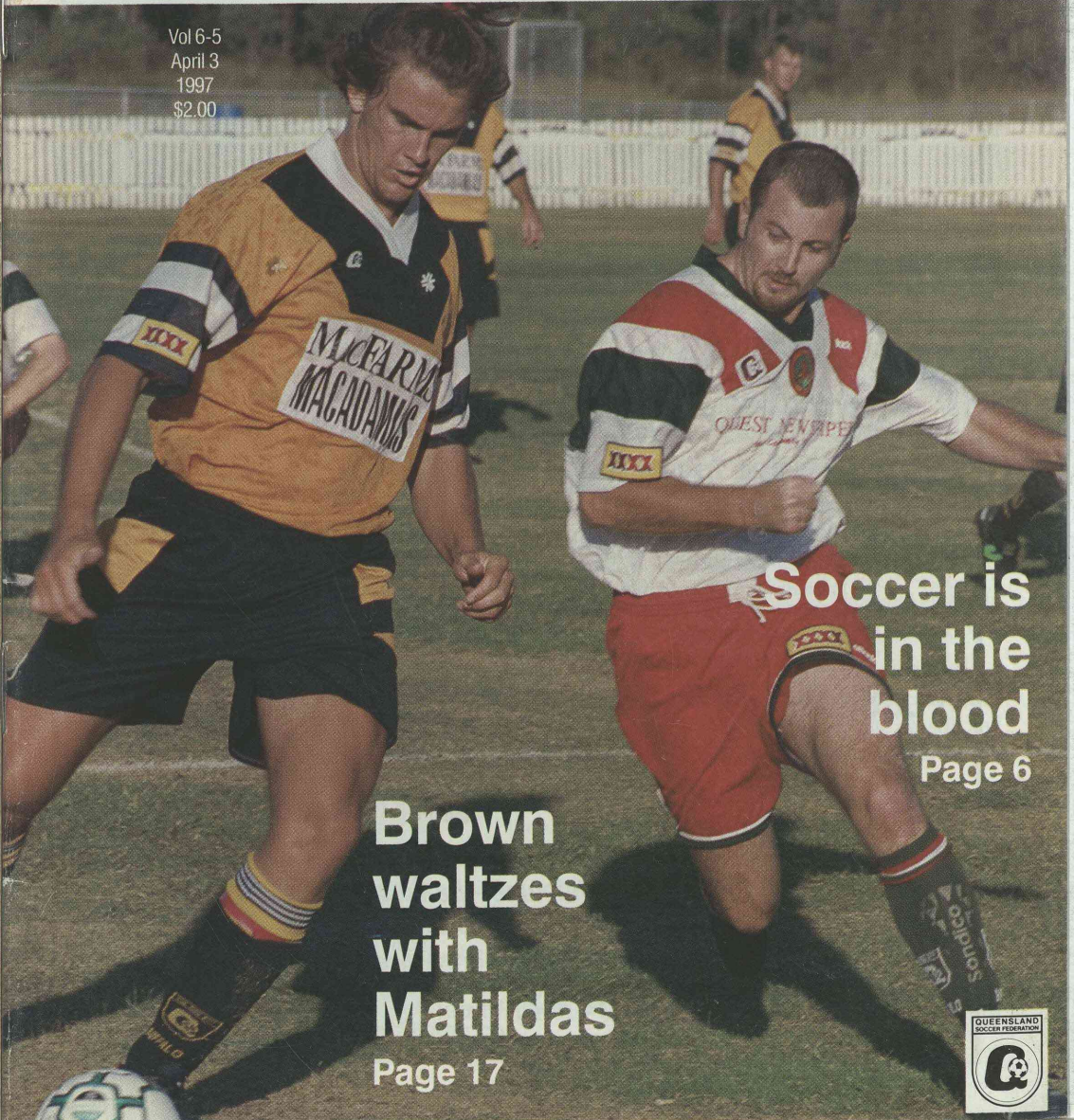


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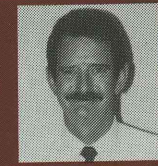
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Cover Photograph: Wynnum's Luke Adair prepares to off load the ball in last weeks clash against Beenleigh as Brett Jones closes in to shut him down.

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Editorial



Congratulations to Greg Brown on his appointment as Australia's National Women's Coach until 2000.

Brownie has done a magnificent job with the QAS Youth teams, both male and female, and deserves much of the credit for the standard that the players have attained.

In particular, the recent performance of the QAS Women's ITC team at the Ansett Australia Summer Series was testament to his coaching ability.

His input will be sorely missed by players and administrators throughout this state and our loss is Australia's gain. Good Luck Brownie!

Moving from the local scene to the national level, the Strikers 2-0 win against Perth Glory in front of 13,000 West Australians - a regular size crowd where the sun sets - sealed a finals start for Frank and the lads.

With just three matches remaining, the Strikers are now concentrating on securing second position on the league ladder and an opportunity to host a grand final for the first time in Brisbane.

With historical scribes lurking on our front door, waiting for the chance to etch a new chapter into the annals of Queensland Soccer, it is about time that we, en masse, turn out at Suncorp Stadium like they do in the West.

We need to put aside any prejudices that exist and rally behind our boys. A victory to the Strikers would be a victory for Queensland Soccer!

On a final note, it was great to see reigning Premiers Brisbane Lions notch up their first win of the season and somewhat sad to see Wynnum get beaten for the fourth time.

I thought the Wolves might get the points at half-time against Beenleigh when they lead 1-0, but alas, it was not to be.

Also, it seems ironic that the team top of the Premier League table has scored four goals in four matches, while the second placed team has scored 10 goals. City's new recruit Chris Slater might do something about the low numbers in the "F" column over the next few weeks.

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Coalstars v Rochedale Rov	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rochedale	Rochedale
Beenleigh v Brisbane Lions	Lions	Lions	Draw	Beenleigh
Brisbane City v Taringa Rovers	City	Taringa	City	City

Semi Pro Division 1 North - Round 4

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

Semi Pro Division 1 South - Round 4

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

LAST WEEKS & (PROGRESSIVE) TTL'S **6 (17)** **6 (18)** **6 (15)** **5 (16)**

Waves pull draw at death

Bundaberg Waves and Brisbane City fought out a contentious one all draw at Thabeban Sports Complex last Saturday night.

Both teams failed to capitalise on numerous goal-scoring opportunities in front of a largely parochial 700 strong crowd.

City opened the scoring in the seventh minute when Strikers export Chris Slater provided a perfectly weighted cross which midfielder Barry Wilkinson neatly headed past Waves goalkeeper Michael Bainbridge.

The visitors had the better of the first half with Wilkinson, Slater and midfielder Cameron Pearce making life difficult for the Bundaberg defence.

Bundaberg's only real opportunity of the first period, came in the 30th minute when Warren Allen failed to convert a "one on one" with City goalkeeper Daniel Duke.

At the other end of the field, referee Derek Crawford controversially blew his whistle to signal the half-time break just as City midfielder Dean Almond had broken free of the Waves defence and was faced with Bainbridge to beat.

