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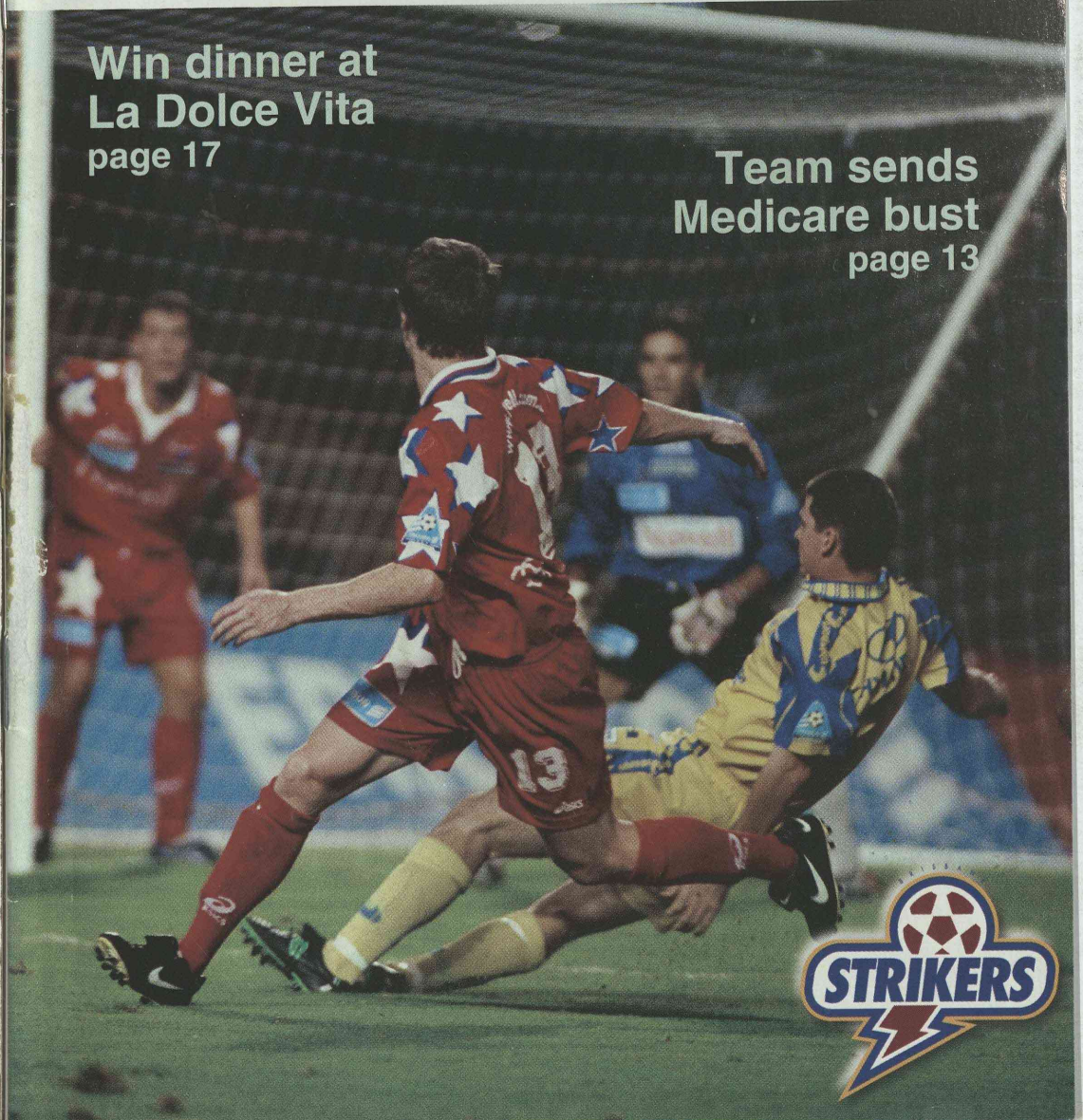
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Glenn Gwynne scored his  
second NSL goal against the  
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## **Coach's Comment**

**I said to the team in the afternoon of Sunday May 25 1997, after our historic Grand Final victory, that this was as good as it gets.**

We were in fact, still are for the next few weeks, the national champions.

