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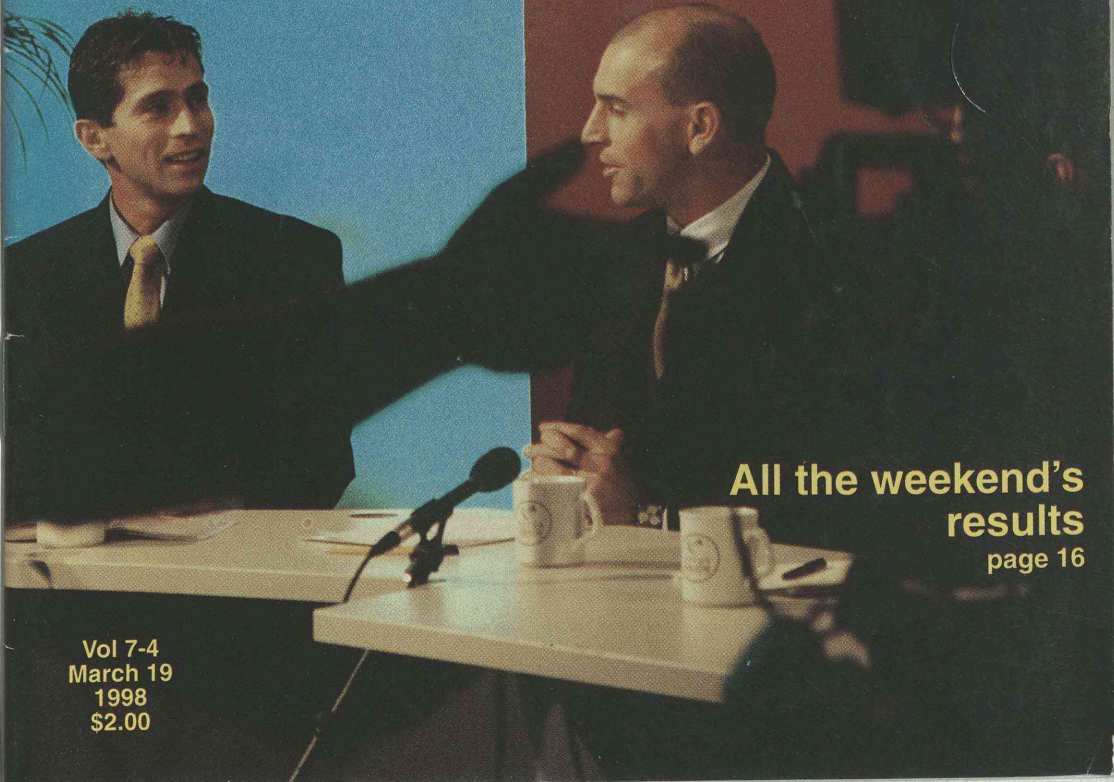
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# Editorial

Welcome to another bumper issue of Queensland's premier soccer magazine "Eye on Soccer".

In this week's edition, we drop in and have a chat with the master whistle blower himself, Derek Crawford, and discover why he has swapped his whistle for the blackboard.

Brent Read is back and as always he's likely to raise a few eyebrows with his subtleties.

Toni Slater gives us the latest goss on what's happening in women's soccer and see if you agree with our previews for the Premier League and Semi-Pro divisions.

To other matters, it is very satisfying to receive positive feedback from the local soccer community for "Eye on Soccer" the magazine and TV show.

A lot of people go beyond the call of duty to ensure both of these worthy ventures continue and are out on time, on a weekly basis.

To give you some idea of the enormity of the job, during the past month, we have produced seven magazines and three TV shows.

We are not oblivious to our shortcomings and realise that like most things in life, there is always room for improvement.

However, at times certain things occur that are beyond our control such as incorrectly listing Premier League team line-ups.

Unfortunately, we can only print the teams that are provided to us by the clubs and if these lists are wrong, it is a little difficult for us to rectify the problem.

And finally, I welcome all those individuals wishing to express their thoughts on any issue. It'd be fantastic to start hearing some of your ideas on the state of the game at the moment or anything else worthy of discussion.

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## City rampage continues

**Bob Hamilton's Brisbane City outfit has stormed to the top of the XXXX League table following another big victory.**

City shares the lead with Brisbane Lions, with Sunday's 4-0 win over Ipswich guiding them to the top spot on goal differences.

But despite the 4-0 victory things did not begin all that well for the home side. Danny Wright left the field after just five minutes, following a nasty clash with Pat Boyle which resulted in the former National League player needing 20 stitches to the head.

The Knights had several clear chances in the first half, mainly from breakaway situations, and were a little unlucky not to score on occasion.

But it was the home side which opened the scoring, a Damian Waugh header finding the back of the net just before the break.

City piled on the pressure early in the second stanza, but it was not until midway in the period when Slater broke through.

He hit the target again soon afterwards, rising high to head in a corner at the near post.

Damian Waugh put the icing on the cake with his second of the match in the dying stages, to give City a 4-0 win for the second week running.

Meanwhile the Gold Coast were narrow 2-1 losers to Rochedale at Underwood Park.

The visitors stunned the Rovers in the opening minute when Brett Adams beat the defence only to be pulled down in a dubious Alun Evans tackle inside the area.

Referee Gary Brownlie saw nothing wrong with the challenge, but that did not deter the Coast side, which continued to pepper the Rovers goal.

But Rochedale clawed their way back into the game and broke the deadlock in the 40th minute, when Glenn Kolpak finished the good lead up work of David Pilic and Michael Legg.

Ten minutes into the second half the home side extended its lead, when Troy Wickstein fired a perfect volley from the edge of the box.

The Coast pulled one back just three minutes later through Trevor Elliott, but it was not enough.. the Rovers ending their winning run.

At Richlands, Brisbane Lions had to work hard, after Bundaberg's Stephen Mack scored in the eighth second of the match.

That was to be the visitors last joy however, goals to Anthony Brown, Marc Flemington and the youthful Frank Mengotti giving the home side a 3-1 victory.

Mount Gravatt pulled off the surprise result of the round with a 1-1 draw at Taringa.

The Rovers struck first when Clinton McDermott nailed a perfect free-kick, but the visitors did not let up and poached the equaliser midway through the second half, when Collin Bethall slammed home from close range.

In the other XXXX League match, Wynnum held off a rampant Beenleigh to take the honours 2-1 and keep the boys from down south at the southern end of the table.

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## Crawford blows the whistle

*Queensland's number one referee for five consecutive years has swapped his whistle for a blackboard. Derek Crawford will not be running around in his familiar black and white adjudicator's strip this season. Instead you are more likely to see him bellowing out instructions to Inala's top side in the Semi-pro South competition.*

Winner of the prestigious XXXX League Referee of the Year Award from 1992 through to 1996, Crawford's absence from the state's refereeing ranks is a notable one.

Crawford was the last of a dying breed of referees, who worked hard to establish a rapport with players, coaches and spectators alike. It was a rapport that went far beyond the field of play, but was still evident when he was the man in the middle. So why did he give the game away?

"There was too much politics involved with the organisation for my liking," Crawford said.

"Things were going on with the referees associations that just didn't sit well with me, so I made a conscious decision to get out."

Crawford cited *Soccer Australia Referees* underlying youth policy and a FIFA edict to totally clean the game up, as his major concerns.

"Don't get me wrong I'm all for young referees getting a go, but you just can't replace experience with youth... you need a balance," Crawford said.

"That's bringing about a drop in the standard of both refereeing and the game in general."

Crawford named several of the state's more respected referees, including Bob Eedy, Ted Kearney and Barry Power, who had been replaced on the XXXX League's number one panel by comparatively inexperienced refs.

"It used to take up to five years to get to 'Class One', but now it's taking some of these younger refs just a fraction of that time," Crawford said.

A referee who was renowned for letting the



**Derek Crawford winning another Referee of the Year award**

game progress and allowing a few hard tackles, Crawford also believes FIFA's new edict to clean up the game totally, could be detrimental for the long term survival of the code.

"We don't have the same hard football as we used to have because players are too concerned about being booked," he said.

"And that's taken away a lot of the game's natural appeal. I'm not suggesting we let foul play go, but I do believe there are far too many bookings handed out for minor offences these days."

After officiating in some capacity at four International matches, Crawford admits his decision to leave the refereeing ranks was a tough one.

However he remains adamant he will not make a return to the 'whistle blowers' so long as the current trends continue.

"If I went back now I'd be a hypocrite," Crawford said. "I'd just be going back to the same old thing again."

"And besides, I'm enjoying the coaching side of the game at the moment.. although some of these refs can really test your patience," Crawford said with a laugh.





