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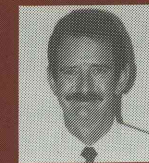
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Cover Photograph: Clem Jones Gold Medal
Winner, Lions Steve Jackson, is
congratulated by the awards namesake,
Clem Jones AO last Monday night.



Editorial



What a great season it has been! Despite negative comments from some sectors of the Brisbane soccer community, the revamped XXXX Premier League has been an outstanding success.

Early on in the season, the top four seemed set in concrete, but some brilliant soccer in the last round by Bundaberg and Wynnum in particular, made for an exciting finish to the season.

Brisbane City won the premiership and deservedly so. The team managed to claw its way out of a mid season slump and go into today's final as favourites.

The other grand finalist this year, Taringa Rovers, finished third after leading the league for much of the season. They had a horror last round and the players would probably be disappointed with their final placing.

At last Monday's Gold Medal dinner, two of City's key members, coach Bobby Hamilton and striker Chris Slater were rewarded for their efforts.

Hamilton won the Eye on Soccer UhlSport Coach of the Year, while Slater won the Eye on Soccer Anfield Sports Player of the Year.

Other recipients of awards at the dinner included Taringa's Danny Invincible, who won the Eye on Soccer UhlSport Rookie of the Year and John Peacock, who won the Eye on Soccer UhlSport Referee of the Year.

A special mention must go to Lions Steve Jackson who capped off a remarkable career when he was awarded the Clem Jones Gold Medal.

Jackson said it was the pinnacle of his career and the former Brisbane Strikers captain was a worthy winner of Queensland soccer's highest honour.

While on the subject of congratulating people, Bundaberg's Liz Williams deserves a mention as she was recently crowned Miss Queensland Soccer for 1997.

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North & South will turn it on

The Semi Pro Division 1 South grand final between Mt Gravatt and Inala City is today's first clash of the Titans and kicks off at 2.30pm.

Mt Gravatt go into this match as favourites after defeating premiers Toowoomba Utd in the major semi and inflicting a 5-0 thrashing of Inala in the second round of the season.

Inala coach Ian Seeley agreed that Mt Gravatt deserved favouritism for today's match.

"In my opinion, they were the best performed team all season and I'm amazed they didn't win the premiership," he said.

"When they beat us in the second round, they smacked us off the park so we're certainly wary of them.

"However, we've come home with a wet sail and I believe the key to success is our work rate.

"We have to perform across the park and how we go really depends on whether we've got eleven blokes who are prepared to have a go on the day."

Following this game will be the Semi Pro Division 1 North grand final between Albany Creek and Mitchelton at 4.30pm.

This is set to be a great match as first plays third. Both teams have a realistic chance of winning the silverware.

Mitchelton finished the regular season as premiers and go into the final as favourites.

The teams have met on two occasions this year, with the first game going to Mitchelton 1-0, while their second encounter ended in a nil-all draw.

Mitchelton finished five points clear of Albany Creek and even though coach Ian Fagan said he was confident of getting a result, he was wary of being complacent.

"Albany Creek are a good solid side all over and there's no doubt that they'll make us work for a win," he said.

"I've never been one to analyse opposition players as I believe it's more valuable to get your own house in order.

"It's a big day for the guys and a final can be so unpredictable as it really comes down to who's on their game on the day.

"But if the guys relax and enjoy themselves, and do what they've been doing all season, I think we should pull through."

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Season '97: A brief review

The first season of the XXXX Premier League has been generally lauded by the Brisbane soccer fraternity as a great success.

The aim of the new eight-team league has been to allow a greater concentration of Queensland's best players and subsequently improve the overall standard of the competition.

Brisbane City have certainly appreciated the new format, securing the inaugural premiership of the XXXX Premier League. They have also booked themselves a spot in the grand final after a convincing 3-1 victory in the major semi-final against Bundaberg and must be at short odds to emulate the efforts of last season's double winners Brisbane Lions.

However, the best example of the success of the competition surely has to be the performance of Bundaberg Waves. As Across the Waves, this club had a proud tradition in both the Wide Bay competition and the old Queensland State League. They were admitted to the Premier League in a bid to take the game outside Brisbane and more than vindicated that decision by finishing the season in second place.

Third place in the regular season belonged to Taringa however it might have been much better for John Ogden's blend of experience and exuberant youngsters. They led the league for a large part of the season, but a slump in the closing stages saw both City and Bundaberg leap-frog them in the final standings.

Last year's double winners had an inconsistent year pulling off some tremendous results but also failing to take advantage of some of the weaker sides in the league. Even the acquisition of former Brisbane Strikers captain Steve Jackson failed to motivate them to repeat the effort of season '96.

Perennial finalists Rochedale were the biggest disappointment of the year. Not even Gary MacDowall or Peter Bannon could steer them into the finals.

