1	1	6	2	5
Brisbane Lions	4	2	0	2	6	5	4
Rochedale	4	1	0	3	3	15	2
Beenleigh	4	0	1	3	2	13	1
Olympic	4	0	1	3	3	18	1

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tiwiwarrin	4	4	0	0	10	2	8
Ipsw St Helens	4	4	0	0	23	0	7
Mitchelton	4	2	0	2	9	8	4
Newmarket	4	2	0	2	4	4	4
North Pine	4	1	1	2	3	9	3
Caboolture	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Jimboomba	4	0	2	2	2	9	2
Goodna	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albany Creek	4	4	0	0	12	4	8
Greenbank	4	3	0	1	13	2	6
Pine Hills	4	2	1	1	11	3	5
Qld University	4	2	0	2	12	6	4
Taringa	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Kingsridge	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
The Gap	4	1	0	3	2	13	2
Clairvaux	4	0	0	4	0	21	0

Queensland girls fly high in Ansett Summer Series

Look out Brisbane Strikers, Queensland already has its first National League Championship side, courtesy of the Queensland Academy of Sport Women's ITC Squad, who returned victorious this week after defeating the South Australian Institute of Sport 2-1 in Sunday's gruelling grand final of the Women's National League.

The QAS entered the remaining rounds of the competition two points clear at the top of the Northern conference with historical rivals New South Wales hot on their heels.

Additional group games were played against their southern counterparts the South Australian Institute of Sport, ACT Academy and Victorian Institute of Sport, with the points counting towards a finals berth. Queensland toughed it out against Victoria in the first of their group games to register a 1-0 win, but were defeated 3-2 by South Australia in the second match of the round.

A plucky 2-2 draw against the ACT had officials baffled when the seemingly impossible had occurred with South Australia already qualified, the QAS and NSW Institute of Sport had both finished on equal points with the same goals for and against.

An elimination game between the QAS and NSW would decide who faced South Australia in the grand final.

After normal playing time the score remained unchanged at nil all, with the result decided by a penalty shoot out. Two important saves by Belinda Kitching ensured a 4-2 victory to the Queenslanders, who advanced to the final.

The victory against South Australia enabled the QAS side, most of whom are 21 or younger, an opportunity to stake a claim for the Australian national squad, who will tour the United States later this year.

Lisa Dunne, who scored both of

Lisa Dunne scored both of Qld's goals in the final game to give our girls the national title



Queensland's goals said: "This competition has been an eye opener, to see the improving standards from state to state, is very positive. It's provided a platform for young players to aspire to."

Dunne, who recently returned to the national squad after a lengthy injury spell was impressed with the young up and coming players.

"Most of our current National players didn't stand out as they normally would in club games. I think that's because the standard of play was so high, but it also highlighted youngsters like Amy Wilson and our own Alicia Ferguson as players of the future," Dunne said.

With the prospect of representing Australia at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, AWSA Chief Executive Officer Warren Fischer is hopeful that with continued corporate and government support, the league will be expanded next season to provide twice as many games.

This would produce the highest level of domestic competition, which can only benefit our young Queensland girls in their quest for Olympic glory.

The QAS side: Belinda Kitching, Georgette Leake, Sarah Garven, Kate Stork, Sonia Gegenhuber, Lindsay Whiddett, Brooke Short, Kelly Russell, Kim Revell, Corinne Currey, April Mann, Joanne Butland, Lisa Dunne, Tammie Thornton, Alicia Ferguson
Coach: Greg Brown **Assistant:** Mark Boyd
Manager: Lesley Mann.

THE XXXX REPORT

COALSTARS 2 v WYNNUM 1 (1-1) at Eric Evans Reserve

SCORERS: Coalstars: R. Hilli, B. Jefferd

Wynnum: B. Rogers

COALSTARS: Cassidy, Scott, Petie, Bennett, McKendrick, Park, King, Adams, Jefferd, Hinks, Hilli. (Subs: Hughes, Cuba, Stenzel, Vaggs)

WYNNUM: Underhill, Davidson, Adair, Wood, Poppewell, Hilton, Van Basten, McKinless R., Rogers B., Rogers D., Hadland. (Subs: McKinless T., Maltby, Wilkins, McCullough)

BEENLEIGH 2 v BUNDABERG 0 (2-0) at Chris Green Park

SCORERS: Beenleigh: T. Wickstein, K. Galloway

BEENLEIGH: Roche, Milosevic, Rowland, Davidson, Galloway, Wickstein, Hinton, Druery, Preston, Skordu, Smart. (Subs: Jones, Lederhose, Leake, Balke)

BUNDABERG: Bainbridge, Barazza, Starr, Giovannoni, Roebuck, Graham, Brown, Allen, Wilson, Bender, Fagan. (Subs: Maas, Legg, Hunt, Aslett, Driver)

