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Cover: Goal mouth action at Carmichael Park Tingalpa last weekend, saw Ben Wood puting the pressure on Gold Coast's Martin Simpson and Troy Greenwood. Wynnum ran out the victors 3-0.

# Editorial

Last week's round of matches made for some exciting spectating with many of the more fancied sides losing in upsets.

Taringa Rovers were rolled at home 3-1 by the Bundaberg Waves and the Ipswich Knights got pounded 6-0 by Mt Gravatt in what many thought should have been a tough close match.

Wynnum took care of the Gold Coast 3-0 and Lions got the points in a thriller against Rochedale Rovers.

League leaders Brisbane City inflicted a devastating 8-2 defeat on Beenleigh and while City surge out in front, one can only speculate as to the cause for Beenleigh's poor showing to date.

On paper, Beenleigh is a far better side than early season form would suggest with the likes of Ditton, Stowers and Forshaw.

However, despite what the adage might suggest, whether a team wins or loses means everything and it is up to Phil Kerr to try and bring a winning formula to the Beenleigh outfit.

Other news from the weekend centres on the response of players, coaches and spectators to the extreme playing conditions (ie: the heat).

Many XXXX Premier league coaches consider the heat of the last few weeks to be life threatening to players who are forced to compete in the afternoon sun.

One local scribe has taken it upon himself to address the issue in a "Letter to the Editor" which can be found in "Mailbox" on page 4 of this magazine.

An addition to this week's issue is the inclusion of all the results from the Brisbane Southern Districts Junior Soccer Association. Apologies to all the kids in the Northern Region but it is a little difficult to print the tables when the Association does not supply them.

Finally, congratulations to Rochedale goalkeeper Graham Ross and wife Natalie, who became parents of a baby boy early Saturday morning.

# MAILBOX

Dear Sir,

Reading your editorial recently I have impression that someone is interested in the game enough to listen. That is, all in the course of improving the game. Maybe the experience of rank and file supporter over this weekend could highlight some obvious facts.

Saturday night: Rochedale v Lions 7pm... Pleasant evening. Game was fairly well balanced, mobile, with decent pace maintained throughout the entire match. Bits of brilliance, bits of brawn. Surface was conducive to quality, referee had intention to protect SKILL. People enjoyed their meal, drink. After all cooling night invited to this activities.

Sunday early afternoon: Taringa v Bundaberg 2.45pm... Sitting on the club balcony, checking with two friends why I'm wet all over under the T-shirt. Relief, I am not sick. Others perspiring profusely as well. That is sitting in the shade. Having a beer in the meantime. After the second stubby, refusal to have any more. Anybody tried to drink a beverage in a debilitating heat or to have a meal? Twenty-two brave men getting ready on the field. After about 20 minutes they succumbed to the inevitable, the adverse conditions. Game switched into pedestrian mode with occasional attempt to lift the pace and to follow game plan. Bad signs starting to appear. Players getting physical. Result matters. Result for spectators is bad, result for game is bad.

Could anybody from the QSF who made decision, please explain why most of the games are scheduled at 2.45pm Sunday? Ask coaches, players, spectators. They want the game at night and preferably Friday or Saturday, so they can have Sunday free for other activities. Brisbane Strikers do not play

Sunday or at 2.45pm. Common sense. We live in hot and humid Queensland and the day off after the game is the best for everybody.

The only explanation regarding games scheduled for Sundays is, as far as I know that it would not interfere with Strikers home games. What merit does it have? A game played at 2.45pm finishes at 4.30pm. Strikers play at 7.00pm. That gives ample two and a half hours to get there. That is, if XXXX League would be played on Saturday. Even from the Gold Coast the time on hand is to get there comfortably.

Furthermore after state league to watch national league in the same day is like putting icing on the cake. But we, soccer fraternity, are denied this opportunity as well as we are denied Sunday as the day off. Friday and Saturday night games are the best for players, spectators, meals, drinks. And as a common sense compromise with Strikers home games are Saturday 2.45pm or 3.45pm, or on Friday nights.

Result of current arrangement? Dwindling numbers of spectators in afternoon games, number of poor games due to adverse conditions.

So there we go. I waited five rounds to see, to hear, to read reactions of coaches, players, spectators. So I put it down on paper. This is my first letter to you. Do not expect more. Even my closest folk do not get letters from me.

Ivan Matula, Macgregor

I agree that the unseasonal heat, as highlighted on page 3 of Tuesday's Courier Mail, is very telling on players and spectators alike. It stated that Sunday's temperatures were 6-8 degrees above normal, phew! As to why the games are played on Sunday? Well Ivan, that is the clubs' choice. Only two clubs in the Premier League have chosen to play at night, Rochedale and Beenleigh.



## Goal avalanche in top grade

Round 5 of XXXX League fixtures produced an avalanche of goals. In fact 28 were scored in the five Premier League matches, with more than a third scored in Brisbane City's 8-2 victory over Beenleigh

Chris Slater (pictured) again led the City charge. He opened the scoring with a free header in the 12th minute, troubled the scorers again ten minutes later, and notched up his hat-trick after just half an hour.

Assisting Slater in the scoring department were his former Strikers team mates Damian Waugh, who found the net twice and Danny Wright.

Young midfielder Barry Wilkinson also chimed in with two goals, including a penalty.

To their credit Beenleigh scored two goals in as many minutes through Paul Lederhose and Danny Stowers.

But their charge came far too late and could not disguise a disgustingly lazy performance.

There were also several upsets in Round 5, with the biggest one being Mount Gravatt's amazing 6-0 win over the Ipswich Knights.

Spectators would have been asking themselves if it was the same Knights outfit that so easily disposed of Rochedale the previous week.

Mike Mulvey's side was handed a real lesson, led by Trevor Evans, who netted three times for the visiting Mount Gravatt team.

To make things worse for the Knights, Willie Carter came off the bench for the visitors to score a double, with Stuart Collins rounding the scoring off.

Bundaberg also upset the balance of the table by posting a 3-1 victory over Taringa.

Goals to John Giovannoni, Laurie Stevenson and Nick Maas, giving the visitors the edge.



The home side's only joy came in the form of a second half goal to Richard Hilli.

The other major upset of the round happened at Carmichael Park, where Wynnum easily downed the in-form Gold Coast City outfit 3-0.

Luke Adair opened the scoring for the Wolves at the 15 minute mark, with Bill McDermott and Ben Wood finishing the visiting team off in the second half.

It was a remarkable reversal in form for the Coast, who only the previous week upset Miron Bleiberg's Brisbane Lions.

And it was possibly that victory which prompted a big game from Bleiberg's boys last weekend at Rochedale's Underwood Park.

Despite a double from Clayton Koch, Lions proved too strong for the home side, with goals to Steve Jackson, Michael Brockwell, and Frank Mengotti (again), giving them a 3-2 victory.



## PREMIER PREVIEW - BEENLEIGH V Ipswich Knights

Beenleigh and the Ipswich Knights will be playing for pride this week after both sides suffered demoralising defeats in round 5.

Beenleigh have had a forgettable start to the season and find themselves on the bottom of the league ladder on zero points.

Last week's 8-2 thumping at the hands of leaders Brisbane City was at best "a shocker" and has left coach Phil Kerr with a lot work to do during the week.

"I train the team how to play but when the players go out on the park, it's up to them to do the job and at the moment, that's not happening," Kerr said.

"People are making basic mistakes and are not following instructions and not surprisingly, we're getting punished for it.

"Unless I saw the City game, I wouldn't have believed we could perform that badly, and we played like anything but a team."

Kerr said Beenleigh needed to take some points off the Knights this week to stay in the hunt with the competition's top sides.

"It's definitely an important game for us as we've lost five in a row so there is no easy game for us," he said.

"I believe they're (Knights) going to be a physical, robust side and are likely to be pretty hard to handle.

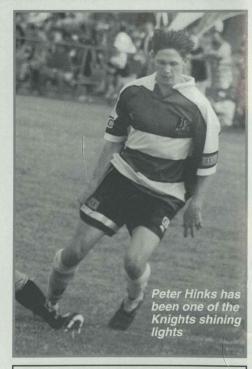
"They'll be fired up for a big game and we've got to regroup and put a bit of thought into how we approach the match.