George Cowie's Wynnum Wolves showed courage to make the Carmichael Park faithful proud in season '97. After an abysmal start which saw them lose their opening 9 matches, they showed a complete form reversal to be arguably the standout performers of the final round of the competition.

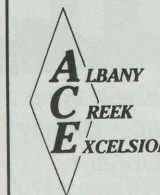
Beenleigh were the complete opposite going great guns in the early part of the season before the much publicised walk-out of coach Peter Bannon. They were unable to build on their early form however and it was a battle down to the wire with Coalstars to avoid the wooden spoon.

The Ipswich side didn't quite go out with the bang they might have hoped but the amalgamation with neighbours Ipswich St Helens might yet see the new side become a force in the league. Players like Brenley Jeffery and the Hilli brothers are vital to the club's future.

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Miss Soccer

Bundaberg's Liz Williams was crowned Miss Queensland Soccer for 1997 in an awards night held at the Greek Club on August 9.

Twenty three entrants and more than 350 guests enjoyed the gala evening.

Liz, representing the Bundaberg Waves Club, won overseas air travel to the value of \$5,000.

Liz enjoys water skiing in her spare time, although she might not get an opportunity to hit the water in her holiday destination of choice - the United Kingdom.

She currently works as a personal assistant to the managing director of the Xerox shop in Bundaberg.

Liz said her reasons for entering this year's quest were to raise additional funds for her club and lift the profile of Bundaberg Waves in the local community.

Bundaberg Waves entrant Liz Williams, walked away with the Miss Queensland Soccer quest crown.



South Star's Toni Brady was the runner-up in this year's quest and received return airline travel for two to Sydney.

Toni, a student, participates in soccer, netball and touch football and in her spare time enjoys dancing and shopping.

The Miss Queensland Soccer Fundraiser for 1997 was Michelle Feuerriegel from the Margate Soccer Club. Michelle won overseas airline travel to the value of \$2,500.

Photographs from the evening can be found on pages 12 and 13.

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Brisbane City Premiers in 97

It might have been Coalstars last ever game in the XXXX League, but Brisbane City spoiled their party with a 2-0 result that saw them secure the premiership for the second time in three years.

Coalstars announced recently that they will amalgamate with near neighbours Ipswich St Helens for the 1998 season but the name the new club will play under has yet to be announced.

Officials from both clubs are hopeful the new club will be the first step towards returning to the glory days of Ipswich football when the region was amongst the strongest in the state.

Despite the present Coalstars squad's best efforts to go out with a bang, it was hard to see them stopping the City juggernaut from securing a title which has seemed theirs for the taking since Taringa's season fell in a stuttering and humiliating heap a few weeks ago.

It has been a fine season for City who have been arguably the league's most consistent performers throughout the year.

The acquisition of Strikers players Damian Waugh and Chris Slater has complimented the bleeding of impressive youngsters like Barry Wilkinson and Jason Kidd.

But the achievements of season '97 have most of all been a tribute to the efforts of coach Bobby Hamilton.

With Hamilton back in charge the "sky blues" have looked the goods this year.

They took command early in the match against Coalstars and might have taken the lead in only the second minute when Chris Slater found Barry Wilkinson with a superb cross but the youngster headed over the bar.

Coalstars keeper Michael Cassidy nearly gifted City the opening goal a few minutes later when he dropped a lob from Cameron Pearse but the ball bounced narrowly wide.

Only Coalstars' Fraser Cuba offered any

stern resistance to the City onslaught going close to opening the scoring against the run of play on several occasions during the first half.

Slater and Shane Haddow had further chances in the first half but the visitors had to wait until after the break to find the net.

Slater attempted to open the scoring with a spectacular overhead attempt early in the half but it wasn't until 17 minutes from the end that young striker Royce Brownlie broke clear and beat Cassidy at his near post.

A minute from time Jason Kidd charged down the right and delivered a powerful cross across the face of goal for an easy tap-in for Mark Luburic.

After travelling to Bundaberg to comfortably win the major semi final, City must now be firm favourites to emulate Brisbane Lions effort of last season of securing the double.



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The final of this year's QANTAS Cup was played on August 20.

Amateur Division 1 side Annerley defeated the University of Queensland 4-1.

The play off for third and fourth was between Buderim Wanderers and Maroochydore with the latter proving too strong, also winning 4-1.

Nominations for this year's competition were called in March with teams from Semi Pro Division 1 (North and South) youth through to Division 6 competing.

In total, 55 teams started in round 1 which included eight teams from the sunshine coast.

The success of the Sunshine Coast teams in placing third and fourth is testimony to the strength of the game in the country.

1997 Eye on Soccer Award winners

The *Eye on Soccer* Awards were presented to individuals at Monday night's Gold Medal dinner presentation at the Hilton Hotel.