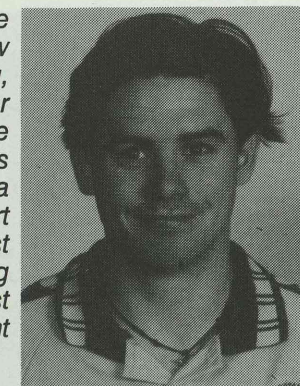
The controversy continued in the second half when City defender Mark Greer was dismissed in the 52nd minute after receiving a yellow card, his second of the night, for dissent.

Not long after, Crawford also dismissed City coach Bobby Hamilton from the bench for a similar offence.

The drama seemed to provide the catalyst for the Bundaberg players to increase their efforts.

Waves dominated the second half but a combination of brilliant goalkeeping from Duke and poor finishing from the Bundaberg players kept the game on track for what appeared to be a certain City victory.

Brisbane City's new signing, former Brisbane Striker Chris Slater had a solid first start against Bundaberg Waves last Saturday night



However, in the 89th minute, with City under siege from Bundaberg, Slater thumped the ball over the fence near the halfway line in an attempt to give his side some time to regroup.

Controversially, Crawford booked Slater for time wasting and from the ensuing play, Waves defender Tony Roebuck found himself unmarked in the box and coolly shot a low drive into the left hand corner of the goal.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said he was disappointed with the result, adding he thought the sending off of Mark Greer was the turning point in the match.

"Our first three games finished 1-0 and to be honest, I think we should have won this game 1-0," he said.

"We had to rearrange the team whereby we really had no option but to play with one man up front.

"It wasn't possible to add to our 1-0 lead and even though I don't like playing that way, we just had to try and hang in there and protect our lead."

Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta was pleased by the commitment shown by his players.

"I thought we played well and in the end, Brisbane City were lucky to get away with a draw," Baretta said.

Ogden - soccer is in the blood

John Ogden was born in Rochdale, Manchester, north of London in 1959. He came from a traditional working class background where his father was a mechanic, his mother a housewife.

As a youngster, Ogden travelled with his family to watch local first division club side Burnley play and John is the first to admit that other sports didn't stand a chance because the world game was "in my blood from the outset".



The Ogdens migrated to Australia when John was aged 11 years and he soon began what would inevitably be a 26 year association with the game in this state.

He played for Ipswich side St Helens before joining Brisbane Lions at the age of 15. When the Philips League began in 1977, Ogden was part of Lions squad and between 1977 and 1987, John played 200 national league games.

Ogden recalled that some of his more memorable moments in the game occurred during his stint with Lions.

"In the national league at that time, we got to play against a lot of overseas guest players including George Best, Alan Sunderland and Bob Latchford. It was great experience," he said.

Ogden left Lions at the end of the 1988 season and joined cross town rivals Coalstars from 1990 to 1992. It was here that Ogden got his first taste of the perils of coaching.

"When I joined Coalstars, Mark Brusasco was the coach but he resigned soon after as the team was not travelling all that well in the early part of the season... I took over for a couple of seasons, before I left to play for Taringa," he said.

"I played for four years under Juan (Cutillas) and I believe Taringa really came of age with a

League win, a Queensland Cup victory and two grand final appearances in four years."

Ogden said the transition from player to coach was a natural progression for someone who wanted to remain in contact with the game.

"I couldn't stand not being involved in the game and I see

it as an opportunity to put something back into the club," he said.

"It's certainly a challenge to make players better, work harder and be more disciplined... Some of them don't understand how hard you have to work to make it."

Like most football coaches across the world, particularly those who have played the game at a reasonable level, John has come to dismiss the frustration's of coaching.

"You just have to hope that what you do through the week will be enough to get you through the match on the weekend," he said.

"You have to rely on your judgement on who to and who not to play, but at the end of the day it's up to the players to perform."

Ogden said one of his primary coaching goals was to develop a side that played attractive football.

"I believe we must try to play attractive football because we are entertainers and therefore, we must entertain," he said.

"Without spectators, the game is nothing and in order to get the spectators back to the games, we have to produce some exciting football."

Lions notch up their first win

Reigning premiers Brisbane Lions finally produced their first win of the season with a less than convincing 2-0 win over a disappointing Coalstars outfit on Sunday.

Neither side offered much in the opening twenty minutes, the only incident of note when a cross from Lions striker Greg Di Losa appeared to be handled in the area by a Coalstars defender but referee Bob Eedy allowed play to continue.

However, both teams turned the pace up a notch midway through the half and Marcello Cuba gave Lions keeper Rob Farrow a heart flutter when his 25 yard chip drifted just over the bar.

But a minute later it was the home side who troubled the scoreboard attendant when they finally broke a drought which had seen them score in only one other match this season.

Di Losa seemed to find space in the area only to be closed down before he could shoot but the rebound fell invitingly for Steve Jackson who curled a superb left foot strike into the top corner for a 1-0 lead.

The goal seemed to signal a return to somewhere near the form which took Lions to the double last season as they completely dominated their local rivals for the remainder of the half.

They might have added a second when Roy Huth fired a fifty yard diagonal ball to the far post for Cliff Tuck to head down perfectly only for Di Losa to drag his shot wide.

Tuck was again involved shortly after when he ran on to a well disguised Jackson through-ball and cut it back for the unmarked Robbie Pudja (pictured). The young midfielder should have given his team a 2-0 half-time lead but inexplicably sliced wide from five yards.

In the second half Lions failed to deliver



the knockout punch which should have killed off the match but rather seemed determined to gift Coalstars an equaliser.

A free kick from Coalstars skipper Andrew King very nearly did put the visitors back on level terms when it went straight through the wall but was cleared off the line by Huth.

Lions inability to deliver the knockout punch resulted in a spate of activity from the bench with coach Miron Bleiberg bringing on strikers Jason Poggi and Kevin Meacock to try and put the match beyond Coalstars reach.

But Bleiberg need not have feared for the points against a Coalstars team who showed little if any urgency at 1-0 down.

The match fizzled out in the last 15 minutes with Coalstars unable to string more than a couple of passes together and Lions evidently content with a 1-0 result.

The home team finally added a second goal two minutes into injury time when a long clearance from Martin Matula allowed Poggi to race clear of the defence and fire a low drive past Coalstars keeper Michael Cassidy.

PREMIER PREVUE - Bundaberg v Wynnum

Wynnum will be desperate to gain their first points of the season when they meet Bundaberg Waves at Thabeban Sports Complex on Saturday at 7pm.

The Wolves, after strong performances against Taringa Rovers and Coalstars in Rounds 2 and 3 respectively, were soundly beaten by Beenleigh 4-1 last Sunday.

The team lead 1-0 at half-time but were swamped by a hungry Lions outfit thanks to goals from Troy Wickstein (2), Fotis Skordou and Brett Druery.

Wynnum's woes are definitely not through lack of trying. Coach George Cowie has commented that players are consistently maintaining high levels of intensity and effort during training and on the pitch.

And as for Cowie's coaching ability, his credentials are impressive and there is no doubt he has brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the club.

However, the Wolves appear to be in need of a quality striker as the team lacks potency in the attacking third of the field.

Even though Bundaberg has struggled in its two matches away this season, players seem to grow an extra leg when playing at home in front of their parochial supporters.