TARINGA 0 v BRISBANE LIONS 0 (0-0) at Jack Speare Park

TARINGA: Higgins, Innunciaga, Grodum, Britton, Theochari, Stowers, Hillier, Hutchison, Kolpak, Hughes, Ditton. (Subs: Read, Collins, Flemington, Hobbs)

LIONS: Lucas, Lonsdale, Jackson, Huth, Cotton, Rogers, Geritz, Poggi, Di-Losa, Meacock. (Subs: Farrow, Hunter, Matula, Watson)

BRISBANE CITY 1 v ROCHEDALE 0 (1-0) at Spencer Park

SCORER: D. Almond

BRIS CITY: Duke, Strange, Elliott, Pearce, Eslick, Cooley, Bartilomo, Kidd, Almond, Wilkinson, Grundy. (Subs: Paulett, De Lange, Lubric)

ROCHEDALE: Dal Santo, Bratten, Monement, Lane, Harris, Lees E., Fitzsimmons, Lees A., Koch, Pilic, Collins. (Subs: Duck, Cooper, Weatherby)

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READ between the LINES

All the goss with Brent Read



It was good to see Australian Youth Team coach Les Scheinflug (pictured) make the journey to Brisbane on the weekend.

While Les was predominantly in Brisbane to watch the Strikers, particularly Wayne Knipe, he didn't limit himself to the National League.

Les was an interested spectator at the Taringa v Brisbane Lions game on Sunday. Before a sizeable crowd, Scheinflug watched an entertaining game between two of the league's glamour sides, and although there was only a smattering of young players on either side, it was good to see a National coach like Les at the local league in Queensland.

I'd like to know when that last happened. What the weekend's game did show is that Lions are far from a spent force in the Premier League.

The club now enters what would be considered the 'easier' side of the draw. If they can win those four games a place near the top of the table will be theirs at the end of the first round.

On other matters not necessarily of a football nature, "House of Fun" members and associated guests are planning to celebrate Easter in grand style. A party featuring a roll call of soccer's finest will be coming together for the festive weekend.

Unfortunately, two of the most anticipated guests, the Lees Brothers, have been ruled out due to other engagements.

In their place will be an assortment of characters, including Scott "Giggles" Higgins.

"Giggles" has recently made every post a winner between the sticks for Taringa. "The Clown Prince of Queensland Soccer" trains as hard as anybody and is starting to enjoy the benefits.



For a big man, his reflexes are impressive. In the comic stakes, "Giggles" is a taller, thinner version of Ralph Malph.

There's little doubt the former QAS keeper has the potential for higher honours in football. However he must concentrate on keeping Taringa's other keeper, Andrew Hobbs, out of the starting side. Former house-mates, it's lucky they don't reside in the House of Fun any longer, it could have ended in bloodshed.

Finally, Brisbane City deserve some recognition for their season so far. Most people felt City wouldn't be as strong this year but early season results have them at the top of the table.

The weekend's 1-0 win over Rochedale was a great result. City have a 100% record so far and rumours have them linked with some National League players when Frank Farina decides it's time to free up his squad.

If they can keep their form going until the cavalry arrives, a Premiership is there for the taking.

Clash of top and bottom

In Semi-Pro South it will be a battle of two teams at opposite ends of the table when Acacia Ridge host Slacks Creek at Usher Park on Saturday night.

Slacks Creek are currently in third spot but have only played one fixture by virtue of an early season bye with both teams above them having played an extra match.

Slacks Creeks coach Colin Knott said he had been pleased with his team's results so far but added there was always room for improvement.

"There are a couple of aspects we still need to work on but things are going along very nicely," he said.

Knott said he had a very strong squad this year which had made for a very competitive atmosphere which can only be beneficial to the team.

"Everyone's doing their jobs and they will need to continue to do so due to the level of

competition for places this year," he said.

Acacia Ridge on the other hand are currently near the foot of the table but a 5-1 victory over North Star in the Semi Pro Division 1 Cup last week might be just the lift Dave Richardson's team needs to put them back on track in this weekend's encounter.

"We've not had the start we were looking for but with seven new players it was always going to take time for us to find our feet," he said.

"We're also currently without three of my first choice players for the starting line-up so when they return things should turn around for us."

Richardson said his side were far better than their current league position suggests but admits they will be hard pressed to stop Slacks Creek.

"I think their the best side in the league and if we do win it will be an upset," he said.

Clash of first and second

This week in Semi-Pro Division 1 North sees the early season front runners clash when second placed Easts travel to Mitchelton to meet the league leaders.

Mitchelton have been in superb goalscoring touch so far scoring eight in their opening two fixtures before crushing Ipswich St. Helens 10-0 in their first round Cup tie last weekend.

They had recorded victories of 3-0 and 5-0 prior to their big win in the Cup and with eighteen goals from three matches they are expected to prove a handful for any opposition.