Chris Slater received the *Eye on Soccer* Anfield Sports Player of the Year. His award included a \$1000 open order at Anfield Sports.

Taringa's Danny Invincible won the *Eye on Soccer* UhlSPORT Rookie of the Year. Danny's award included a pair of soccer boots courtesy of UhlSPORT.

City's Bobby Hamilton was awarded the *Eye on Soccer* UhlSPORT Coach of the Year. His team won the premiership by five points and the little Scotsman was a popular choice.

John Peacock won the *Eye on Soccer* UhlSPORT Referee of the Year and also took home a pair of UhlSPORT football boots.

A golden night for Jacko

Brisbane Lions might have fallen short in their bid for back to back championships this season but captain Steve Jackson capped a fine personal season by winning the Clem Jones Gold Medal on Monday night.

The former captain of the Brisbane Strikers has had an illustrious career but gave a great rap to the XXXX Premier League competition by describing the award as the pinnacle of his career.

In the week leading up to the announcement at the Hilton International Hotel, Jackson had at best been considered something of a darkhorse for the award.

The main fancies had been Taringa duo Demetri Theochari and Brad Ditton along with Brisbane City's Chris Slater, but Jackson's consistent performances and undoubted class at the back for the reigning premiers, tipped the balance in his favour.

The Gold Medal is presented in recognition of the player who is deemed to be the best and fairest in the Queensland Soccer Federation's top competition, the XXXX Premier League.

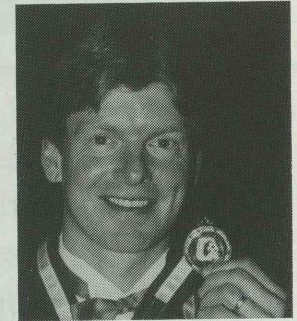
Now in its 24th year, the Gold Medal is the highest honour in the game in this state with the winner joining an elite group comprising some of the best players Queensland has ever produced.

The award is voted on throughout the season by the referees with the winner decided by the player who accrues the highest number of points during the regular season.

The Gold Medal Dinner was attended by some 300 players, club officials, media and dignitaries.

Eye on Soccer's own awards were also presented to the Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Coach of the Year and Referee of the Year (refer to page 8 for these results).

Steve Jackson said that winning the Clem Jones Gold Medal was the pinnacle of his career



But the Gold Medal was the award everyone had come to see and the applause when Steve Jackson's name was read out suggested he was a popular choice.

In accepting the award "Jacko" said he was unsure if he would play next season but *Eye On Soccer* feels that it would be premature for a player who still has so much to offer the game to hang up the boots for a few years yet.

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Semi Pro Division 1 South 1997 Grand Final

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 - 2 Nathan Carlross
 - 3 David Pryor
 - 4 Graham Edmunds
 - 5 Ewan Fisher
 - 6 Andrew Garwood
 - 7 Darren Stachowicz
 - 8 Anthony McCullough
 - 9 Willie Carter
 - 10 Anthony Roche
 - 11 Danny Strickland
 - 12 Craig Harvey
 - 13 Neil Ferguson
 - 14 Barry Browett
 - 15 (Not allocated)
 - 16 Sean Clark
 - 17 (Not allocated)
 - 18 (Not allocated)
 - 19 (Not allocated)
 - 20 Paul Petersen
- Coach - Steve Faulkner

INALA CITY

- 1 Dominic Potter
 - 2 Darren Spence (C)
 - 3 Kirk Lilley
 - 4 Michael Nathan
 - 5 Colin Burnett
 - 6 Glen Clark
 - 7 Craig Thompson
 - 8 John Clark
 - 9 David Williams
 - 10 Mark Goodman
 - 11 Brett Wilkinson
 - 12 Wayne Spence
 - 13 Serge Goncalves
 - 14 Kahn Nicoll
 - 15 Michael Graham
 - 16 (Not allocated)
 - 17 (Not allocated)
 - 18 (Not allocated)
 - 19 (Not allocated)
 - GK Wayne Hiricki
- Coach - Ian Seeley



Semi Pro Division 1 North 1997 Grand Final

ALBANY CREEK

- 1 Jason Milligan
 - 2 Kevin Swadling
 - 3 Glenn Archer
 - 4 Troy Strike
 - 5 Mark Gilbert
 - 6 Carlo Borzellega
 - 7 Simon Green
 - 8 Aaron Aldridge
 - 9 Trent Lawton
 - 10 Craig Geerssen
 - 11 Damon Tune
 - 12 Mike Hornby
 - 13 Mathew McKenna
 - 14 Carl McDowell
 - 15 Scott Hawkins
 - 16 (Not allocated)
 - 17 (Not allocated)
 - 18 (Not allocated)
 - 19 (Not allocated)
 - 20 Sean Nash
- Coach - Justin Kilshaw