The team's draw against league leaders Brisbane City last week emphasised the difficulty that Brisbane clubs face when travelling to Bundaberg. It is a long trip from Brisbane and Bundaberg are sure to savage some of the more fancied teams in the XXXX Premier League.

Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta said he was pleased with last week's result but thought people had not yet seen his side play to its potential.

Trevor Maltby scored Wynnum's only goal last weekend and will be hoping to add to his tally



"We are competing not too badly but I think we can play better as a unit and in two to three games, I think you'll see the best from the guys," he said.

"We just need to get a little more consistency into our game and ensure we maintain a high intensity for the full 90 minutes."

BUNDABERG WAVES v WYNNUM

Thabeban Park, Bundaberg
Saturday April 5, 7pm

BUNDABERG	WYNNUM
1. Michael Bainbridge	1. Peter Underhill
2. Nick Maas	2. Luke Adair
3. Giuseppe Baraza	3. Ben Wood
4. Stephen Starr	4. Danny Valle
5. John Giovannoni	5. Rob Hilton
6. Tony Roebuck	6. Tony McKinless
7. Michael Legg	7. Geoff Maltby
8. Luke Graham	8. Paul Wilkins
9. Anthony Brown	9. Stuart Popplewell
10. Rodney Cooper	10. Wayne Corbett
11. Warren Allen	11. Malcom Van Basten
12. Chris Wilson	12. Ricky McKinless
13. Sean Hunt	14. Mark Wilkins
14. Shaun Aslett	15. Andrew Davidson
15. Darren Bender	16. Trevor Murphy
16. Paul Fagan	17. Brendan Rogers
17. (Not allocated)	18. Damian Rogers
18. (Not allocated)	19. Lindsay Foster
19. (Not allocated)	21. Nick Hadland
20. Ross Barbera	20. Garth McCulloch

PREMIER PREVUE - Coalstars v Rochedale

Second placed Rochedale Rovers play second bottom Coalstars at Eric Evans Soccer Reserve on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Rochedale will be full of confidence after dispensing of the other early season favourite for the XXXX Premier League title, Taringa, 2-0 last Sunday.

Coach Gary McDowall said he believed the victory had signalled the attitude of his side had "turned the corner".

"It was a great win for us on the weekend and we'll just go out and try to repeat what we did last week," he said.

"Skill alone doesn't win games and I was pleased with the performance of the guys, particularly the passion and pride they displayed.

"It was a fair game as everybody seemed to enjoy it and I always thought we were comfortable."

McDowall said he had seen Coalstars play in the "Silver Boot Competition" and considered them a "useful side".

Coalstars coach Paul Barry said he was disappointed with his team's performance against Lions.

"There was one goal in it for 90 minutes with their second goal coming in injury time," he said.

"We really only had one quality chance and that was with 10 minutes to go. Brenley Jefferd got through in the eighteen-yard box but his shot was well saved."

Barry said the key to a Coalstars victory against Rochedale was the creation of more scoring opportunities.

"Against the better sides we've got to look for different avenues of scoring as in the game

Rovers Coach Gary McDowall believes his sides attitude has turned the corner



against Lions, Richard Hilli was marked out of the game.

"I'm really looking forward to this week's game against Rochedale... It's at home and I think they'll win it easily or we'll put it to them.

"We're going to go for it and that will be the theme of this week's training."

COALSTARS v ROCHEDALE ROVERS

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba
Sunday April 6, 7pm

COALSTARS	ROCHEDALE ROVERS
1. Michael Cassidy	1. Clint Dal Santo
2. Patrick Boyle	2. Andy Munument
3. Clint Scott	3. Nick Seeley
4. Andrew King (c)	4. Michael Lane
5. Darren Petie	5. Damian Harris
6. Peter Hinks	6. Eddie Lees
7. Brenley Jefferd	7. Craig Collins
8. Mark Bennett	8. Andy Lees
9. Matt Hilli	9. Kieran Cooper
10. Wes Park	10. Clayton Koch
11. David Guest	11. John Weatherby
12. Peter McKendrick	12. David Piilic
13. Peter Hallett	13. Paul Grugan
14. Scott Stenzel	14. Steve Dawe
15. William Ingledew	15. Steve Fitzsimmons
16. Wayne Adams	16. (Not allocated)
17. Marcello Cuba	17. Gary Brattan
18. Richard Hilli	18. Greg Anderson
19. Chris Barrett	19. Aaron Baldwin
20. Todd Vaggs	20. Cameron Duck

PREMIER PREVUE - Beenleigh v Bris Lions

The XXXX Premier League's "surprise packet" Beenleigh Lions will host their namesake and reigning premiers Brisbane Lions at Chris Green Park on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Beenleigh is currently in third position (goal difference) on the league ladder with the team buoyed by a strong performance against Bundaberg Waves in Round 3 and a 4-1 thumping of the Wynnum Wolves last weekend.

"We were 1-0 down at half-time but I was quite confident as we were playing not too badly," Beenleigh coach Peter Bannon said.

"The lads were trying to play them (Wynnum) at their own style of play and once I got them in at half-time, we worked through a few things and fixed them up.

"In the end, I thought the scoreboard flattered them as we had four or five one on ones with the keeper."

The next three rounds will be a good test for Beenleigh as after this week's encounter, they will meet Rochedale in Round 6 and Taringa in Round 7.

Bannon said Brisbane Lions would prove difficult opponents despite their indifferent early season form.

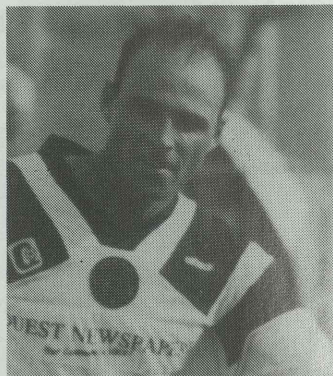
"They're (Brisbane Lions) notorious slow starters... I think they lost the first three or four games last season and ended up winning the premiership," he said.

"We're very much looking after our own affairs and the players are responding well at training."

Brisbane Lions finally managed to notch their first win of the season last week with a 2-0 result over Coalstars.

Even though, according to some reports, the game was a lacklustre affair, the three points would have been welcomed at Richlands.

Dean Milosevic is one of Beenleigh's hard workers and will have a big task ahead of him this weekend



Miron Bleiberg has admitted that pressure was mounting on him and his players to perform after a mediocre early season.

Lions are a classy outfit on paper and to be fair they have had the toughest start of any club with games against Brisbane City, Rochedale, Taringa and Coalstars.

BEENLEIGH v BRISBANE LIONS

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa
Sunday March 30, 2.45pm

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

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

PREMIER PREVUE - Bris City v Taringa

After a Bundaberg sojourn, league leaders Brisbane City will be looking to consolidate their ladder position with a win against the highly rated Taringa Rovers at Spencer Park on Sunday at 2.45pm.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said he was disappointed with his team's draw against Bundaberg last week, adding that he thought the sending off of Mark Greer was the turning point in the match.

"Our first three games finished 1-0 and to be honest, I think we should have won that game 1-0," he said.

"We had to rearrange the team whereby we really had no option but to play with one man up front.

"It wasn't possible to add to our 1-0 lead and even though I don't like playing that way, we just had to try and hang in there and protect our lead."

