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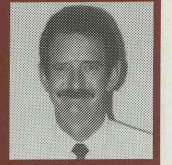
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Cover Photograph: Coalstars' Richard Hilli is
about to bite the dust as Taringa's Demetri
Theochari puts on a tackle during last
weekend's clash at Jack Speare Park.



Editorial



Rumours concerning the imminent return of City club captain Mark Greer to Premier League duty were confirmed this week by City coach Bobby Hamilton.

Greer left the sport a few weeks ago after receiving three red cards in the first two-thirds of the season.

He's apparently been back training for a couple of weeks, and the imposing defender is sure to add some sting to the City defence come finals time.

Greer is a respected veteran of Queensland soccer and the fans (particularly those at Spencer Park) will be delighted with the news.

And while over at Spencer Park, I must congratulate Chris Slater on achieving a hat-trick, two weeks in succession. Apparently, Chris has never scored a hat-trick since leaving his home town of Mackay a decade ago.

The other big news of the week was Bundaberg's dramatic 2-1 win over reigning premiers Brisbane Lions at Lions Stadium last week.

The win secured Waves an historical place in this year's finals and unfortunately sounded the death-knell for traditional giants Rochedale.

The script had been written some weeks ago for Rochedale and Bundy to meet in a Round 21 "winner take all" battle.

However, John Lawler's match winning chip in the 92nd minute last week put paid to any hopes Rochedale had of making the finals.

This Saturday night sees the Miss Soccer Quest climax at a gala function to be held at the Greek Club at 6pm.

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ROCHEDALE ROVERS 5 v BEENLEIGH 0 (1-0) at Underwood Park

SCORER: Rovers: N Seeley, C Koch, K Cooper, D Pilic, S Fitzsimmons

Rochedale: Duck, Brattan, Lane, Harris, Seeley, Koch, Lees, Cooper, Pilic, Masi, Baldwin (Subs: Fitzsimmons, McDermott, Dawe, Turnbull)

Beenleigh: Roche, Druery, Galloway, McFarlane, Paulett, Skordou, Preston, Gnech, Gordon, Bettridge (Subs: Jones, Martin, Morris, Iliff)

BRISBANE LIONS 1 v BUNDABERG WAVES 2 (0-1) at Lions Stadium

SCORERS: Lions: S Jackson

Bundaberg: S Starr, J Lawler

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Lonsdale, Huth, Watson, Tuck, Geritz, Jackson, Sime, Pudja, Di Losa, Meacock (Subs: Lucas, Barnes, Matula, Laslo, Hilton)

Bundaberg: Bainbridge, Slaughter, M Giovannoni, J Giovannoni, Legg, Lawler, Graham, Brown, Fagan, Starr, Bender (Subs: Hunt, Colling, Maas, Driver)

TARINGA ROVERS 2 v COALSTARS 0 (2-0) at Thabeban Sports Complex

SCORERS: Taringa: J Hale, D Hughes

Taringa Rovers: Higgins, Hale, Grodum, Read, Theochari, Stowers, Hillier, Hutchison, Collins, Kolpak, Hughes (Subs: Robertson, Packer, Ditton, Hobbs)

Coalstars: Cassidy, King, Petie, Hinks, Jeffard, Bennett, Park, McKendrick, Adams, Cuba, Hilli (Subs: Boyle, Guest, Cuba, Deranna)

WYNNUM DISTRICT 0 v BRISBANE CITY 3 (0-0) at Spencer Park

SCORERS City: C. Slater (3)

Wynnum: Underhill, Adair, Wood, T McKinless, Maltby, Wilkins, Popplewell, Hadland, Davidson, Rogers, McDermott (Subs: Basten, R McKinless, Eilmann, McCulloch)

City: Duke, Brownlie, Strange, Elliott, Pearse, Slater, Glockner, Haddow, Wilkinson, Waugh, Voss (Subs: McLean, Cavallicci, Luburic, Taraborelli)

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Rovers thump Beenleigh

Rochedale Rovers pulled off an emphatic 5-0 thrashing of fierce local rivals Beenleigh in their final home fixture of the season.

Ironically Peter Bannon, now coach of Rochedale, walked out of Beenleigh earlier in the season after masterminding a 5-2 thrashing of Rochedale the last time the two sides met at Underwood Park.

From the outset of this match it was obvious there was going to be no repeat of that scoreline however, with the home side taking the lead in only the second minute.

Nick Seeley, one of five Rochedale players to play for the state side on Friday night, struck a swerving free kick which totally bamboozled Chris Roche in the Beenleigh goal.

If such an early goal wasn't enough to dishearten the visitors, being reduced to 10 men a few minutes later certainly was.

Michael Robinson was given his marching orders by Rob Eedy when he threw himself in for an atrociously timed tackle in which his boot seemed to make contact with Fijian international Asala Masi's thigh.

Rochedale had a host of chances to add to their lead in the remainder of the half but they had to wait until the second period to add to their lead.

They found a second goal 17 minutes into the second half and fittingly it was Kieran Cooper, showing the type of composure which ranks him as one of the greats of the XXXX League, who slotted the ball home.

It was an appropriate moment for "Coops", wheeling away in celebration for the final time in front of the jubilant Underwood Park faithful, before his retirement at the end of the season.

It was undoubtedly the moment all Rochedale fans had hoped for but, the real action was yet to come.

With under 10 minutes of the match

remaining, it appeared the game was winding down to finish at 2-0 before Rochedale literally exploded in the final few minutes, adding 3 goals in an astounding four minute spell.

Steve Fitzsimmons, who had come on in the first half to replace the injured Masi, converted a superb Clayton Koch cross with a flying volley in the 83rd minute.

Fitzsimmons was in the action again three minutes later, missing an overhead kick, but the rebound fell perfectly for David Pilic who showed composure well beyond his 17 years to coolly slot in his side's fourth goal.

A minute later Koch was rewarded for a fine personal performance when he got his head to a Gary Brattan cross to make the final score 5-0.

With two minutes remaining Cooper left the field to rapturous applause to be replaced by one of the club's up and coming young stars, Clint McDermott.

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Beenleigh v Taringa Rovers	Taringa City	Taringa City	Taringa City	Taringa City
Coalstars v Brisbane City	Wynnum	Lions	Lions	Lions
Wynnum v Bris Lions	Wynnum	Lions	Lions	Lions
Bundaberg v Rochedale	Waves	Waves	Rochedale	Rochedale

Semi Pro Division 1 North - Round 18

Olympic Utd v Albany Creek	Olympic	Olympic	Olympic	Creek
Capalaba v Grange Thistle	Capalaba	Draw	Capalaba	Draw
North Star v Pine Rivers	Draw	Star	Star	Rivers
Mitchelton v The Gap	Mitchelton	Mitchelton	Mitchelton	Mitchelton
Newmarket v Eastern Subs	Newmarket	East	Draw	Draw

Semi Pro Division 1 South - Round 18

Rocklea Utd v Bye	-	-	-	-
Acacia Ridge v Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Ridge	Mt Gravatt
Souths Utd v Toowoomba	T'wmba	T'wmba	T'wmba	T'wmba
Slacks Creek v Ipsw St Helens	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
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Waves into history books

Bundaberg Waves made history last weekend when they scored a dramatic 2-1 victory against premier league heavyweights Brisbane Lions.