MITCHELTON

- 1 Andrew Poyser
 - 2 Daryl Heiner
 - 3 James Hermiston
 - 4 Simon Arnold
 - 5 Craig Binnington
 - 6 Anthony Sommerville
 - 7 Effie Cassar
 - 8 Paul Bland
 - 9 William Ingleldew
 - 10 Michael Black
 - 11 Brett McDonald
 - 12 Lee Scriggins
 - 13 Daryl Grundy
 - 14 Adam Pilat
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 - 16 Tommy York
 - 17 Chris McAlary
 - 18 Matt Tochterman
 - 19 Keith Shaw
 - 20 Toni Bellino
- Coach - Ian Fagan



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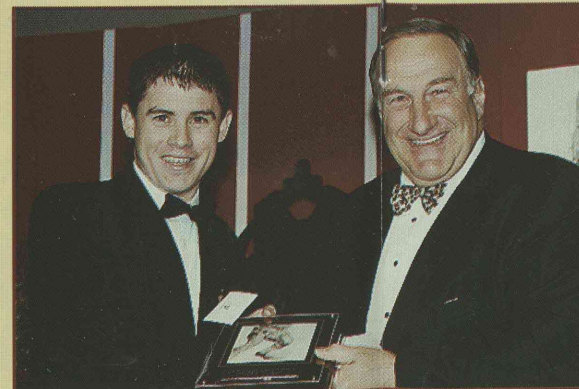
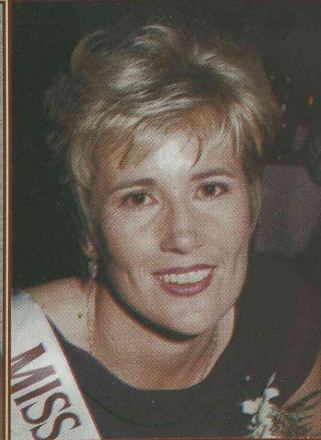
Bundaberg Waves' Liz Williams (left) had plenty to smile about when crowned Miss Queensland Soccer - Toni Brady, South Star SC (bottom left) was pleased about being runner-up. Miss Money Bags, Michelle Feuerriegel, Margate SC laughed all the way to the bank as Miss Fund-raiser. Bobby Hamilton (above) was the Eye On Soccer/UHlsport Coach of the Year, and youngster Danny Invincible (right) was No 1 Rookie. Chris Slater (below) liked what The Hon. Mick Veivers, Minister for Sport, handed out when named Eye On Soccer/Anfield Sports Player of the Year. The Coalstars gang were just glad to be there for the party and Glen Collinson (far right) took away the money from the Minister on behalf of Taringa Rovers who picked up the Fair Play award.



Rochedale's Kieran Cooper won you know what again for the 10th time.... that's a record in itself!



Brisbane City became the 1997 XXXX Premier League Premiers when they finished atop the ladder by a clear five points and finished the season by defeating Coalstars in the last round.



Who will be the Champions?

Grand Final fever is upon us and we eagerly await kick-off in tonight's main game between Brisbane City and Taringa Rovers. Both teams have reason to be confident of capturing the season's ultimate prize.

When the two teams last met in Round 19, Brisbane City hammered Taringa 5-0.

Brilliant striker Chris Slater, who failed by just a solitary point to win the Clem Jones Gold medal, scored a hat-trick that day and repeated the performance the following week.

City are the more experienced of the two teams when it comes to finals football.

However, in recent years, the lads from Spencer Park have been unable to take advantage of their finals appearances. Coach Bobby Hamilton dispelled any suggestion that his side might be the victim of stage fright.

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"I've said for a number of weeks now that I sense a difference in the squad this time from the last time (City were in the final) which was two years ago," he said.

"I think two years ago, we were just pleased to win the minor premiership... the difference this time is that they seem to have that little bit extra hunger and they are playing with a lot of confidence, so I can see us taking it one step further this time."

Hamilton said he would not be focussing on Taringa and believed the key to victory was concentrating on maintaining the standards his team had set during the last three to four weeks.

"Our recent wins will stand us in good stead as off the top of my head, we've probably scored about 13 goals for and one against and we want to stick by the principles that have served us in those games and if we can, I'm pretty confident," Hamilton said.

"To be honest, I think we have more players across the park capable of scoring goals than Taringa at this point in time."

After maintaining top spot on the league ladder for much of the season, Taringa self destructed in the latter third of the season, taking only four points from their last seven outings.

However, consecutive hard-fought one-nil victories against Lions and Bundaberg in the finals, have given Taringa coach John Ogden renewed confidence.

"If we would have picked up two more games from the last round, we would have won the league," Ogden said.