New recruit from Grange Thistle Effie Cassar has been in outstanding form in the midfield and, with QAS coach and former Socceroo Greg Brown making occasional guest appearances and Lee Scriggins yet to attain full match fitness, they will be very tough to stop this season.

Easts coach James Quinn concedes his side will go into the match clear underdogs but he is confident his charges will more than make a game of it.

"A team who have been scoring so freely have to go in as favourites but we're working on a plan to combat them and we'll be competitive," he said.

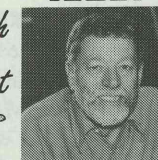
Quinn said he was pleased with the way his side were travelling so far particularly considering they had made a policy of bringing younger players through this season rather than leaping into the transfer market.

"We've decided to give the young guys who have been with us for a while a chance this year rather than delving into the transfer market for players who don't have the same loyalty and commitment to the club," he said.

"So far they've grabbed their opportunities with both hands as our results show."

Before The Whistle

with
Jim Gilbert



Back to league action in the case of the Semi Pro clubs, however last weekend's Cup matches were not without their dramas.

Semi Professional Division-League Cup, Round 1-First Leg: Acacia Ridge 5 def Grange 1, Mt Gravatt 1 def Albany Creek 0. Capalaba 3 def Toowoomba Utd 1, Easts 2 drew Rocklea 2. Mitchelton 10 def Ipswich St Helens 0, Slacks Creek 5 def North Star 0. Pine Rivers 6 def Souths 0, Inala 5 def Olympic 2. The Gap 4 def Redlands 0

In some matches there were incredibly close scores which will make the second leg a very interesting proposition, however with one or two of the drubbings, one has to question the commitment and level of expertise in the defeated teams. Were they playing their full first team, or was it simply a matter of a lot of bad luck!

At least 3 of the return legs will be nail-biters to determine who goes into the barrel for the second round draw, Albany Creek are certainly not out of it, Toowoomba are certainly in with a chance and Easts and Rocklea will go to the final whistle.

I took in the Capalaba-Toowoomba game and it certainly was an exciting match, full of excellent skills from both sides. Toowoomba pressured early, the hosts weathered the storm and came more into the game as the first half progressed. John Stewart most decidedly pulled the strings for the Bulldogs, with both his distribution and his dead ball placement. Indeed

all four goals came from set plays, 3 of them from corners. Capalaba opened two thirds of the way through the first half from a corner, Toowoomba equalised, alas it was off side, with the hosts going 2-0 up on the half-time whistle when a free kick was floated fully 35 metres and the smallest Capalaba striker out-jumped the tallest Toowoomba defender, to head into the net.

Toowoomba had plenty of speed down both flanks and indeed it was a revelation to see wing play being utilised to the full, all the team from the Downs needed, was a killer touch in front of goal, sadly it was lacking.

Notwithstanding the above, I thoroughly enjoyed the match, it was an excellent advertisement for this divisions football, plenty of skill, plenty of goal mouth action and a most enjoyable evening.

Semi Professional Division 1 North

Four of the matches being played Saturday evening with the pick undoubtedly the top of the table clash between Mitchelton and Eastern Suburbs, both sides scoring goals, but the defensive capabilities of the hosts probably will be a pointer to where the points will go. North Star will play host to Newmarket and based on form to date, it looks likely the points will remain at O'Callaghan Park, Pine Rivers make the trip down to The Gap, form of both sides highly erratic, could be a score draw but more likely 3 points to stay at Walton Bridge, remaining match between Albany Creek and Grange is between two sides sadly out of form and as the visitors have yet to score a goal, the Creek should pick up a badly needed 3 points.

Remaining match is Sunday evening between Olympic and Capalaba and based on what I've seen of the visitors, I would surmise that's where the points will be heading.



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Semi Professional Division 1 South

Two matches on Saturday night look, on paper at least, as if the points will return with the visitors. Mt Gravatt make the trip to Cleveland and whilst in the tables the hosts already have 1 point on the board, I can't believe that Mt Gravatt will continue to be this bad, looks like a narrow win for the visitors, similarly Slacks Creek make the trip up to Acacia Ridge where, again, the hosts are struggling to score goals, it's certainly not the problem of the visitors, which is where the points will head.

One match on Sunday in Toowoomba with Rocklea making the and if the hosts can put last week's Cup match behind them, they should retain the points. Remaining match on Easter Monday sees Inala hosting St Helens and as Inala are yet to concede a goal, points to remain with Inala.

Amateur Division 1

Three matches on Saturday and in the day-time Annerley will look to get back on track when they host a resurgent Goodna, it won't be easy but I think they will do the trick. The other match on Saturday afternoon is between Southside Eagles and Bayside, with both sides having fluctuating fortunes of late, this will be another tight match, but I think the hosts will come up with the points at the final whistle. In the night game North Pine will certainly leave Moggill stranded at the bottom of the table come 8.45pm.

