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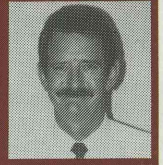
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Cover Photograph: Taringa's midfielder Brad  
Ditton lets loose with a well timed pass  
during last weekends encounter against  
Brisbane City.

# XXXX

# Editorial



I have noted with interest during the past couple of weeks, the influence of a number of players recruited from the Brisbane Strikers to play in the XXXX Premier League.

Chris Slater has joined Brisbane City along with Damian Waugh, and City is set to reap the benefits of these fit and match toughened acquisitions.

Brad Ditton has also been earning plaudits for his performances with Taringa this season, but the former national league player having the greatest impact this season is Steve Jackson.

Captain of the Strikers until last year and a seasoned veteran of the national league, Jackson has slotted comfortably into the midfield at his former club Brisbane Lions.

Jackson has figured prominently in Lions games and has three goals to show for a positional change which is seeing him play further forward than the sweeper position he filled with such distinction at the Strikers.

Meanwhile, the XXXX Premier League is showing the true family nature of the game this season with no fewer than five sets of brothers within its ranks.

Rochedale has the Lees boys, while Coalstars boast both the Hillis and Cubas and not to be outdone, Wynnum weigh in with the Tony and Ricky McKinless as well as the Rogers brothers.

Finally, the Brisbane Strikers play their last home fixture of the season next weekend when they host the Gippsland Falcons. They need all the support they can muster to help them clinch that all important second spot.

A Brisbane grand final still remains well within the team's reach and it would be an enormous boost to the game in Queensland if this was to occur.

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## WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

### XXXX Premier League - Round 6

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

### Semi Pro Division 1 Cup Round 1

	FRANK FARINA	ARTHUR HIGGINS	GARY LEGG	GARY PHILLIPS
Nth Star v Slacks Creek	Norths	Creek	Norths	Norths
Pine Rivers v Souths Utd	Rivers	Rivers	Rivers	Rivers
Redlands v The Gap	Gap	Gap	Gap	Gap
Rocklea v Eastern Subs	Draw	Easts	Rocklea	Rocklea
Grange Thistle v Acacia Ridge	Ridge	Ridge	Ridge	Grange
Inala City v Olympic Utd	Inala	Olympic	Inala	Olympic
Ipsw St Helens v Mitchelton	St Helens	Mitchelton	St Helens	Mitchelton
Mt Gravatt v Albany Creek	Draw	Mt Gravatt	Creek	Mt Gravatt
Toowoomba Utd v Capalaba	United	United	United	United

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## Coalstars - Rovers slog it out

A heated battle between Coalstars and Rochedale almost went the full fifteen rounds before ending in a flurry of punches on Sunday afternoon.

The score finished 2-2 but the real action was in the sideline punch-up between Coalstars Fraser Cuba and Rochedale captain Gary Brattan.

It was a less than auspicious return to the XXXX top flight for Fraser Cuba who has been serving a four match suspension incurred while playing for Taringa last season.

Tension had bubbled just beneath the surface almost from the opening whistle of the match but it only seemed to spur on the home side, who looked a completely different outfit to the one which disappointed at Lions last week.

However, it was Rochedale who had the best chance to open the scoring when Kieran Cooper helped on a cross only to see it rebound

off the foot of the post.

It was a game of seesawing fortunes throughout and Coalstars soon created a chance of their own when some intricate passing made an opening for Richard Hilli to fire his shot just over the bar.

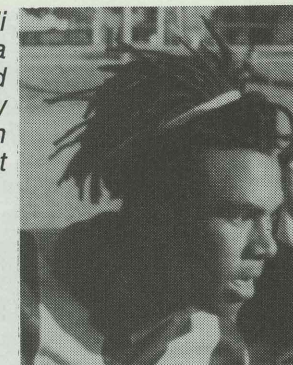
Some concerted pressure failed to reap any benefit for Rochedale before a pinpoint cross by Coalstars Peter McKendrick was turned in at the near post by Hilli five minutes before half time.

They took a 1-0 lead into the break much to the appreciation of their rowdy band of supporters but five minutes into the second half Kieran Cooper found an equaliser.

Cooper was perfectly placed to head in a corner at the far post before running over to share his joy with a less than appreciative Coalstars crowd.

The niggling incidents continued to build

*Matt Hilli came on as a substitute and immediately made an impact*



with off the ball shoving contests becoming more frequent and Craig Collins shown the yellow card for a poorly timed challenge on Wayne Adams.

Matt Hilli came on for Coalstars and caused havoc in the Rochedale defence before laying off for Brenley Jefferd to deliver a far post cross on to the waiting head of McKendrick for a 2-1 lead.

But the lead was to last less than five minutes with Rochedale substitute Clayton Koch gliding through two weak tackles before firing a powerful shot into the bottom corner to level the scores.

Fraser Cuba returned from the XXXX League wilderness to blast wildly over from ten yards before his well known temper once again got him into trouble.

While play moved up the field, Cuba became entangled in an off the ball fracas with Rochedale captain Gary Brattan.

Referee John Peacock was given little option but to send both players off, but the trouble continued off the field as the two players began trading blows on the sideline.

Team-mates and support staff from both sides rushed into the melee and it took several minutes before the final few seconds of the match could be completed.



## Former Socceroo at Rovers

*Gary McDowall was installed as Rochedale coach at the start of this season after distinguishing himself for many years as a player and as a coach. His experience and knowledge of the game will prove invaluable for the Rochedale team as they chase the inaugural XXXX Premier League title.*

McDowall was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1959. He began his senior football career as a 15 year old with Hamilton Accies who fluctuated among Divisions 1 and 2, and the Premier League in Scotland.

However, after eight years with Hamilton, McDowall yearned for a change and in 1983, he and his family migrated to Australia.

"Gus McLeod was a mate of mine from Melbourne who was playing for Footscray JUST at the time and he convinced me to come and play for them," McDowall said.