"I think in the end our finishing cost us a chance at the premiership, but we're a young team and in hindsight, we did okay.

"We've changed our style as finals football is a different kettle of fish and we're a lot tougher as there is more emphasis on commitment.

XXXX Premier League 1997 Grand Final

BRISBANE CITY

- 1 Danile Duke
 - 2 Royce Brownlie
 - 3 Anthony Scodellaro
 - 4 Mark Greer
 - 5 Wayne Strange
 - 6 Scott Elliott
 - 7 Cameron Pearse
 - 8 Chris Slater
 - 9 Warren Cooley
 - 10 Steve Glockner
 - 11 Shane Haddow
 - 12 Robert Kidd
 - 13 Scott McLean
 - 14 Dean Almond
 - 15 John Schiavo
 - 16 Damien Waugh
 - 17 Barry Wilkinson
 - 18 (Not allocated)
 - 19 Mark Luburic
 - 20 Adriano Taraborrelli
- Coach - Bobby Hamilton

TARINGA ROVERS

- 1 Scott Higgins
 - 2 Joel Hale
 - 3 Laurence Inunciaga
 - 4 Stein Grodum
 - 5 (Not allocated)
 - 6 Mathew Bastian
 - 7 Brent Read
 - 8 Demetri Theochari
 - 9 Danny Stowers
 - 10 Darren Hillier
 - 11 Ian Hutchison
 - 12 Stuart Collins
 - 13 (Not allocated)
 - 14 Danny Invincible
 - 15 Glen Kolpak
 - 16 Scott Robertson
 - 17 Des Hughes
 - 18 Cameron Williamson
 - 19 Brad Ditton
 - 20 Andrew Hobbs
- Coach - John Ogden



EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	21	12	6	3	39	22	42
B'BERG WAVES	21	11	4	6	40	31	37
TARINGA ROVERS	21	11	3	7	37	23	36
BRISBANE LIONS	21	10	6	5	27	19	36
ROCHEDALE ROV	21	8	6	7	40	32	30
WYNNUM	21	6	2	13	30	46	20
BEENLEIGH	21	6	1	14	27	47	19
COALSTARS	21	5	2	14	22	42	17

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	18	12	3	3	38	19	39
TARINGA ROVERS	18	9	3	6	21	22	30
WYNNUM	18	7	6	5	28	23	27
BEENLEIGH	18	6	5	7	35	39	23
ROCHEDALE ROV	18	5	6	7	31	34	21
COALSTARS	18	5	4	9	15	23	19
BRISBANE CITY	18	4	3	11	26	34	15

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	21	15	2	4	47	23	47
ROCHEDALE ROV	21	15	1	5	60	32	46
TARINGA ROVERS	21	11	2	8	32	31	35
BRISBANE CITY	21	10	2	9	45	48	32
WYNNUM	21	10	0	11	39	29	30
COALSTARS	20	5	4	11	23	36	19
B'BERG WAVES	21	5	4	12	28	48	19
BEENLEIGH	20	3	3	14	28	55	12

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	60	37	11	12	112	61	122
Taringa Rovers	60	31	8	21	92	75	101
Rochedale Rovers	60	28	13	19	131	98	97
Brisbane City	60	26	11	23	110	104	89
Wynnum District	60	23	8	29	97	98	77
Bundaberg Waves	42	16	8	18	68	79	56
Coalstars	59	15	10	34	60	101	55
Beenleigh	59	15	9	35	90	141	54

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	18	10	5	3	34	20	35
NORTH STAR	18	10	3	5	39	24	33
ALBANY CREEK	18	8	6	4	29	20	30
PINE RIVERS UTD	18	8	4	6	39	29	28
OLYMPIC UTD	18	7	5	6	28	33	26
NEWMARKET	18	7	4	7	30	30	25
EASTERN SUBS	18	7	4	7	28	31	25
CAPALABA	18	5	3	10	31	30	18
THE GAP	18	4	6	8	32	41	18
GRANGE THISTLE	18	2	4	12	19	51	10

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBANY CREEK	18	14	1	3	38	19	43
NEWMARKET	18	14	0	4	43	19	42
NORTH STAR	18	9	4	5	34	16	31
PINE RIVERS UTD	18	10	0	8	45	39	30
OLYMPIC UTD	18	8	3	7	30	30	27
MITCHELTON	18	7	4	7	31	27	25
CAPALABA	18	7	1	10	39	35	22
THE GAP	18	5	3	10	20	34	18
EASTERN SUBS	18	4	0	14	18	43	12
GRANGE THISTLE	18	4	0	14	19	55	12