Unfortunately, our performance this season hasn't lived up to that title but despite this, I am looking forward to the new season with optimism and confidence.

Except for a few games, we have been a testing opposition for most of the teams we have encountered. While we have had more losses than any other side in the Ericsson Cup competition this season, this is more a reflection on our style of play than our competitiveness.

We've introduced more young players into the squad; our defence has been pleasing; and, if nothing else, a season like the one we've had will make players more committed and determined next season. I haven't previously played in a team which has finished quite so near the wrong end of the ladder in my playing career - and I don't intend to see the Strikers there next season!

We welcome one of my former clubs to Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Marconi is one of the stalwarts of the national soccer league, coached by Zoran Matic: all-in-all, a combination which represents experience and success in the national soccer league. They are always a competitive outfit and, with their final finishing spot in the Top 6 at stake this weekend and next, I expect an exciting game. Marconi has been criticised by some for a lack of goals, but anyone who saw Pan Keun Kim's 'blinder' in their encounter against Adelaide City last weekend knows that Marconi knows how to find the back of the net!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who have continued to support the Strikers in 1997-98. Our planning for the off-season is well and truly underway both on and off the park, and there will be opportunities for us to catch up over the next few months prior to the 1998-99 season commencing in October.

**GO THE STRIKERS!**

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## Strikers capable of upset

**The Brisbane Strikers are hoping to spoil Marconi Fairfield's party in tonight's big clash at Suncorp Stadium.**

The Stallions are currently in fifth position on the league ladder on 39 points, three points in front of the Melbourne Knights and four clear of Wollongong, although the Wolves have a game in hand.

And with just two rounds (including tonight) of the regular season left, a win tonight against the Strikers would go a long way to securing an all important top six spot for one of the competition's glamour sides.

However, Strikers player/coach Frank Farina said despite Brisbane's indifferent season, he was confident his players could upset the Stallions late charge to a finals series berth.

"From a 'riches' point of view, the season has been over for us for some weeks now, but there is still a lot to play for," he said.

"Many of the players are coming off contract at the end of the season so it's important they put the best foot forward to ensure their futures.

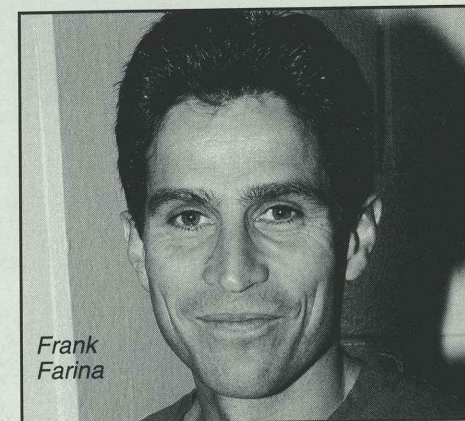
"I honestly believe that despite our injured list, we have the personnel capable of taking the three points from Marconi."

Farina said the Strikers had the extra incentive of tonight being the final home game of the season.

"This season has not lived up to the expectations we had seven months ago," he said.

"Sure, the ball hasn't bounced our way on occasions and our injury list has been atrocious, but when you get to this standard, six wins in a season does not exactly set the world on fire.

"The Brisbane fans have every right to expect a strong performance from us and I can assure you that all the guys are keen to end the season on a winning note."



Frank Farina

Marconi comes to Suncorp chock-full of talent and experience. Defenders Luke Casserly and Mark Babic have represented the Olyroos and Socceroos in the past, while midfielder Brad Moloney, and strikers Frances Awaritefe and Zeljko Babic have also attained national honours.

But perhaps Marconi's biggest weapons is the sides Korean imports, internationals Sang-Chul Yoon and Pen-Keun Kim.

"They (Marconi) certainly have a quality squad of players and with the inclusion of Kim and Yoon, they're going to be a tough prospect," Farina said.