McDowall played with Footscray for one season before transferring to perennial National Soccer League "top gun" South Melbourne Hellas.

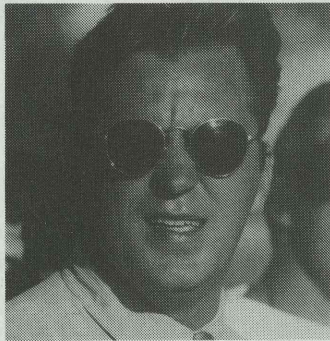
It was during his time with Hellas that the central midfielder attained the honour of playing around 30 games for the Socceroo's.

"In my opinion, South Melbourne were the best club in the country - no question," he said.

"They had a very professional set up and the players were so well looked after."

After five years with South Melbourne, McDowall moved to opposing Victorian NSL club Juventus for a season before settling into a four year stint with Heidelberg.

McDowall got his first taste of coaching at Heidelberg which included stints as Youth coach, assistant first team coach and caretaker coach and admits that he would dearly love to return to the national scene in the future.



"Obviously my goal for this season is to win the flag with Rochedale," he said.

"We've got a solid financial base at the club and hopefully we'll grow and develop to the point where one day we might become a national league team.

"I've had a taste of what it is like to be a player and a coach in the national league and I want to get back there one day."

Since moving to Brisbane three and a half years ago, McDowall coached North Brisbane for two seasons and then Mitchelton to a narrow loss in the Division 2 grand final last season.

He said his decision to move into the coaching ranks after a long career as a player, was a natural progression for anybody who wanted to maintain a close contact with the sport.

"I just love the game and I firmly believe that if you stop loving the game, then you should give it away," McDowall said.

McDowall said the downside to coaching was that it could be extremely frustrating at times.

"It can be very stressful on game days but really, if things don't go the way you would like them to, you just have to grin and bare it," he said.

"I do a lot of weights to try and release as much of the tension as I can... My family always bring me down to earth after the game."

## City share points with Rovers

**League leaders Brisbane City and the highly rated Taringa Rovers shared the points in the match of the Round at Spencer Park last Sunday. The game finished 2-2 at full time but numerous squandered goal scoring opportunities cost Taringa the three points.**

Taringa's Des Hughes opened the scoring early in the first half when City sweeper Scott Elliott passed an awkward ball across his defence, which was intercepted by the Rovers Ian Hutchison.

Hutchison laid the ball off for Hughes who skinned City keeper Daniel Duke and clinically executed a left foot shot into the net.

Late in the half, Taringa were awarded a free kick for an infringement during a City corner. Midfielder Brad Ditton caught the City defence napping and played a long ball downfield to Hughes.

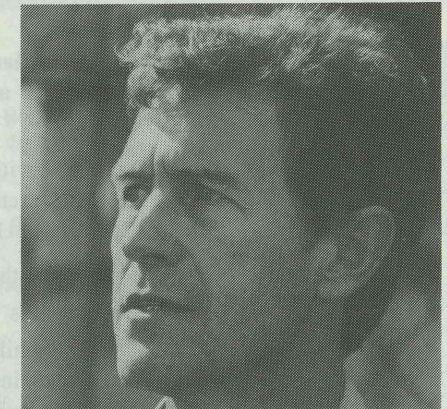
Hughes utilised his pace and once inside the penalty area, drilled the ball into the roof of the net to give the visitors a 2-0 lead at the break.

Taringa dominated the first half with Ditton, Reed and Britton performing well in the middle of the park.

However, too often Taringa players missed goal scoring opportunities and if some one on ones had been converted against City goalkeeper Daniel Duke, the game might well have been dead and buried by the time oranges were ready to serve.

With Mark Greer watching from the sidelines through suspension and the team behind on the scoreboard, City were dealt another blow at the break when classy defender Warren Cooley succumbed to a virus and had to be replaced.

However, the City players displayed a lot of character in the second half and were rewarded midway through the period when Strikers export Chris Slater made a break down the right and



crossed to an unmarked Mark Lubric.

Lubric managed to dribble the ball into the net off his chest after his initial header had been saved by Taringa goalkeeper Scott Higgins.

Not long after, it was Slater's turn to add his name to the scoresheet. Slater received the ball from fellow Strikers export Damien Waugh and hit a blistering low shot from the right edge of the 18 yard box, which Higgins could only deflect into the goal.

City coach Bobby Hamilton (pictured) said both teams had chances to win the match but admitted Taringa had the better of the game.

"We had a poor first half and were probably lucky not to be three or four goals down at half-time... Had they (Taringa) been able to take one or two more of their chances, the game would have been sewn up by the break," Hamilton said.

"When we went out in the second half, we had nothing to lose and fortunately for us we got our act together and picked our game up."

Taringa coach John Ogden said even though his side had missed out on a swag of goals, he was not too disappointed by the result.

"We're creating a lot of chances and when we get it together, we're going to absolutely punish a team one day," Ogden said.



## PREMIER PREVUE - Rochedale v Beenleigh

A top two spot will be up for grabs when Rochedale Rovers meet Beenleigh at Underwood Park on Saturday at 7pm.

Rochedale slugged out a 2-2 draw with Coalstars last weekend, while Beenleigh went down to reigning premiers Brisbane Lions 3-1.

Rochedale's depth will be tested due to the absence of a number of key players.

Nick Seeley is still out due to injury, while Gary Brattan and Steve Dawe will be watching from the sidelines, after being outed for their part in the brawl against Coalstars last week.

Rochedale coach Gary McDowall said he was happy to leave Eric Evans Soccer Reserve with a point.

"It was a typical Coalstars game.... Very hard to play what with the extreme conditions and the state of the pitch," McDowall said.

"Michael Lane had to come off at half-time due to heat exhaustion and there is no way players can be expected to perform in 30 plus degree heat."