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	18	14	0	4	53	30	42
PINE RIVERS UTD	18	10	5	3	43	21	35
EASTERN SUBS	18	9	3	6	36	27	30
MITCHELTON	18	8	5	5	53	26	29
THE GAP	18	7	6	5	27	27	27
NEWMARKET	18	7	2	9	31	32	23
ALBANY CREEK	18	6	5	7	32	38	23
GRANGE THISTLE	18	6	2	10	41	45	20
NORTH STAR	18	3	9	6	28	29	18
OLYMPIC UTD	18	1	1	16	17	86	4

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	16	12	2	2	52	13	38
MT GRAVATT	16	9	3	4	52	17	30
INALA CITY	16	9	3	4	35	20	30
SLACKS CREEK	16	8	5	3	31	27	29
ROCKLEA UTD	16	5	7	4	29	25	22
ACACIA RIDGE	16	4	5	7	23	32	17
SOUTHS UTD	16	3	5	8	28	53	14
IPSW ST HELENS	16	4	2	10	17	44	14
REDLANDS UTD	16	1	2	13	10	46	5

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ROCKLEA UTD	16	13	1	2	46	12	40
MT GRAVATT	16	10	1	5	39	13	31
TOOWOOMBA UTD	16	8	3	5	38	25	27
ACACIA RIDGE	16	8	2	6	30	26	26
REDLANDS UTD	16	7	3	6	28	28	24
INALA CITY	16	4	4	8	19	36	16
SLACKS CREEK	16	4	2	10	26	34	14
IPSW ST HELENS	16	4	2	10	16	38	14
SOUTHS UTD	16	4	2	10	20	50	14

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SLACKS CREEK	16	10	2	4	43	30	32
MT GRAVATT	16	10	1	5	57	28	31
SOUTHS UTD	16	10	1	5	38	25	31
REDLANDS UTD	16	8	5	3	29	21	29
TOOWOOMBA UTD	16	8	2	6	46	30	26
ROCKLEA UTD	16	7	4	5	35	32	25
IPSW ST HELENS	16	4	3	9	32	32	15
ACACIA RIDGE	16	5	0	11	20	40	15
INALA CITY	16	1	0	15	16	78	3

EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	21	15	5	1	56	15	50
NORTH PINE	22	15	3	4	57	23	48
ANERLEY	22	12	5	5	47	24	41
LATROBE	22	11	6	5	47	39	39
SOUTH STAR	21	8	8	5	35	31	32
DARRA UTD	22	10	2	10	45	46	32
MOGGILL UTD	22	9	4	9	41	43	31
REDCLIFFE	22	8	4	10	51	54	28
S'SIDE EAGLES	22	6	6	10	26	43	24
GOODNA	22	4	5	13	17	45	17
BAYSIDE UTD	22	3	5	14	30	46	14
SAMFORD	22	2	3	17	30	73	9

AMATEUR DIV 1 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	22	19	1	2	78	15	58
ANERLEY	22	18	2	2	61	12	56
NORTH PINE	22	13	3	6	56	34	42
S'SIDE EAGLES	22	11	5	6	50	29	38
MOGGILL UTD	22	10	6	6	42	33	36
BAYSIDE UTD	22	11	1	10	41	41	34
REDCLIFFE	22	8	2	12	49	51	26
SAMFORD	22	5	4	13	33	59	19
DARRA UTD	22	5	4	13	25	58	19
LATROBE	22	5	3	14	31	52	18
GOODNA	22	3	7	12	23	51	16
SOUTH STAR	22	4	2	16	26	80	14

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	20	17	2	1	73	21	53
BROTHERS UTD	20	16	4	0	81	16	52
PARK RIDGE	20	10	8	2	45	16	38
BETHANIA	20	9	5	6	59	41	32
CLAIRVAUX	20	9	5	6	46	32	32
GREENBANK	20	9	4	7	40	27	31
JIMBOOMBA	20	9	3	8	51	41	30
IPSWICH CITY	20	5	2	13	24	71	17
MOOROONDU	20	4	3	13	20	47	15
PINE HILLS	20	3	2	15	13	66	11
OXLEY UTD	20	0	0	20	25	99	0

AMATEUR DIV 2 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	20	18	1	1	83	11	55
PARK RIDGE	20	13	4	3	52	13	43
JIMBOOMBA	20	13	3	4	60	17	42
BETHANIA	20	12	4	4	41	23	40
CLAIRVAUX	20	11	3	6	48	24	36
IPSWICH CITY	20	6	4	10	37	46	22
PINE HILLS	20	7	1	12	33	66	22
BROTHERS UTD	20	5	5	10	28	40	20
GREENBANK	20	5	2	13	33	64	17
OXLEY UTD	20	3	1	16	12	81	10
MOOROONDU	20	0	6	14	21	63	6