## PREMIER PREVIEW - BEENLEIGH v TARINGA ROVERS

The game between Beenleigh and Taringa Rovers might prove to be the match of the round as both teams look to get some form on the board when they clash at Chris Green Park on Friday evening.

Beenleigh are yet to win a match this season which is a little surprising given the club's off-season recruiting efforts.

Brad Ditton and Danny Stowers, ironically former Taringa players and former Wollongong player Steven Forshaw have brought some real class to the Beenleigh outfit.

Coach Phil Kerr said his team would have to limit the "silly mistakes" if they were to have any chance of taking the points from Taringa.

"In the game last week (against Wynnum), we were made to pay for some very basic mistakes," he said.

"It was a bit of a shame as apart from a couple of lapses, I was quite pleased with the way the lads put it together, and thought we dominated the second half.

"This week's game against Taringa is going to be a tough match as they are a good, young, quick side.

"We'll need to tighten up in defence and try to limit the mistakes in areas that are going to hurt us."

Taringa coach John Ogden said he was a little disappointed with Rovers 1-1 draw with Mt Gravatt last week and would be hoping for a better effort in this match.

"I don't think we played very well at all," he said. "We certainly tried hard, but it was an average game and in the end, a draw was a fair result.

"Mt Gravatt play some good football and are a difficult team to play... they deserved to get a point from the match."

Taringa's youth policy has again been the side's achilles heel in season '98, and while Ogden recognises the difficulties associated with coaching a young squad, he is pleased with the way the players are developing individually and as a unit.



One of Beenleigh's form players at the moment is midfielder Danny Stowers

### BEENLEIGH v TARINGA ROVERS

Chris Green Park, Beenleigh  
Friday March 20, 8.30 pm

BEENLEIGH	TARINGA ROVERS
1 Chris Roche	1 Scott Higgins
2 Kieren Galloway	2 Scott Robertson
3 Michael Lipscombe	3 Laurence Inunciaga
4 Brett Jones	4 Stephen Starr
5 Steven Forshaw	5 Joel Hale
6 Wayne Hinton	6 Steve Dawe
7 Fotis Skordou	7 Des Hughes
8 Jarrod Austin	8 Demitri Theochari
9 Brett Druery	9 Robert Laslo
10 Bradley Ditton	10 Richard Hilli
11 Alan Spiers	11 Brett Allen
12 Michael Rooney	12 (Not Allocated)
13 Daniel Stowers	13 Scott Rocker
14 Michael Bettridge	14 Clinton McDermott
15 Lee Preston	15 Aaron Bakker
16 Michael Kalic	16 Shaun Molenda
17 Paul Lederhose	17 Cameron Williamson
18 Marc Lederhose	18 (Not Allocated)
19 Grant Martin	19 Warren Allen
20 Chris Balke	20 Brett Dickens

## PREMIER PREVIEW - BUNDABERG v WYNNUM DIST.

Bundaberg Waves coach Aldo Baretta said his side would be on a mission for points when they host the Wynnum Wolves on Saturday evening.

After three rounds, Bundaberg are languishing in last place on the league ladder, playing three matches for three losses.

However, Baretta said despite last week's 3-1 loss to Brisbane Lions, he was pleased with Waves performance as there was much improvement from the previous game.

"The guys put in quite a good effort last week and I was particularly pleased with their attitude and commitment," he said.

"To be honest, I thought we had the better of the first half as our midfield dominated and we created a lot of chances.

"Unfortunately, we missed a few good opportunities and it was really only a couple of lapses in defence that cost us the match."

Historically, Bundaberg/Wynnum clashes are tough encounters. Last season, the sides met on three occasions, with Wynnum getting the advantage 2-1.

Baretta is confident Waves can equal the score this weekend, but is weary of a Wolves outfit that enjoyed its first win of the season last outing.

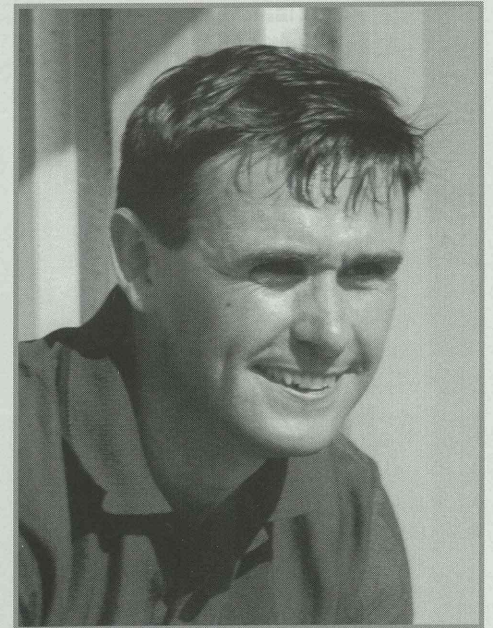
"They're a quality side as they always give us lots of headaches," Baretta said.

"They always seem to be in your face and display a lot of exuberance, and it's difficult to play them because they don't give you any time to settle on the ball."

Wynnum coach George Cowie was delighted with his side's 2-1 win against Beenleigh last week and said he was looking forward to playing on what he regarded as the best pitch in the league.

"Anytime you travel to Bundy, the long trip up really takes it out of you," he said.

"But once you get through that part of it, it's actually quite an enjoyable time as the pitch is conducive to playing good football and the hospitality is superb."



A rather pleased George Cowie after Wynnum took the three points last weekend

### BUNDABERG v WYNNUM DIST.

Thabeban Sports Complex, Bundaberg  
Saturday March 21, 7 pm

BUNDABERG	WYNNUM DISTRICT
1 Michael Bainbridge	1 Kevin Tatton
2 Peter Bock	2 Luke Adair
3 Neil Trebbin	3 (Not allocated)
4 Andrew Donnison	4 Nigel McClure
5 John Giovannoni	5 Ricky McKinless
6 Tony Roebuck (vc)	6 Tony McKinless (c)
7 Luke Graham	7 Matt Campion
8 Patrick Conway	8 Paul Wilkins
9 Rauvami Madigi	9 Mark Wilkins
10 Rooney Cooper	10 Ben Wood
11 Jason Chapman	11 Nick Hadland
12 Chris Wilson	12 Darrell Grundy
13 (Not Allocated)	13 (Not Allocated)
14 Mathew Barritt	14 Stuart Popplewell
15 Tony Giovannoni	15 Andrew Davidson
16 Paul Fagan (c)	16 Shane Gilroy
17 Stephen Mack	17 (Not Allocated)
18 (Not Allocated)	18 Damien Rogers
19 (Not Allocated)	19 Bill McDermott
20 Cale Driver	20 Garth McCulloch



## PREMIER PREVIEW - Gold Coast v Brisbane Lions

League giants Brisbane Lions possibly face their toughest opponents to date when they travel to Glennon Park, Nerang, to play the Gold Coast on Sunday.

Lions currently sit on top of the Premier League points table, equal with reigning champions Brisbane City.

Last week, Lions fought off a spirited Bundaberg Waves team, with a 3-1 win, but more importantly, secured the three vital competition points.

Anthony Brown, Marc Flemington and veteran Frank Mengotti all got goals for Lions, but it was midfielder Cameron Watson that once again impressed for the orange and blues.

Watson has been in sparkling form during the early rounds and his penetrating runs down the left flank will test the Gold Coast defence.

City come into this match with some solid performances to their credit so far.

A first up 3-2 win at home against Beenleigh in Round 1 got the fledgling Premier League club off on the right foot.

That was followed by a gritty 2-0 win against the Waves in Bundaberg in Round 2.

Last week, the City players experienced their first low-point of the season when they lost 2-1 to Rochedale Rovers.

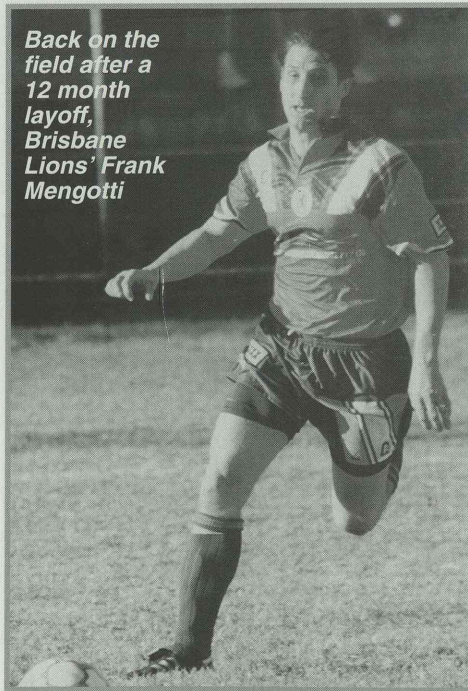
However, they were perhaps a little unlucky to lose that match as they created a lot of opportunities early in the game, but unfortunately were unable to convert.