The win will be a huge confidence boost for the Bundaberg players who overcame incredible odds to secure a finals berth in the team's inaugural season in the Premier League.

"We were definitely up against it," Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta said. "We were away from home, our bus arrived just 25 minutes before kickoff and three of our senior players namely Warren Allen, Tony Roebuck and Mark Foy were sidelined through injury.

"It was a great effort from the team and I'm delighted to say that we are in the top four."

Bundaberg drew first blood in the 25th minute of the match when Steve "Super" Starr found himself unmarked in the Lions box and headed a John Lawler corner into the back of the net.

The Waves players thought they were 2-0 up when Lions keeper Rob Farrow was unable to stop a powerful Luke Graham header from the edge of the 18 yard box.

However the goal was disallowed as the referee ruled that the ball had taken a deflection off striker Anthony Brown's arm.

Lions got back on level terms with the visitors midway through the second half when Martin Matula provided an accurate cross for a surging Steve Jackson.

Jackson's low diving header from 10 metres gave Waves keeper Michael Bainbridge little chance of maintaining a clean slate.

However, just when the match seemed destined for a close finish, Lions were dealt a series of savage blows that cost the reigning premiers the three points and the minor premiership.

Replacement midfielder Craig Barnes received his second yellow card for a reckless tackle and was subsequently sent from the field. Barnes was joined in the showers by state representative Roy Huth who was red carded also for a reckless tackle.

Goalscorer and captain Steve Jackson then sustained a leg injury and had to leave the field although he was unable to be replaced as all Lions substitutes had taken the park.

Not surprisingly, Lions were stretched with just eight players for the final 10 minutes and Lawler sealed the victory in the 92nd minute when he found some space down the right and chipped Farrow from inside the 18 yard box.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said he was disappointed with the loss, but was looking forward to the chance of winning back-to-back grand finals.



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Taipans bid for cup honours

Far North Queensland Taipans confirmed in Townsville on the weekend what northern soccer pundits have known for most of this season, the Taipans are the best side outside of Brisbane.

The Taipans wrapped up the Coral Coast Country Cup and with it receive automatic entry into the semifinals of the Queensland Cup and the chance to take their claims of soccer excellence into Brisbane.

They finished the Coral Coast Cup six points clear of Mackay and Townsville but did stumble to their first defeat of the season, losing 2-1 to Townsville on Saturday night only to re-group and down Mackay 2-1.

There was cause for double celebration with the Taipans also winning the Youth competition, with both sides finishing with 19 points from six wins, one draw and one loss.

Coach Milan Jankovic said the Coral Coast Cup win was a reward for the player's commitment and attitude.

"The entire squad gave their all from the start of the season but we are all disappointed with the loss to Townsville.

"A draw would have been a fair result and we missed some chances," Jankovic said.

"However we are looking forward to the Queensland Cup semifinals and if we win that, then the final," he concluded.

The squad will continue to train and fine tune its game for the semifinals in September, with matches against the Olyroos who will be visiting Cairns as part of their Queensland tour and preparations for the Sydney 2000 Olympics, then the Brisbane Strikers on August 23, who will also be visiting Cairns in their pre-season preparations.

Rochedale Rovers Coaching Positions

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Cooper to hang up the boots

Rochedale Rovers travel to Bundaberg for their final fixture of the season but the match will have a greater significance to the many loyal fans of the club.

The match will bring the curtain down on the playing career of one of Queensland soccer's greatest names, Kieran Cooper.

Fittingly, "Coops" found the net last week in his last match in front of the home crowd he has wowed for so many years.

Cooper came to Brisbane in 1986 with a proven track record as a goal machine made during his days with Bray Wanderers in the Irish first division.

He joined Brisbane City at the age of 22 and played that season in the National League. He returned to Ireland the following season to again join forces with Bray Wanderers, this time in the Irish Premier League, and finished the season as the club's top scorer.

In 1987 Cooper made the permanent move to Brisbane, rejoining City who were by then playing in the XXXX League.

His goal scoring exploits in the following 11 seasons, first with City and then for Rochedale are unsurpassed.

He has finished the league's top scorer in all but one of those seasons and that was in 1990 when he finished second!

Cooper has been Rochedale's club development officer since 1992 and since that time he has seen the club expand tremendously.

The clubhouse is currently second to none in the XXXX League and club membership has exploded to the point where there are now some six thousand members.



Rochedale Juniors, Jessica Wake (left) and Lisa Rushton with the presentation gift given to Kieran Cooper to mark his retirement

There are also some 550 junior players at the club and officials are confident that a new "Kieran Cooper" is waiting to be discovered.

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PREMIER PREVUE - Coalstars v Bris City

Coalstars host Brisbane City at Eric Evans Soccer Reserve on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Coalstars were soundly beaten 2-0 last week by second placed Taringa Rovers.

The team has probably not reached its potential this season but some good results should encourage Paul Barry.

The merger with Ipswich St Helens is likely to create a very competitive side for 1998 and Stars will be looking to end the season on a high note. However, standing between the home side and the three points are the league leaders and form team, Brisbane City.

Following on from the 5-0 thrashing of Taringa in Round 19, City scored an impressive 3-0 win against Wynnum at Carmichael Park last week.

Without a doubt the star of the match was Strikers import Chris Slater who netted his second hat-trick in as many weeks.

Slater is a match-winner when he is on his game and City coach Bobby Hamilton said he was obviously thrilled to see his attacking weapon amongst the goals.

"I was very pleased to see Chris get his hat-trick but I'm especially happy with the way the whole team is performing at the moment," he said.

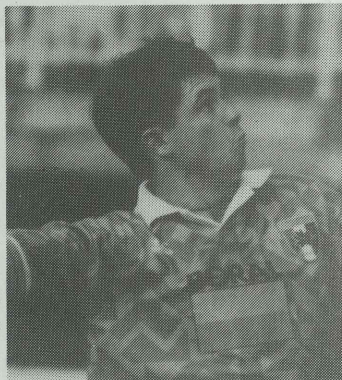
"We're doing things right all over the park and creating a lot of opportunities and it's a blessing to have someone like him (Slater) who can put the chances away.

"If we continue this week in the same way as we played against Taringa and Wynnum, I think we can get a result out of the match.

"It's not going to be easy as Coalstars are not likely to lie down, but I believe we have the game at the moment to take the points."

Midfielder Damian Waugh will miss this week's clash through suspension, however, club

Will City's Chris Slater score another hat-trick this weekend? Will he take the leading goalscorers title this year?



captain Mark Greer is set to return to premier league action after quitting the game a few weeks ago.