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

- 15 Gls Kieran Cooper (Rochedale Rovers)
- 13 Gls Chris Slater (Brisbane City)
- 10 Gls Brett Drury (Beenleigh)
- 10 Gls Glen Kolpak (Taringa Rovers)
- 9 Gls Geoff Maltby (Wynnum)
- 9 Gls Anthony Brown (Bundaberg)
- 8 Gls Mark Flemington (Taringa Rovers)
- 7 Gls Steve Fitzsimmons (Rochedale Rovers)

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	19	17	1	1	96	12	52
SAMFORD	19	15	2	2	85	21	47
ANERLEY	19	11	4	4	58	20	37
KINGSRIDGE	19	8	7	4	44	36	31
IPSWICH CITY	19	9	4	6	55	54	31
WOODRIDGE	19	7	3	9	30	39	24
BAYSIDE UTD	19	7	1	11	34	70	22
NORTH PINE	19	5	3	11	30	41	18
JIMBOOMBA	19	3	2	14	20	81	11
MOGGILL UTD	10	2	1	7	12	41	7
ARCHERFIELD	19	1	2	16	15	64	5

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	22	20	1	1	128	14	61
ACACIA RIDGE	22	16	4	2	79	23	52
CAPALABA	22	15	2	5	111	39	47
BRISBANE LIONS	22	14	3	5	85	29	45
SLACKS CREEK	22	13	2	7	75	33	41
ALBANY CREEK	22	10	5	7	74	39	35
MITCHELTON	22	9	1	12	58	72	28
NEWMARKET	22	8	3	11	43	47	27
THE GAP	22	7	2	13	42	56	23
SOUTHS UTD	22	3	1	18	18	85	10
NORTH STAR	22	2	3	17	23	144	9
PARK RIDGE	22	1	1	20	9	164	4

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WOODRIDGE	22	17	2	3	97	32	53
EASTERN SUBS	22	16	4	2	110	30	52
COALSTARS	22	14	3	5	85	31	45
UNI OF QLD	22	13	5	4	72	39	44
MT GRAVATT	22	13	5	4			

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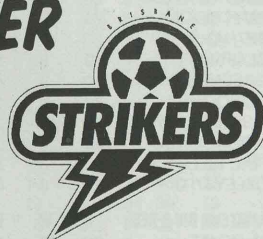
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All the goss with Brent Read

Brisbane City v Taringa Rovers. After 23 weeks, the season has come down to a battle between the two sides that spent most of the season at the top of the table.

The 5-0 loss Taringa suffered at the hands of City only a few weeks ago is a memory now for our players and we'll be using that as motivation in the week leading up to the game.

The wins over Lions and Bundaberg to get the side into the final exhibited the determination and discipline we'll need to knock over City.

The last time the two sides met, we were 2-0 down within minutes of the referee blowing the whistle to start the game.

It's vitally important this Saturday that we get off to a good start. City have a habit of coming out of the blocks at breakneck speed. Just ask Bundaberg, who trailed 2-0 after five minutes in their semi-final against City two weeks ago.

City have a number of players with grand final experience. The likes of Mark Greer, Cameron Pearce and Shane Haddow seem to play in a grand final every year.

I am led to believe Pearcey is in fact winless in four grand finals. Seems he's carried that run of outs into the horse racing arena. As a fellow member of the Dance Star syndicate, Cameron and I have had to endure an amazing run of outs as horse owners.

With a bit of luck, we'll both have something to celebrate in the coming weeks, no matter what the grand final result. Dance Star is back in racing form and bound to break its winning duck in coming weeks.

Greer's return has been an unexpected bonus for City. His earlier retirement has been reversed and stabilises an already solid backline.

As for Taringa, there are only three players remaining from the side that lost the grand final

three years ago against North Star.

Clubs and officials have been preaching the lack of experience at the club all season. Claims the side was too inexperienced to win the league or the grand final are garbage.

Sure, we have a young side. But the last two weeks has given the players a valuable taste of what its like to play in the pressure-cooker atmosphere of finals football.

That's been an entree for what promises to be the biggest feast of football many of the players will experience in their careers this weekend.

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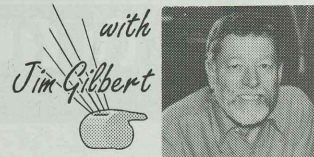
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Before The Whistle



The above header for this column is probably a misnomer on this occasion, as this is intended more as a "wrap up" of the season's activities.

I have attended many, many matches during 1997 in the Semi Pro Divisions and Amateurs, and I must confess I have seen a great variety in skills and quality of football on these occasions. Some have been nothing short of brilliant, some have only been average, nevertheless my viewing of games has been both for entertainment, as well as to see as many diverse teams and divisions as possible.