"Their coach, Zoran Matic, has an uncanny ability to extract the best from teams in pressure situations and they'll be fired up for this game.

"We'll have to match their intensity and hunger to have any chance of victory."

History tells us that Brisbane has had the wood on Marconi since the two sides met for the first time in the National League back in season '91/'92.

From 13 matches, Brisbane has seven victories, Marconi four and there has been two draws.

In their only clash this season, Marconi narrowly defeated the Strikers 1-0 in Sydney last December.

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# Farina says Academy prospects quite exciting

**Brisbane coach Frank Farina has earmarked the current crop of Queensland Academy of Sport players as the next breed of Strikers talent.**

After some promising results for the QAS this season, the Strikers coach has recognised the potential of several young players in the squad and is confident quite a few may get their chance in the Ericsson Cup fairly soon.

"I've had extensive talks with Gary (Phillips) and we're quite excited by the prospects of this year's squad," Farina said.

"Gary's done a fantastic job with the boys this year, and I think that's evident by the results the squad has obtained.

"They've had some impressive victories, including a big win over the AIS. To beat the best players in the country is no mean feat, and the QAS guys should be congratulated."

Farina believes the young lads currently with the QAS are on a par with the group of players who gained promotion from the youth side to the Strikers two years ago.

"In that year we brought Matt Bell, Chay Hews, Kasey Wehrman and Wayne Knipe into the squad, and look at how far these guys have come along," Farina said.

"Granted each of these lads have had a few problems with injuries but they're still an important part of our squad and the platform of the club for the future."

The Strikers coach has already presented extensive playing opportunities to Royce Brownlie and Danny Invincible, and also given 16 year old Wayne Srohj a taste of the big time.

"None of these guys are the finished products," the Strikers coach said. "But they are certainly well on their way.

"They're all very keen to learn and eager

to progress further in the game.

"As long as they remain focussed and maintain the right attitude, they will continue to progress and learn about the game. And that spells a good future for the Strikers."

Farina also highlighted the fast approaching Sydney Olympics as another huge motivator for these youngsters.

"With Australian soccer heading the way it is, these young players have everything to work for," he said.

"We've got the Games in two years time, and a host of Youth tournaments so these guys have a lot of opportunities to go after.

"It's important they begin setting themselves short term as well as long term goals.

"Australian rep teams should be amongst those goals, as well as making the Strikers."

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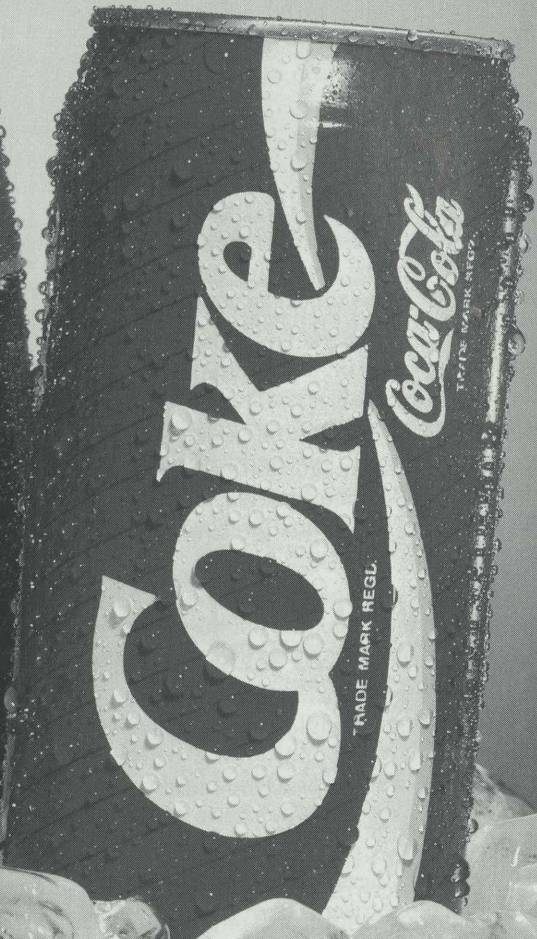
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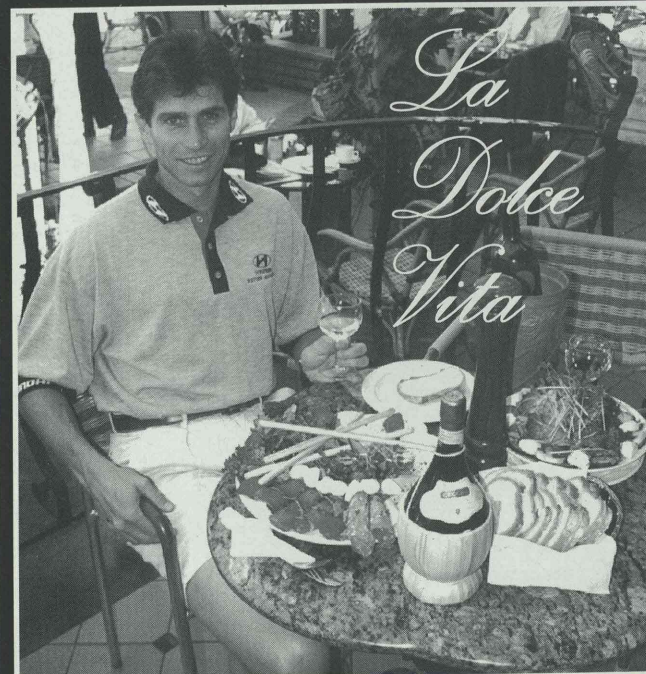
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# Marconi - A brief history