The City team possesses a lot of talent with Peter Grierson, Troy Greenwood and Brett Adams displaying lightning pace up front.

Former Rochedale goalkeeper Martin Simpson is considered one of the best stoppers in the league and will prove a worthy opponent for the Lions offence.

With just three rounds completed, the Gold Coast have proven they will be a force to be reckoned with this year and their enthusiasm is probably their greatest asset.

The side is capable of an upset against Lions but a question mark lies over their depth.



Back on the field after a 12 month layoff, Brisbane Lions' Frank Mengotti

### GOLD COAST v BRISBANE LIONS

Glennon Park, Nerang  
Sunday March 22, 2.45 pm

#### GOLD COAST CITY

- 1 Martin Simpson
- 2 Tom Protuder
- 3 Adam Hayward
- 4 Mick Richardson
- 5 Trevor Wood
- 6 Brett Adams
- 7 Col Phelan
- 8 Jade Flack
- 9 Troy Greenwood
- 10 Peter Grierson
- 11 Aaron Bristow
- 12 Rob Boxall
- 13 Stuart Stevenson
- 14 Matthew Packer
- 15 Trevor Elliott
- 16 Martyn Carter
- 17 Pat Casey
- 18 Adam Evans
- 19 Lee Vernon
- 20 Matt Miner

#### BRISBANE LIONS

- 1 Jason Lucas
- 2 David Lonsdale (c)
- 3 Darren Sime
- 4 Clifford Tuck
- 5 Paul Worroll
- 6 Mark Geritz
- 7 Steve Jackson
- 8 Frank Mengotti
- 9 Anthony Brown
- 10 Michael Brockwell
- 11 Marc Flemington
- 12 Roy Huth
- 13 Craig Rogers
- 14 Cameron Watson
- 15 (Not Allocated)
- 16 (Not Allocated)
- 17 (Not Allocated)
- 18 Greg Di-Losa
- 20 Darren Hillier
- 21 Robert Farrow

## Lights, camera, action!

While much of the mainstream media has turned its back on Queensland soccer in recent years, the code has been given a genuine chance to lift its profile via Optus' Local Vision Channel.

Each Wednesday night at 7pm, Optus Local Vision (Channel 50) will broadcast Queensland soccer's newest program "Eye On Soccer - the TV show".

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hour program aims to give viewers an in-depth look at the state of play in Queensland soccer, with a comprehensive look at the local XXXX League and the Brisbane Strikers.

Co-host Andy Harper said the show was long overdue for the game in this state, and would help fill the promotional gap left by the current lack of mainstream media coverage.

"It's a great concept and I think credit must be given to Optus Local Vision for allowing us to use their resources to put the show together," Harper said.

"The XXXX League doesn't get the coverage it deserves and I believe this show may just help change that situation."

Farina agreed, saying he was enjoying his new role assisting with the promotion of the local competition.

"The first three shows have gone off well," Farina said.

"Sure there's a few early teething problems to work out but I think *Eye On Soccer* has a lot of potential.

"The show is an independent production that has the endorsement of the QSF... so all we need now is the support of the clubs and soccer supporters in general."

Farina said the program would also provide him with more opportunities to get out and survey the talent in the XXXX League ranks, as the Strikers prepare for their next Ericsson Cup campaign.

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## PREMIER PREVIEW - MT GRAVATT v BRISBANE CITY

Look out Mt Gravatt, the City boys are coming! Not wanting to be disrespectful to Steve Faulkner's side, but Brisbane City have begun the season with such dominance and flair, that it is hard to see them losing this match at Dittmer Park on Sunday afternoon.

City won 4-0 last week for the second successive game, the only difference being that it was against the Ipswich Knights rather than Rochedale.

Former Strikers players Chris Slater and Damian Waugh scored two goals each, with Slater named man-of-the-match.

However, despite the side's amazing start to the season, coach Bobby Hamilton remains low key.

"Things are going well at this stage and the way the lads are playing, there's no doubt they have an air of confidence about them," he said.

"We're certainly in the position that we had hoped for a few weeks ago, but it's a long season and anything can happen.

"I've been around soccer for long enough to know that it is the type of game that just when you think you're on top of it, it kicks you in the backside and brings you back down to earth."

Hamilton said he was quite interested by the match against Mt Gravatt and believed the home side would prove a difficult opponent.

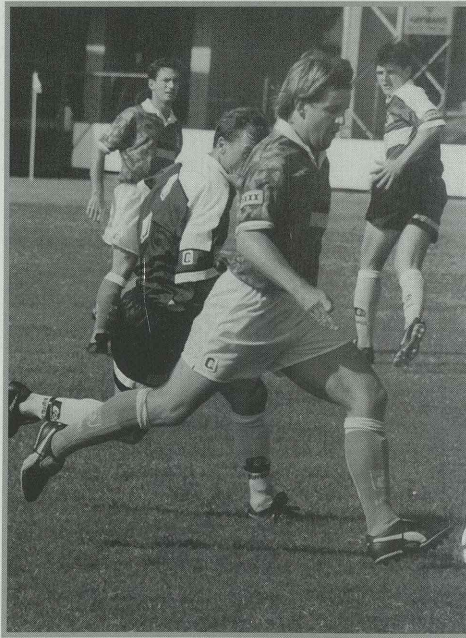
"They're certainly no easy beats as their recent games against Taringa and Lions prove," he said.

Mt Gravatt coach Steve Faulkner admitted that City would go into the game as favourites but was optimistic about his team's chances.

"They beat us four-one in the 'Silver Boot' competition, they're the reigning champions, they've got the best squad and a good coach in Bobby (Hamilton)," he said.

"However, the bottom line is that someone has to beat them eventually and it would be great if it could be us this weekend.

"Not many people would probably pick us to win, but we'll certainly be approaching the game in a positive frame of mind."



Brisbane City captain Shane Haddow made his comeback from injury last week

### MT GRAVATT v BRISBANE CITY

Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt  
Sunday March 22, 2.45pm

#### MOUNT GRAVATT

- 1 Mark Bland
- 2 David Pryor
- 3 Peter Georgiou
- 4 Danny Cox (c)
- 5 Colin Bethall
- 6 Stuart Collins
- 7 Robin Gosney
- 8 Craig Harvey
- 9 Willie Carter
- 10 Anthony Roche
- 11 Andy Garw. Gowers
- 12 Anthony McCullough
- 13 Troy Hews
- 14 Nathan Carlos
- 15 (Not Allocated)
- 16 (Not Allocated)
- 17 (Not Allocated)
- 18 Neil Ferguson
- 19 Trevor Evans
- 20 Paul Petersen

#### BRISBANE CITY

- 1 Daniel Duke
- 2 Warren Cooley
- 3 Damon Voss
- 4 Mark Bennett
- 5 Wayne Strange
- 6 Scott Elliott
- 7 Barry Wilkinson
- 8 Chris Slater
- 9 Damien Waugh
- 10 Danny Wright
- 11 Shane Haddow (c)
- 12 Robert Kidd
- 13 Daryl Anderson
- 14 (Not Allocated)
- 15 Mark Luburic
- 16 Mark Jenkins
- 17 Damon Tune
- 18 Eddie Azorello
- 19 (Not Allocated)
- 20 Adriano Taraborrelli

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Ipswich v ROCHEDALE ROVERS

A down trodden Ipswich Knights outfit is set to host a fired up Rochedale Rovers unit at Eric Evans Reserve on Sunday.

After being humiliated 4-0 by Brisbane City in Round 2, Rovers got back on track last week with a hard-fought 2-1 home victory against the Gold Coast.

And while coach Peter Bannon admits it was not one of his side's vintage performances, he believed it was a step in the right direction.

"The game was certainly an improved effort from the week before against City," he said.

"The players put into practice what we had been working on all week at training.

"I was particularly pleased with the attitude and commitment exhibited by them."

Bannon said he was expecting a tough match against the Knights, but felt the greatest opposition might come from the elements.

"It's hard enough running around the park for 90 minutes, let alone doing it in 35 degree heat," he said.

"However, that aside, I watched Ipswich play City last week and to be honest, I thought they were in the match for a long time and unlucky not to go a goal up at one stage.

"They play with a lot of passion and commitment, and you never expect to get too much for nothing up there (Ipswich) as points always have to be earned."