"My guys have got to ensure they get involved and start playing as a team."

While the Knights have had a slightly better start to the season that includes victories against Rochedale and Wynnum, the side was stung last week by a rampant Mount Gravatt outfit to the tune of 6-0.

It was a disappointing result for Mike Mulvey's team, particularly after their fine result against Rochedale the previous week.

But more concerning was the unexpected poor showing by a highly talented and experienced squad of players.



### **BEENLEIGH V IPSWICH KNIGHTS**

Chris Green Park, Beenleigh Friday April 3, 7.30 pm

#### BEENLEIGH

- Chris Roche
- 2 Kieren Galloway
- Michael Lipscombe
- **Brett Jones**
- Steven Forshaw
- Wayne Hinton
- Fotis Skordou
- Jarrod Austin
- Brett Druery
- 10 Bradley Ditton
- 11 Alan Spiers
- 12 Michael Rooney
- 13 Daniel Stowers
- 14 Michael Bettridge
- 15 Lee Preston
- 16 Michael Kalic
- 17 Paul Lederhose
- 18 Marc Lederhose 19 Grant Martin
- 20 Chris Balke

#### **IPSWICH KNIGHTS**

- 1 Barney Smith 2 Andrew King
- 3 Nick Seeley
  - Brett Wilkinson

  - 5 Pat Boyle
  - 6 Darren Spence
  - Brenley Jefferd
  - John Clark
  - **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

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Bundaberg v Brisbane City

Brisbane City travels north to clash with the Bundaberg Waves in the match of the round at the Thabeban Sports Complex on Saturday evening.

This should be a fabulous contest with City the in-form team of the competition and Waves always a tough proposition at home.

City's "purple month" continued last week with an emphatic 8-2 trouncing of league cellardwellers Beenleigh.

However, City coach Bobby Hamilton said he was weary of the threat of complacency.

"It was a great performance by the lads as there was some terrific football played and some wonderful goals scored," he said.

"We put a lot of effort into running off the ball and supporting the player with the ball at training and it's very satisfying when the guys take those experiences and repeat them during the game.

"We're probably on a bit of high at the moment as we're playing with a lot of confidence, but we can't afford to get complacent, especially against a team like Bundaberg this weekend."

Last year, Bundaberg inflicted a 5-1 defeat on City and Hamilton said Waves' good form of the last couple rounds "has not gone unnoticed".

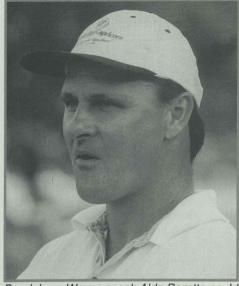
"They (Waves) took four goals off Wynnum two weeks ago and three against Taringa last week so they're certainly playing good football," Hamilton said.

"To be honest, it's a good thing we're facing Bundaberg when they're on their game as it will ensure the lads concentrate on the task at hand."

Waves coach Aldo Baretta said his side was looking forward to the challenge of taking on the premiership favourites.

"Without a doubt, City will go into this match with us as firm favourites," he said. "They're undefeated and are banging in a lot of goals.

"However, we're expecting a big home crowd and I think we'll give them a run for their money."



Bundaberg Waves coach Aldo Baretta could not believe his fortune when his side handed Taringa a 3-1 lesson last weekend... he hopes they can repeat the dose against the league leaders on Saturday night

## **BUNDABERG V BRISBANE CITY**

Thabeban Sports Complex, Bundaberg Saturday April 4, 7.00pm

**BRISBANE CITY** 

1 Daniel Duke

2 Warren Cooley

Damon Voss

5 Wayne Strange

8 Chris Slater (c)

9 Damien Waugh

10 Danny Wright

12 Robert Kidd

14 (Not Allocated)

15 Mark Luburic

16 Mark Jenkins

11 Shane Haddow

13 Darvl Anderson

Barry Wilkinson

4 Mark Bennett

6 Scott Elliott

#### BUNDABERG

- 1 Michael Bainbridge
- 2 Peter Bock
- 3 Neil Trebbin
- Andrew Donnison
- 5 John Giovannoni
- 6 Tony Roebuck (vc)
- 7 Luke Graham
- 8 Patrick Conway
- 9 Rauvami Madigi
- 10 Rooney Cooper
- 11 Jason Chapman
- 12 Chris Wilson
- 13 (Not Allocated)
- 14 Mathew Barritt
- 15 Tony Giovannoni
- 16 Paul Fagan (c)
- 17 Stephen Mack
- 18 (Not Allocated)
- 19 (Not Allocated)
- 20 Cale Driver
- 17 Damon Tune 18 Eddie Azorello
- 19 (Not Allocated)
- 20 Adriano Taraborrelli

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Brisbane Lions v Wynnum Wolves

The Wynnum Wolves, fresh from an impressive victory last week, travel to Richlands Stadium on Sunday to clash with second placed Brisbane Lions.

The Wolves convincingly accounted for league newcomers Gold Coast, winning 3-0 at Carmichael Park, and surged into equal 4th (fifth on goals for and against) on the points table.

It was an impressive performance considering the side got walloped 4-1 by the Bundaberg Waves in round 4.

"It was a big result for us and certainly an impressive win after a poor showing in Bundaberg the week before," Wolves coach George Cowie said.

"The lads bounced back well last week and displayed a lot of commitment and a will to win.

"To be fair, it probably wasn't the best game of football as the conditions weren't conducive to a quality game.

"We like to play the ball from the back but we decided to play a more direct game of football and in the end, we got the result we were after."

Round 5 was a weekend of unpredictable results, with City and Mt Gravatt winning by six goal margins and Taringa losing 1-3 to Bundaberg.

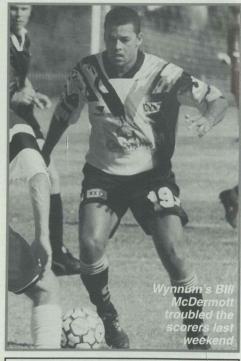
Cowie said the results emphasised the closeness of the competition.

"Every week is a big game as there will be no easy games and we must ensure that we take the same positive approach against every team we play," he said.

"Last week we did the job against the Gold Coast and this week we need to reproduce that performance against Lions.

"Lions is never an easy place to go and get points, but I always believe that my team is capable of winning games."

Steve Jackson and Frank Mengotti both found themselves on the score sheet last week against Rochedale and the experienced duo are likely to cause a lot of headaches for the youthful Wolves outfit.



### **BRISBANE LIONS V WYNNUM**

Lions Stadium, Richlands Sunday April 5, 2.45 pm

#### **BRISBANE LIONS**

- Jason Lucas
- David Lonsdale (c)
- Darren Sime Clifford Tuck
- 5 Paul Worroll 6 Mark Geritz
- 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 Wade Cannon
- 18 Greg Di-Losa 20 Darren Hillier
- 21 Robert Farrow

### WYNNUM DISTRICT

- **Kevin Tatton** 2 Luke Adair
  - 3 (Not allocated)
    - 4 Nigel McClure
    - Ricky McKinless
    - 6 Tony McKinless (c)
    - Matt Campion
    - 8 Paul Wilkins Mark Wilkins
    - 10 Ben Wood
    - 11 Nick Hadland
    - 12 Darrell Grundy 13 (Not Allocated)
    - 14 Stuart Popplewell
    - 15 Andrew Davidson
    - 16 Shane Gilrov 17 (Not Allocated)
    - 18 Damien Rogers
    - 19 Bill McDermott
    - 20 Garth McCulloch

# Hilli in compensation battle

Taringa Rovers and new XXXX League club Ipswich Knights were last week embroiled in a massive compensation battle. At the centre of the dispute was Richard Hilli, a young player who had been with Coalstars for nine years and had decided to switch camps with Taringa. Ipswich wanted \$15,000 as compensation for the 22 year old... they got \$3,000. But the question begs. How did the tribunal come up with that figure?