Hamilton said Greer's decision to rejoin City's ranks was determined by his love for the game and there's no doubt that the imposing defender is a quality acquisition at the business end of the season.

COALSTARS V BRISBANE CITY

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba
Sunday, August 10, 2.45pm

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

BRISBANE CITY

1. Daniel 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

PREMIER PREVUE - Beenleigh v Taringa

Beenleigh host Taringa Rovers at Chris Green Park on Sunday at 2.45pm. Beenleigh have been struggling for form in the second half of the season and the team's 5-0 thumping at the hands of Rochedale last week was testimony to the perils the side faces.

They are a good bet to get the wooden spoon as Taringa should prove too strong for the Lions.

Taringa had a change of fortune last week when they recorded their first victory of Round 3, a 2-0 win against Coalstars.

It was a good sign for Taringa with the finals near.

"I thought we played in a more positive manner than we have been," Taringa coach John Ogden said.

"We approached the game with a lot more aggression and it paid off and I think we might be coming out of our slump.

"Other than the City game where we were thoroughly beaten, we really hadn't been playing much different to when we were winning.

"The season could have well and truly been over a few weeks ago if the bounce of the ball had come our way."

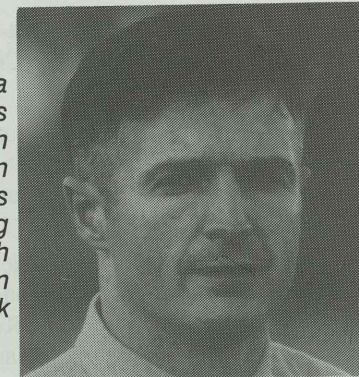
Midfielder Danny Invincible (injured calf) and defender Laurence Inunciaga (business commitments) were unavailable for the match and Ogden said that replacements Stuart Collins and Joel Hayle produced strong performances.

However, Ogden said Rovers suffered a devastating loss just one minute before full-time when sweeper Demetri Theochari injured an ankle.

"Demetri went up for an innocuous type of header and he just landed awkwardly and rolled his ankle," Ogden said.

"He's a big loss for us as he's been there all year and has been one of the most consistent performers in the league."

Taringa Rovers coach John Ogden is expecting tough opposition this week



Ogden said he wasn't taking anything for granted this week and was weary of the unpredictable nature of Beenleigh.

"They're (Beenleigh) a hot and cold side and the fact that they're at home will make them tough opposition this week," he said.

BEENLEIGH V TARINGA ROVERS

Chris Green Park, Beenleigh
Sunday August 10, 2.45pm

BEENLEIGH

1. Chris Roche
2. Brett Druery
3. Michael Rowland
4. Richard Duffy
5. Kieran Galloway
6. Alan McFarlane
7. Wayne Hinton
8. Brett Jones
9. Craig Paulett
10. Fotis Skordou
11. Troy Wickstein
12. Michael Leake
13. Ross Davidson
14. Joe Morris
15. Lee Preston
16. Marc Lederhose
17. Shane Stefanutto
18. Alan Gordon
19. Michael Robinson
20. David Iliff

TARINGA ROVERS

1. Scott Higgins
2. Joel Hale
3. Laurence Inunciaga
4. Stein Grodum
5. (Not allocated)
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. Danny Invincible
15. Glen Kolpak
16. Scott Robertson
17. Des Hughes
18. (Not allocated)
19. Brad Ditton
20. (Not allocated)

PREMIER PREVUE - Bundaberg v R'dale Rov

The Bundaberg Waves host Rochedale Rovers at Thabeban Sports Complex on Sunday at 2.45pm.

This game was shaping as the match of the year with the likely scenario that both teams would be playing for fourth spot and a position in the finals.

However, Bundaberg's dramatic win against Lions last week secured the country lads a semifinal berth and ensured Rochedale's disappointing season would continue.

Waves coach Aldo Baretta said he was delighted with the win and was glad the pressure was off for the Rochedale encounter.

"Now that we're in the finals, it will be a good opportunity to rest some of the lads who have picked up knocks," he said.

"Tony Roebuck (knee ligament), Warren Allen (ankle ligament), Steve Starr (corked calf) and Mark Voy (knee ligament) will all be rested and we'll probably use the match to do a little experimenting."

Rochedale coach Peter Bannon said his side would be focusing on souring Bundaberg's party.

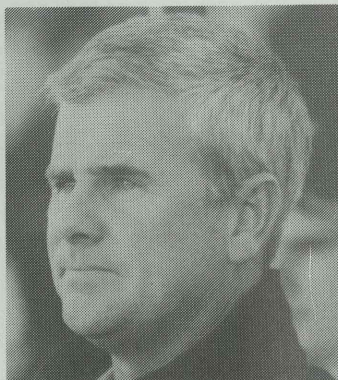
"We had a good five-nil win against Beenleigh last week and it was the result that we needed but unfortunately, things have not worked out as we would have hoped," he said.

"It's disappointing that we can't make the finals but we'll be approaching the match with a lot of confidence and the guys certainly want to finish the league season on a winning note.

"The team has made good improvements over the last few weeks but a couple times, things just haven't gone our way and some draws cost us a spot in the finals."

Despite experiencing the vast spectrum of emotions this season, Bannon was philosophical about the future.

Peter Bannon has been appointed coach of Rochedale Rovers for another season next year



"It's been a mixed a season for me... I was disappointed at having to resign from Beenleigh, but was happy to get back into the fray when the position at Rochedale became available," he said.

"I enjoy coaching at Rochedale and I'm happy to be staying with the club next season."

BUNDABERG V ROCHEDALE ROV

Thabeban Sporting Complex, Bundaberg
Sunday, August 10, 2.45pm

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
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19. (Not allocated)
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ROCHEDALE ROVERS

1. Michael Turnbull
2. Clinton McDermott
3. Nick Seeley
4. Michael Lane
5. Damian Harris
6. Eddie Lees
7. Brett Adams
8. Andy Lees
9. Kieran Cooper
10. Clayton Koch
11. Stephen Bland
12. David Pilic
13. Paul Grugan
14. Steve Dawe
15. Steve Fitzsimmons
16. Wade Baldwin
17. Gary Brattan
18. Greg Anderson
19. Esala Masi
20. Clint Dal Santo

PREMIER PREVUE - Wynnum v Bris Lions

The Wynnum Wolves host Brisbane Lions at Carmichael Park on Sunday at 2.45pm.

The Wolves have been the big improvers of the final round, and look almost certain to avoid this year's wooden spoon.

Currently in 6th position on the league ladder on 19 points, Wynnum is two points clear of Coalstars and a further one point in front of Beenleigh.

It's been an impressive turn around in form and coach George Cowie believes his side has the ability to take maximum points from this match.

"A couple of months ago we were almost a sure bet of finishing last on the ladder but we have managed to win a lot of games in the last round and we would dearly love to finish on a winning note in front of our fans this weekend," he said.

"I feel that we've got close to Lions the couple of times that we've played them this season and probably deserve to get a win against them."