Hamilton said Taringa was a well balanced side and possessed good depth across the park.

"There is no doubt they will be difficult to beat as I saw them in the final of the "Silver Boot" competition and was quite impressed with them," he said.

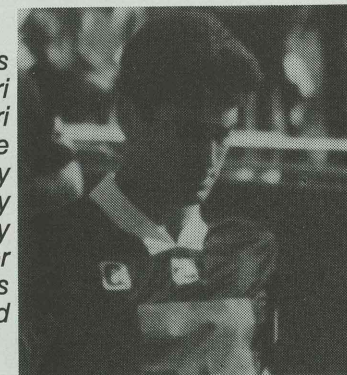
"It's a very important game for us as if we want to do well this year, this is the type of team we will have to beat."

Taringa coach John Ogden said he was a little disappointed, although not distraught, that his side had failed to take any points from the match against Rochedale.

"We had an awful lot of the ball... Both the goals came from our mistakes and I think everybody needs to show a little more imagination in attack."

And on City, Ogden said: "Bobby is a smart

Taringa's Demetri Theochari should be kept busy when they meet City at Spencer Park this week end



coach... Their strength is their defence although Chris Slater is likely to add a new dimension to their attacking game."

With City defensive stalwart Mark Greer out for this game, it will be interesting to see whether Taringa will be able to make any inroads into City's rock solid defence.

BRISBANE CITY v TARINGA ROV

Lions Stadium, Richlands
Sunday March 30, 2.45pm

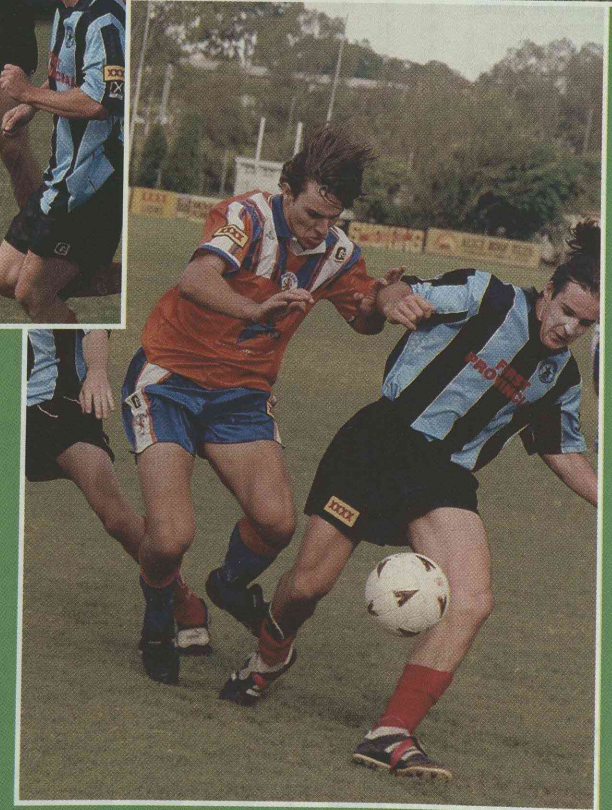
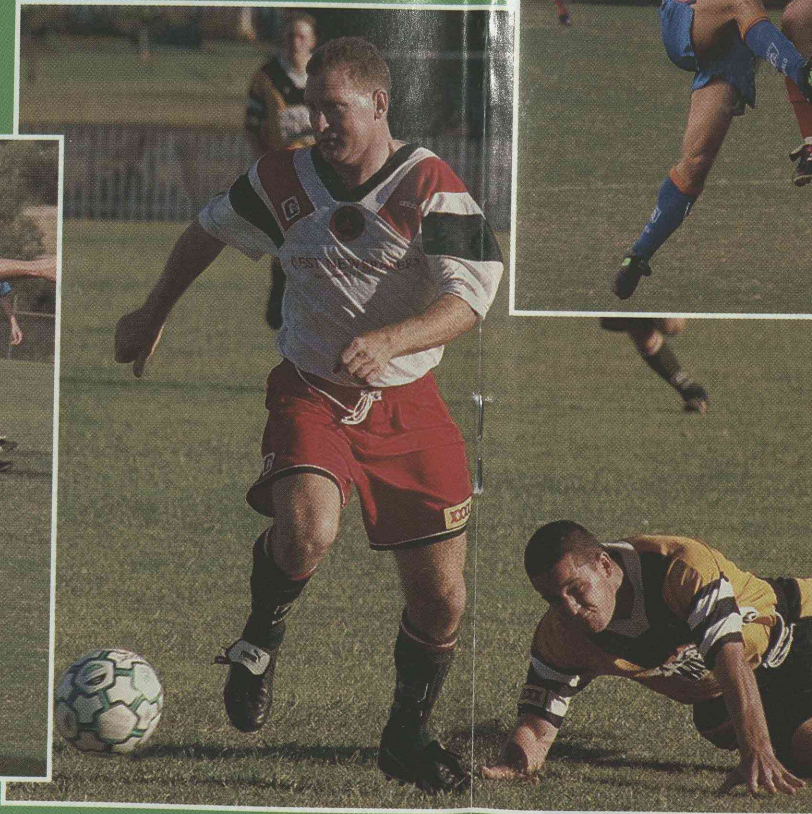
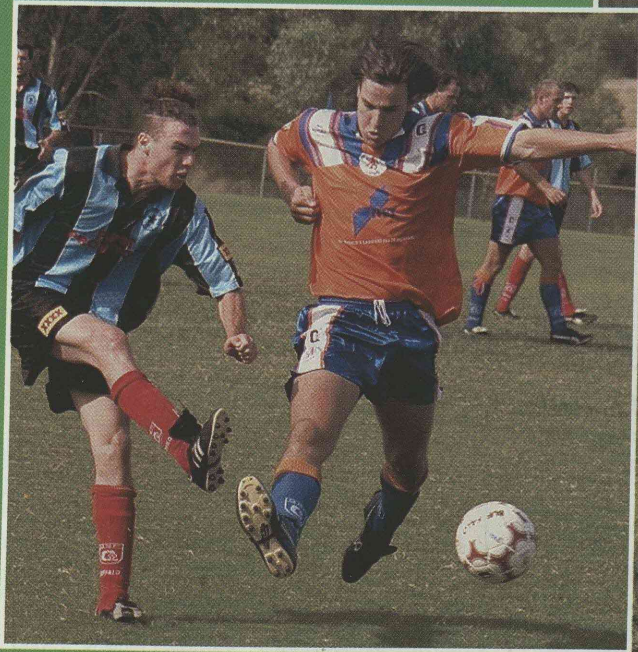
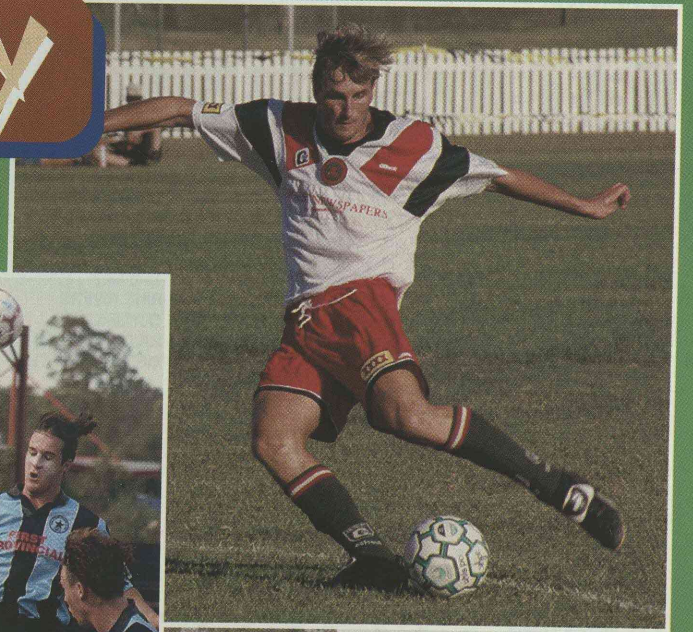
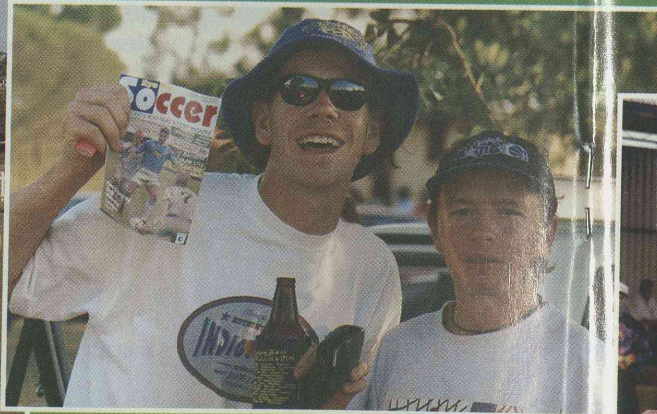
BRISBANE CITY