Ipswich coach Mike Mulvey said his side had learned a few lessons from last week, the main one being the need to concentrate for a full 90 minutes.

"We've done okay this year but we've got about six guys who played first division last season and they have to learn that they can't afford to lapse at any stage of the game," he said.

"The game against Rochedale is a crucial match for us... we need to regain confidence quickly.

"We've conceded eight goals this season and we must make sure we get something from this match."



Brenley Jefferd in action for the Knights

### IPSWICH KNIGHTS v ROCHEDALE

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba  
Sunday March 22, 2:45pm

#### IPSWICH KNIGHTS

- 1 Barney Smith
- 2 Andrew King
- 3 Nick Seeley
- 4 Brett Wilkinson
- 5 Pat Boyle
- 6 Darren Spence
- 7 Brenley Jefferd
- 8 John Clark
- 9 Damien Conquest
- 10 Peter McKendrick
- 11 Peter Hinks
- 12 David Guest
- 13 Scott Stenzell
- 14 Kevin Meacock
- 15 Clint Scott
- 16 Andre Gacesa
- 17 Peter Vogler
- 18 Neville O'Sullivan
- 19 Wayne Adams
- 20 Sam Ferguson

#### ROCHEDALE ROVERS

- 1 Graham Ross
- 2 Troy Wickstein
- 3 Ross Davidson
- 4 Michael Lane
- 5 Damian Harris
- 6 Eddie Lees
- 7 Steve Fitzsimmons
- 8 Michael Legg
- 9 Andy Lees
- 10 Clayton Koch
- 11 John Weatherby
- 12 David Pilic
- 13 Alun Evans
- 14 Paul Grugan
- 15 Aaron Baldwin
- 16 Glen Kolpak
- 17 Gary Brattan
- 18 Andy Monement
- 19 Anton Beronic
- 20 Robert Bajic



## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### Tigers to use Mitchy as title yardstick

Easts are confident of taking the outright lead of the Semi-Pro North ladder when they take on Mitchelton in Sunday's top of the table clash.

Both sides are coming off weekend draws, although Jim Quinn believes his side should've taken the points against Newmarket.

"There's no doubt we played better football than Newmarket," Quinn said. "But that was always going to be a tough game to come away from with the points."

Quinn acknowledged that Mitchelton had lost several key players this season, but he still refused to rule them out as a title threat this year.

"They're used to winning and they've shown that in the early rounds," Quinn said.

"They're still grinding out results and they'll be as bigger test as we'll get this year.

"I think this match will give us a good indication as to how we'll go for the remainder of the season, so a win here would be nice."

With home ground advantage in their favour the Tigers may just have the edge for Sunday's clash.

But another factor in their favour is their latest signing, former Brisbane Lions midfielder Allan Hilton, who joins his brother Rob at the club.

The classy midfielder was given a small amount of playing time last week and Quinn's still tossing up whether or not he'll start with him on Sunday.

### Saftich over the moon with Rivers victory

Mauro Saftich is still delighting in The Gap's 1-0 victory against Pine Rivers at Wendy Alison Park, one week after the match.

"It was fantastic... it was the first time as a coach that I've come away with three points from Wendy Alison Park," Saftich said.

"And it wasn't easy either. Pine Rivers are a good young side and are marshalled very well by Frank Pimblett, so they were three hard earned points."

Saftich credited much of the win to tireless sweeper John Kowtan.

"He played a blinder... he was called on to stop the Rivers attack many times throughout the game, and he came out on top on each occasion," Saftich said.

But Saftich's joy will have to be put aside for Sunday's match against Newmarket.

The experienced coach knows his side will have to be right on its game if its to continue its winning ways.

"You must win your matches at home," Saftich said.. "Because if you don't win those, how can you expect to be a serious contender.

"Newmarket won't be any easybeats either. I'm expecting one hell of a battle because they are a team of battlers who play as a unit and play for each other.

"But I think we have the experience and the quality across the park to come away with the win."

## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### Cup triumph gives Grange hope

A 3-0 victory over Redlands in an Ansett Cup fixture last week has prompted high expectations for Grange Thistle, when they host Pine Rivers on Friday night.

Thistle coach Paddy Higgins was impressed with his side's effort against Redlands last week and said he would retain the same squad for this weekend's match.

"We made four changes for the Cup game last week," Higgins said.

"We promoted several youngsters to the top side and they did the job for us, so they'll remain in the side this weekend."

Higgins is pleased with the personnel he has at the club this year. He said he would be maintaining an emphasis on youth, although he would love to have two or three more experienced players in his lineup.

"This year we want to rebuild and concentrate on developing some of our younger players," Higgins said.

"We've got loads of young talent at the club but we're always on the lookout for more.

"In saying that however, it would be nice to have a couple of very experienced players on the park in some of the key positions.

"I would like to pick up an experienced centre half for instance and a striker who's also been around the traps for a while, just to help the younger lads learn some more of the subtleties of the game.

"But I guess that's every coach's desire."

### Clubs answer Creek's SOS

Albany Creek's SOS for players has been answered with several clubs, including XXXX League giants Taringa sending some players the Creeks way.

And the effect on the club has been incredible. A scoreless draw at Mitchelton over the weekend highlighting a new found spark.

Lee Scriggins' early exit from the match for an alleged stomping incident should have made things a little easier for the Creek, although coach Justin Kilshaw believes the incident may have lulled his side into a sense of false security.

"We played some great football early on, but when Scriggins was sent from the field just two minutes from half time, our boys dropped their level of intensity," Kilshaw said.

"The heat of the day certainly was a factor involved there but it was obvious the guys literally ran out of ideas.

"Mitchy are a good side and their experience counted for everything in that second half.

"As they got everyone behind the ball you could see the frustration start to set in on our players, who began to think they couldn't win the game."

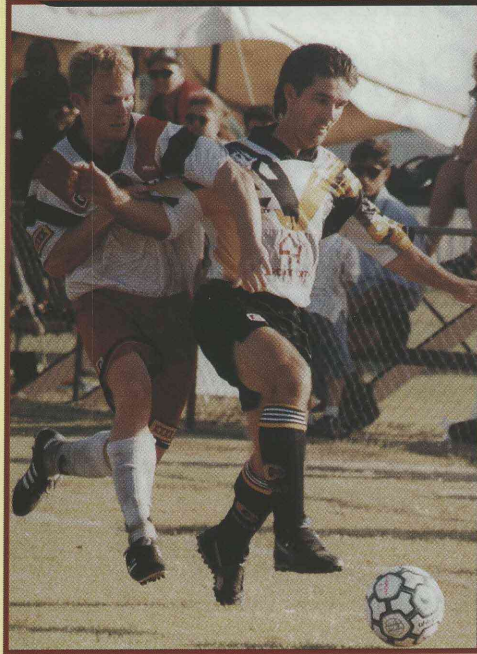
And that is the attitude Kilshaw wants to bury when his side takes on the University of Queensland this weekend. Kilshaw is supremely confident his side can win the match, however he refuses to underestimate the Uni boys.

"They're very much an unknown quantity and for that reason we won't be taking them lightly," the Albany Creek coach said.

"But I know if we can regain that intensity, we should come away with the three points."



# ACTION REPLAY



*At Spencer Park the Knights faced a red hot Brisbane City outfit which didn't look like losing. Bob Hamilton's boys completed their second four nil routing in as many weeks and to date have not had a goal scored against them.*

*The Wolves met the Lions with the Wolves howling loudest on the day. The home side struck once and then twice but Beenleigh dug deep. They pulled one back in the second half and then turned up the heat with a series of raids on the Wynnum goal, as they searched but could not find the elusive equaliser*