It's a question QSF General Manager Alan Vessey said was raised frequently by clubs, who were not fully aware of the differences between transfer and compensation fees.

"If a player wishes to move to another club while he is still under contract, than a transfer fee which reflects the current market condition is applicable," Vessey said.

"When a contract is concluded, the player is only subject to a compensation fee, which must relate directly to the contribution of the club to the status of the player. The contribution of the player to his current status and any other contributing factors are also considered."

So what then of Hilli... a 22 year old who began playing soccer at age 12 with Coalstars. and could not even make the first team for his age group?

"Richie had been with the club for nine years, went through the junior ranks here, played his first game with the top side at 17, and went on to become a member of the OAS," Ipswich President Wayne Mitchell said.

"When he left us at the end of last season. he was one of the highest profile players in the XXXX League, had represented Queensland at the senior level, and had always polled highly for the Clem Jones Gold Medal, so we thought \$15,000 was very reasonable."

However Hilli's new club, Taringa, thought the request was outrageous.

"We were amazed by the initial figure, and because we'd had experience with these things before, we knew they were completely out of whack with the system," Rovers President Glenn Collinson said.

"We offered Ipswich \$1,500 but we had



budgeted for \$3,000. In the end that's the figure the tribunal came up with, and we think that was fair when you take into account other compensations being bandied around."

But the Ipswich President does not agree. He believes at \$3,000 Hilli was a bargain.

"I don't think there's any doubt he'll play National League so I think they got great value," Mitchell said.

He believes the whole compensation/ transfer fee system should undergo a massive restructure and the clubs should be educated as to how these fees were derived.

"A lot of clubs don't know how tribunals decide on these figures," Mitchell said.

"I think there needs to be more clarification on the entire system and possibly even a total

"The way it is at the moment there's also little protection for clubs who pay the initial compensation fee. Under the rules if Richie wants to come back after twelve months, he could do it and it would coast us next to nothing."

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Gold Coast v Taringa Rov

Taringa Rovers will go into the match with the Gold Coast on Sunday eager to maintain contact with the competition's top teams.

Taringa's indifferent form early in the season sees the side in equal 4th place on seven points, eight points behind leaders Brisbane City and two points in arrears of the Coast.

Last week, Rovers were upstaged at home 3-1 by a determined Waves unit and coach John Ogden said concentration was a key factor to the poor showing.

"Our guys have got to realise that every team is going to be difficult and at no stage can they afford to relax," he said.

"At half time, I thought we were well in control of the game... we had a lot of opportunities but didn't put any away.

"They (Waves) scored early in the second half and we seemed to lose our shape and in the end, we just fell away."

Ogden said he had an idea of what to expect from the Gold Coast after the two sides met earlier this year in the pre-season cup.

"We played them (the Coast) in the Silver Boot competition, although both teams were experimenting so it might not have been the best indicator," Ogden said.

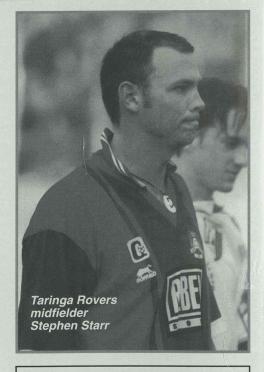
"They're a very quick side, but if we concentrate and convert our chances, I'm very confident we can come away with the three points."

Gold Coast coach Paul Cockbain said he believed his side would benefit from playing in front of a parochial Coast crowd.

"Playing at home against any team is a big asset in my opinion," he said.

"Taringa probably haven't had the results that they would have expected at this stage of the season, but I still think that they'll be up there at the end of the season so this is an important game for us.

"Wynnum completely outplayed us last match and we need to get back on track this week with a strong performance."



## **GOLD COAST V TARINGA ROVERS**

Glennon Park, Nerang Sunday April 5, 2.45pm

#### **GOLD COAST CITY**

- 1 Martin Simpson
- 2 Tom Protuder
- Adam Havward Mick Richardson
- Trevor Wood
- **Brett Adams**
- Col Phelan
- 8 Jade Flack Trov 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

### **TARINGA ROVERS**

- 1 Scott Higgins
- 2 Scott Robertson 3 Laurence Inunciaga
- Stephen Starr
- 5 Joel Hale
- 6 Steve Dawe Des Hughes
- Demitri Theochari
- Robert Laslo
- 10 Richard Hilli 11 Brett Allen
- 12 (Not Allocated)
- 13 Scott Rocker
- 14 Clinton McDermott
- 15 Aaron Bakker 16 Shaun Molenda
- 17 Cameron Williamson
- 18 Martin Matula 19 Warren Allen
- 20 Brett Dickens

## PREMIER PREVIEW - MT GRAVATT V ROCHEDALE ROV

Mt Gravatt and Rochedale Rovers do battle in a classic local derby encounter at Dittmer Park on Sunday afternoon.

Mt Gravatt got their first win of the season last week, crushing the Ipswich Knights 6-0.

Coach Steve Faulkner quipped he was devastated by being upstaged by City's huge win against Beenleigh.

"I couldn't believe City did us," he joked. "In all seriousness, I was really ecstatic after the match as the lads played absolutely brilliantly.

"They kept going for the full 90 minutes and some of the football they were playing was superb.

"I was particularly pleased for Trevor Evans who scored a hat-trick for us.

"He had a strong pre-season, but I haven't played him of late after he had a bad game against the Gold Coast.

"To his credit, he took his chance last week and deserved his man of the match award."

Traditionally, Rochedale/Mt Gravatt clashes have been fierce encounters and Faulkner said his side was looking forward to the chance of reversing last year's loss to Rovers in the semifinal of the Silver Boot competition.

"There's a lot of rivalry between the two clubs and in recent years, Rochedale have been the premier club in the area," he said.

"We're always keen to knock them off and hopefully, we'll continue on from where we left off last week."

Rochedale coach Peter Bannon said last week's 3-2 loss to Lions, although disappointing, was not all doom and gloom.

"It was probably as well as we've played so far this season as we're starting to play with a lot more commitment," he said.

"There's still room for improvement, but I thought we were a little unlucky not to get something from the match.

"We'll be working hard at training this week and trying to make some further improvements this Sunday against Mt Gravatt."



Rochedale striker Clayton Koch scored a double against Lions last weekend

### MT GRAVATT V ROCHEDALE ROV

Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt Sunday April 5, 2:45pm

#### **MOUNT GRAVATT**

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

**ROCHEDALE ROVERS** 

1 Graham Ross

2 Troy Wickstein

3 Ross Davidson

5 Damian Harris

7 Steve Fitzsimmons

4 Michael Lane

8 Michael Legg

10 Clayton Koch

11 John Weatherby

6 Eddie Lees

9 Andy Lees

- 16 Aaron Baldwin
- 17 Gary Brattan 18 Andy Monement
- 19 Anton Beronic
- 20 Robert Bajic

## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

# fish for Rocklea

Rocklea United are preparing for their biggest test of the season when they host Capalaba at Dunn Road this Sunday.

Both sides are coming off big wins and Rocklea coach Allan Hughes believes a win against the Bulldogs could be a sign of things to come for his young charges.

"There's no doubt this will be our biggest test to date," Hughes said.

"We've had some impressive wins but we're yet to play a team that's as experienced as Capalaba.

"If we can come away from this match with three points, then I think a lot of teams will be watching out for us for the rest of the season."

But the Rocklea coach is not just hopeful of victory, he's also very confident.

"We've instilled a lot of discipline in this year's side. The boys are on a high, the confidence is there... we just have to carry it into Sunday's game."

One player whom Hughes will be expecting big things of is attacking midfielder Michael Babic.

The young player has been in scintillating form for his club this season, and last week's game against Inala was no exception.

"We knew we had to change our game plan against Inala and get the ball forward a lot quicker," Hughes said.

"So we decided to push Michael forward a bit and give him a free reign." It paid off. He scored two of Rocklea's six goals.

Hughes knows Capalaba will be a different kettle of fish again, and he's looking forward to reverting back to his one-touch style of play.