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

TARINGA ROVERS

1. Andrew Hobbs
2. Joel Hale
3. Laurence Inunciaga
4. Stein Grodum
5. Danny Britton
6. (Not allocated)
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

WEEKEND REPLAY



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XXXX PREMIER LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	4	3	1	0	4	1	10
ROCHEDALE ROV	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
BEENLEIGH	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
TARINGA ROVERS	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
BRISBANE LIONS	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
B'BERG WAVES	4	1	1	2	6	9	4
COALSTARS	4	1	0	3	3	8	3
WYNNUM	4	0	0	4	3	11	0

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	4	4	0	0	7	2	12
WYNNUM	4	2	1	1	10	6	7
TARINGA ROVERS	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
BEENLEIGH	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
BRISBANE CITY	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
COALSTARS	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
ROCHEDALE ROV	4	0	1	3	6	10	1

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WYNNUM	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
TARINGA ROVERS	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
BRISBANE LIONS	4	2	1	1	10	7	7
B'BERG WAVES	4	1	2	1	9	9	5
BRISBANE CITY	4	1	1	2	9	10	4
ROCHEDALE ROV	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
COALSTARS	4	0	2	2	3	6	2
BEENLEIGH	4	0	2	2	6	14	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
Brisbane Lions	12	7	2	3	22	14	23
Taringa Rovers	10	7	1	2	18	9	22
Beenleigh	11	5	2	4	19	23	17
Wynnum District	12	5	1	6	24	22	16
Brisbane City	11	4	3	4	16	16	15
Rochedale Rovers	11	4	1	6	21	23	13
Bundaberg	8	2	3	3	15	18	9
Coalstars	11	1	3	7	8	18	6

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	3	3	0	0	13	2	9
NORTH STAR	3	2	0	1	10	6	6
EASTERN SUBS	3	2	0	1	8	8	6
OLYMPIC UTD	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
ALBANY CREEK	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
PINE RIVERS	3	1	1	1	4	8	4
CAPALABA	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
THE GAP	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
NEWMARKET	3	0	1	2	4	9	1
GRANGE THISTLE	3	0	1	2	2	9	1

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH STAR	3	3	0	0	11	0	9
MITCHELTON	3	3	0	0	12	5	9
CAPALABA	3	2	0	1	13	7	6
NEWMARKET	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
ALBANY CREEK	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
THE GAP	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
PINE RIVERS	3	1	0	2	6	10	3
OLYMPIC UTD	3	0	1	2	3	11	1
EASTERN SUBS	3	0	0	3	4	12	0
GRANGE THISTLE	3	0	0	3	2	13	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	3	3	0	0	11	4	9
MITCHELTON	3	2	1	0	9	3	7
ALBANY CREEK	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
NEWMARKET	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
PINE RIVERS	3	1	2	0	7	3	5
NORTH STAR	3	0	2	1	6	8	2
EASTERN SUBS	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
THE GAP	3	0	1	2	4	9	1
OLYMPIC UTD	3	0	1	2	5	12	1
GRANGE THISTLE	3	0	1	2	3	10	1

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
INALA CITY	3	3	0	0	10	0	9
TOOWOOMBA UTD	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
SLACKS CREEK	2	1	1	0	8	5	4
ROCKLEA UTD	3	1	0	2	5	9	3
REDLANDS UTD	3	0	2	1	1	4	2
ACACIA RIDGE	3	0	2	1	2	6	2
MT GRAVATT	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
SOUTHS UTD	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
IPSW ST HELENS	2	0	1	1	0	4	1

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
REDLANDS UTD	3	2	1	0	10	4	7
ACACIA RIDGE	3	2	0	1	11	5	6
ROCKLEA UTD	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
MT GRAVATT	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
INALA CITY	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
SLACKS CREEK	2	1	0	1	9	5	3
IPSW ST HELENS	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
TOOWOOMBA UTD	3	0	1	2	4	9	1
SOUTHS UTD	2	0	0	2	1	13	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ACACIA RIDGE	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
TOOWOOMBA UTD	3	2	1	0	11	3	7
MT GRAVATT	3	2	0	1	10	7	6
IPSW ST HELENS	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
SOUTHS UTD	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
SLACKS CREEK	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
ROCKLEA UTD	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
REDLANDS UTD	3	0	1	2	4	10	1
INALA CITY	3	0	0	3	1	10	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	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
ANNERLEY	5	3	0	2	16	9	9
NORTH PINE	5	2	1	2	12	8	7
DARRA UTD	5	2	1	2	11	10	7
REDCLIFFE	5	1	2	2	12	12	5
GOODNA	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
MOGGILL UTD	5	1	1	3	6	11	4
S'SIDE EAGLES	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
BAYSIDE UTD	5	1	1	3	9	16	4
SAMFORD	5	1	1	3	6	18	4

AMATEUR DIV 1 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	5	5	0	0	30	3	15
NORTH PINE	5	4	1	0	24	8	13
ANNERLEY	5	3	2	0	13	6	11
S'SIDE EAGLES	5	3	2	0	9	5	11
SOUTH STAR	5	2	1	2	8	15	7
MOGGILL UTD	5	2	1	2	5	15	7
LATROBE	5	2	0	3	11	5	6
GOODNA	5	1	2	2	8	15	5
BAYSIDE UTD	5	1	0	4	6	13	3
REDCLIFFE	5	1	0	4	11	21	3
DARRA UTD	5	0	2	3	6	13	2
SAMFORD	5	0	1	4	4	16	1