by Andrew Howe

At a general meeting in 1956, proud Italian immigrant Oscar Michelini moved that the social club of which he was founding member adopt the official name "Club Marconi of Bossley Park Social Recreation and Sporting Centre Limited".

From the onset of the national league in 1977 Marconi have regularly been considered pace-setters of the competition. After coming close in 1977 and 1978, Marconi were national champions of 1979.

It was at Marconi where Rod Brown commenced his goal-laden career. On the 13th of March 1983, he made his league debut against South Melbourne. In Marconi's round 7 match against Footscray, Brown scored his first A-league goal. In this match report, Laurie Schwab wrote "he's as sharp as a razor and he has the enthusiasm of youth: definitely the player of the match". By the end of the season Brown had scored 10 more to finish Marconi's highest scorer in 1983. It was an honour repeated in 1984 (15 goals) and 1986 (11 goals) and in 1985 he finished second-highest scorer with 13 goals. After four years and 50 goals, Brown moved on to help fellow Sydney club APIA take out the 1987 championship.

Brown's replacement at Marconi was Frank Farina. After two years at Sydney City, Marconi bought Farina in February 1987 for \$30,000. Dividends were returned quickly,

with Farina scoring four goals in the first six games of 1987. By year's end Farina was top dog in the league with 16 goals in 23 games.

But in was in 1988 where Frank made his biggest impact for. Starting off the season by scoring four against Sunshine, he eventually scored 17 goals to help Marconi take out the championship. Farina scored with his last kick in the national league before jetting off to Europe. The 1988 grand final had gone to penalties at Parramatta Stadium. With the help of Farina's penalty shot, Marconi defeated Sydney Utd in the shoot-out 5-4.

The following year Marconi attained their third championship with a 1-0 win over UTS Olympic in the 1989 grand final.

A record-equalling fourth championship was secured in 1993 with a Grand Final win of 1-0 over Adelaide City. Andy Harper scored the winner with a penalty in the 52nd minute. He scored another 57 goals during his stay at Marconi (1991 to 1997).

In 1997, Marconi secured the services of Australia's most credentialled coach Zoran Matic. One of only three teams to have competed in every season of the A-league, Marconi holds the record for the most goals in the national league (1021 at the start of the 1997-98 season) and the number of premierships (four). Another championship surely beckons soon.