"We're not getting carried away. We're still on a learning curve and we know we must keep our feet firmly planted on the ground."

## Different kettle of | Souths aim for string of wins

After experimenting with his side in last night's Queensland Cup match against Jimboomba, Souths United coach Matt Carson is confident of victory this Sunday against Olympic.

The Souths coach has had two Cup matches to try different things out with his side, and now he believes he has the right balance to upset one of the competition's high-flyers.

"I'm happy with what I've seen from the side so far this year and if there's one lesson to be learned from our recent matches, it's simply this... the way you train is the way you play," Carson said.

"I think some of the lads need to realise that what they're taught at training they must carry onto the field." Carson criticised some of his players for taking too much time on the ball during games, singling out a massive goalkeeping blunder which he believes cost his side dearly in their first round Ansett Cup match with Pine Rivers.

But the Souths coach said he had put that behind him and was now intent on helping his side string together a series of victories.

"What we need is to win three or four games on the trot," Carson said. "If we do that then I think we'll see a very different attitude at training and on match days, and I believe the boys will be a lot more positive in their approach to each game."

Carson said a win against Olympic would be just the platform his side needed to commence its string of victories.

"A win against a side the calibre of Olympic would do us a world of good and I think it would give the boys plenty of confidence when they faced other gun sides throughout the season."

## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

## Creek chasing pride over Ridge

Slacks Creek are looking to regain some lost pride when they host Acacia Ridge this Sunday.

Creek are coming off a 5-1 hiding at the hands of Capalaba, and coach Danny Docherty is still seething over his players' lack of commitment during that match.

"We were totally outclassed in all areas of the park," Docherty said.

"They were a lot more hungrier than we were and I think our players have to take a good look at themselves and decide exactly whether or not they want to play senior football."

Docherty said there would be several changes to last week's defeated squad. He has several players returning from suspension and he is still deciding whether or not to promote a few of the club's younger reserves players.

"I think some of the players need to be taught a lesson so I won't be averse to experimenting with a few new faces this week," Docherty said.

"We can't go any lower than what we are at the moment. I just hope some of the players do a bit of soul searching during the week and start to give a bit more commitment on match-day."

Compounding Docherty's worries is the departure of big sweeper Ty Banister, who has quit the club for family reasons.

"When I saw the early draw I was confident we could get off to a good start and have 12 points at this stage," Docherty said.

"Instead it's been a very disillusioning start, and I think the players have to take a lot of the responsibility.

"They have to lift their attitudes and start fostering a will to win before we can even start to threaten some of the sides in this league."

The Slacks Creek coach hoping for a miracle change in his players, at training this week.

## Inala City in must win game

Inala coach Derek Crawford has labelled this week's match against Redlands, a "must win affair" for his side.

Inala is languishing near the bottom of the table, but they have played nearly all of the top teams in the southern division, and Crawford believes games against teams like Redlands are the ones his side must win, if they are to mount any sort of title challenge.

"This game and games like it are real pressure matches for us," Crawford said.

"Redlands, like a number of other teams, haven't gotten away from us so it's important we win these matches so that we can rejoin the rest of the field."

Crawford's side copped a 6-2 thrashing by Rocklea last weekend, but despite the scoreline the rookie coach was quick to point out a number of positives from the match.

"We could've been two goals up in the first five minutes and I think if we had have converted those chances then it would've been a totally different ball game," the Inala coach

"I was pleased with the number of chances we created, I think we just have to patch up our defence and stop conceding so many goals.

"But you can't take anything away from Rocklea's performance either. They were brilliant in the first 15 minutes. They scored three goals in that time and played some superb football."

Crawford also cited a lack of attitude from some of his players, as another reason for the side's poor start.

"Not only are we missing chances but some of the players are still yet to develop that fighting spirit that needs to be within the side," the coach said.

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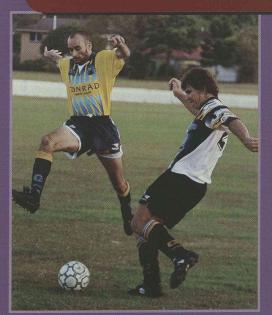
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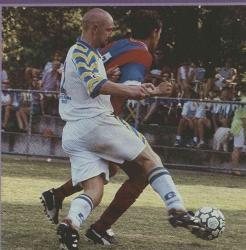
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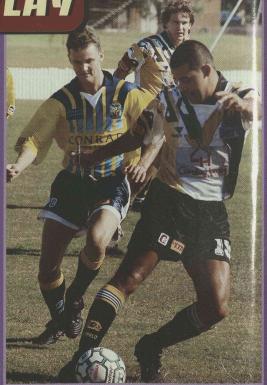


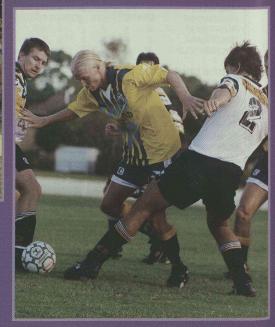
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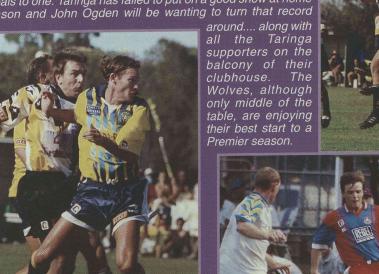








Action was fast and plenty during the 28 "Goalfeast" weekend of the XXXX Premier League. Wynnum found the net three times to Gold Coast's zip and Taringa surprisingly went down to the Boys from Bundy three goals to one. Taringa has failed to put on a good show at home this season and John Ogden will be wanting to turn that record





## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

# Thistle v Mitchy a tough encounter

A shock 1-0 win over Newmarket last weekend has given Paddy Higgins' Grange Thistle outfit some renewed confidence coming into their tough Round 6 match against Mitchelton.

Scott Hawkins' strike five minutes before time gave Thistle the three valuable competition points at Newmarket, which Higgins said has lifted some weight off his struggling side.

"It was very pleasing to come away from Newmarket with a win," Higgins said.

"But more than anything else it was a confidence thing for us, a real morale booster for the boys.

"The players know now that they can take competition points away from teams in this League."

But despite the victory, Higgins believes his side can play much better football than what they showed last weekend.

"Neither team played exceptionally well on the weekend, so I guess it was a bonus to come away with a win," the Grange coach said.

"We had quite a few opportunities, particularly in the second half when we missed three open chances, which would have to be taken against Mitchelton this weekend."

The Thistle coach knows his side is in for a tough time against the second placed Mitchy side on Friday night, but he believes it is important to come away with another good result, given his young team's gruelling schedule over the next fortnight.

"It'll be a tough match. They're the form side of the competition and we certainly won't be taking them lightly," Higgins said.

"But last weekend's win may help the boys

settle down and relax a bit, and start to play with a bit more confidence.

"I think if we do that, then we could just surprise a few of the pundits out there."

# Dominant Easts face North Star

Eastern Suburbs are eager to continue their dominance of the Semi-Pro North competition when they take on a resurgent North Star at Heath Park on Sunday.

Easts have a three point lead at the top of the table and are coming off a solid 2-0 win over the University of Queensland.

"They played a very harassing style of football," Tigers coach Jim Quinn said.

"But I told the boys to be patient and in the end we prevailed. It was one of those games we had to win, because I believe if you have any title aspirations then you must put in the hard yards away from home."

With arguably one of the best squads in the competition, Quinn is confident his side can put a stop to North Star's recent run of form.

"They seem to be getting better week to week," the Tigers coach said.

"They're always tough to beat and they always have a fairly good side, but I think if we do the simple things right we'll have too much flair for them."

Quinn cited his midfield playmakers Alan Hilton and Craig Collins as the keys to this weekend's match.

"They are the sort of players who can turn a match."

The Tigers coach is still hesitant about bringing his other big signing, Ibro Cahut, into the first team at the moment though.

He believes the former National League player is still a match away from peak fitness.

## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

# Rivers expect a tough N'market

Consistency has been the key word in the Pine Rivers camp this weekend, with coach Frank Pimblett hoping to maintain his side's recent run of good form.

A 2-1 Ansett Cup away victory against Souths United has restored some faith in the Rivers coach, who believes his side is beginning to find the qualities that make up a champion side.

"The young lads in the side are learning there aren't any easy games in senior football," Pimblett said.

"They've come from behind in our last two games and for a young side that's a good quality to have.

"Not that I want them to get too used to coming from behind," the Rivers coach joked.

Pimblett said his side would not underestimate a wounded Newmarket outfit this Sunday.

He believes his visiting opponents will be extremely fired up for a big game, following their 1-0 loss to Grange last weekend.

"That result really wasn't a shock to me because Grange have got some good young players," Pimblett said.

"But you can rest assured that Newmarket will turn up here on Sunday ready to play and ready to win.

"What we must do is prepare ourselves for that and be just as ready and just as fired up as they're going to be."

Despite the absence of experienced defender John Cartwright, Pimblett's main concern is how his team will adapt to playing during the day.

"Our last day-time performance against Easts was one of the worst performances that I've seen from the club," Pimblett said.

"We just didn't adapt to the conditions at all

and played particularly poorly.

"But I think we learned a few lessons from that match and hopefully the lads will put that behind them this weekend.

"If they can do that and concentrate on doing the little things right, then I have no doubt we can come away with the three points.

# Saftich makes changes for Uni

Coach of The Gap Mauro Saftich has hinted at changes to his defensive line following his side's 4-1 loss to Mitchelton on the weekend.

Saftich believes several fundamental errors at the back denied his team a chance at victory, and he has not ruled out a few changes to his squad for Sunday's game against the University of Queensland.

"I think the football we played last weekend was some of the best stuff we've played all year," Saftich said.

"But we made some silly mistakes at the back... A-B-C stuff. They created three chances all game and scored off all three.

"At the other end we knocked the ball around quite well in the heat and had several good chances ourselves but their keeper had a blinder."

Saftich said he would experiment with his lineup during this week's Queensland Cup matches before making a final decision on his side for Sunday's Round 6 fixture.

But the wily coach believes the match against Uni is one his side should win.

"I know they have a lot of speed and they'll be full of running, but if we tighten up at the back then we should win," The Gap coach said.

Saftich has little to worry about in the injury and suspension departments, with hard working midfielder Cameron Pearse making a welcome return to the squad.

# BEFORE THE WHISTLE



After one month, its timely to have a quick look at tables and placings of the aspiring Premiership winners and top four candidates.

In the Semi Pros, Easts still remain unbeaten and have a three point jump over Mitchelton, who in turn are three points from The Gap, but just look how jammed it is from that point down, in the Southern Division Toowoomba enjoy a five point lead, however next weekend they play their first round Ansett Cup match which could enable Rocklea to close the gap, Capalaba and Olympic are level pegging, but again very tight in the lower half of the table with poor old Slacks Creek still without a win.

In Amateur 1 Annerley have four out of four with the surprise packet being newly promoted Brothers in second place, but we then have nine teams only separated by two points!

Amateur 2 is very tight from top to bottom, good to see Oxley vying for honours even at this early stage in the season, Division 3 has four teams vainly seeking to get an edge on the others, likewise Division 4 has Ipswich, Slacks Creek and Capalaba all looking, even at this early stage, for honours. Division 5 has five teams a mere one point apart, whilst Capalaba, at present, is running away with Division 6, but Uni, Taringa and the Knights will all have a say in that come next month.

### Semi Pro Div 1 North

Grange Thistle have the first match of the weekend with a home win against Mitchelton, Thistle fresh from their big away win last week may even sneak a draw in this one, but it will be tough.

In the Sunday games it will be tight between Pine Rivers and Newmarket, but home ground advantage points to a narrow home win, The Gap will be looking to repair last week's debacle with a three pointer over University, and, despite the students having some say in this, I think they will be successful, whilst difficult to see anything to see other than a win for Easts over North Star.

#### **Semi Pro Div 1 South**

All matches are on Sunday afternoon, with two struggling teams meeting in the Slacks Creek v Acacia Ridge match, surely neither side can languish in the nether regions much longer, both sides desperate to get out of their current position, it could be a first up win for the Creek. Tremendous match in prospect at Dunn Road between Rocklea and Capalaba, this will sorely test the mettle of the home side, a score draw is a likely result, failing which a narrow home win. Inala trip down to the Cleveland Showgrounds, where the boys in red will be out to show that their one win to date is not a flash in the pan, this will be a real battle of wits between the two coaches, both of whom are known to be reasonably vocal, could be a second big win for the home side. Last match sees highscoring Olympic make the trip to Runcorn, where the quiet achievers have been putting away some excellent results of late, could be a big upset home win in this one.

#### **Amateur Division 1**

Last Saturday I went out to Memorial Park Bulimba, where the Brisbane City Council has done the suburb proud, as the atmosphere in Oxford Street is quite bohemian, and, and the large children's playground on the corner of Oxford and Stewart Streets is very popular, judging by the thirty plus ankle biters that I saw.

I ran into an old friend of mine David Nugent, one of our former top referees and who is still putting plenty back into the game by inspecting some of the young up and comings. We chattered about old times, made the odd disparaging comment about the standard of football today, and generally had a most amiable reminiscing period. Dave then went on his way

to make himself comfortable to inspect the match official I unfolded my chair and made myself comfortable on the sideline.

It was a beautiful warm day, light gentle breeze, and all appeared to be very pleasant with life .....

The whistle blew, the match commenced, and in seconds the ball had been knocked wide to the right for the home team it was picked up by the overlapping fullback, he dodged inside a lunging tackle, went to the byline and cut the ball back beautifully for the onrushing central striker to connect with a diving header, alas, it missed the upright by mere centimeters. The groans amongst the crowd were quite audible in their disappointment. Very soon the visiting team went onto the attack, and then in one sweeping movement the ball switched from the right flank to the left flank and back again, where a beautiful high floated cross went to the far post, in came the visitors' tall lanky flanker, but alas he also missed by mere centimeters, the crowd was quite rapturous in their applause for play that they had seen. Come half time and the match was still locked at nil-nil, and we were all debating as to what moves the coaches would take to break the deadlock in an endeavour to secure the very important 3 points.

The second half commenced where the first one had left off, good close control by players of both sides, the one touch football was a veritable treat, and the entertainment was there for all to see. Many were the attacks down the flanks and through the middle by both teams, on each occasion they were repelled by an exceptionally well marshalled defence with the goalkeepers pulling out all stops to keep their goal intact. The final whistle blew, and the applause around the ground was quite deafening.

Then I felt a hand on my shoulder, and it was Dave shaking me awake, the match that I had been watching was strictly in my dreams, and when I relayed it to Dave, he said 'just as well you dreamt old son, because the only resemblance to the match that I saw and good football was purely coincidental!'

With that we picked up our folding chairs and proceeded to head home. Ah well, there's always next week!

Big clash on Saturday between Annerley and Brothers, which is first v second, and despite Brothers tremendous good form, difficult to see Annerley having any hiccups. Bayside entertain North Pine, with the visitors having an unaccustomed home loss last week, this won't be any easier, I tip another home win. Redcliffe, still celebrating after their massive win last week make the trip up to Goodna where, judging by current performances, it may be another win for the boys from the Peninsula, meanwhile Darra will be looking to pick up a badly needed point in their home game against Southside Eagles.

On Sunday surprise packet Margate are home to Latrobe, and a win to the home side could see them jump into the top four, a big feat for a newly promoted club, Latrobe have been struggling of late, and I think the points will remain on the Peninsula. At Perry Park on Sunday afternoon South Star and Moggill clash, both sides had mixed results last week, but the large wide open pitch would suit the "home side" better, and I think South Star will be successful.