Wolves were convincingly beaten 3-0 by league leaders Brisbane City last week but Cowie said that result will have little effect this week's clash.

"They (Brisbane City) were a bit stronger than us and it is a sign of a good team that can win three-nil away from home," he said.

"It wasn't one of our better games and I'm confident that we can put up a much improved showing against Lions this weekend."

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said he was disappointed with his side's 2-1 loss last week against Bundaberg as it had "ruined any chance of a premiership".

Miron Bleiberg will rest some injured players this weekend



"In the end, I think justice prevailed," he said. "All season we have been trying to pinch games and it didn't work this time.

Bleiberg said the certainty of another finals series for Lions will allow him to rest some injured players this weekend.

WYNNUM V BRISBANE LIONS

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa
Sunday, August 10, 2.45pm

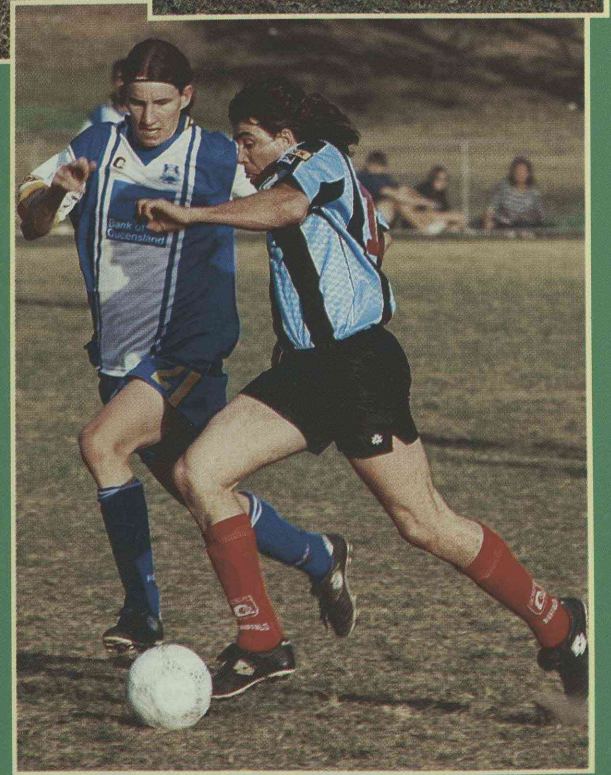
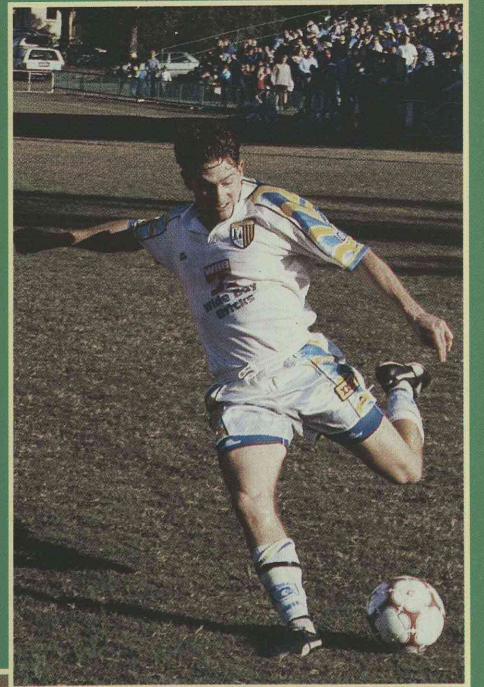
WYNNUM DISTRICT

1. Peter Underhill
2. Luke Adair
3. Ben Wood
4. (Not allocated)
5. Gary McGinnis
6. Tony McKinless
7. Geoff Maltby
8. Paul Wilkins
9. Stuart Popplewell
10. Wayne Corbett
11. Malcom Van Basten
12. Ricky McKinless
13. Dennis Mills
14. Nick Hadland
15. Andrew Davidson
16. Shane Gilroy
17. Brendan Rogers
18. Owen Filewood
19. Bill McDermott
20. Garth McCulloch

BRISBANE LIONS

1. Robbie Farrow
2. David Lonsdale
3. Darren Sime
4. Cliff Tuck
5. Brett McPaul
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. Wade Cannon
17. Adam Daly
18. Jason Poggi
19. (Not allocated)
20. (Not allocated)
21. Jason Lucas

WEEKEND REPLAY



EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	20	11	6	3	37	22	39
TARINGA ROVERS	20	11	3	6	37	22	36
BRISBANE LIONS	20	10	5	5	26	18	35
B'BERG WAVES	20	10	4	6	36	28	34
ROCHEDALE ROV	20	8	6	6	37	28	30
WYNNUM	20	6	1	13	29	45	19
COALSTARS	20	5	2	13	22	40	17
BEENLEIGH	20	5	1	14	26	47	16

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	17	11	3	3	37	19	36
WYNNUM	17	7	6	4	28	22	27
TARINGA ROVERS	17	8	3	6	19	21	27
BEENLEIGH	17	6	5	6	34	37	23
ROCHEDALE ROV	18	5	6	7	31	34	21
COALSTARS	17	4	4	9	12	21	16
BRISBANE CITY	17	4	3	10	24	31	15

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	20	14	2	4	46	23	44
ROCHEDALE ROV	20	14	1	5	56	32	43
TARINGA ROVERS	20	10	2	8	31	31	32
BRISBANE CITY	20	10	2	8	45	47	32
WYNNUM	20	10	0	10	39	28	30
B'BERG WAVES	20	5	4	11	28	44	19
COALSTARS	19	4	4	11	22	36	16
BEENLEIGH	19	3	3	13	28	54	12

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	57	35	10	12	109	60	115
Taringa Rovers	57	29	8	20	87	74	95
Rochedale Rovers	58	27	13	18	124	74	94
Brisbane City	57	25	11	21	106	100	86
Wynnum District	57	23	7	27	96	95	76
Bundaberg Waves	40	15	8	17	64	72	53
Beenleigh	56	14	9	33	88	138	51
Coalstars	56	13	10	33	56	97	49

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	17	9	5	3	32	19	32
NORTH STAR	17	9	3	5	35	23	30
ALBANY CREEK	17	8	5	4	28	19	29
PINE RIVERS UTD	17	8	4	5	38	25	28
EASTERN SUBS	17	7	4	6	28	29	25
OLYMPIC UTD	17	7	4	6	27	32	25
NEWMARKET	17	6	4	7	28	30	22
THE GAP	17	4	6	7	31	39	18
CAPALABA	17	4	3	10	29	30	15
GRANGE THISTLE	17	2	4	11	19	49	10

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBANY CREEK	17	14	1	2	38	17	43
NEWMARKET	17	13	0	4	38	17	39
PINE RIVERS UTD	17	10	0	7	44	37	30
NORTH STAR	17	8	4	5	32	15	28
OLYMPIC UTD	17	7	3	7	28	30	24
MITCHELTON	17	6	4	7	28	27	22
CAPALABA	17	6	1	10	34	35	19
THE GAP	17	5	3	9	20	31	18
EASTERN SUBS	17	4	0	13	16	38	12
GRANGE THISTLE	17	4	0	13	19	50	12