McDowall said his side considered all home games this season as a clear three points, but added he expected a tough match from the Lions.

"We played Beenleigh in the pre-season competition and beat them 2-0, but they're playing not too badly at the moment and we'll have to be on our game."

Beenleigh coach Peter Bannon said his side had not given themselves a chance of winning.

"The heat most definitely made things difficult and we were always going to struggle in it having to play more than half of our football with ten men," Bannon said.

On Rochedale, Bannon said it was the match he had been dreading as Rochedale had not been

Rover's Gary Brattan will be watching from the sideline this weekend



beaten at home for around three years.

"We're obviously going to have to make changes due to suspensions and injuries," he said.

"They'll certainly miss a player of Brattan's quality, but a side with such depth should be able to cover the loss."

### ROCHEDALE ROV v BEENLEIGH

Underwood Park, Rochedale  
Saturday April 12, 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 Pilić
13. Paul Grugan
14. Steve Dawe
15. Steve Fitzsimmons
16. (Not allocated)
17. Gary Brattan
18. Greg Anderson
19. Aaron Baldwin
20. Cameron Duck

#### BEENLEIGH

1. Chris Roche
2. Brett Drury
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 - Wynnum v Bris City

The Wynnum Wolves will be desperate for some points when they host Brisbane City at Carmichael Park on Sunday at 2.45pm.

The Wolves have had a forgettable start to the season with five straight losses.

The team was thumped by Rochedale in Round 1, Beenleigh in Round 4 and Bundaberg last week, with narrow losses recorded against Taringa and Coalstars.

While other teams such as Brisbane Lions have managed to shake off the early season "blues", Wynnum has managed to score four goals, whilst conceding 16.

In the two matches that Wynnum might have snuck away with some points (ie Taringa and Coalstars), it was evident the team lacked potency in attack.

It has been said many times that George Cowie is a well credentialled coach but in the final analysis, it's the players that win matches and not the coach.

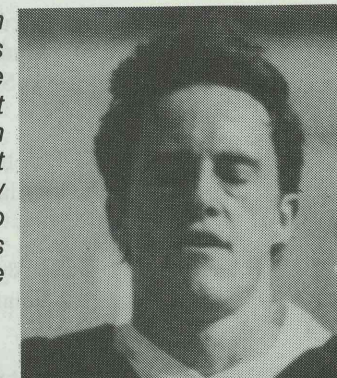
Wynnum has a tough assignment with City this week, but it would be absolutely fantastic to see George and the lads spring a surprise on Bobby Hamilton's team.

A headline reading "Wolves savage City" in next week's edition of *Eye On Soccer* would be applauded by many in the Brisbane soccer community and maybe even a few from Spencer Park.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said despite Wynnum's lowly position on the league ladder, his team would be approaching the match with caution.

"Past experience tells me that it's going to be a tight game as it is always a tough match down there," he said.

Damian Rogers will have to turn it on against Bris City to keep the points at home



"Wynnum haven't had the start they probably would have wanted but as I understand it, they have lost a few close ones and just haven't been able to get across the line for a win."

Wynnum's cause might be bolstered by the fact that City will be without Nick Seeley due to injury.

### WYNNUM v BRISBANE CITY

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa  
Sunday April 13, 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
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17. Damian Rogers
18. Lindsay Foster
19. Nick Hadland
20. Garth McCulloch

#### 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. Steve Glockner
11. Fiore Bartilomo
12. Robert Kidd
13. Chris Slater
14. Dean Almond
15. John Schiavo
16. Damien Waugh
17. Barry Wilkinson
18. Darryl Grundy
19. Mark Lubric
20. Adriano Taraborrelli



## PREMIER PREVUE - Bris Lions v Bundaberg

Bundaberg Waves must reproduce their form of last week against Wynnum when they meet Brisbane Lions at Lions Stadium on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta said last weeks game against Wynnum, illustrated the closeness of the competition.

"It was a good result for us in the end as we really had to battle to take the points against a good Wynnum side," he said.

Bundaberg are performing extremely well at home with emphatic victories against Coalstars and Wynnum, and a draw against league leaders Brisbane City.

However, the team's form playing away has been a little shaky and Baretta said steps had been taken to counter the situation.

"We've reassessed the situation for away games and will no longer be coming down with the youth team but will use our own coach later in the day so the players are fresher come kick-off time," he said.

The match will see the return of Bundaberg's Darren Bender, Steven Starr and Warren Allen to the Lions den and they will be determined to impress in front of their former supporters.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said he was pleased to take the points against Beenleigh last week and not surprised that his team had strung together some good results in recent weeks.

"It (form reversal) may have surprised a few other people but not me as I always knew my team were capable of better results," Bleiberg said.

"And to be honest, I don't think there has been any form reversal... We played teams in the first two rounds who will be near the top come finals time, as I'm sure we will be.

*"The teams form away has been a little shaky" - Aldo Baretta, Waves coach*



"We have around five of six new players who have come from smaller clubs and have taken time to learn what is expected of them at Brisbane Lions."

And on Bundaberg, Bleiberg said "they have not travelled well and I think we would have to play poorly and they would have to play out of their skins to take the points".

### BRISBANE LIONS v BUNDABERG

Lions Stadium, Richlands  
Sunday April 13, 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
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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

#### BUNDABERG

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

## PREMIER PREVUE - Taringa v Coalstars

Taringa Rovers and Coalstars will meet at Jack Speare Park this Sunday at 2.45pm. Both teams will be searching for three points after enduring hard fought draws in the last Round.

Coalstars coach Paul Barry said the draw against Rochedale last week would have to be considered a good result for his side.

"I was very pleased with the result as I thought we played some good, attractive and attacking football, and to be honest, I thought we had the better of the game," he said.

However, Barry said he was disappointed that an incident that occurred late in the match between Coalstars Fraser Cuba and Rochedale's Gary Brattan, had overshadowed what had been a great game.