#### **Amateur Division 2**

Highscoring Jimboomba were held scoreless in last week's match at home to Ipswich City, which was certainly a feather in the cap of the visitors, this week's match for Jimboomba will be equally as tough when they host Bethania, somehow I think Jimboomba will put away a few goals and retain maximum points, a rejuvenated Oxley make the trip to Hubner Park, where this will be a little tougher than last week's game, could be a draw or a home win. The two bottom markers meet on Saturday with Archerfield home to Greenbank, neither side is scoring goals, but Archerfield's goal against column is looking a bit grim, desperation points to a home win, whilst the remaining Saturday game between Clairvaux and Pine Hills will be an absolute bottler, there could be lots of goals, it could even be a draw, but I am going for a narrow home win.

Only one match on Sunday could see Ipswich City pick up their second win of the season over a valiant Kingridge.

#### **Amateur Division 3**

Two games on Friday with the first one looking to be a banker for Samford over Oxley, (just look at the visitors' defensive record) whilst in the other night game it should be another win for the home side with Park Ridge being unsuccessful in their trip to Bellbowrie. In the only Saturday game, Woodridge, fresh from their week off last week could look to get back on track with a maximum over Bayside, whilst on Sunday Annerley looks to be a "no-show" against highscoring Logan City Kings, but it will be a tough encounter for Mooroondu when Margate pay a visit, a lot at stake in this one, as both teams are level pegging on points, could be a win for the visitors.

#### **Amateur Division 4**

Friday night will see a most entertaining match at Wolter Park with Easts as the visitors, tremendous incentive in this game, as the loser, if there is one, will remain stranded at the bottom of the table, this is their "Cup final", recent form points to an away win.

Remaining matches are all on Saturday afternoon, with the Knights looking to retain their 100% record over Brisbane Lions, will be a bit tighter between Taringa and The Gap but I think the hosts will be the winners, Mitchelton will be far too good for North Star, it will be an excellent match between Capalaba and Slacks Creek, as these two teams are the remaining undefeated sides in the competition, very difficult to predict a result, but I think the points will remain with the hosts, remaining match should see Acacia Ridge too strong for a valiant Newmarket.

#### **Amateur Division 5**

Four matches in this division are on Friday night, thus leaving a lot of "spare time" for these fellows to catch up on their household duties! Co-leaders Wynnum should enjoy their outing to Samford, to pick up maximum points, it will be a bit tighter in the Albany Creek v Grange

match but I think the visitors will be successful, Slacks Creek, despite the long trip to Strathpine will again be reasonably happy with their efforts, whilst it will be a very, very tight match indeed in the Souths v Mt Gravatt clash, but I think come the whistle at 10.15, the points will remain with the hosts. On Saturday the Knights should be far too strong for University and in the twilight match Brisbane City may pick up their first win of the season over hosts Capalaba.

#### **Amateur Division 6**

There are three Friday night matches, and it looks, on paper at least, to be big wins for all of the home sides. The Knights far too good for Eastern Suburbs, Redlands will pick up another win at the expense of North Star, whilst Brisbane Lions should get back on track in their clash with Newmarket.

On Saturday the new side in this division, Queensland Uni, despite their crushing victory last week will have no joy in their visit to Taringa, whilst there should be another big win for the undefeated leaders Capalaba after Beenleigh have left for the afternoon. Meanwhile on Sunday Annerley will not relish the visit of University, as the hosts could still be shellshocked from last week.

### Next Week's Semi Pro Matches (Round 7)

Saturday April 11 v Souths United Inala City 2.45pm - Freeman Road Acacia Ridge v Rocklea United 2.45pm - Proud Field v Redlands United 7.00pm - John Fredericks Park Toowoomba Utd v Slacks Creek 7.00pm - Gold Park v Grange Thistle Uni of Qld 2.45pm - St Lucia Campus Mitchelton v Pine Rivers Utd 2.45pm - Teralba Park Albany Creek v Eastern Subs 7.00pm - Wolter Park North Star v The Gap

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## How They Fared... here and there

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ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	TOOWOOMBA UTD	0-20 Rd 5
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	2-1 Rd 5
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NORTH PINE	Vs	MARGATE	0-2 Rd 4
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	GOODNA	0- 2 Rd 4
LATROBE	Vs	ANNERLEY	4-1 Rd 4
BROTHERS UTD	Vs	DARRA UTD	
REDCLIFFE	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	4- 1 Rd 4
AMATEUR DIV 1R			4.00.4
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	SOUTH STAR	4-2 Rd 4
NORTH PINE	Vs	MARGATE	1-3 Rd 4
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	GOODNA	2- 0 Rd 4
LATROBE	Vs	ANNERLEY	1-9 Rd 4
BROTHERS UTD	Vs	DARRA UTD	3- 1 Rd 4
REDCLIFFE	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	0-2 Rd 4

AMATEUR DIV 2			
SAMFORD	Vs	KINGSRIDGE	2-1 Rd 4
GREENBANK	Vs	CLAIRVAUX	0-4 Rd 4
OXLEY UTD	Vs	ARCHERFIELD	6-2 Rd 4
BETHANIA	Vs	PARK RIDGE	2-1 Rd 4
JIMBOOMBA	Vs	IPSWICH CITY	0- 0 Rd 4
AMATEUR DIV 2R			
BETHANIA	Vs	PARK RIDGE	1-1 Rd 4
JIMBOOMBA	Vs	IPSWICH CITY	3-0 Rd 4
SAMFORD	Vs	KINGSRIDGE	4- 2 Rd 4
AMATEUR DIV 3			
MARGATE	Vs	BAYSIDE UTD	3- 0 Rd 4
OXLEY UTD	Vs	ANNERLEY	0-5 Rd 4
NORTH PINE	Vs	SAMFORD	3-0 Rd 4
LOGAN CITY KINGS	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	9-2 Rd 4
PARK RIDGE	Vs	MOOROONDU	1-3 Rd 4
AMATEUR DIV 4			
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	CAPALABA	3-3 Rd 4
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	MITCHELTON	5-2 Rd 4
NORTH STAR	Vs	NEWMARKET	4-2 Rd 4
EASTERN SUBS	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	3-6 Rd 4
THE GAP	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	1- 4 Rd 4
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	1- 5 Rd 4
AMATEUR DIV 5			
WYNNUM	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2-1 Rd 4
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	CAPALABA	7- 1 Rd 4
BRISBANE CITY	Vs	MT GRAVATT	0-3 Rd 4
UNI OF QLD	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	2- 0 Rd 4
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	SAMFORD	3- 2 Rd 4
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	0-7 Rd 4
AMATEUR DIV 6			
NORTH STAR	Vs	NEWMARKET	0-3 Rd 4
BEENLEIGH	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	2-7 Rd 4
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	5- 1 Rd 4
UNI OF QLD	Vs	CAPALABA	0-1 Rd 4
EASTERN SUBS	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	1-5 Rd 4
QLD UNIVERSITY	Vs	ANNERLEY	16-0 Rd 4

## Next Week's Premier League Matches

Saturday April 11

Rochedale Rov v Wynnum Wolves 7pm - Underwood Park

Mt Gravatt v Beenleigh 7pm - Dittmer Park

Ipswich Knights v Bundaberg Waves 7pm - Eric Evans Reserve

Brisbane City v Gold Coast 7pm - Spencer Park

Taringa Rovers v Brisbane Lions 7pm - Jack Speare Park

# Stadium call causes uproar

"There were several winners today, but soccer was certainly not one of them".

This was the shared view of Queensland Soccer Federation President Wallace Dann and Brisbane Strikers Chairman Ian Brusasco at the conclusion of Tuesday's briefing at which the State Government's Sports Stadium Policy was announced.

In a joint statement Dann and Brusasco condemned the decision of the State Government to move the Olympic football matches from Suncorp Stadium to the Brisbane Cricket Ground, citing it as a sell out of Soccer on the facilities issue.

Initially encouraged by the Government to provide a multi purpose usage of Suncorp Stadium (pictured) by playing National League and Internationals at the venue and knowing of the likelihood that matches in the Sydney Olympic 2000 Football Tournament would be played there, Soccer has directed all its major event activities to Suncorp Stadium.