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	17	13	0	4	51	29	39
PINE RIVERS UTD	17	9	5	3	40	20	32
MITCHELTON	17	8	4	5	53	26	28
EASTERN SUBS	17	8	3	6	35	27	27
THE GAP	17	7	5	5	27	27	26
NEWMARKET	17	7	2	8	31	31	23
GRANGE THISTLE	17	6	2	9	40	43	20
ALBANY CREEK	17	5	5	7	27	37	20
NORTH STAR	17	3	9	5	27	26	18
OLYMPIC UTD	17	1	1	15	16	81	4

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	15	12	1	2	51	12	37
MT GRAVATT	15	8	3	4	47	17	27
INALA CITY	15	8	3	4	34	20	27
SLACKS CREEK	15	7	5	3	30	27	26
ROCKLEA UTD	16	5	7	4	29	25	22
ACACIA RIDGE	15	4	5	6	23	27	17
IPSW ST HELENS	15	4	2	9	17	43	14
SOUTHS UTD	15	3	4	8	27	52	13
REDLANDS UTD	15	1	2	12	10	45	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	15	9	1	5	38	13	28
ACACIA RIDGE	15	8	2	5	30	25	26
TOOWOOMBA UTD	15	7	3	5	37	25	24
REDLANDS UTD	15	7	3	5	26	24	24
SLACKS CREEK	15	4	2	9	25	32	14
SOUTHS UTD	15	4	2	9	20	49	14
INALA CITY	15	3	4	8	15	34	13
IPSW ST HELENS	15	3	2	10	14	37	11

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SLACKS CREEK	15	9	2	4	40	28	29
MT GRAVATT	15	9	1	5	56	28	28
SOUTHS UTD	15	9	1	5	34	24	28
TOOWOOMBA UTD	15	8	2	5	45	26	26
REDLANDS UTD	15	7	5	3	26	21	26
ROCKLEA UTD	16	7	4	5	35	32	25
IPSW ST HELENS	15	4	3	8	30	29	15
ACACIA RIDGE	15	5	0	10	20	39	15
INALA CITY	15	1	0	14	16	75	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	21	14	3	4	51	21	45
LATROBE	21	11	6	4	47	36	39
ANMERLEY	21	11	5	5	44	24	38
SOUTH STAR	21	8	8	5	35	31	32
DARRA UTD	21	10	2	9	43	40	32
MOGGILL UTD	21	8	4	9	39	42	28
REDCLIFFE	21	7	4	10	47	52	25
S'SIDE EAGLES	21	6	6	9	25	35	24
GOODNA	21	4	5	12	15	41	17
BAYSIDE UTD	21	3	5	13	29	44	14
SAMFORD	21	1	3	17	22	72	6

AMATEUR DIV 1 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	21	18	1	2	75	15	55
ANMERLEY	21	17	2	2	58	12	53
NORTH PINE	21	13	2	6	54	33	41
S'SIDE EAGLES	21	10	5	6	47	29	35
BAYSIDE UTD	21	11	1	9	41	39	34
MOGGILL UTD	21	9	6	6	40	33	33
REDCLIFFE	21	8	1	12	46	50	25
SAMFORD	21	5	4	12	33	56	19
LATROBE	21	5	3	13	31	49	18
DARRA UTD	21	5	3	13	25	55	18
GOODNA	21	3	6	12	21	49	15
SOUTH STAR	21	4	2	15	26	77	14

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	20	17	2	1	73	21	53
BROTHERS UTD	19	15	4	0	79	16	49
PARK RIDGE	19	10	7	2	44	15	37
CLAIRVAUX	19	9	5	5	45	30	32
GREENBANK	19	9	3	7	39	26	30
BETHANIA	19	8	5	6	50	39	29
JIMBOOMBA	19	8	3	8	49	40	27
MOOROONDU	19	4	3	12	20	45	15
IPSWICH CITY	19	4	2	13	21	69	14
PINE HILLS	19	3	2	14	11	57	11
OXLEY UTD	19	0	0	19	23	96	0

AMATEUR DIV 2 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	20	18	1	1	83	11	55
JIMBOOMBA	19	13	2	4	58	15	41
PARK RIDGE	19	12	4	3	47	12	40
BETHANIA	19	11	4	4	38	23	37
CLAIRVAUX	19	11	2	6	46	22	35
PINE HILLS	19	7	1	11	33	63	22
IPSWICH CITY	19	5	4	10	35	45	19
BROTHERS UTD	19	4	5	10	24	39	17
GREENBANK	19	5	2	12	32	59	17
OXLEY UTD	19	3	1	15	11	79	10
MOOROONDU	19	0	6	13	20	59	6

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

- 13 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 Malby (Wynnum)
- 8 Gls Mark Flemington (Taringa Rovers)
- 8 Gls Anthony Brown (Bundaberg)
- 6 Gls Steve Fitzsimmons (Rochedale Rovers)

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	18	16	1	1	92	12	49
SAMFORD	18	14	2	2	82	21	44
ANMERLEY	18	11	3	4	57	19	36
IPSWICH CITY	19	9	4	6	55	54	31
KINGSRIDGE	18	8	6	4	43	35	30
WOODRIDGE	18	7	2	9	27	36	23
BAYSIDE UTD	18	6	1	11	30	70	19
NORTH PINE	18	5	3	10	30	37	18
JIMBOOMBA	18	3	2	13	20	77	11
MOGGILL UTD	9	2	0	7	9	38	6
ARCHERFIELD	18	1	2	15	15	61	5

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	21	19	1	1	123	14	58
ACACIA RIDGE	21	15	4	2	73	23	49
CAPALABA	21	14	2	5	109	39	44
BRISBANE LIONS	21	13	3	5	79	28	42
SLACKS CREEK	21	12	2	7	73	33	38
ALBANY CREEK	21	9	5	7	67	38	32
MITCHELTON	21	9	1	11	58	67	28
NEWMARKET	21	8	3	10	43	45	27
THE GAP	21	7	2	12	42	54	23
SOUTHS UTD	21	3	1	17	17	79	10
NORTH STAR	21	2	3	16	22	137	9
PARK RIDGE	21	1	1	19	9	158	4

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WOODRIDGE	21	16	2	3	86	31	50
EASTERN SUBS	21	15	4	2	101	28	49
UNI OF QLD	21	13	5	3	72	37	44
COALSTARS	21	13	3	5	77	27	42
MT GRAVATT	21	12	5	4	64	34	41

1997 Miss Qld Soccer Quest



SVETLANA DUDIC

Tropical Far North Queensland Entrant

Svetlana is the marketing manager of one of Cairns' largest shopping complex. Originally from Yugoslavia, Svet came to Australia at the age of 8 years and grew up in Wollongong. With interests in scuba diving, snow skiing and a competitive player of volleyball, she would use the prize to travel back to Europe to visit friends and family.