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BROTHERS UTD	5	4	1	0	27	5	13
MARGATE	5	4	1	0	19	7	13
GREENBANK	4	3	1	0	12	2	10
PARK RIDGE	5	2	2	1	9	3	8
CLAIRVAUX	5	2	2	1	9	9	8
JIMBOOMBA	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
IPSWICH CITY	4	1	1	2	6	11	4
BETHANIA	4	0	2	2	5	13	2
MOOROONDU	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
PINE HILLS	5	0	1	4	1	10	1
OXLEY UTD	4	0	0	4	4	28	0

AMATEUR DIV 2 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JIMBOOMBA	4	4	0	0	17	1	12
PARK RIDGE	5	4	0	1	17	4	12
MARGATE	5	4	0	1	16	3	12
CLAIRVAUX	5	3	0	2	15	5	9
GREENBANK	4	2	1	1	14	9	7
BROTHERS UTD	5	1	2	2	8	8	5
IPSWICH CITY	4	1	1	2	7	13	4
PINE HILLS	5	1	1	3	4	18	4
BETHANIA	4	1	0	3	4	12	3
OXLEY UTD	5	1	0	4	4	19	3
MOOROONDU	4	0	1	3	5	19	1

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

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

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAMFORD	5	5	0	0	25	2	15
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
NORTH PINE	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
ANNERLEY	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
WOODRIDGE	3	1	0	2	4	11	3
BAYSIDE UTD	4	1	0	3	5	14	3
ARCHERFIELD	4	0	2	2	7	11	2
JIMBOOMBA	3	0	0	3	2	16	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	4	4	0	0	17	3	12
ACACIA RIDGE	5	4	0	1	15	2	12
BRISBANE LIONS	5	3	0	2	11	8	9
CAPALABA	4	2	1	1	18	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	5	5	0	0	29	8	15
MT GRAVATT	5	5	0	0	18	4	15
EASTERN SUBS	4	3	1	0	25	5	10
UNI OF QLD	5	3	1	1	25	13	10
REDLANDS UTD	5	2	0	3	12	20	6
IPSW ST HELENS	4	1	2	1	10	11	5
WYNNUM	5	1	2	2	10	12	5
COALSTARS	5	1	1	3	14	16	4
ALBANY CREEK	5	1	1	3	6	15	4
BRISBANE LIONS	5	1	0	4	7	21	3
BRISBANE CITY	4	0	2	2	11	23	2
SAMFORD	4	0	0	4	6	25	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	5	5	0	0	26	6	15

WOMEN'S WRAP UP

At a soccer game last weekend I noticed a small boy out in the middle of the park at half-time, doing what kids do... kicking the ball around.

He seemed to be about 10 and I was quite impressed with his skill and ball control.

In fact, they were better than mine and some of my counterparts'. Then I noticed it wasn't a young boy at all, but a young girl and I was nicely surprised.

Not having ventured to junior soccer games, I haven't noticed the influx of girls. With the opportunity to play from age seven, these girls are developing skills on par with the boys.

It makes one wonder just how fast the game of women's soccer is growing and how far it can go.

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of us didn't kick a ball around until we were well into high school or later.

Women's soccer has been criticised for not being skilful or fast enough to be a spectator sport. Even a national women's soccer competition can't attract a crowd stronger than 200 in Queensland.

With the realisation that junior soccer girls are developing these skills so young comes the notion that it remains to be seen what level women's soccer can reach.

Women's Soccer Queensland can only be congratulated for its recent restructure of the competition and the setting of the goal to include a Youth League division within the next two years.

We've seen women's sport of all kinds take off. Netball with its million dollar sponsorship and national competitions, and hockey with its gold medal winning efforts to name just two.

Women's soccer is a lot younger and with the nurturing efforts of its managing bodies, the game has a greater chance of a very bright future. Look out Sydney 2000!

- The University of Queensland Soccer Club celebrates 50 years this year and is currently on the detective trail for many old members.

The club will celebrate the anniversary with a black-tie dinner and treasurer, Melissa Lee is looking forward to revealing a few surprises on the night.

"The University Soccer Club has always been strong and we have a fairly big job in front of us to track down old members," she said.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of previous University of Queensland Soccer Club members, please ask them to contact Melissa at the University of Queensland Sports Association on 3371 7777

Toni Slater

Brownie Waltzes with the Matildas

Former Socceroo & QAS Coach Greg Brown has been appointed National Women's Coach



Following the tremendous performance which saw the Queensland Academy of Sport's women's team take out the National League Championship, its coach, Greg Brown, has been appointed to the vacant position of National Coach of the Australian Women's team.

Brown will complete his coaching commitments with QAS men's and women's teams before commencing the appointment in Canberra in early April.

In accepting the position, Brown said he was looking forward to the new challenges offered by the national coaching role.

"I'm naturally honoured with the appointment as National Team Coach as it is a very exciting time for women's soccer," he said.

"With the Olympic Games in Sydney being the biggest sporting event in Australia's history, it makes my involvement even more significant."

Brown's contract includes both the Sydney Olympics and the World Cup in the United States in 1999. His first major task however, is to prepare his new side for their participation in a four nations tournament in the US which will also include the host nation along with Italy and Canada.

The Australian Women's Soccer Association president, Dennis O'Brien, said he was delighted with the appointment and confident Brown would do a good job.

"The association has been very happy with Greg's performance as Assistant National Coach," he said. "Along with fellow assistant Jeff Olver, he has proved that he can do the job for us in the recent preparation for games against the USA and Japan."

O'Brien said Sydney 2000 was the main focus and Brown's coaching credentials suggested his team would be more than competitive.

"Greg's record as a player and a young coach is outstanding and we are particularly pleased with the relationship he has developed with our elite players," he said.

"I know that they have every confidence in him, as does the board. We believe that Greg is the right person to achieve our goal of a medal in Sydney 2000."

Brown has been an influential figure in the Queensland representative scene for a number of years now and says he is proud of what he has been able to achieve during that time.

"I had accepted the appointment prior to the final of the National League but it was fantastic to go out on such a high note," he said.

"The girls are obviously the best in the country at the moment. The boys are also doing very well with a number of them going on to join the Strikers, so I feel like I've done a good job."

Brown said it would be hard to leave Queensland after becoming accustomed to the lifestyle and he intended to keep his house in Brisbane.

"I'm looking towards 2000 not beyond and I might yet end up back in Brisbane in years to come," he said.

THE XXXX REPORT

BUNDABERG 1 v BRISBANE CITY 1 (0-1) Thabedan Sports Complex

SCORERS: Bundaberg: T. Roebuck

Bris City: B. Wilkinson

BUNDABERG: Bainbridge, Fagan, Giovannoni, Roebuck, Starr, Legg, Lawler, Graham, Brown, Allen, Bender (Subs: Maas, Barazza, Wilson, Gesh)

BRIS CITY: Duke, Greer, Strange, Elliott, Pearse, Eslick, Cooley, Slater, Almond, Wilkinson, Lubric. (Subs: Bartilomo, Kidd, Grundy, Tarborrelli)

ROCHEDALE 2 v TARINGA 0 (1-0) Underwood Park

SCORERS: Rochedale: K. Cooper, C. Koch

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

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

WYNNUM 1 v Beenleigh 4 (1-0) at Eric Evans Reserve

SCORERS: Wynnum: G. Maltby

Beenleigh: T. Wickstein (2), F. Skordou, B. Druery

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

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

BRIS LIONS 2 v COALSTARS 0 (1-0) at Lions Stadium

SCORERS: Lions: Jackson, Poggi

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

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

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READ between the LINES

All the goss with Brent Read



The trip to Bundaberg has proved to be a graveyard for sides so far in the XXXX Premier League.