"There is great scope to attract international teams to Brisbane in the lead up to the Olympics,

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but existing tenure arrangements for cricket and Australian Rules plus the retention of the cricket wicket area until March 2000 will effectively limit the availability of the Gabba for pre Olympic matches. International teams will expect the pitch at the Olympic venue to be free of such things as a cricket wicket," Dann said, in confirming that an upgraded Suncorp Stadium in accord with the original undertaking of the Government was a far better option for Soccer, as well as Rugby League, than the outcome of this decision.

Both Brusasco and Dann said the decision had the effect of diminishing the opportunities for Brisbane to host International Soccer prior to the Olympic Football Tournament in September 2000.

"This very major soccer event will generate significant economic activity for Queensland and we hold strongly the view that any lasting legacy in the form of improved facilities should be to the benefit of our game. An upgrade of the Gabba offers soccer no such advantage - it is highly unlikely that the venue will ever be used by soccer after the Olympics."

Both concluded that the lack of any residual benefit for Soccer and its supporters (who will provide many of the volunteers to stage the seven match tournament) in itself highlights the injustice of the Government decision.

## THE XXXX REPORT

ROCHEDALE ROVERS 2 v BRISBANE LIONS 3 (2-2) at Underwood Park

SCORERS Rochedale Rovers - Clayton Koch 2

Brisbane Lions - Steve Jackson, Michael Brockwell, Frank Mengotti

MAN OF THE MATCH Ross Davidson (Rochedale Rovers)

Rochedale: Ross, Evans, Lane, Legg, Fitzsimmons, Kolpak, Koch, Harris, Pilic

(Wickstein), Monement (Weatherby), Davidson.

Brisbane Lions: Lucas, Worroll, Geritz, Jackson, Huth, Rogers, Watson (Cannon),

Hillier, Flemington (Mengotti), Brockwell, Brown (Tuck).

WYNNUM DISTRICT 3 v GOLD COAST CITY 0 (1-0) at Carmichael Park

SCORERS Wynnum District - Luke Adair, Bill McDermott, Ben Wood

MAN OF THE MATCH Darryl Grundy (Wynnum District)

Wynnum: Tatton, R McKinless, Adair, Davidson, Gilroy, Rogers (Wilkins),

Popplewell, McDermott, Wood, Hadland (Harrington), Grundy (Gnech).

Gold Coast: Simpson, Protuder (Elliot), Adams (Hayward), Richardson, Wood,

Adams, Phelan, Greenwood, Bristow, Stevenson (Flack), Boxall.

IPSWICH KNIGHTS 0 v MOUNT GRAVATT 6 (0-3) at Eric Evans Reserve

SCORER Mount Gravatt - Trevor Evans 3, Willie Carter 2, Stuart Collins

MAN OF THE MATCH Trevor Evans (Mount Gravatt)

Ipswich: Smith, Seeley, Boyle, Scott, Spence (Guest), Jefferd (Brown), Vogler,

Clark (Stenzel), Conquest, McKendrick, Meacock.

Mount Gravatt: Bland, Pryor, Georgiou, McCulloch (Robinson), Bethall (Carter),

Gosney, Garwood-Gowers, Collins, Roche, Evans (Gordon), Carloss.

BRISBANE CITY 8 v BEENLEIGH 2 (5-0) at Spencer Park

SCORERS Brisbane City - Chris Slater 3, Barry Wilkinson 2, Damian Waugh 2,

Danny Wright

Beenleigh - Paul Lederhose, Danny Stowers

MAN OF THE MATCH Wayne Strange (Brisbane City)

Brisbane City: Duke, Voss, Bennett (Tune), Strange, Elliott, Haddow (Anderson),

Wilkinson, Slater, Waugh, Jenkins, Cooley.

Beenleigh: Roche, Jones, Preston, Druery (Kalic), Galloway, Ditton, Austin,

Stowers, Hinton (Lpscombe), Spiers, Eacott.

TARINGA ROVERS 1 v BUNDABERG WAVES 3 (0-0) at Jack Speare Park

SCORERS Taringa Rovers - Richard Hilli

Bundaberg - John Giovannoni, Laurie Stevenson, Nick Maas

MAN OF THE MATCH Craig Hawkins (Bundaberg Waves)

Taringa: Higgins, Ferguson, Robertson, Laslo (Slaughter), Matula (Bakker),

Hilli, Starr, Guyett, Theochari, Allan (Allen), Hughes.

Bundaberg: Bainbridge, J Giovannoni, T Giovannoni, Donnison (M Giovannoni),

Bock, Hawkins, Wilson (Trebbin), Chapman, Madigi, Maas (Stephenson), Mack.



## Brisbane Southern District Junior Tables

These tables are unnoficial and are yet to be verified by the BSDJSA. Some results were not available at time of printing W L U11 Division 7 n F A Pts U11 Division 1 Park Ridge Park Ridge Rochedale Redlands Bayside Rochedale Annerley Souths United Colleges Utd Brisbane Lions Ipswich City Tudor Rovers Wynnum Beenleigh Capalaba Capalaba Beenleigh Slacks Creek Redlands Rocklea United U11 Division 2 U12 Division 1 lps Knights Park Ridge lps Knights Rochedale Loganholme Redlands Mt Gravatt Loganholme Brisbane Lions Mt Gravatt Mooroondu Centenary Capalaba Park Ridge Clairvaux Beenleigh Logan City Brisbane Lions Olympic Capalaba U11 Division 3 U12 Division 2 lps Knights Wynnum Jimboomba lps Knights Wynnum Slacks Creek Colleges Utd Brisbane Lions Rochedale Ipswich City Redlands Rochedale St Bernadines Centenary Ipswich City Capalaba Bethania Acacia Ridge Souths United 0 1 Souths Utd U11 Division 4 U12 Division 3 Capalaba Loganholme Beenleigh S'side Eagles Brisbane Lions Beenleigh Loganholme Clairvaux Redlands Colleges Utd Annerlev John Paul Coll Centenary 0 1 Mooroondu 1 0 0 5 Wynnum Park Ridge Mt Gravatt Redlands U11 Division 5 U12 Division 0 4 John Paul Coll Logan Village 0 0 5 1 Logan Village 0 6 Bayside Park Ridge 0 1 0 Ips Knights 0 3 1 0 Loganholme Annerlev 0 0 Acacia Ridge Eastern Subs 0 1 lps Knights o Rochedale 1 0 Slacks Creek Capalaba 0 4 Oxley Olympic 0 1 5 0 Ipswich City Wynnum Jimboomba 0 4 U12 Division 5 U11 Division 6 Ips Knights Bayside Kingsridge Kingsridge Redlands S'side Eagles Brisbane Lions Wynnum Rochedale Souths Utd Bayside Canalaha Souths Utd Brisbane Lions 1 3 0 St Bernadines St Bernadines 1 0 Beenleigh Mooroondu

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Jimboomba	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	Brisbane Lions	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Mt Gravatt	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	Park Ridge	1	1	0	0	5	3	3
Inala City	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	Rochedale	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Capalaba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Souths Utd	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Park Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Beenleigh	1	0	1	0	3	5	0
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Vynnum	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	Inala City	1	0	1	0	0	5	0
Mooroondu	1	0	1	0	0	5	0								
Colleges Utd	1	0	1	0	0	11	0	U14 Division 2							
J12 Division 7								Loganholme	1	1	0	0	7	4	3
Goodna	1	1	0	0	7	0	3	Rochedale	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Vynnum	1	1	0	0	7	2	3	Rocklea Utd	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Bethania	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	Wynnum	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
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Souths Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S'side Eagles	1	0	1	0	1	3	(
Centenary	1	0	1	0	2	7	0	John Paul Coll	1	0	1	0	0	3	(
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ark Ridge	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	Jimboomba	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
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Slacks Creek	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	Annerley	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
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Beenleigh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Capalaba	1		0	0	3	1	3
lps Knights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ips Knights		- 1	0	0	5	3	3
Samford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Bardon Latrobe	4	0	0	1	3	3	1
Slacks Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Beenleigh		0	0	1	3	3	1
North Star	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	North Star	-	0	0	0	0	0	(
Taringa	1	0	1	0	1	7	0	Brisbane Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
The Gap	1	0	1	0	3	9	0	Souths Utd	0	0	1	0	1	3	(
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North Star	1	0	1	0	2	4		Redlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S'side Eagles	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	Centenary			0	0	0	0	
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Redlands	1	0	1	0	2	3	0	Jimboomba		4	0	0	3	0	
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Margate	1	0	0	1	4	4	1	Inala City	1	0	1	0	1	2	
Pine Rivers	1	0	0	1	4	4	1	Capalaba	1	0	1	0	2	4	
Rochedale	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	Eastern Subs	1	0	1	0	0	2	
Taringa	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	Park Ridge	1	0	1	0	1	4	
The Gap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wynnum	1	0	1	0	0	3	
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## **IEA Fair Play**

Brisbane Lions are at the head of the IEA Fair Play table, after the first five rounds of the competition.