"Cuba and Brattan got into a scuffel at the end of match and they carried it on after they were sent from the field," Barry said.

"I am very disappointed that it happened, but it has probably been blown out of proportion. All I have been asked about since Sunday was about that incident when all I have really wanted to discuss was the quality of football that we played."

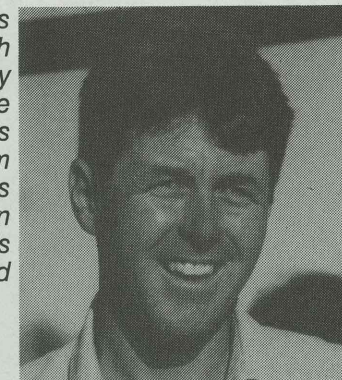
Barry said this week's match against Taringa was likely to be another tough game.

"Rochedale beat them (Taringa) 2-0 when they met earlier in the season, but I think if you look at the ability of players, Taringa are the best team in the competition," he said.

"We're going to take the same approach as we did against Rochedale and take it to Taringa. Our job will be not to let their talented players play that well."

Taringa coach John Ogden said his side could have won their game against Brisbane City three times over.

*Stars coach Paul Barry would be hoping his team plays as well again this weekend*



"We're creating a lot of chances and when we get it together, we're going to absolutely punish a team one day," he said.

"I'm happy that we're playing as well as we are, but I think we just need to improve our finishing and ensure we concentrate for the full 90 minutes."

### TARINGA ROVERS v COALSTARS

Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly  
Sunday April 13, 2.45pm

#### TARINGA ROVERS

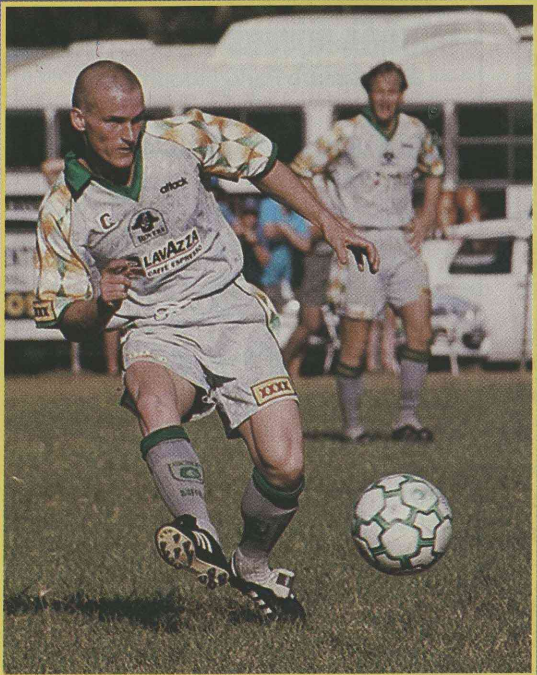
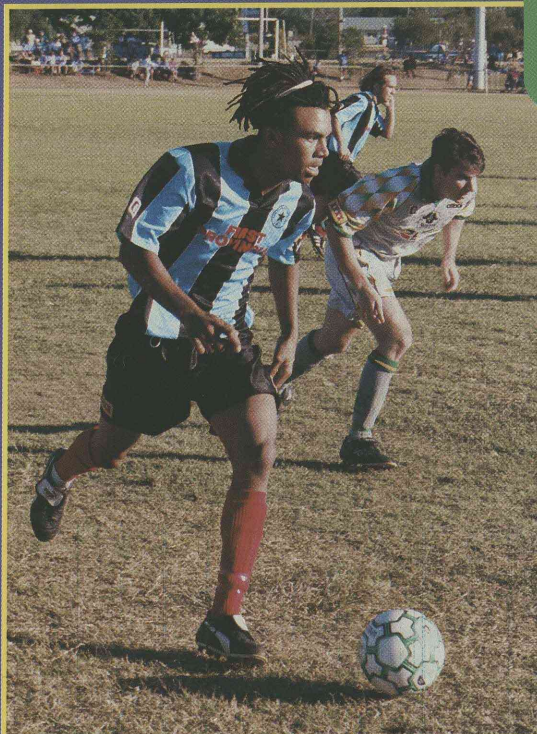
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2. Joel Hale
3. Laurence Inunciaga
4. Stein Grodum
5. Danny Britton
6. (Not allocated)
7. Brent Read
8. Demetri Theochari
9. Danny Stowers
10. Darren Hillier
11. Ian Hutchison
12. Stuart Collins
13. Marc Flemington
14. Matthew Packer
15. Glen Kolpak
16. Scott Robertson
17. Des Hughes
18. Shaun Molenda
19. Brad Ditton
20. Scott Higgins

#### COALSTARS

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



# WEEKEND REPLAY





# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX PREMIER LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	5	3	2	0	6	3	11
ROCHEDALE ROV	5	3	1	1	12	7	10
BEENLEIGH	5	3	0	2	9	6	9
TARINGA ROVERS	5	2	2	1	9	6	8
BRISBANE LIONS	5	2	1	2	8	6	7
B'BERG WAVES	5	2	1	2	11	10	7
COALSTARS	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
WYNNUM	5	0	0	5	4	16	0

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	5	5	0	0	11	4	15
TARINGA ROVERS	4	3	0	1	6	5	9
WYNNUM	4	2	1	1	10	6	7
BEENLEIGH	4	2	0	2	7	10	6
COALSTARS	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
BRISBANE CITY	4	0	1	3	5	8	1
ROCHEDALE ROV	5	0	1	4	6	11	1