Coalstars were on the end of a drubbing in Round 2 while Brisbane City, the league leaders, battled to salvage a point on the weekend.

The match marked the return of Chris Slater to the state's top competition. By all reports, Slates had an absolute blinder and contributed in no small part to City gaining a draw in Bundy.

The other major factor in City's good fortune was a goal from Barry (Bazza) Wilkinson. Bazza is starting to establish a place in city's top side and has the potential to make his mark in the competition.

While the trip to Bundy is one of the toughest in the competition, the fact is the club from the Rum capital must travel to Brisbane every second week.

So far, the trip has been beyond the Bundy side but it's a matter of acclimatisation.

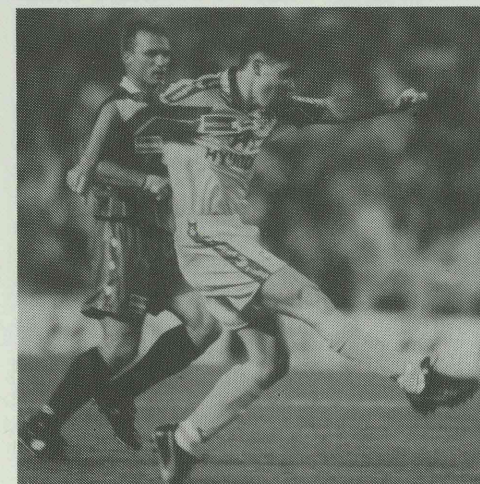
In their early years in their respective competitions, the Brisbane Bears, Broncos and Strikers have all battled to develop their away performances.

What provided the eventual turnaround for those clubs was confidence and player personnel.

There's no doubt that better players breed success, with success comes confidence, confidence breeds better players. It's a winning cycle that takes time to develop.

For the sake of the league, let's hope Bundy can develop that ability before the fans lose faith in the team.

On City, Slater will strengthen a forward line that's been diminished by the loss of some quality players.



Chris Slater in action for the Strikers against Collingwood Warriors

On his day, Slater is one of the most dangerous strikers in Queensland.

City have managed to remain unbeaten with a few narrow victories.

They're yet to score more than one goal in any game this season and that's where Slater will come in handy.

He has the ability to poach goals. He was the Strikers leading goal scorer for three years and is likely to give Cooper and the like a run for their money.

And speaking of the Strikers, it was a great win for them in Perth. I here that the atmosphere was unreal with such a big crowd in attendance.

I could well understand if the Queenslanders may have felt a little intimidated from the group on the hill.

As this is the Strikers second last home fixture, why don't we all go along and intimidate the Canberra Cosmos, who the Strikers play this Saturday, at Suncorp... See you there!

Mt Gravatt host Souths Utd

Friday night's match at Dittmer Park sees a battle of the Semi-Pro Division 1 South strugglers with Mt Gravatt hosting Souths United.

The home side has just a single point to its credit so far which places them in unaccustomed territory near the foot of the table.

Mt Gravatt coach Steve Faulkner says it has been a very disappointing start to the season for his team and last week's draw with Redlands was not the result he was looking for.

"One point was not good enough as I felt we should have taken all three against Redlands," he said.

Faulkner said his team had not been playing as poorly as their league position suggested but they had very little luck go their way thus far.

"We've been quite unlucky. I think we've deserved to get more out of some of our games, particularly the one against Toowoomba but we let it slip by conceding stupid goals," he said.

Faulkner said that although Souths United were below them on the ladder, there was no way he would let his team take the field expecting a comfortable result.

"We can't take any team lightly. We're near the bottom of the table and we need to perform to work our way back towards the top," he said.

Souths are currently in ninth position but have a game in hand due to an early season bye and a win could push them into mid-table.

However, they have conceded seven goals in two games so far and will need a better defensive effort if they are to take the points.

Rivers in tussle with Olympic

This week's Semi-Pro Division 1 North sees a mid-table tussle with Pine Rivers hosting Olympic on Friday night.

Neither side has really hit its straps yet this season and Rivers coach Frank Pimblett was less than impressed with his side's effort last weekend.

"I believe it was really three points lost for us against The Gap," he said.

"We had them under siege in the second half and had three good chances to win the game but couldn't convert them."

However, Pimblett said he felt his team was travelling fairly comfortably in mid-table and he expected them to improve as the season progressed.

"I'm quite pleased with how things have gone this season after such a disastrous opening round against Mitchelton," he said.

He said he expected a very tough encounter

with Olympic and said his team would have to play better than they did last weekend if they were to be competitive.

"They'll be tough to beat as they're traditionally one of the toughest teams in Brisbane," he said.

"If we play like we did against The Gap and give away sloppy goals we'll definitely come away from the game with nothing."

Rivers opponents are fourth-placed Olympic who had a 2-0 win over Capalaba last week. Olympic has played a game less than all the teams above it, the result of the cancellation with The Gap due to light failure, and is expected to be near the top of the table come the end of the season.

The team has only conceded two goals to date and Rivers' players will have to improve their conversion rate if they are to challenge the boys from Yeronga this week.

Before The Whistle

with
Jim Gilbert



Tables at present will not be a true portrayal, in some divisions at least, of team's standings, due to the flash storm, waterlogged pitches and lightning that flashed around Brisbane last Monday afternoon, causing the abandonment of some 11 games.

All matches will be rescheduled, as the weather is one area over which no one has any control, these reschedulings will take place as soon as possible.

Semi Professional Division 1 North

Two matches scheduled on Friday evening, with Capalaba v North Star looking to be a tough nut for the home side, and judging by recent performances they may get at least 1 point out of this one, Olympic make the trip to Strathpine to play Pine Rivers, again two sides of fluctuating fortunes, Pine Rivers starting to get some stability of late, and may do just enough to pick up all three points at the final whistle.

Remaining matches are all on Sunday with a true local derby taking place between Newmarket and Mitchelton, despite home ground advantage I don't think many of the points (if any) will remain at McCook Park, two struggling sides meet at Lanham Park between Grange and The Gap, both sides picked up a creditable draw last week, this is do or die for the winner to pull away from the bottom of the table, form looks more like an away win. Remaining match is at Heath Park with Albany Creek as the visitors, both sides unimpressive of late, a score draw would not surprise, however Easts may shade it at the final whistle.

Semi Professional Division 1 South

At the Cleveland Showgrounds two teams struggling to get points on the board met when Redlands entertained Mt Gravatt, with both teams obviously going through transitional times at present, judging by the youthfulness of the majority of players on the park.