## How They Faired... here and there

<b>XXXX LEAGUE</b>							
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	GOLD COAST	2-1	S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	REDCLIFFE	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	B'BERG WAVES	3-1	<b>AMATEUR DIV 2</b>			
WYNNUM	Vs	BEENLEIGH	2-1	PINE HILLS	Vs	SAMFORD	2-2
BRISBANE CITY	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	4-0	GREENBANK	Vs	KINGSRIDGE	1-2
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	MT GRAVATT	1-1	BETHANIA	Vs	CLAIRVAUX	1-1
<b>XXXX RESERVES</b>				JIMBOOMBA	Vs	ARCHERFIELD	11-1
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	B'BERG WAVES	8-0	PARK RIDGE	Vs	IPSWICH CITY	1-1
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	GOLD COAST	1-2	<b>AMATEUR DIV 2R</b>			
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	MT GRAVATT	5-3	BETHANIA	Vs	CLAIRVAUX	2-1
BRISBANE CITY	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	3-5	PINE HILLS	Vs	SAMFORD	0-5
WYNNUM	Vs	BEENLEIGH	3-0	PARK RIDGE	Vs	IPSWICH CITY	2-1
<b>XXXX YOUTH</b>				<b>AMATEUR DIV 3</b>			
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	MT GRAVATT	4-1	NORTH PINE	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	7-2
BRISBANE CITY	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	3-0	LOGAN CITY KINGS	Vs	BAYSIDE UTD	8-1
WYNNUM	Vs	BEENLEIGH	0-0	SAMFORD	Vs	WOODRIDGE	1-4
<b>2SP DIV 1N</b>				OXLEY UTD	Vs	MOOROONDU	1-6
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	THE GAP	0-1	PARK RIDGE	Vs	MARGATE	0-7
NEWMARKET	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	2-2	<b>AMATEUR DIV 4</b>			
UNI OF QLD	Vs	NORTH STAR	1-2	BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	NEWMARKET	2-2
MITCHELTON	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	0-0	SLACKS CREEK	Vs	NORTH STAR	3-1
<b>2SP DIV 1N RES</b>				TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	2-1
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	THE GAP	1-1	ALBANY CREEK	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2-6
MITCHELTON	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	1-1	EASTERN SUBS	Vs	CAPALABA	3-4
UNI OF QLD	Vs	NORTH STAR	2-1	THE GAP	Vs	MITCHELTON	5-1
NEWMARKET	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	2-3	<b>AMATEUR DIV 5</b>			
<b>2SP DIV 1N YTH</b>				SLACKS CREEK	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	2-2
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	THE GAP	2-2	WYNNUM	Vs	CAPALABA	8-0
MITCHELTON	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	5-1	UNI OF QLD	Vs	MT GRAVATT	2-3
UNI OF QLD	Vs	NORTH STAR	0-5	ALBANY CREEK	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	0-1
NEWMARKET	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	3-1	GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	3-1
<b>2SP DIV 1S</b>				SAMFORD	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	1-4
CAPALABA	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	4-0	<b>AMATEUR DIV 6</b>			
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	ROCKLEA UTD	1-1	BEENLEIGH	Vs	NORTH STAR	5-4
INALA CITY	Vs	TOOWOOMBA UTD	0-5	REDLANDS UTD	Vs	QLD UNIVERSITY	1-1
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	SLACKS CREEK	3-2	IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	ANNERLEY	5-0
<b>2SP DIV 1S RES</b>				UNI OF QLD	Vs	NEWMARKET	8-1
CAPALABA	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	2-1	EASTERN SUBS	Vs	CAPALABA	0-9
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	ROCKLEA UTD	4-0	TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	3-1
INALA CITY	Vs	TOOWOOMBA UTD	0-6				
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	SLACKS CREEK	2-0				
<b>2SP DIV 1S YTH</b>							
CAPALABA	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	14-2				
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	ROCKLEA UTD	4-2				
INALA CITY	Vs	TOOWOOMBA UTD	0-6				
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	SLACKS CREEK	5-2				
<b>AMATEUR DIV 1</b>							
MARGATE	Vs	SOUTH STAR	1-1				
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	ANNERLEY	0-5				
NORTH PINE	Vs	DARRA UTD	4-2				
LATROBE	Vs	GOODNA	3-2				
BROTHERS UTD	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	3-1				
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	REDCLIFFE	2-2				
<b>AMATEUR DIV 1R</b>							
MARGATE	Vs	SOUTH STAR	2-0				
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	ANNERLEY	3-1				
NORTH PINE	Vs	DARRA UTD	5-2				
LATROBE	Vs	GOODNA	0-4				
BROTHERS UTD	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	2-1				

### Next Week's Premier League Matches

#### ROUND 5

**Saturday March 28**  
**Rochedale Rov v Brisbane Lions**  
 7.00pm - Underwood Park

**Sunday March 29**  
**Wynnum District v Gold Coast**  
 2.45pm - Carmichael Park

**Ipswich Knights v Mt Gravatt**  
 2.45pm - Eric Evans Reserve

**Brisbane City v Beenleigh**  
 2.45pm - Spencer Park

**Taringa Rovers v Bundaberg Waves**  
 2.45pm - Jack Speare Park

## THE XXXX REPORT

### ROCHEDALE ROVERS 2 v GOLD COAST CITY 1 (1-0) at Underwood Park

**SCORERS**  
**Rochedale** - Glenn Kolpak, Ross Davidson  
**Gold Coast** - Trevor Elliott

**MAN OF THE MATCH** Peter Bannon (Rochedale Rovers)

**Rochedale:** Ross, Davidson, Harris, Fitzsimmons, E Lees, Pilic (Koch), Legg, Evans, Kolpak (Wickstein), Brattan, A Lees (Lane).

**Gold Coast:** Simpson, Protuder (Vernon), Hayward, Richardson, Wood, Adams, Phelan, Flack, Greenwood (Bristow), Grierson, Elliott (Evans).

### BRISBANE LIONS 3 v BUNDABERG WAVES 1 (2-1) at Lions Stadium

**SCORERS**  
**Brisbane Lions** - Anthony Brown, Marc Flemington, Frank Mengotti  
**Bundaberg** - Stephen Mack

**MAN OF THE MATCH** Cameron Watson (Brisbane Lions)

**Brisbane Lions:** Lucas, Lonsdale, Worroll, Jackson, Geritz, Hillier (Mengotti), Watson (Tuck), Rogers, Brown, Brockwell, Flemington (Cannon).

**Bundaberg:** Bainbridge, J Giovannoni, Wilson (Barritt), Madigi, Hawkins (Stephenson), Chapman, Bock, T Giovannoni, Maas (M Giovannoni), Fagan, Mack.

### WYNNUM DISTRICT 2 v BEENLEIGH 1 (1-0) at Carmichael Park

**SCORERS**  
**Wynnum** - Tony McKinless, Mark Wilkins  
**Beenleigh** - Brett Druery

**MAN OF THE MATCH** Danny Stowers (Beenleigh)

**Wynnum:** Tatton, Davidson, T McKinless, Adair, Gilroy, P Wilkins, McDermott (R McKinless), Popplewell (Grundy), Wood, M Wilkins, Hadland (Gnech).

**Beenleigh:** Roche, Jones, Lipscombe, Druery, Galloway, Skordou (Eacott), Ditton, Austin, Stowers, Spiers, Kalic.

### BRISBANE CITY 4 v IPSWICH KNIGHTS 0 (1-0) at Spencer Park

**SCORERS**  
**Brisbane City** - Damian Waugh 2, Chris Slater 2

**MAN OF THE MATCH** Chris Slater (Brisbane City)

**Brisbane City:** Duke, Voss, Bennett, Strange, Elliott (Anderson), Wilkinson, Slater, Waugh, Wright (Cooley), Haddow, Kidd (Jenkins).

**Ipswich:** Ferguson (Daly), Scott, Wilkinson, Boyle, Spence, Jefferd (Vogler), Clark, Conquest, McKendrick, Hinks (Stenzel), Meacock.

### TARINGA ROVERS 1 v MOUNT GRAVATT 1 (1-0) at Jack Speare Park

**SCORERS**  
**Taringa** - Clinton McDermott

**Mt Gravatt** - Colin Bethall

**MAN OF THE MATCH** Willie Carter (Mt Gravatt)

**Taringa:** Higgins, Slaughter, Theochari, Molenda (Matula), Starr, W Allen (Laslo), Hilli, Hughes, Bakker (B Allan), McDermott, Williamson.

**Mount Gravatt:** Bland, Cox, Pryor, Georgiou, Gosney (Ferguson), Bethell (Carlross), Garwood-Gowers, Harvey (Hews), Collins, Roche, Carter.





# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	3	3	0	0	9	0	9
BRISBANE LIONS	3	3	0	0	9	3	9
GOLD COAST	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
ROCHEDALE ROV	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
TARINGA ROVERS	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
WYNNUM	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
IPSW KNIGHTS	3	1	0	2	4	10	3
MT GRAVATT	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
BEENLEIGH	3	0	0	3	5	10	0
B'BERG WAVES	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GOLD COAST	3	3	0	0	12	6	9
TARINGA ROVERS	3	3	0	0	11	5	9
ROCHEDALE ROV	3	2	0	1	11	3	6
BRISBANE LIONS	3	2	0	1	15	8	6
WYNNUM	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
IPSW KNIGHTS	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
MT GRAVATT	3	1	0	2	9	11	3
BEENLEIGH	3	1	0	2	6	8	3
BRISBANE CITY	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
B'BERG WAVES	3	0	0	3	3	21	0

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	2	2	0	0	13	3	6
TARINGA ROVERS	3	2	0	1	9	5	6
BRISBANE CITY	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
WYNNUM	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
ROCHEDALE ROV	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
IPSW KNIGHTS	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
BEENLEIGH	2	0	1	1	0	8	1
MT GRAVATT	3	0	0	3	6	15	0

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	8	7	0	1	37	14	21
Taringa Rovers	9	6	1	2	25	13	19
Rochedale Rov	7	5	0	2	19	8	15
Gold Coast	6	5	0	1	18	10	15
Brisbane City	9	5	0	4	18	15	15
Wynnum District	9	3	3	3	16	13	12
Ipswich Knights	9	3	1	5	18	26	10
Mt Gravatt	9	1	2	6	16	28	5
Beenleigh	8	1	1	6	11	26	4
Bundaberg	6	0	0	6	4	29	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
EASTERN SUBS	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
THE GAP	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
ALBANY CREEK	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
NEWMARKET	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
NORTH STAR	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
PINE RIVERS UTD	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
UNI OF QLD	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
GRANGE THISTLE	2	0	0	2	1	5	0


SEMIPRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PINE RIVERS UTD	3	2	1	0	8	2	7
NEWMARKET	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
THE GAP	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
UNI OF QLD	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
EASTERN SUBS	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
NORTH STAR	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
MITCHELTON	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
GRANGE THISTLE	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
ALBANY CREEK	3	0	1	2	3	10	1

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	3	3	0	0	15	4	9
PINE RIVERS UTD	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
NORTH STAR	3	2	0	1	10	4	6
THE GAP	2	1	1	0	9	2	4
NEWMARKET	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
GRANGE THISTLE	2	1	0	1	2	7	3
ALBANY CREEK	3	0	1	2	6	11	1
EASTERN SUBS	3	0	0	3	3	9	0
UNI OF QLD	2	0	0	2	0	11	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
CAPALABA	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
OLYMPIC UTD	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
ROCKLEA UTD	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
REDLANDS UTD	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
ACACIA RIDGE	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
SOUTHS UTD	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
SLACKS CREEK	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
INALA CITY	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTHS UTD	3	3	0	0	11	3	9
OLYMPIC UTD	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
CAPALABA	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
REDLANDS UTD	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
TOOWOOMBA UTD	3	1	0	2	7	7	3
ACACIA RIDGE	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
ROCKLEA UTD	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
SLACKS CREEK	3	0	0	3	3	9	0
INALA CITY	3	0	0	3	1	15	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	3	3	0	0	14	1	9
CAPALABA	2	2	0	0	18	2	6
SOUTHS UTD	3	2	0	1	15	7	6
REDLANDS UTD	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
OLYMPIC UTD	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
INALA CITY	3	1	0	2	2	11	3
ROCKLEA UTD	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
ACACIA RIDGE	2	0	0	2	3	16	0
SLACKS CREEK	3	0	0	3	3	18	0

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# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANERLEY	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
BROTHERS UTD	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
NORTH PINE	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
LATROBE	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
S'SIDE EAGLES	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
BAYSIDE UTD	2	1	0	1	1	5	3
SOUTH STAR	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
MOGGILL UTD	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
MARGATE	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
REDCLIFFE	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
DARRA UTD	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
GOODNA	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH PINE	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
S'SIDE EAGLES	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
BAYSIDE UTD	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
BROTHERS UTD	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
MARGATE	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
GOODNA	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
MOGGILL UTD	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
ANERLEY	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
REDCLIFFE	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
DARRA UTD	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
SOUTH STAR	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
LATROBE	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JIMBOOMBA	2	1	1	0	12	2	4
PINE HILLS	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
SAMFORD	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
PARK RIDGE	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
OXLEY UTD	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
KINGSRIDGE	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
CLAIRVAUX	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
BETHANIA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
IPSWICH CITY	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
GREENBANK	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
ARCHERFIELD	2	0	0	2	2	13	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KINGSRIDGE	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
SAMFORD	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
BETHANIA	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
PARK RIDGE	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
PINE HILLS	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
JIMBOOMBA	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
CLAIRVAUX	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
IPSWICH CITY	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
OXLEY UTD	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

## PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

4	Goals	Chris Slater (Brisbane City)
3	Goals	Marc Flemington (Bris Lions)
2	Goals	Peter Grierson (Gold Coast)
2	Goals	Clayton Koch (Rochedale)
2	Goals	Brett Druery (Beenleigh)
2	Goals	Mark Battistin (Brisbane City)
2	Goals	Alan Spiers (Beenleigh)
2	Goals	Frank Mengotti (Brisbane Lions)
2	Goals	Damian Waugh (Brisbane City)

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH PINE	2	2	0	0	11	2	6
LOGAN CITY KINGS	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
WOODRIDGE	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
MARGATE	2	1	0	1	8	2	3
BAYSIDE UTD	2	1	0	1	11	8	3
SAMFORD	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
MOOROONDU	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
MOGGILL UTD	1	0	0	1	2	7	0
ANERLEY	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
PARK RIDGE	2	0	0	2	2	11	0
OXLEY UTD	2	0	0	2	1	16	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
IPSW KNIGHTS	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
SLACKS CREEK	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
THE GAP	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
BRISBANE LIONS	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
TARINGA ROVERS	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
MITCHELTON	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
NEWMARKET	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
EASTERN SUBS	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
NORTH STAR	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
ACACIA RIDGE	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
ALBANY CREEK	2	0	0	2	2	10	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IPSW KNIGHTS	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
WYNNUM	2	1	1	0	8	0	4
SOUTHS UTD	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
MT GRAVATT	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
GRANGE THISTLE	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
PINE RIVERS UTD	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
UNI OF QLD	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
SLACKS CREEK	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
BRISBANE CITY	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
SAMFORD	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
ALBANY CREEK	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
CAPALABA	1	0	0	1	0	8	0



## WOMENS WRAP

by Toni Slater

The second round of Premier League fixtures was played last weekend and while the heat kept some scores low, some game scores were very high.

In what was expected to be a great game QUT defeated QAS 1-0. Played on Sunday at 11.00am, both teams felt the heat and it was obvious they were struggling before half time.

In other Premier League matches, Easts Mt Gravatt gave their 'goals for' a huge boost defeating Slacks Creek 11-0.

Toowoomba and Redlands provided spectators with a goal-feast as well when Toowoomba took out the game 4-2.

The newly vamped Ipswich Knights defeated the Gap 2-0 and it looks like they will be another team to look out for this year.

The Ipswich Knights are a result of a merger over the summer break between Coalstars and Ipswich St Helens in all divisions, men, women and juniors.

Coalstars finished fifth on the table last year and with their new counterparts they should be pushing to improve that position.

They could however, lose Belinda Kitching should she take up her Australian Institute of Sport scholarship offer.

It's that time again, when Brisbane's representative teams start training. The first training run was held last Friday night for both the Brisbane South and North teams. South had a fair roll-up but bodies were lacking at the Brisbane North session.

This year the representative teams will travel to Mackay on the June long weekend for the State Titles.

That leaves only ten training sessions! Brisbane North are the defending champions, a title they will find hard to defend with the only two players who turned up last Friday!

There are three teams for each zone, Open, Youth (19 years and under) and Juniors (16 years and under)



Corinne Curry a former QAS player now turning out for the QUT side

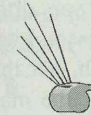
Coaches for the teams are; Brisbane South Open - David McQueen, Youth - Brian Evans and Junior Coach is Susan Clayton. Brisbane North Open - Phil Hughes, Youth - Graham Garvin and Junior Coach - Graeme Waller.

There is no cost to train, if selected you will be up for \$400 which includes your airfare to Mackay, your accommodation for four nights and shuttle bus to the games.

Training sessions are 7pm Friday nights for both zones. Brisbane South are training at Annerly's Junior fields, and Brisbane North at Grange Thistle, any queries call Faye Dower at Women's Soccer Queensland on 3269 6994.

PREMIER LEAGUE	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
EAST/MTGRVAT	2	2	-	-	17	0	6
QUT	2	2	-	-	9	0	6
IPSW KNIGHTS	2	2	-	-	7	3	6
THE GAP	2	1	1	-	5	3	3
QAS	2	1	1	-	1	1	3
TOOWOOMBA	2	1	1	-	4	8	3
NEWMARKET	1	-	1	-	0	1	0
REDLANDS	2	-	2	-	3	6	0
UNI OF QLD	1	-	1	-	0	8	0
SLACKS CREEK	2	-	2	-	2	16	0

## BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With  
Jim  
Gilbert

There must have been something in the water last week, either that or players found their shooting boots. In the Semi Professional leagues, including XXXX, there were 40, whilst in the Amateur divisions there were 183 goals scored, and none of the above figures count the lower grades!