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WYNNUM	5	4	0	1	12	5	12
TARINGA ROVERS	4	4	0	0	11	4	12
BRISBANE LIONS	5	3	1	1	13	8	10
ROCHEDALE ROV	4	2	0	2	8	10	6
B'BERG WAVES	5	1	2	2	9	10	5
BRISBANE CITY	5	1	1	3	11	13	4
COALSTARS	5	0	2	3	5	9	2
BEENLEIGH	5	0	2	3	7	17	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	15	10	2	3	32	18	32
Taringa Rovers	13	9	2	2	26	15	29
Wynnum District	14	6	1	7	26	27	19
Rochedale Rovers	14	5	2	7	26	28	17
Beenleigh	14	5	2	7	23	33	17
Brisbane City	14	4	4	6	22	24	16
Bundaberg	10	3	3	4	20	20	12
Coalstars	14	2	4	8	13	23	10

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	4	3	1	0	15	4	10
NORTH STAR	4	2	1	1	11	7	7
PINE RIVERS	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
EASTERN SUBS	4	2	1	1	10	10	7
ALBANY CREEK	4	1	2	1	8	8	5
THE GAP	3	1	1	1	8	5	4
CAPALABA	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
OLYMPIC UTD	3	1	1	1	4	8	4
NEWMARKET	4	0	2	2	6	11	2
GRANGE THISTLE	4	0	1	3	2	13	1

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH STAR	4	3	0	1	12	2	9
NEWMARKET	4	3	0	1	11	3	9
CAPALABA	4	3	0	1	15	8	9
ALBANY CREEK	4	3	0	1	9	5	9
MITCHELTON	4	3	0	1	12	9	9
THE GAP	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
PINE RIVERS	4	2	0	2	9	11	6
OLYMPIC UTD	4	0	1	3	4	14	1
EASTERN SUBS	4	0	0	4	4	13	0
GRANGE THISTLE	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	4	4	0	0	18	5	12
NEWMARKET	4	3	0	1	11	6	9
PINE RIVERS	4	2	2	0	13	4	8
MITCHELTON	4	2	1	1	11	6	7
ALBANY CREEK	4	2	1	1	9	8	7
EASTERN SUBS	4	1	1	2	9	10	4
GRANGE THISTLE	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
NORTH STAR	4	0	2	2	7	15	2
THE GAP	4	0	1	3	5	14	1
OLYMPIC UTD	4	0	1	3	6	18	1

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	4	4	0	0	16	2	12
INALA CITY	4	3	1	0	12	2	10
ROCKLEA UTD	4	2	0	2	8	11	6
SLACKS CREEK	3	1	2	0	10	7	5
MT GRAVATT	4	1	1	2	12	7	4
REDLANDS UTD	4	0	2	2	3	7	2
ACACIA RIDGE	3	0	2	1	2	6	2
SOUTHS UTD	3	0	1	2	6	16	1
IPSW ST HELENS	3	0	1	2	0	11	1

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
REDLANDS UTD	4	3	1	0	13	6	10
MT GRAVATT	4	3	0	1	11	2	9
ACACIA RIDGE	3	2	0	1	11	5	6
ROCKLEA UTD	4	2	0	2	9	8	6
INALA CITY	4	1	2	1	4	3	5
SLACKS CREEK	3	1	1	1	10	6	4
IPSW ST HELENS	3	1	1	1	4	7	4
TOOWOOMBA UTD	4	0	1	3	5	11	1
SOUTHS UTD	3	0	0	3	1	20	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	4	2	1	1	11	5	7
SLACKS CREEK	3	2	0	1	10	7	6
IPSW ST HELENS	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
SOUTHS UTD	3	2	0	1	9	7	6
MT GRAVATT	4	2	0	2	12	11	6
ROCKLEA UTD	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
REDLANDS UTD	4	0	2	2	6	12	2
INALA CITY	4	0	0	4	4	16	0

# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	5	5	0	0	13	2	15
LATROBE	5	4	1	0	15	7	13
SOUTH STAR	6	3	2	1	10	5	11
ANERLEY	6	3	1	2	17	10	10
DARRA UTD	6	3	1	2	14	11	10
NORTH PINE	6	2	1	3	12	11	7
MOGILL UTD	6	2	1	3	9	13	7
REDCLIFFE	6	1	3	2	13	13	6
GOODNA	6	1	2	3	5	9	5
S'SIDE EAGLES	6	1	2	3	4	9	5
BAYSIDE UTD	6	1	1	4	10	19	4
SAMFORD	6	1	1	4	8	21	4

AMATEUR DIV 1 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	6	6	0	0	35	4	18
ANERLEY	6	4	2	0	17	7	14
S'SIDE EAGLES	6	4	2	0	11	5	14
NORTH PINE	6	4	1	1	25	13	13
SOUTH STAR	6	2	2	2	12	19	8
LATROBE	6	2	1	3	15	9	7
MOGILL UTD	6	2	1	3	6	17	7
BAYSIDE UTD	6	2	0	4	7	13	6
GOODNA	6	1	2	3	8	17	5
SAMFORD	6	1	1	4	6	17	4
REDCLIFFE	6	1	0	5	12	25	3
DARRA UTD	6	0	2	4	6	14	2

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	6	5	1	0	21	8	16
BROTHERS UTD	5	4	1	0	27	5	13
PARK RIDGE	6	3	2	1	13	4	11
CLAIRVAUX	6	3	2	1	15	10	11
GREENBANK	5	3	1	1	13	4	10
JIMBOOMBA	4	2	2	0	10	3	8
MOOROONDU	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
IPSWICH CITY	5	1	1	3	7	17	4
BETHANIA	5	0	2	3	6	17	2
PINE HILLS	6	0	1	5	1	15	1
OXLEY UTD	5	0	0	5	5	30	0

AMATEUR DIV 2 RESV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JIMBOOMBA	5	5	0	0	20	1	15
MARGATE	6	5	0	1	21	3	15
PARK RIDGE	6	4	1	1	17	4	13
CLAIRVAUX	6	3	0	3	15	7	9
GREENBANK	5	2	1	2	14	14	7
IPSWICH CITY	5	2	1	2	9	13	7
OXLEY UTD	6	2	0	4	5	19	6
BROTHERS UTD	5	1	2	2	8	8	5
BETHANIA	5	1	1	3	4	12	4
PINE HILLS	6	1	1	4	4	21	4
MOOROONDU	5	0	1	4	5	20	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)
- 3 Gls Keiran Cooper (Rochedale Rovers)
- 3 Gls Nick Mass (Bundaberg Waves)