On Sunday, Redcliffe make the trip to Samford and judging by recent form, will return with the points. Two matches on Easter Monday will determine the top of the table, with Darra v South Star a crucial match for the hosts. If they lose, they will drop out of finals contention, looks to be at least 1 point for the home side. Remaining match is between the two teams with a 100% record, Latrobe and University with a lot at stake, goal difference is identical and it all points to a score draw, but I don't think so. There will be a winner and whoever I tip will act as a spur for the other team. I think the boys from St Lucia may only just have the edge.

Amateur Division 2

I took in the top of the table clash between Clairvaux and Margate last Saturday and the final score-line was not a true reflection of the game. Margate did exert a lot of pressure and were camped in Clairvaux's territory the first half, however the half-time score was only 1-0 with the Margate keeper even saving a penalty.

The turning point came on the hour mark, when two goals by Margate in the space of sixty seconds completely knocked the hosts and it really was just a question of how many goals the visitors would score. There was a lot of promise from both sides but Margate had tremendous attacking flair.

This weekend sees four of the matches played on Saturday. Greenbank make the trip up the Jinker Track, but as Pine Hills have one point on the board, I don't think they will improve after this match. Clairvaux, make the trip to Bethania and if the visitors can forget last weeks match, they should take the points. Ipswich City will certainly know they have been in a game when Brothers come visiting, just look at the number of goals that Brothers have scored. Meanwhile, Margate host Park Ridge, both sides can score goals, with the Ridge's defence at the moment looking far better, I still think the points will remain on the peninsula.

Remaining match is on Monday between Oxley and Jimboomba and the hosts will have to do something dramatic to improve both their goal scoring and defensive weaknesses and based on positions on the table, Jimboomba will pick up the points.

Amateur Division 3

The good news here is that Moggill have taken up one of the byes and will commence playing fixtures from this weekend. We can but



hope that another team from the Amateur Divisions will take out the remaining bye.

In the two Saturday matches there will be fluctuating fortunes, North Pine host Archerfield, with neither side setting the table on fire, North Pine to take the points, whilst bottom marker Bayside will be hosting Annerley, with the visitors, despite their poor goal scoring ability, to take all 3 points. One match on Sunday will see Samford retain their 100% record at the expense of Jimboomba, whilst two matches on Monday should see Kingsridge retain their unbeaten tag when they visit near neighbours Woodridge, remaining match is a lottery, as Moggill (the new team) host Ipswich City and as I know nothing of the new boys, I'll automatically tip Ipswich to take the points. That should spur them on!

Amateur Division 4

All matches in this division are on Easter Monday. Brisbane Lions v Acacia Ridge is a case of second versus third, so a lot is at stake, Lions may sneak in at the whistle. Capalaba should be untroubled in their visit to Souths, similarly the length of the table separates Taringa and Park Ridge, so the points should remain at Jack Speare Oval. North Star and The Gap will be a much closer affair but visitor's attacking capabilities should be where the points will head. Newmarket should enjoy their visit to Albany Creek, whilst Slacks Creek similarly should take the points from Mitchelton.

Amateur Division 5

Certain players from teams in this division may well be looking forward to Monday night, as they have two matches to play. On Thursday evening Wynnum play their deferred match against Brisbane Lions, with the points to remain at Boundary Park, Wynnum then back up two nights later against Mt Gravatt and this will be a much tougher proposition, where a draw is a quite feasible proposition.

Remaining matches are all on Monday with Woodridge to remain at the top after Coalstars have come calling, Brisbane City may pick up

their first 3 pointer at the expense of Samford, Albany Creek will have no joy after University have paid a visit, Eastern Suburbs will retain their unbeaten tag and are likely to improve their goal scoring capabilities after St Helens have left and the remaining match between Redlands and Brisbane Lions should see the points remain at Cleveland, particularly as the boys in Tangerine will have backed up for their second game of the weekend.

Amateur Division 6

Again we have Wynnum and Lions playing two matches over the weekend and on Thursday night Wynnum should retain all 3 points over Lions and like their Division 5 counterparts, Wynnum will again back up in the twilight match on Saturday against Capalaba, visitors being the freshest may just take the points. In the two Saturday afternoon games Slacks Creek should return home with the points from Kingsridge, similarly Newmarket will remain unbeaten over equal bottom markers University.

Remaining matches are on Monday and with Lions backing up for their second match away to Taringa, I don't think they will have the resilience to take the points away from Jack Speare Park. Easts v The Gap will be a battle at the bottom, hosts slightly better defensive abilities may be a pointer, whilst Brisbane Lions host a rampant Coalstars, with visitors to retain their unbeaten top spot after this one.

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