LEONIE ANDERTON

Beenleigh Soccer Club's Entrant

Miss Beenleigh for 1997 has spent the past five years as a child care worker and is a member of the club's Division 1 womens soccer team. Leonie has held raffles in her efforts to raise funds for the club as well as holding Karaoke nights and car washes. She thanks her supporters in and out of the club for their help, especially Hair Studio 22, Car Lovers, Beenleigh Fruit Market, McDonalds and B & M Tipsters.



ROBERTA LETTIERI

Mitchelton Soccer Club's Entrant

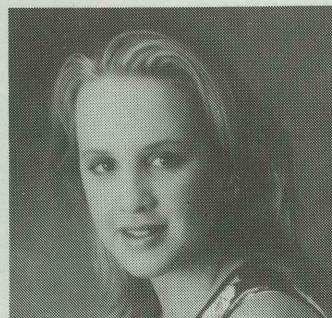
Still at school and involved with the game of soccer as well as basketball, Roberta is an accomplished dancer with a liking for the Brazilian style of dance. With the family having a blood line that runs back to Brazil, it is the obvious choice of a travel destination should the 1997 Miss Soccer crown go Roberta's way. Numerous raffles and spaghetti nights have contributed to her fund-raising efforts.



HAYLEY MAPRI

Mt Gravatt Soccer Club's Entrant

Hayley is a full-time University student who is majoring in sports management with studies also in Leisure management. An active soccer player with interests in music, Hayley plays the organ too, and loves to go shopping when the budget allows. With family ties in Italy the choice for an overseas trip is sure to be Europe. A swag of raffles and BBQ's have been the main fund-raising thrust for her Mt Gravatt club.



LEONIE CAMPBELL

Kingsridge Soccer Club's Entrant

Although busy as can be as a Year 12 student, Leonie still finds time to play soccer in Division 3 for the club, referees Rooball for the kids and is the assistant coach for the Under 10's. In addition there is the ongoing task of fund-raising for the quest and as someone that has never travelled overseas, deciding where to go is no major problem.

JODIE KEEPENCE

Inala City Soccer Club's Entrant

With a love of children, Jodie is halfway through her Child Care Course at TAFE. In between studies she plays indoor soccer with the City Girls team, who are currently on top of their ladder, loves music, dancing, movies and reading mystery novels. Jodie's brother plays in Inala City's first team hence the connection and will use the first prize, should it come her way, to travel to England and visit relatives.



Indoor Soccer at Boondall

Indoor Soccer, which is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia, will start competitions this September in the new sports stadium at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Boondall.

The centre is a long awaited indoor complex on the north-side. Facilities available include six air conditioned courts, massive parking area, large canteen, club rooms, administration offices, spectator seating court side and upstairs, full bar facilities and restaurant. This complex is a great credit to the Brisbane City Council.

The Indoor Soccer component will be run and managed by Stan and Jeni Fisk. Stan is currently the president of the Australian Indoor Soccer (5-A-Side) association which is a separate body to Futsal.

Stan brings a wealth of experience to the

sport, having won 14 Australian titles as a coach or manager. He was also manager of the Australian team which competed in the FIFA World Cup finals in Hong Kong in 1992.

In 1993, his Sydney Club side (Sydney City Eagles) competed in the World Club Championships in Madrid, Spain. This side finished third behind eventual winners Brazil and second placed Spain.

Stan and Jeni come to Brisbane having owned and operated Australia's largest Indoor Soccer Centre (Bonyrigg - Sydney) with over 3,000 registered players.

The Queensland Indoor Soccer Association has big plans for 1997/98 which include two national league sides, inter club competitions, state, Australian and Gold Coast championships as well as a huge programme for school competitions.

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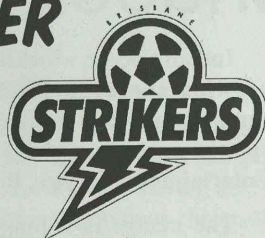
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(2)
29, 30 September
9am - 12.30pm
1 October
1pm - 4.30pm

Olyroos successful on tour

The Olyroos continued their winning run on tour with a 1-0 victory over Queensland at Perry Park on Friday night.

The match, not surprisingly, was a much tougher encounter than any of the previous contests they have faced considering the age and experience of some of the Queensland players.

The players have scored an impressive 19 goals in their opening three games but they had far more difficulty finding the net in this match.

It took a header from UTS Olympic sharpshooter Brett Emerton to maintain their winning run.

The Olyroos have already played matches in some regional centres, beginning with a game in Coffs Harbour a couple of weeks ago.

In that match they made short work of their opposition securing a 7-1 victory.

South Melbourne's Daniel Alsopp was the star of that match scoring four of his team's goals.

The tourists then moved on to play a Holiday Coast Under-20 Invitational Team, emulating the result of their first match by once again racking up a 7-1 victory.

Goal scoring honours were more evenly distributed in this match with Michael Curcija managing a brace and Youth Cup hero Kosta Salipasidis also figuring among the scorers.

They then travelled to Toowoomba to make short work of the Queensland Youth side racking up five unanswered goals.

The tour continued in Rockhampton last Sunday with the Olyroos again victorious, this time 2-0 over the locals with goals coming in the second half from Carlos Gonzales and Daniel Alsopp.

Win a Hyundai Grand Final Day

Don't forget, on grand final day August 30, some lucky person will be leaving Perry Park as the proud owner of a brand new **HYUNDAI MOTOR CAR.**

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WOMEN'S WRAP UP

...by Toni Slater

Premier League	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
QAS	15	10	2	3	48	12	22
East/Mt Gravatt	14	11	2	1	43	12	22
QUT City	15	10	2	3	36	11	22
The Gap	15	6	5	4	31	24	17
Coalstars	15	5	4	6	13	22	14
Qld Youth	7	5	1	1	10	2	11
Slacks Creek	15	2	4	9	12	44	8
Newmarket	15	1	3	11	14	44	5
Redlands	15	2	1	12	8	45	5

Premier Reserves	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
East/Mt Gravatt	14	9	4	1	38	8	22
QUT City	14	9	3	2	37	8	21
The Gap	14	8	3	3	48	12	19
Newmarket	14	8	2	4	26	16	18
Coalstars	14	7	1	6	20	22	15
Slacks Creek	14	4	2	8	12	28	8
Redlands	14	2	3	10	8	42	7

Division One	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Uni Qld	15	11	1	3	47	7	23
Taringa	15	9	2	4	33	9	20
Souths	15	7	5	3	27	10	19
Margate	15	7	5	2	23	10	19
Rochedale	15	8	2	5	30	17	18
Qld Juniors	8	7	1	-	29	8	15
Brisbane Lions	15	4	1	10	22	35	9
Beenleigh	15	2	1	12	7	32	5
Olympic	15	-	-	15	0	89	0