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAMFORD	6	6	0	0	29	3	18
KINGSRIDGE	5	3	2	0	11	6	11
UNI OF QLD	4	3	0	1	15	7	9
IPSWICH CITY	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
ANERLEY	5	2	1	2	6	4	7
ARCHERFIELD	5	1	2	2	9	11	5
NORTH PINE	5	1	1	3	6	9	4
WOODRIDGE	4	1	0	3	4	14	3
BAYSIDE UTD	5	1	0	4	5	16	3
JIMBOOMBA	4	0	0	4	4	20	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	5	5	0	0	26	3	15
ACACIA RIDGE	6	4	1	1	17	4	13
BRISBANE LIONS	6	4	0	2	19	8	12
CAPALABA	5	3	1	1	38	7	10
NEWMARKET	5	3	0	2	19	10	9
THE GAP	5	2	1	2	13	16	7
SLACKS CREEK	5	2	0	3	13	13	6
ALBANY CREEK	5	2	0	3	11	13	6
NORTH STAR	5	2	0	3	6	38	6
MITCHELTON	5	1	1	3	9	17	4
SOUTHS UTD	5	1	0	4	2	16	3
PARK RIDGE	5	0	0	5	2	30	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WOODRIDGE	6	6	0	0	32	10	18
MT GRAVATT	6	5	1	0	20	6	16
UNI OF QLD	6	4	1	1	28	15	13
EASTERN SUBS	5	3	2	0	27	7	11
IPSW ST HELENS	5	2	2	1	14	12	8
COALSTARS	6	2	1	3	19	16	7
REDLANDS UTD	6	2	0	4	13	24	6
WYNNUM	6	1	2	3	12	15	5
ALBANY CREEK	6	1	1	4	6	19	4
SAMFORD	5	1	0	4	10	25	3
BRISBANE LIONS	6	1	0	5	9	24	3
BRISBANE CITY	5	0	2	3	11	28	2

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	6	6	0	0	31	7	18
CAPALABA	6	5	0	1	23	8	15





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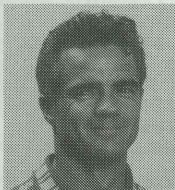


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## Silverware time for all grades

Cup fever has struck once again with the League and FA Cups at the finals stage in the UK and our own cup competitions also getting underway.

The Semi-Pro Division 1 Cup in fact reaches the second leg phase this weekend, the first round of the Queensland Cup is scheduled for next week and nominations for the amateur QANTAS Cup are now being taken.

The Queensland Cup this season will see winners from the Coral Coast and the Soccer Association of Southern Queensland, automatically qualify for the semi-finals of the competition.

The Coral Coast competition includes the Northern region of the state and will feature teams from Townsville, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Cairns and Mackay.

The SASQ on the other hand will consist of teams from Bundaberg, Maryborough, Sunshine Coast, Gympie and South Burnett.

These teams will play the two remaining sides from the XXXX League group, which will also include the Gold Coast Gamblers this season.

The Gamblers will play in the opening round against current XXXX League high flyers Taringa, with the first leg match at Jack Speare Park, Taringa, next Wednesday, April 16.

The final dates for other first round matches are yet to be confirmed but they are expected to take place on the spare weekend in May, or during midweek, depending on the draw.

In the Semi-Pro Division 1 Cup the second legs of Round 1 will be played this coming weekend, with some ties seemingly foregone conclusions but a few still remaining in the balance.

Rocklea and Easts played out a hard fought 2-2 draw in their first leg and with both teams similarly placed in their respective league tables,

it promises to make for an entertaining second leg at The Croatian Sports Centre in Rocklea.

Meanwhile, Capalaba would do well to discount their 3-1 advantage from the first leg when they travel to Toowoomba on Sunday.

The boys from the Darling Downs have leapt to a commanding lead in Semi-Pro Division 1 South, following their 7-0 destruction of Ipswich St Helens in their league match on the weekend and will be out to avenge their first leg loss.

Finally, it is also time for nominations for the amateur QANTAS Cup competition, with entry forms sent out to clubs this week.

The cup matches will be played in midweek and will not be dual-legged, as is the case with the other cups, but will take the knockout format from the opening round.

This tournament has produced some fine matches over the years and the Cup format always seems to produce one or two unheralded giant-killing performances.

The QANTAS Cup is open to all teams in the senior amateur divisions and Semi-Pro youth sides with entries accepted until May 2.

### † VALE

The QSF lost two of its life members last weekend with the passing of Lou Mistris and Bob McVie.

Lou was a former secretary of Hellenic United, a boom club of the 60's, and a long serving member of the management committee of the Federation.

Bob also devoted a lengthy period of his time in service to our code. He served in a number of capacities with the Federation following a stint as secretary to Eastern Suburbs and had an involvement with Merton Rovers.

Both these people will be sadly missed in our soccer community.