In the Semi Pro divisions, already one or two patterns have appeared, in the Northern division four teams are still undefeated, the surprise packet being Pine Rivers, still without a win, University still trying to come to grips in this league, but the margin of defeat is getting narrower. In the Southern division, Toowoomba have already set a hot pace with Capalaba hot on their heels with Rocklea as the only other undefeated side, three teams yet to record a win, with Inala City being the big surprise and leaking goals like a proverbial sieve.

### SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH

This week we have a few Friday night matches, with Grange hosting Pine Rivers probably the closest matched game of the whole weekend, goal differences are near identical, with Rivers having the advantage of one point to their credit, however, as the major problem of both sides appears to be putting the ball into the net, this has all the makings of a draw. In the other Friday night game University, still looking for their first point, make the trip out to Albany Creek, where judging by the current form of the home side, the points should remain. On Sunday Newmarket make the short trip to Walton Bridge, where they will face a rampant team whose only blip on the season so far was their first round loss to Rocklea in the Cup, however in the league The Gap have two out of two whilst Newmarket have a 1 in each of the wins/draw/loss columns, looks to be a home win. The remaining Sunday match should be an absolute classic, joint leaders Easts and Mitchelton clash, they have an identical goal difference, with Mitchy just shading in the 'goals

for' department, very difficult to pick a result in this one, and as I hate tipping draws, I think a narrow home win is on the cards.

### SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH

All matches are on Sunday afternoon, with Capalaba having two wins from two making the daunting trip to Toowoomba where the home side are usually impregnable. I think Toowoomba may drop their first points in this prospective score draw. Two teams languishing at the bottom of the table meet at Usher Park with Inala as the visitors, and surely neither side will be in this position much longer, however, it looks a home win to me. The Rocklea v Olympic clash also looks an important match as both of these sides have aspirations to the title, it won't be an easy game for the boys from Goodwin Park, my feeling is the points will remain at Dunn Road. The remaining match has Souths travelling down to Cleveland Showgrounds, and whilst the visitors are yet to register a win, they have had two credible draws, their only loss being to highflying Toowoomba. Redlands on the other hand, had a great start but have hiccuped since and last week's 0 - 3 loss to Grange in the Ansett Cup will not exactly boost their morale, an away win or even a score draw.

### AMATEUR DIVISION 1

Twenty six goals were scored last weekend, I can't see that trend continuing, however it did make for exciting matches, and in the game that I saw at Lota five of those goals were scored, and at one stage I thought it could have ended up a 3 - 3 draw, the fact that it didn't, to me was attributed to two things. Firstly, the desire of Annerley as visitors, was stronger, their players had a real hunger for the ball, and once they had it, they were very tardy in giving it away, the other important factor that I noticed, after goals were scored, particularly the second and third, heads noticeably dropped



and it makes it very difficult for the team to then operate as a team. I was impressed by the football from both, but the discipline by the visitors in having the maximum number of players behind the ball was one of the main differences. Bayside did have their chances, and if their shooting had been more accurate early in the game, it may have been a different result. Mind you, their cause wasn't helped when a Bayside forward was clean through, only for the referee to pull him back for an infringement thus denying a 'one on one' with the keeper. The final score was always going to be in favour of Annerley. Matches are spread a little over the weekend, with the Friday night clash between Moggill and Southside Eagles now looking very important for the home side, only one point in two matches to date, and they will be looking to rectify that, it won't be easy as Eagles' only away match to date, resulted in maximum points, could be a score draw. On Saturday the two highflyers meet at Elder Oval with North Pine visiting. Both sides have good credentials, look where they finished up last year! I think there will be goals scored, the home side with the edge. Brothers trip up to Goodna where it appears they will be successful, another team on the road on Saturday is Latrobe who visit Darra, another case where the visitors will be successful. On Sunday the clash of the Baysiders, with Margate home to Bayside United, both sides having trouble adjusting to Division 1 football, should be a very close match with points remaining narrowly with the home side, final match is likely to be more unpredictable with South Star at home to Redcliffe City. Both sides have one point from two games, but the visitors credible draw last weekend may stand them well, as points could be shared yet again.

#### **AMATEUR DIVISION 2**

Bethania's stop start beginning to the season is on again this weekend, as they visit Archerfield with the Rams' reserve grade having another weekend off, and as they will have a full squad from which to select their first team, I think Archerfield will, again, be struggling to register their first points, Kingsridge have Pine

Hills as their visitors and this will be a strong test for the home side, as the Hills know how to score goals, looks like it could be another win for the boys from the Jinker Track. Clairvaux, have Oxley as their visitors and with Oxley having one win from one game, this will be a much tighter affair, and I am edging towards Oxley picking up two from two. Two high scoring sides meet on Sunday at Park Ridge where Jimboomba fresh from their 11-1 drubbing of Archerfield, visit, this won't be such a highscoring affair, but I still think a win to the visitors is on, in the remaining match Ipswich City host Samford, where again, it will be tight to predict, but I think a win for the visitors.

#### **AMATEUR DIVISION 3**

On Saturday afternoon Moggill meet with Oxley, neither side having the best of season starts, with this being very much a "pin" job, points to stay at Bellbowrie, another two sides who lost heavily last week is Bayside hosting Park Ridge, a question of which side will lift their morale the highest after last week's drubbings, I fancy a win for the team at Lota, the opposite is the case in the remaining Saturday game, with Woodridge and Margate both having big away wins last week, this will be a bit harder for the Bayside team as I well think the points will remain at Compton Park. On Sunday the 'Kings drive to Mooroondu where the home side look to be getting their act together, putting away a big 6 last weekend, however I think the visitors will take the points, remaining match is between Annerley and North Pine and I the points may be heading away.

#### **AMATEUR DIVISION 4**

Friday sees Easts zapping up to Bundamba, this has all the earmarks of a high score draw, but come the whistle at 10.15pm I think the points will still be in Bundamba. In the Saturday games there should be wins for Taringa over Albany Creek, The Creek could pick up a three pointer in their visit to Newmarket, Mitchelton v Brisbane Lions will be a much tighter affair, but this time Lions could be unsuccessful, with the remaining match between Capalaba and The

Gap much harder to predict in view of last weekend's highscoring games, points to remain with the southside club. Only one game on Sunday between Acacia Ridge and North Star, both sides having difficult seasons to date, my magnetic pin points towards a win for the hosts.

#### **AMATEUR DIVISION 5**

Five of the six matches in this division are played on Friday night. In the early game at Bundamba the Knights should retain maximum points over Grange, difficult to predict a winner between Samford and Albany Creek, neither side exactly burning up the table as yet, narrow home win could be well on the cards. In the 7.30 games, Slacks Creek make the short trip to Dittmer Park, where the points should remain, although that could well upset one or two of my "friends" from the Creek, and in the remaining 7.30 match, Wynnum should return full of joy from their trip to Rivers. In the 8.30 game on Friday, Souths United should retain maximum points over Brisbane City. Only one match on Saturday and this is at the twilight time with

new chums Capalaba hosting University of Qld, I think this should be a win for the students.

#### **AMATEUR DIVISION 6**

In the early match on Friday night Redlands play University, this being the second week in a row they have played a team from St Lucia, so this will be most interesting to see how they fare, a narrow home win is my tip. Brisbane Lions have North Star as their opponents in the late game at Richlands Stadium, a place where I think the points will remain. Saturday, Taringa v Ipswich Knights looks to be a humdinger, a narrow win for the hosts. Beenleigh could be successful over Newmarket, whilst on Saturday, Qld Uni visit Capalaba. The "new" team from Uni is yet to register any consistent form, but they can pick up another point on the road as they did last week. One match on Sunday with both Annerley and Easts having identical goals for and against, neither side has scored, yet both conceded eleven. I would be absolutely ecstatic if I could see a 4-4 draw in this game, somehow I don't think so, a win for the home side.

## The Gap's girls expanding

**Womens soccer at The Gap Pastime Club is booming so much they have hired the grounds of the nearby high school for training.**

The club is fielding five womens teams this year in Premier League, Reserves, Divisions 2 and 7, and under 14.

The club's Womens Director of Coaching Rob Askew is pleased with the progress since he coached the first womens team in 1993.

"The club is getting stronger every year and we have a development program in place to encourage younger players," he said.