The cool conditions allowed both sides to hit their straps early, with the action fast and furious and both goal-keepers being called upon early in the game. The home side are yet to score a goal, this being their fourth competitive match of the season, and to the surprise of everybody (except the goal scorer) they opened their account a mere three minutes before the half time whistle. Alas it didn't last long, as early in the second half Mt Gravatt equalised, but judging by the performances of the players on view, it is a real enigma as to why both teams are at, or near, the bottom of the table. It surely can't be long before they climb to a position of respectability.

Only one match scheduled on Friday night between Mt Gravatt and Souths, both teams have only 1 point to their credit to date, with goal difference almost identical, desperation may make this a very attacking game, however home ground advantage may be a pointer.

Other matches on Sunday with Rocklea versus Redlands looking to be an absolute bottler, visitors yet to record a win, but Rocklea have only had 1 in 3, again home ground advantage should see the points remain at Dunn Road Toowoomba make the relatively short trip down to Ipswich to play St Helens, and this would have to be a banker away win. However the match of the day in this division is Slacks Creek versus Inala, and this is where Inala's nil defensive record may suffer somewhat, very difficult to pick a winner in this one, again a score draw would not unduly surprise.

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Amateur Division 1

Two teams struggling for some form of consistency met at Memorial Park last Saturday when Bayside made the short trip up the road to visit Southside Eagles. Bayside certainly started the stronger, however Eagles came more and more into the match as the half progressed. It was great to see the big number 7 for Eagles back on the park after sustaining a horrific injury last season. Congratulations Mark, you still have your football brain, even if the message is now a little slow getting down to your feet.

It was a quite entertaining game with a lot of skill on show, and for the home side when GK went off for his afternoon siesta and hot chocolate, a lot of the sting went out of their attack. For 87 minutes it remained goalless, even though chances were there for the taking at both ends, when lo and behold, within the space of 60 seconds it was 1 - 1!

A draw did neither side any favours, as they both badly need to get away from the bottom of the table, however it's a long season ahead and judging by the form on show, it won't be too long before either side strings a few wins together.

Matches spread over all 3 days, with Samford making the trip out to the far western suburbs to Bellbowrie, both sides struggling, just look how tight it is at the bottom of the table, Moggill may well pick up a much needed 3 pointer in this one, Southside Eagles make the trip up to Goonda with the host's going through a most unaccustomed start of season jitters, and if Eagles perform to their potential, as I saw last week, they could come up with the 3 points in this one. In the Saturday afternoon matches, North Pine trip out to St Lucia where the students 100% record looks as if it will remain intact at the final whistle, Bayside host Darra with the visitors coming up with a creditable draw last week against high flying South Star, and if the baysiders can pick up 1 point out of this one, they will be doing very well. In the Sunday matches Annerley make the trip down to Redcliffe, but the visitors form is

so erratic, its very difficult to tip them as they are not showing any regular form, mind you, Redcliffe are no better, looks to be a draw, but I'll put my neck and go with the blues. Remaining match between two high flying teams in South Star and Latrobe, Latrobe had their match abandoned last week so they'll be looking to get maximum points in this one but it certainly won't be easy, however visitors better attacking record may still see them through.

Amateur Division 2

The Amateur teams make their debut fixtures at Perry Park this week with Greenbank hosting Margate on it's big wide expanses, with equal top or outright top position at stake in this one so it will be an absolute gem of a match to see, Both sides are unbeaten, it will be a question of who will adapt to the greater width and length of Perry Park the better, one team has greater attacking skills, the other team has great defensive abilities, again it could be a high score draw, but I fancy the 'hosts' to pick up maximum points in this one and so create a log jam at the top of the table. Pine Hills make the long trip south to Jimboomba, where the hosts had their match washed out last week, however as one of the few unbeaten sides I think Jimboomba will remain that way come the final whistle. Park Ridge host Bethania and I think the points will remain with the Ridge, and in the final Saturday match Clairvaux and Ipswich City clash at Klumpp Road with Clairvaux picking up a narrow 3 point victory.

Only one match on Sunday sees two struggling sides meet with Mooroondu and Oxley, Mooroondu have only 1 point to their credit and their poor attacking ability is a pointer, on the other hand Oxley have scored more goals but, my goodness look at their defensive record, points to remain with the home side.

**Amateur Division 5**

In the two Friday matches there will be a win for the home side and the visitors. The home winner will be Coalstars over a win-less Brisbane City, whilst unbeaten Woodridge should enjoy their visit up to Richlands Stadium.

On Saturday Albany Creek will improve marginally over bottom marker Samford, two mid-table teams meet at Ebbw Vale with St Helens hosting Redlands, the better minus goal difference should see the points remain with the Saints.

In the Sunday matches, University will be successful over Wynnum and Mount Gravatt, despite having the day off last weekend, should be far too good for Eastern Suburbs.

Amateur Division 6

One of the few divisions to have a 100% record, i.e. all matches, played. This week four of the six matches are scheduled for Friday night. Slacks Creek will be too good for visiting University, The Gap will struggle against Taringa Rovers, Coalstars will retain their top of the table position over Kingsridge, whilst it's derby time at Richlands Stadium between Lions and Brisbane Lions, only one point the difference, but one team has severe defensive frailties, consequently I think the points will go to the 'visitors'.

On Saturday Newmarket will do it tough against Wynnum, but I think they may just retain the points, and in the one match on Sunday, Capalaba will retain their push for the premiership title with a three pointer over Eastern Suburbs.

My thanks to the two Ronnies for the following:

The fourth division's worst goalkeeper, Ernie Clack, failed to sign for a new club today. He kept dropping the pen.

**Amateur Division 3**

Two matches on Friday with Annerley hosting Woodridge and looking to keep all 3 points at Elder Oval, mind you Woodridge will be fired up after having their game washed out on Monday, but I still think the points will remain with Annerley. North Pine make the long trip up to Ipswich City, and whilst there is one point separating the two teams, their goals for and against are identical, methinks the points will remain in Ipswich.

In the two Saturday games the points will remain with Kingsridge after Jimboomba have paid a visit, but the other match will be an absolute boomer between the two teams with a 100% record Samford and University, just have a look at the incredible goals for and against of the current leaders, and I think this is where the points will remain. In the Sunday match two struggling sides meet with Archerfield hosting Bayside, hosts yet to post a win, and they may just, and I mean just, achieve that in this match.

Amateur Division 4

This is one division's fixtures that were absolutely decimated on Easter Monday, all 6 matches were scheduled, with only one being completed Acacia Ridge being successful over Brisbane Lions, all others were abandoned from half time onwards due to the flash flooding and electrical storms.

Three matches are scheduled for Friday night, with Taringa the unbeaten leaders making the short trip out to The Gap, where I think they will pick up maximum points. The two Creeks merge, at Usher Park, nether side setting the table on fire at present, visitors marginally better record show where the points could head, whilst Mitchelton will be making a forlorn trip up to Acacia Ridge, as they will return pointless.

In Saturday's match Newmarket will continue up the table at the expense of Souths, whilst on Sunday Capalaba will retain their push for a final four placing over North Star, but the opposite will be the case with Brisbane Lions enjoying the trip to Park Ridge as they will secure 3 points in their quest for a top spot.

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