Lions have not had a send-off in the opening rounds and have only received nine cautions.

At the other end of the scale is the Ipswich Knights who have had one player sent from the field and a massive 26 cautions.

Once again the Insurance Exchange of Australia has put up \$1,500 prize money for the fairest club, with the winner being the club which accumulates the fewest points over the season.

Yellow cards attract their face value as per the referees allocation, while red cards attract six demerit points.

Red	Yellow	Pts
0	9	36
0	13	42
1	13	48
0	15	50
1	14	55
1	16	64
1	20	80
2	21	87
1	23	92
1	26	96
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## WOMENS WRAP

by Toni Slate

Round four of the Premier League provided no real surprises, unless of course you're looking at the results of the University of Queensland v The Gap game.

In what was clearly an understatement last week, I mentioned that this game should be interesting given The Gap's slow start to the season with only one win from three.

While University of Queensland took the game five goals to nil, the game was by no means as easy a win as the result suggests.

Play was kept mostly to the middle of the park but University capitalised early on their scoring chances and the half time score showed University up by three goals. The Gap did not stop trying to score and were unlucky not to put away any of their scoring opportunities. University however scored again twice in the second half to give the final result. This moves University up to sixth position as the The Gap moves down to seventh.

Other results over the weekend, QUT (6) defeated Slacks Creek (0), QAS had another low scoring win over Redlands 2-0, Toowoomba (6) toppled Newmarket (1) and Easts/Mt Gravatt (5) beat Ipswich Knights (2).

This weekend Toowoomba take on the Ipswich Knights at home and this will prove to be a hard game for both teams. They've each won three of their four games this season and are only separated by goal difference.

Another game that should be a battle is University of Queensland v QAS at Uni. QAS have produced a mixed bag of results so far in the round losing to QUT by 1 goal to nil, and their wins have been against The Gap 1-0, Newmarket 1-0 and Redlands 2-0. University were defeated by eight goals to nil against QUT, lost 2-1 to Ipswich Knights and have defeated Newmarket 2-1 and The Gap 5-0.

Snippets from this game may be shown on the new *Eye on Soccer* television program at 7.00pm on Optus on Wednesday night so keep an eye out.



In the Reserves Comp, results from the weekend saw the QAS (10) soundly defeat Redlands (0), QUT (5) won over Slacks Creek (0), University of Queensland (2) defeated The Gap (1), Toowoomba (2) took the points from Newmarket (1) and Ipswich Knights (3) defeated Easts/MtGravatt (1).

PREMIER LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
EAST/MTGRAVATT	4	4	-	-	28	3	12
QUT	4	4	-		20	0	12
IPSW KNIGHTS	4	3	-	1	11	9	9
QAS	4	3	-	1	4	1	9
TOOWOOMBA	4	3	-	1	14	11	9
UNI OF QLD	4	2	-	2	8	11	6
THE GAP	4	1	-	3	5	9	3
NEWMARKET	4	-	-	4	2	14	0
REDLANDS	4	-		4	3	13	0
SLACKS CREEK	4			4	4	26	0
PREMIER RES	P	W	D	L	F	Α	P
QUT	4	4		-	17	3	12
IPSW KNIGHTS	4	4	-		13	5	12
TOOWOOMBA	4	3	-	1	20	5	9
QAS	4	3	-	1	23	7	9
EAST/MT GRAVATT	4	2	-	2	12	9	6
UNI OF QLD	4	2	3	2	3	4	6
THE GAP	4	1	4.5%	3	19	13	3
NEWMARKET	4	1	-	2	3	8	3
SLACKS CREEK	4	-	-	4	1	14	0
REDLANDS	4	-	-	4	1	42	0
DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
MARGATE	4	4	-		16	2	12
BRISBANE LIONS	4	4	-	-	12	3	12
TARINGA	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
ROCHEDALE	5	2	-	3	9	7	6
NEWMARKET	4	1	1	2	2	6	4
BEENLEIGH	5	1	15-	4	5	10	3
TIWIWARREN	4	18/12	-	4	1	18	0

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They say a week's a long time in football and in the XXXX Premier League that is turning out to be an understatement.

Each week seems to spring another upset. After beating Rochedale last week, Ipswich Knights coach Mike Mulvey must have been stunned as his side came out on the weekend and copped a battering from Mount Gravatt.

Mike's a bit young to be turning grey but if that trend continues, he could have a thick mop of grey stuff on his melon before the season is

What about Beenleigh? My future as a tipster could be over unless they drastically turn their season around.

After looking like world beaters in the preseason. Beenleigh would struggle to beat an egg at the moment.

What makes it even worse is the nature of their losses. Brisbane City 8 Beenleigh 2. That's downright ugly!

At this rate, Brisbane City will win the league by about five points from Lions, with the rest of the teams a further 20 points adrift.

Claims the league has enjoyed a lift in standard are way off the mark if you ask this columnist.

Just because the results have been unpredictable doesn't mean the league is enjoying more attractive football.

I think if you asked most teams how they stood compared to last year, several would answer they suffered a decline.

There's no doubt Taringa have gone backwards, Beenleigh would appear to have done the same, while Bundaberg are nowhere near the team they were last season.



City have improved, Lions are a better side and Gold Coast and Mount Gravatt appear to have acquitted themselves well. Wynnum and Rochedale are about the same.

The fact is you can't lose players the calibre of Mark Greer, Cameron Pearse, the Lees brothers, Brendan Rogers and Stein Grodum, and expect them to be replaced straight away.

It takes time and the QSF is doing the right thing in expanding the competition. But don't expect miracles. It's going to take time for the league to replenish itself.

On a final note, it's great to see my old mate Shaun "Chucky" Armstrong has packed his dog 'Tony' in the back of the van and re-started his playing career at Mitchelton.

I was shocked however to hear "Chucky" has found a home in the midfield. The fact is he must be nudging 40 and he's so slow it takes him two days to change his mind.

But the old fella still has something to offer. Mitchelton must be applauded for the proactive way they've gone about trying to move forward as a club.

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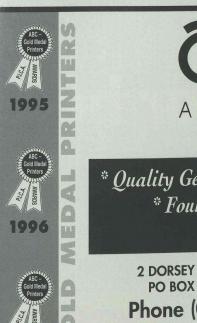
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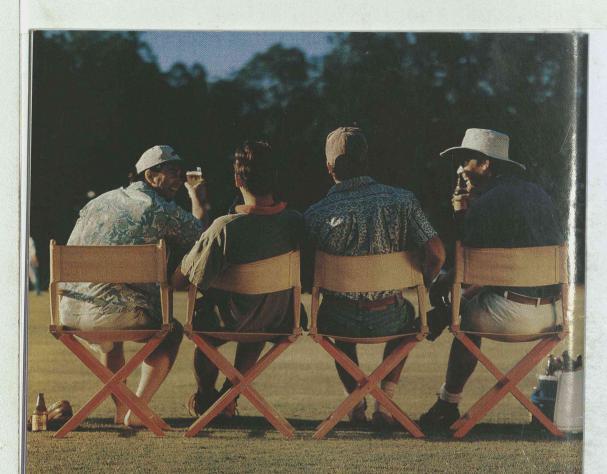
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