That commitment to develop younger players has been strengthened further this year with the decision to make the Premier League reserves team a Youth team.

The average age of the side is less than 15 but Askew is not worried.

"They're a very talented side and provided they have the commitment and determination they will be very competitive."

The Gap also has a Development Officer in Michelle Fielding, who conducts coaching clinics at local schools.

Although the club has plans for the long term, it is also confident of achieving success in the short term with its Premier League side.

The team finished fourth in last year's inaugural competition, but coach Russell Sommerville is confident of improving on that this year.

"We are struggling a bit with injuries at the moment, but once everyone is fit we will be very hard to beat," he said.

For more information about The Gap womens soccer, contact Robert Askew on 3300 9661.



## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### United hoping for tough match

Toowoomba United coach Gary Scott is hoping his side will be pushed to its limits when it hosts Capalaba in the Semi-Pro South top of the table clash on Sunday.

The boys from the range scored an easy 5-0 win over Inala last weekend, giving them their third solid victory of the season.

And Scott's looking forward to hosting the gun outfit from Capalaba, so he can get a true indication of how his team is shaping for this year's title.

"To be honest Inala weren't much competition for us and we didn't really extend ourselves in the first two matches either," Scott said.

"So I'm looking forward to meeting with some tough opposition this weekend because I want to see our guys stretched."

There have been big expectations placed on the Toowoomba side this year, with many pundits believing they are good enough to play in the XXXX League.

Scott said he was not too concerned about those expectations, instead choosing to concentrate on the task at hand.

He is happy with his squad, which is basically last year's winning side plus several other quality players. And why wouldn't he be.. so far the team has scored nine goals in its three matches, with Craig McConnell netting seven of those.

"We have a good balance at the moment and things are going well for the side, however I am a bit concerned about our fitness," Scott said.

"It's a long season and there's bound to be injuries so I haven't really pushed the guys a great deal at training."

### Old friends reunite as foes

This weekend's match between Redlands and Souths United will bring two old friends together, the two coaches Eric Thompson and Matt Carson, and Thompson's looking forward to the reunion in more ways than one.

"Matt brought me out here as a player in 1973, so I'm really looking forward to playing against his side this weekend and coming up against him as a coach," the Redlands coach said.

"And I'd dearly love to beat him because he's a very competitive bloke."

Apart from the friendly rivalry between the two coaches however, Thompson also wants to win the game to give his side a much needed "measure" for the rest of the competition.

"I think this is a game we can win and should win," Thompson said, "... and it's one that the players will be able to use as a yardstick for the remaining teams in the league."

Thompson said he learned plenty of lessons from his side's 3-0 Ansett Cup loss to Grange Thistle last weekend.

"I discovered more about the team in that single game, than I had for the entire time I've been with the club," Thompson said.

"I now know where the key areas of improvement are and what steps we'll have to take to fix those areas up."

One of those steps will involve a total reshuffling of his team, with the Redlands coach breaking from tradition this week by selecting Sunday's side on Tuesday.

"I haven't made wholesale changes... that's probably not the right word," Thompson said.

"I think we'll have the same goalkeeper."

## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### Rocklea set to make amends

Rocklea United is keen to hit back strongly against Olympic this Sunday, after a disappointing 1-1 draw away to Souths United last weekend.

Coach Allan Hughes had few excuses for his side's performance against Souths, although he believed the referee spoiled the game after just 25 minutes.

"He'd already booked four players and then he sent one of our boys off, so we had to play with ten men for the remainder of the match," Hughes said.

"Even with ten men we killed them, but we just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. "But I guess when you look at the bigger picture, playing away from home with ten men for the majority of the match and still coming away with a draw, is a good thing."

To help solve his problems up front, Hughes has pinned some of his hopes on sixteen year old striker Ivan Perkovic, who is the youngest player to represent Rocklea in the top grade.

"He's got a lot of talent and plenty to offer the club," Hughes said. "But I won't be putting too much pressure on him in the coming weeks and he'll start from the bench for Sunday's game."

Hughes is also unsure of his replacement for suspended fullback Eli Mubaraq, the player who was sent from the field against Souths last weekend.

However the Rocklea coach is not too concerned at this stage. He watched Olympic down Slacks Creek 3-2 last weekend, and is confident his side will come away from Sunday's game with three points.

"They're a good side and it will be a tough match, but they have nothing in their lineup that will worry us."

### Inala's commitment in grave doubt

Following a 5-0 thrashing at the hands of Toowoomba United last weekend, Inala City coach Derek Crawford has called for more commitment from his players.

Crawford believes his side must dig deeper than it did against Toowoomba if it is to be competitive in this year's competition.

"The result against Toowoomba flattered us," Crawford said.

"The scoreline really should've been a lot bigger, but they just couldn't finish their chances off.

"There's no doubt Toowoomba will beat teams by bigger margins than that this year, but there was no excuse for us dropping our bundles like we did."

The Inala coach prides himself on the club's fighting tradition and believes this year's team is yet to think like the teams of old.

"No game at the moment is going to be easy for us," Crawford said.

"So it's important we knuckle down and foster the right sort of commitment during matches and get a bit more feeling about who we're playing for."

Crawford is confident Sunday's game against Slacks Creek could be a turning point for his side.

He believes a win away from home could be just what his side needs to get back on track.

"I think it will do us good to be away from home this week," the Inala coach said.

"If we can get a win at Slacks Creek and then return home the following week, I think it will dispel a lot of the negativity that's currently in the club."



## 'READ' between the LINES

With  
Brent  
Read

The practice of coaches targeting certain players and their perceived weaknesses has been around since Adam played left back for the Jerusalem XI.

And in the modern game, it's as prevalent as ever. Whether it be targeting a player's perceived hot temper with some well chosen words of their perceived lack of pace.

It can mean the difference between winning and losing.

I know when I was at Taringa, there were certain players in the game who we always felt we could put off their game with a few well-directed sledges.

A push here, a nudge there. A comment about someone's heritage. As much as it's despised, sledging is a big part of the game.

I always believed you do whatever possible to get on top of your opponent. A 200-game veteran is as ripe for the picking as a first gamer.

But if you've played 200 games chances are that sort of thing is waste of time.

On the other hand, a guy playing in his first game is more than likely going to be rattled if he's targeted with some sledging or a bit of off-the-ball activity.

The good players learn to accept it and actually enjoy it. Of course, it can have the reverse effect. Certain players become fired up and play better.

The art of exposing an opposition's physical weakness is something coaches spend hours ploughing over in the week before the game.

That's why I was shocked to hear this week of attempts by club's to expose a perceived lack of pace in Brisbane City sweeper Mark Bennett.

Now Benny would be the first to admit he's no General Nediym when it comes to footspeed.

At Taringa last year, players were encouraged to run at Benny. More often than not he won the battle and was more than willing to let us know about it after the game.



Steve Jackson - a former National League player and now sweeping for Brisbane Lions has plenty between the ears

But word has seeped through this week of further attempts to beat the wily veteran with sheer pace.

The fact is it takes more than pace to beat the best sweepers in the XXXX League.

Look at the guys who stand out. Players like Gary Brattan, Demetri Theochari and Steve Jackson.

None would give Linford Christie a scare. But along with Benny, the guys have speed between the ears.

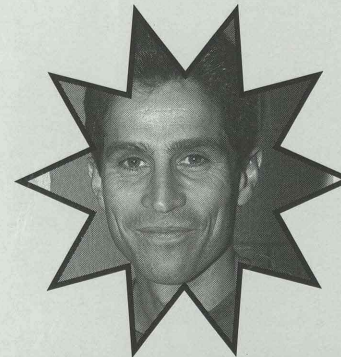
A quick thinker will always beat a quick runner. The game remains 90% mental and 10% physical.

All four guys are Donovan Bailey's between the ears. So all you coaches out there, take a hint. You want to beat the best, you'll need more than speed.

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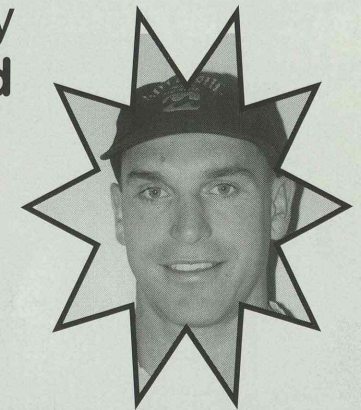
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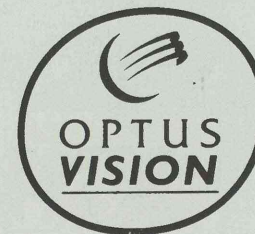
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