# THE XXXX REPORT

**BUNDABERG 5 v WYNNUM 1 (1-1) Thabedan Sports Complex**  
**SCORERS: Bundaberg:** N. Maas (2), L. Graham, A. Brown, W. Allen  
**Wynnum:** B. Rogers

**BUNDABERG:** Bainbridge, Barazza, Fagan, Roebuck, Starr, Lawler, Legg, Allen, Graham, Brown, Bender (Wilson, Maas, Barritt, Driver)

**WYNNUM:** Underhill, Adair, Wood, Valle, Hilton, Maltby, Corbett, Van Basten, Wilkins, Rogers B., Rogers D. (McKinless T., McKinless R., Hadland, McCullough)

**COALSTARS 2 v ROCHEDALE 2 (1-0) Eric Evans Reserve**  
**SCORERS: Coalstars:** R. Hilli, P. McKendrick

**Rochedale:** K. Cooper, C. Koch

**COALSTARS:** Cassidy, Scott, King, Petie, Hinks, Jefferd, Bennett, Park, McKendrick, Adams, Hilli R. (Subs: M. Hilli, Cuba F., Cuba M., Vaggs)

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

**BEENLEIGH 1 v BRISBANE LIONS 3 (1-1) at Chris Green Park**  
**SCORERS: Beenleigh:** R. Davidson

**Lions:** R. Huth, G. Di Losa, K. Meacock

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

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

**BRISBANE CITY 2 v TARINGA ROVERS 2 (0-2) at Spencer Park**  
**SCORERS: City:** C. Slater, M. Lubric

**Taringa:** D. Hughes (2)

**BRIS CITY:** Duke, Strange, Elliott, Pearse, Cooley, Kidd, Slater, Almond, Waugh, Wilkinson Lubric (Subs: Paulett, Eslick, Glockner, Grundy, Taraborrelli)

**TARINGA:** Higgins, Inunciaga, Grodum, Britton, Read, Theochari, Stowers, Hutchison, Kolpak, Hughes, Ditton. (Niven, Hillier, Flemington, Dickens)

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# READ between the LINES

*All the goss with Brent Read*



With the Strikers entering the last few weeks of the Ericsson Cup season, the scene looks set for more of their players to enter the local ranks.

Suggestions of an influx of Strikers players has drawn mixed reaction from XXXX league players and coaches I have spoken to.

While the national league players can only improve the standard of competition, it is only a short term boost for what should be a long term goal.

These players are above putting themselves and their concerns at risk. Local players, on the other hand, might have their growth stunted when their places are put on the back burners for their Ericsson Cup cousins.

From my point of view, the Strikers players are a positive influence. One only had to see the weekend's game between Taringa and Brisbane City to see the influence Chris Slater and Bradley Ditton had on the match.

Meanwhile, as I sit back and watch "Home and Away" while flicking through the *Courier-Mail's* Monday sports section, I'm at a loss to explain where the XXXX Premier League results can be found.

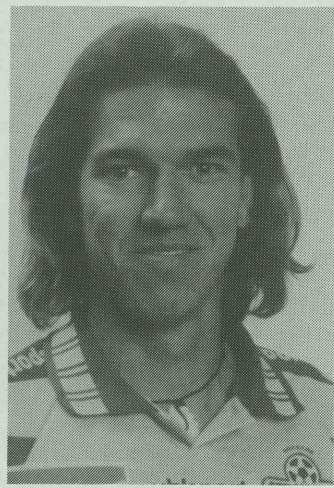
As I pulled out the magnifying glass, I happened to catch the results and goalscorers hidden in the results/tables section.

So much for the new league lifting the game's profile. An important as the Strikers are to soccer in Queensland, the price local soccer is paying in terms of profile is immense.

At last we're doing better than the local Aussie rules competition. Their season 'bound off' on Saturday and the results weren't even included in Mondays section.

Come on *Courier-Mail!* Isn't the local soccer and Aussie rules results more important

Damian Waugh has returned to his form club Brisbane City after spending most of the summer season with the Brisbane Strikers



than the English 2nd and 3rd division and the Scottish league!

Meanwhile Sean (Chucky) Armstrong has gone missing from local soccer but don't be surprised to see the Irishman back amongst the crowds, preparing to select an all star team for a possible four game tour of Singapore in October.

Sean has developed a love affair with the country, having played there in past seasons. Only one problem with his plans, his dog Tiny, better known as "The Shadow", might miss out on the trip.

Rumour has it Chucky plans to sneak the dog to Singapore in his baggage. Should make a good stir fry!!

Meanwhile there is a real log-jam at the top of the XXXX Premier league table, with the weekend's results indicating how wide open the competition really is.

Coalstars unlucky draw with Rochedale, including an off field brawl was the Round's most interesting result.



# Before The Whistle

XXXXX 21

with  
*Jim Gilbert*



It's Cup time, for a lot of teams over the next few weeks, but specifically this weekend for all teams in the Semi Pro Divisions. Outlined below is the schedule of matches and alongside the scores from the first leg.

SAT 12 APRIL, NTH STAR V SLACKS CK - 7.00PM (0-5)  
SAT 12 APRIL, PINE RIVERS V SOUTHS UTD - 7.00PM (6-0)  
SAT 12 APRIL, REDLANDS V THE GAP - 7.00PM (0-4)  
SUN 13 APRIL, ROCKLEA V EASTERN SUBS - 2.30PM (2-2)  
SUN 13 APRIL, GRANGE V ACACIA RIDGE - 2.30PM (1-5)  
SUN 13 APRIL, INALA CITY V OLYMPIC UTD - 2.30PM (5-2)  
SUN 13 APRIL, IPS ST HELENS V MITCH. - 2.30PM (10-0)  
SUN 13 APRIL, MT GRAVATT V ALBANY CK - 2.30PM (1-0)  
SUN 13 APRIL, TOOWOOMBA V CAPALABA - 2.30PM (1-3)

As can be seen a number of the matches will go right to the death to see if a clear result is there, thus obviating the need for extra time. In brief, the rules are that 90 minutes will be played, if there is no clear winner on aggregate, then extra time and the Golden Goal rule will count. It should be pointed out, that away goals do not count double as in European cup competitions.

## Semi Professional - League Cup

In the three Saturday games, it would appear that Slacks Creek have a mortgage on their away match to North Star, similarly Pine Rivers shouldn't be troubled with the visit of Souths United, it may be a tad closer at Cleveland when The Gap visit Redlands United, but I think a 4-0 deficit will be too much for the home side.