## Marconi's statistical record against Brisbane

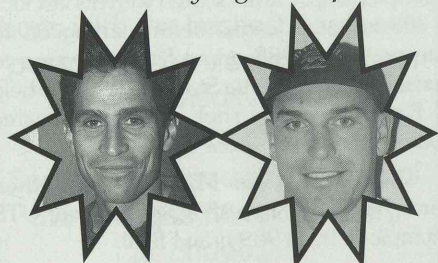
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1993-94	4th / 14	4100	2-0 Strikers	1-0 Marconi
1994-95	10th / 13	4300	2-1 Strikers	3-3
1995-96	1st / 12	5000	3-1 Marconi	2-1 Strikers
1996-97	5th / 14	5800	2-1 Strikers	1-0 Strikers



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# Team sends Medicare bust

**There are any number of excuses that could be offered up as to why the Strikers have performed well below expectations this season.**

The most commonly heard has been the Strikers unbelievable injury toll. But many people are sick and tired of hearing about the club's growing list of injuries.

Cries of dissension are heard amongst the faithful.. the fans getting restless with their team of champions that always seems to be broken or disrupted somehow.

Eye On Strikers decided it was time to find out just how much injuries have disrupted last season's Australian Champions.

Lets start at the back with young keeping sensation Clint Bolton. Normally a tower of strength, Bolton missed three of the early rounds with knee and calf problems.

Sweeper and part-time skipper Glenn Gwynne was also outed for two weeks with a badly bruised foot and another week just recently with severe concussion .

His partners in the Strikers defensive line also had their share of problems.

Knee ligament damage putting Matt Bell out for five weeks and Chris Zoricich out of action for the first eight rounds.

Mark Battistin's season was also disrupted in a big way, with a previous ankle problem resulting in an arthroscopy.. the big defender sidelined for six games.

It seemed the knee problems extended beyond the strikers back line though. Midfielder Nick Meredith had his share of trouble, missing rounds 4 to 8 as well as the last six games of the season because of, you guessed it, another knee injury.

Things were starting to get a bit ridiculous in the knee department, the coach beginning to believe the specialist must have had a "good sort" assisting him with the rehabilitation process.

Andy Brayshaw was another casualty of a bad knee, an arthroscopy keeping him out of action for six rounds.

And who can forget the Kasey Wehrman saga. This talented young man who broke his ankle at the end of last season while away with the Young Socceroos in Malaysia, just hasn't had a break this year.

Well that's not entirely correct... he's actually had two. He played five games from rounds 14 to 18 but was still limping while playing. He then had another arthroscopy but his year was a right off.

Rounding off the midfield problems are the Cranney brothers, who looked more like the long lost brothers of Jonah Lomu, when they came back from the off-season.

These new beefcakes of the Ericsson Cup, tried to bring a more physical look to the game, but instead lost loads of speed and agility and haven't been near their0 previous form.

That leaves us with the forward line.. the bane of the coach this season. And surprise surprise another knee problem... this time to Wayne Knipe. But wait there's more.. the talented young striker also slipped a disc to put him out for most of the season. Have a good "old age" Wayne!

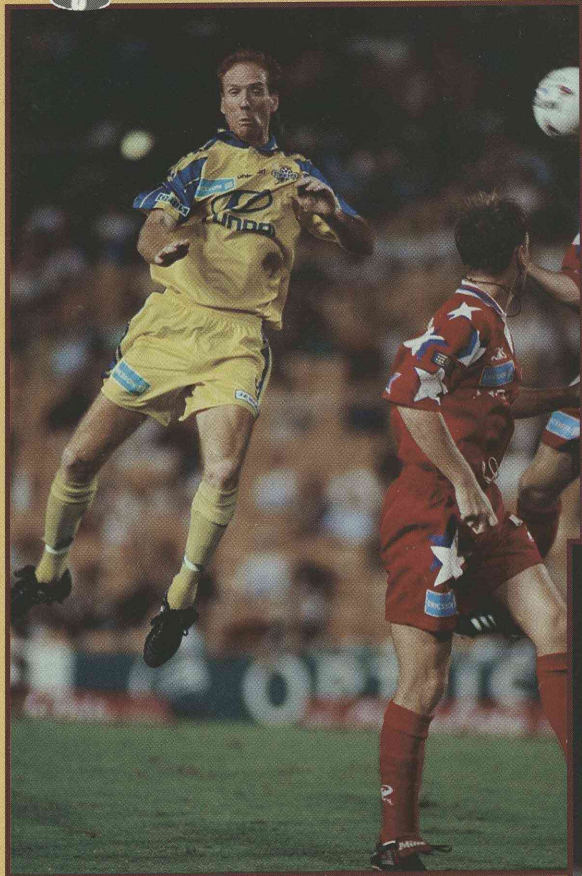
And speaking of old age.. well you can't keep playing and scoring forever. As much as Strikers fans hoped and prayed that Rod Brown and Frank Farina would continue playing... forever, the law of nature must take over at some stage. 1997/98 appears to have been that stage, with a variety of problems dogging these two war-horses.