Division Two	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Ips St Helen	14	11	3	-	52	5	25
Tiwawarrin	14	12	1	1	43	10	25
Mitchelton	13	9	-	4	33	18	18
Goodna	14	4	3	7	13	26	11
Caboolture	13	4	2	7	9	18	10
Newmarket	14	3	4	7	12	18	10
Jimboomba	14	4	2	8	11	28	10
North Pine	14	-	1	13	10	59	1

Division Three	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Uni Qld	14	10	2	2	42	9	22
Albany Creek	14	9	2	3	23	10	20
Pine Hills	14	7	5	2	22	9	19
Greenbank	14	6	3	5	25	12	15
Kingsridge	14	5	2	7	26	22	12
Taringa	14	5	2	7	13	19	12
Clairvaux	14	3	2	9	7	34	8
The Gap	14	2	-	12	7	50	4

Division Four	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Samford	14	11	1	2	63	14	23
Ips St Helen	14	11	-	3	42	17	22
St James	14	8	2	4	53	13	18
Virginia	14	9	-	5	47	17	18
East/Mt Gravatt	14	7	1	6	45	23	15
Narangba	14	3	2	9	22	31	8
QUT City	14	3	2	9	27	39	8
John Paul	14	-	-	14	2	147	0

Division Five	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Griffith Uni	14	13	-	1	75	4	26
Loganholme	14	13	-	1	70	2	26
Beenleigh	14	9	1	4	46	15	19
Bayside	14	7	2	5	35	22	16
Taringa	14	3	2	9	13	55	8
Redcliffe City	14	4	-	10	10	42	8
Olympic	14	3	1	10	12	85	5

Division Six	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Park Ridge	14	9	3	2	18	5	21
Oxley	14	8	3	3	18	5	19
Tudor Rovers	14	8	3	3	17	10	19
Brisbane Lions	14	5	6	3	9	8	16
Uni Qld	14	7	1	6	24	14	15
South Star	14	5	4	5	15	11	14
Loganholme	14	2	3	9	3	26	7
Mooroonda	14	-	1	13	0	24	1

Division Seven	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Pine Rivers	14	12	2	-	57	6	26
Margate	14	11	1	2	64	4	23
Bribie Island	14	8	10	51	36	19	17
Virginia	14	6	3	5	12	37	15
Redcliffe City	14	5	4	5	22	18	14
Albany Creek	14	1	3	10	92	32	5
Capalaba	14	1	3	10	9	32	5
Wynnum	14	-	1	13	5	86	1

Juniors North	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Albany Creek	12	10	2	-	51	2	22
The Gap	12	10	2	-	44	2	22
Bardon	14	9	2	3	48	10	20
Bris Lions (Blue)	14	4	2	8	11	38	10
Narangba	14	2	2	10	8	68	6

Juniors South	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Bris Lions (Orange)	14	13	1	-	40	5	27
Capalaba	14	11	-	3	30	5	22
East/Mt Gravatt	13	9	1	3	48	9	19
Redlands	14	8	1	5	32	32	17
Coalstars	14	4	3	7	21	21	11
Slacks Creek	14	4	2	8	17	36	10
St James	13	2	-	11	10	30	4
John Paul	14	-	-	14	4	64	0

The Queensland Open team for the National Titles in Newcastle on September 18 will be:

Claire Nicholls (Bris Nth), Karen Cresswell (Wide Bay), Mia Thompson (Bris Nth), Debbie Campbell (Wide Bay), Gay Thomas (Wide Bay), Joanne Healy (Bris Nth), Lisa Wilkes (Bris Sth), Dawn Millard (Bris Nth), Jacqui Cowell (Wide Bay), Melissa Cowie (CQ), Raeanne Dower (Bris Nth), Leanne Augustine (Bris Sth), Alana Rojhan (Wide Bay), Alison Williams (Gld Cst), Tula Junna (TFNQ), Rachele Smith (Twoomba), Susan Rawlings (Bris Nth) and Corinne Currey (Gld Cst). Team Coach is Fred Robbins, Manager is Lesley Mann and Paul Parker is the team Physiotherapist.



READ between the LINES

All the goss with Brent Read

Kieran Cooper farewells the game in this state at a XXXX Premier League level this weekend, signalling the end of one of the most successful strikers careers in Queensland football.

"Coops" has earned a deserved reputation as one of the game's finest finishers, having won a multitude of scoring titles and terrorising defences in this state for over a decade.

Coops also played a number of games in the NSL, with both Brisbane City and Brisbane United.

He was actually the first and only player ever to score a hat trick for the embattled Brisbane United side.

Cooper may be a great striker, but as a tipster he's placed his neck on the line by putting Taringa forward as premiership winners. With one round left, Taringa trail Brisbane City by three points and must rely on Coalstars upsetting City this weekend and Rovers scoring a win over Beenleigh.

With the competition entering its final phase, talk of next year has continued. Word continues to grow of the Gold Coast entering the competition while talk has turned to a ten team or twelve team league.

Mt Gravatt's merger with the local Aussie rules club has given them impetus for a push into the XXXX Premier League next year.

The club is rumoured to be flush with funds and would have a competitive side in any competition.

I was also interested to read in last week's *Eye on Soccer* of efforts by Rochedale to encourage players to join the club. Their add called for players interested in joining the club to contact them.

One wonders how many players would take the unprecedented step of actually approaching a club they were interested in playing for.

It's getting to that stage of the season when clubs will look to clean out their playing stocks in anticipation of next season.

Finally, I was pleased to see my old mate Steve "Super" Starr called up for Brisbane Strikers trials.

I hope Starry is a raging success. His offer was offset by the disappointment of my team mate Demetri "The Fish" Theochari and his neglect by the Strikers.

"The Fish" deserved a chance and I think the Strikers have made a major blunder by ignoring this undoubted talent. Time will be the judge.

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Semi Professional Division 1 North

Well, it's finally arrived. The last weekend of regular fixtures, with honour and glory in sight for a few people, and the hopes and aspirations of many others, now well and truly dashed. A quick look at Premiership titles prior to the weekend.

In the Semi Pro divisions, North is still too tight to call, last weekend's matches didn't help but the Premiership now appears to be between Mitchelton and North Star, whilst in South, as mentioned two weeks ago Toowoomba have already won.

In Amateur Division 1, University have claimed the title, the top four are set in concrete, all that will occur here is third and fourth may change around, which simply means they will be playing each other two weeks in a row! In Division 2 Margate have won the title, second and third can't alter but it's still a lottery for fourth place between Clairvaux and Greenbank, similarly in Division 3 University have again claimed a title, second and third cannot change with Ipswich City and Kingsridge vying for fourth spot. Division 4 have all four teams set, third and fourth may change, that'll be the only alteration, Divisions 5 and 6 both have five teams vying for the four positions, with the only question remaining - who will take out fourth placing.

This weekend with the Miss Soccer Final on Saturday night, all matches are played Friday night or Saturday/Sunday afternoon, so I guess Telecom and Optus will be making lots of money come 4.40pm each afternoon!