In the Sunday games undoubtedly the one on

the knife edge is between Rocklea and Easts, with a draw from the first leg, one would tend to think home ground advantage should be a pointer. At Lanham Park, Acacia Ridge should coast home, similarly Inala should be completely untroubled with Olympic's visit, St Helens have a seemingly impossible task with their match against Mitchelton, and based on the first leg that I saw between Toowoomba and Capalaba I tend to feel the home side will get up in this one, whilst only one goal separates Mt Gravatt and Albany Creek and judging by recent performances this match could go either way.

## Amateur Division 1

Incidentally did anybody count up how many goals were scored in fixtures this weekend, I didn't either, but it was an astronomical number, either defences have fallen by the wayside, or the strikers have eventually got their boots on the right feet!

This weekend in Division 1, matches split 50 - 50 and in the Saturday games Samford will struggle with leaders University, with the boys from St Lucia strongly favoured, at Bulimba, Eagles should pick up a rare win at the expense of mid table Redcliffe, and Annerley just on the verge of the final four, should be relatively untroubled with the visit of Moggill.

In the Sunday games Latrobe should continue their push for top spot at the expense of North Pine, similarly South Star should pick up 3 points over a very disappointing Bayside United, whilst it's local derby time between Darra and Goodna, and judging by recent form the home side should get the nod.

## Amateur Division 2

Bulk of the matches are on Saturday, with the first one between Pine Hills and Mooroondu looking very much an away win, the Hills are bitterly disappointing having only scored 1 goal



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in their six matches to date! Brothers resume this week after having their weekend off, with a home game against Clairvaux and despite Clairvaux's recent return to form, I don't think they will unduly trouble the boys from Raymond Park. In the two night matches, Ipswich City will be in for a torrid time against Park Ridge they may score a goal, but I still think the 3 points will return to the Ridge, in the other night match Margate should continue their merry way at the top, after Jimboomba have come calling.

Only one game on Sunday should see Greenbank return to the winners circle at the expense of hosts Bethania.

### Amateur Division 3

First match is on Friday evening with new chums Moggill hosting North Pine, no real form to go by, so I tip the home side. One match on Saturday between Bayside and Ipswich City will see the boys from the steel city retain their push for a top four placing.

In the three Sunday games Archerfield may pick up a rare win at the expense of a struggling and bitterly disappointing Woodridge, Annerley will do their level best to ensure hosts Jimboomba remain pinned to the bottom, whilst second position is at stake between University and Kingsridge, visitors unbeaten form may be a pointer as to their ambitions, and it's my tip that they will take the points.

Not that I keep count of these things of course, but I had a 100% tipping record in this division last week! Now having said that in public, I'll probably blow out this week.

### Amateur Division 4

Three matches scheduled for Friday night thus giving all the players the weekend to go and do their own thing. Struggling Souths are host to North Star who'll have to put last week's horror match behind them, and based on that one result, I'll go for the home side, Brisbane Lions have The Gap as their visitors in the late match, and the points may just about remain in Richlands, Albany Creek will be in for a tough one against second placed Acacia Ridge, and

judging by the Ridge's for and against, that's where the points will head.

In the Saturday games leaders Taringa will also have a tough one against Capalaba but should do enough to retain their 100% record, Mitchelton will pick up a rare 3 pointer over bottom markers Park Ridge, and Newmarket will retain their push for a top 4 placing at the expense of Slacks Creek.

### Amateur Division 5

Did you know there were 28 goals scored in this division last weekend, and no team went into double figures!

Again we have 3 matches on Friday night with Coalstars making the long trip out to Jacaranda Drive, but should do enough to take the points back to Bundamba, Redlands will be in for a tough match with second place Mt Gravatt as the visitors, form dictates the points will return to Ditmer Park, and in the remaining Friday game there should be another win for the visitors with Easts being successful over Wynnum.

One match on Saturday is between perennial rivals Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions, both sides in an unaccustomed position of propping up the table, visitors marginally tipped. In the Sunday games unbeaten leaders Woodridge will be far too good for St Helens, similarly, third placed University will have too much all round strength for Samford.

### Amateur Division 6

Only two matches on Friday with home wins strongly favoured. Wynnum to be too good for Easts, and Brisbane Lions to gain some respectability in the table at the expense of The Gap. In the three matches scheduled for Saturday, Taringa Rovers will have a most difficult task on their hands when Capalaba pay



a visit, both sides are very strong in attack, but I think the points will remain with the hosts, the match between Kingsridge and Lions looks to be a win for the visitors, and in the remaining Saturday match Newmarket should keep their surge for the top unabated, with a 3 pointer over Slacks Creek. One match on Sunday will see Coalstars retain their 100% record and increase their goal scoring capacity with a maximum points over University.

### Reminder

By now your club secretary will have received nomination papers for the Qantas Cup. Don't leave it too late to nominate your team!

### My thanks to the two Ronnies:

The first divisions stroppiest player, Dingle Preen was nearly involved in an accident this afternoon when the dressing room caught fire and he refused to move back 10 yards!

## True heart felt support for Middlesborough in Cup

**Spare a thought for English football fanatic, Bob Graham, who has been a life fan of Middlesborough Football Club.**

Bob was absolutely over the moon when his club reached the final of the Coca-Cola League Cup this year, putting them in with a strong chance of winning the first major trophy in the club's history.

The match as all fans would now know was played at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, April 6.

Bob's only problem however, stemmed from the fact that he had been booked into hospital for a triple heart bypass on the same day.

Rather than miss the opportunity of seeing his beloved Middlesborough in their moment of glory, Bob literally got down on his hands

and knees and pleaded with both the hospital and the surgeons to postpone his operation.

He got his way with his heart fluttering more than once when it looked as though the 'Boro had pulled off their greatest triumph only for a last gasp equaliser from Leicester to force the match into a replay!

The replay of the Cup final has now been set for Wednesday April 16 but in an incredible piece of deja vu, Bob's heart operation has been rescheduled for the day before!

Now spare a thought for Bob Graham!!



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