Semi Professional Divisions

In the northern division there appeared to be a distinct top, slight middle and lower section, Mitchelton certainly did not have it all their own way in securing the Premiership, as North Star kept them honest right to the end, semi placings in the final burst of the season in reality were only between Albany Creek, Pine Rivers and Olympic, as both Newmarket and Easts fell away earlier. Capalaba flattered to deceive, as did The Gap, whilst the Grange struggled early but came good later in the season, far too late unfortunately to achieve any honours.

In the southern division, there were only ever two that were serious contenders for titles honours, in Toowoomba and Mt Gravatt, and but for the latter's poor start to the season it could have even been tighter at the top. Inala City were the surprise packet and stronger than most clubs realised, Slacks Creek would have been, for them anyway, disappointing as was

 **James Hardie**
MODULAR BUILDINGS

Rocklea. Acacia Ridge had some bright moments, unfortunately too few, whilst Souths did tend to struggle somewhat for too many games. St Helens, in their last year under that name, came good right at the death, and frightened a lot of sides whilst Redlands can only be better next year for this year's experiences.

Amateur Division 1

Premiers University deserve their title, as only one loss all season in fixture competition and so few goals conceded fully justifies the title, North Pine certainly kept the pressure up all year, and were the surprise packets in this division. Annerley appear to be now getting their act together well and truly, and could well be a big force next year, whilst a number of other clubs in this division had too many "ups and downs" all year to be serious contenders for finals placings. Goodna were a big disappointment, as were Bayside, whilst Samford were a complete enigma, judging by my viewing of them during the year.

Amateur Division 2

Margate and Brothers had a jolly good tussle all year in this division, with Margate ending up as Premiers, but both sides had huge attacking potential, with over 150 goals scored by the two teams in their respective matches. Very tight in the middle of the table for semi finals, Park Ridge did exceptionally well as another "new" club, whilst Bethania had a late burst to sneak into fourth spot. Ipswich City and Mooroondu never really came to grips, whilst Pine Hills appeared to be out of their depth, Oxley United, similarly, will need more player resources to revive their once proud traditions.

Amateur Division 3

Again we have University taking out the title, although Samford were the early front

runners, but unfortunately could not keep up the pace. From the single clubs in this division, Kingsridge were the best performed, but even they only just secured fourth spot at the end of the season, Woodridge appeared to be having a "comfortable" mid table season, whilst Archerfield's problems have been well documented in past weeks.

Amateur Division 4

This is the division where quite a number of the "veterans" from previous years plied their trade, and having spoken to a number of club/team officials in the past few months, it appears it has been very competitive league. Two teams hit the ton in the goals for column, similarly two sides had disastrous defensive records!

It was always difficult to make predictions in this division, due to the possibility of players being required into higher ranks. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the big Park Ridge win, and knowing them, they are probably still celebrating!

Amateur Division 5

Woodridge and Eastern Suburbs are another two sides that had great tussles throughout the year, at one stage it appeared Woodridge would win the title by at least 10 points, and as the points tables now show, there is a mere 1 point difference at the end of the season. Either their wheels fell off, or Eastern Suburbs hit their afterburner, whichever, it provided for great end of season entertainment for the neutrals. Again it was very tight between Coalstars, Uni, Mt Gravatt and Saints for semi placings, with other teams in this division making up the numbers and, hopefully, enjoying their football.

Amateur Division 6

Very early in the season it was fairly obviously Coalstars were going to win this title, their great goals statistics in the for and against is probably an indication of their worth in this division, mind you Capalaba and Slacks Creek were determined they were going to be there or thereabouts, come round 22. The team that I thought would do better than the table shows

was Wynnum, with the quality of their former first division players in this side, they were another side who flattered to deceive, with their end position most unusual. (For them at least) The Gap probably had the strongest players in all divisions and competition, as there they are holding up all seventeen divisions in front of them.

Summing Up

1997 has been a most interesting year, despite the apparent disparity in content and standards between 1996 and 1997, I hope most soccer fanatics have enjoyed their year.

Best wishes to all teams participating in Grand Finals this coming weekend, and I hope we can all look forward to another enjoyable 1998.

Final Quote for the Year:

I prefer players not to be too good or clever on other things. It means they can concentrate on football. *(Bill Nicholson, Spurs 1973)*

IEA FAIR PLAY AWARD

1997 Final Table	Red Cards	Yellow Cards	Total Points
Taringa Rovers	3	73	272
Wynnum District	5	72	285
Coalstars	8	81	328
Brisbane City	6	90	348
Beenleigh	10	92	366
Brisbane Lions	7	99	368
Rochedale Rovers	8	94	369
Bundaberg Waves	15	82	380

The 1997 Fair Play award is sponsored by Insurance Exchange of Australia and was won by Taringa Rovers. The prize of \$1500 is in essence, a reward for the team with the least amount of infringements and is in keeping with FIFA's fair play policy.

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