Made the long (for me anyway) trip out to Wolter Park last weekend to watch three v one, or more commonly Albany Creek versus Mitchelton. It was to be my first view of the current leaders, as well as giving a comparison between the teams who have the best defensive records in this division. I was bitterly disappointed in the match itself, it had lots of passion and lots of to and fro, however that was the problem! One team played the ball in the air, the other played in the ball on the ground, it did not make for happy viewing. I have commented long and frequently in this column about matches that I have viewed in the past from all divisions from the Semi Pro's down to a number of the Amateur divisions, and it's always a treat to watch teams play football on the deck, however this was not the case last Saturday night.

On that performance alone I must confess I'm absolutely staggled as to Mitchelton's position at the head of the table. With the quality of players they have in their team, why they chose to play aerial ping pong is completely beyond comprehension. It was obvious, to me anyway, that they went their with the express purpose of starting with one point and finishing with one point, and putting the onus completely on the home side to attack, (which they did in volume) and possibly leave themselves open at the back. This they rarely did due to the experience of their former State and National league players in defence, they were rarely breached. It should have been a show piece game, to me it wasn't! The bright spot of the evening was the performance of the referee, he is still the best in the State. Well done Derek.

A crucial match on Friday night between North Star and Pine Rivers to determine if North Star are genuine title contenders, and also to



James Hardie
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ascertain if Pine Rivers can retain fourth placing and effectively lock out two others, or even gain a higher position, desperation points to a home win. Remaining matches are all on Sunday with Newmarket having a tough one on their hands with Easts, the visitors having a big away win last week, I tend to think this will be a home win, Capalaba v Grange has only pride at stake, points to remain with the hosts. The two crucial matches are the following ones, Mitchelton home to The Gap, normally you would say a banker home win, but after The Gap's big last start win over North Star, this is far from predictable. The Gap could go out with a big finish here, but I tend to think the points will remain at Teralba Park, remaining match between Olympic and Albany Creek (now at 2.45pm) also is a big match, Olympic's semi spot has now disappeared, however Albany Creek have the potential of finishing anywhere from second to fourth after this game, could well be a win for the visitors.

Semi Professional Division 1 South

All matches on Sunday with perhaps the one with the most at stake being Slacks Creek v St Helens, the Creek are already in the four, but could take out any position, while St Helens will be out to ensure that their last match playing under the proud name of St Helens is a big one, and an away win would not surprise. In the remaining games Mt Gravatt to ensure they take out the coveted second spot should win away at the Ridge, Inala City should retain all 3 points over Redlands, whilst Premiers Toowoomba should give themselves a good leg in to the Semi's with an away win at Souths.

Amateur Division 1

There's a big match on Friday between Moggill and Bayside, the hosts can't go anywhere, but there is a lot at stake for Bayside to get away from eleventh place, it won't be easy for them but last week's big home win should do them the power of good and a score draw or even an away win is on the cards. On Saturday afternoon, a tough match between University and South Star, visitors now cannot make the

four where as the Premiers will look to boost their confidence for the Major Semi and start with a home win. The Eagles make the trip to Samford where form points to an away win.

On Sunday Redcliffe, who shot themselves in the foot last week, host Goodna with the hosts to pick up all points, Darra make the long trip up to Dakabin, where somehow I feel the points will remain, whilst the remaining match between Latrobe and Annerley will be simply a warm up for the two teams to meet again next weekend in their knockout Semi.

Amateur Division 2

I took in the "home game" of Clairvaux last Saturday when they hosted Greenbank at Perry Park, and whilst it wasn't the most skilful of matches that I've seen this season, there was passion galore in the match, both sides out to try and take that elusive fourth spot. The game ebbed and flowed from end to end, and but for the great reflexes of the home side's keeper, Greenbank could have won in a canter.

Clairvaux had a goal chalked off for alleged off-side half way through the second half, a decision that I disputed, positioned where I was near the goal line, however, justice, from their point of view at least, was done with a goal in the 88th minute to take them in to the fourth spot, passing Greenbank on the way.

The small but passionate supporters from both sides appeared to enjoy the game, as the vocal support was quite apparent.

First match to be previewed is Greenbank v Park Ridge with the visitors already locked into third place, but what a tough match for Greenbank to finish the season, anything other than a win will not be good enough, I tend to feel the visitors will take the points having gone



without a match last weekend. The other team vying for fourth place is Clairvaux who are away to Jimboomba, no walkover by any means, but somehow I think visitors will be up to the task, Ipswich City make the short trip down the road to Oxley and will look to finish their disappointing season on a winning note with maximum points, similarly with Bethania's trip up the Jinker Track, only pride is at stake, can the Hills finish with a win!

Remaining match on Sunday would appear to be a foregone conclusion with a win for Brothers over hosts Mooroondu, who themselves had a bitterly disappointing year.

Amateur Division 3

In the only match on Friday night a win to Annerley over Kingsridge will effectively lock out the visitors from the Semi Finals, a task I think the hosts are equal to. On Saturday, Bayside should retain the maximum over Jimboomba, whilst Woodridge should finish their year with a win over hosts Moggill. The only match on Sunday should see Premiers University enjoy their day with all 3 points in the morning match at North Pine.

Amateur Division 4

All matches in this division are Friday and Saturday afternoon, and with the top four already in place, some of the results could be even considered predictable. Slacks Creek to topple The Gap, Lions to take maximum away from Souths, with Capalaba to retain the points over Newmarket.

On Saturday Acacia Ridge to defeat Park Ridge, Premiers Taringa to send Mitchelton home "pointless" and Albany Creek to finish their season on a win with all points over North Star in the match brought forward to Saturday.

Amateur Division 5

On Friday Woodridge should cement the Premiership with all points in their visit to Wynnum, Redlands United will have an interesting game at Brisbane City but should do enough to retain the points, Mt Gravatt will have a very difficult task with their match at home to

University, as the winner will take out third place, desperation points to a win to the home side, and in the remaining match Coalstars will ensure their fourth placing remains intact with a win over Brisbane Lions.

On Saturday Easts will keep up the pressure for second place with a win over Albany Creek. St Helens will celebrate their last match under this famous name at Ebbw Vale winning over Samford.

Amateur Division 6

A very tight match on view between Capalaba and Newmarket with both teams under pressure for Semi placings, Capalaba are 99% sure of second spot, but Newmarket will be ensuring they pick up all 3 points to take out fourth placing, a very tight match indeed, but points should remain with the hosts, also on Friday Brisbane Lions will be out to capitalise on any slip up by Newmarket and take maximum from Wynnum, whilst it will be another loss for The Gap when they host Slacks Creek.

On Saturday only pride is at stake in the two matches, with University to defeat Easts at Heath Park, and Taringa to retain maximum points over visitors Kingsridge.

This Week's Quote:

I've heard of players selling dummies, but this club keeps buying them.

Len Shackleton, on Newcastle Utd

(The above quote could relate to any given person and any given club these days!)

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