Farina, in particular has his right knee hanging by a thread. Some say doctors are hoping to make clones of the dynamic striker from the DNA in his cartilage.

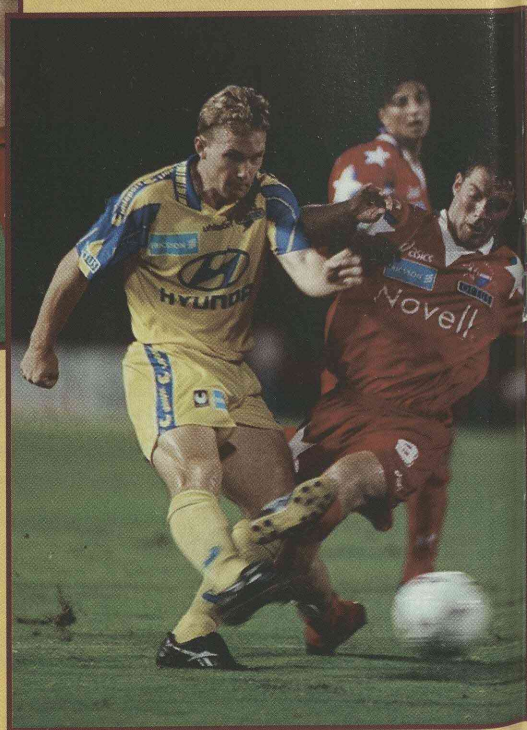
Well, when you look at it that way, it's obvious the injury toll has become farcical... and there's little wonder why the Strikers are currently where they are.



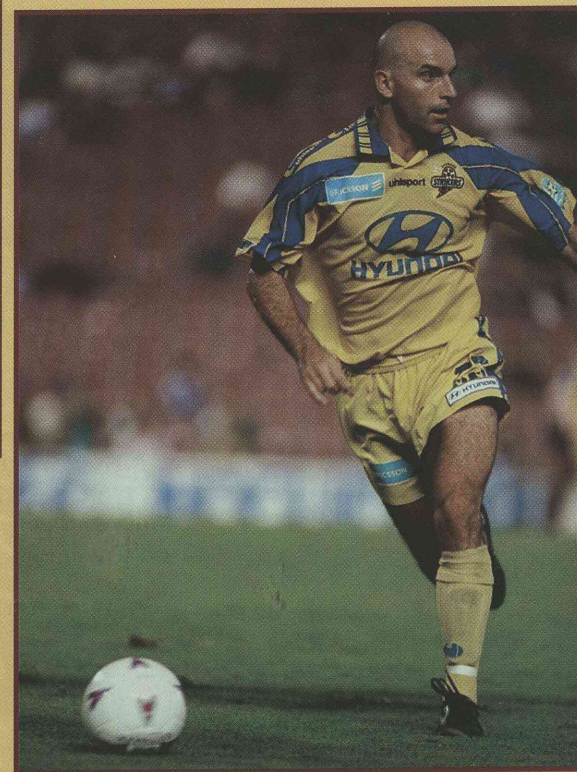
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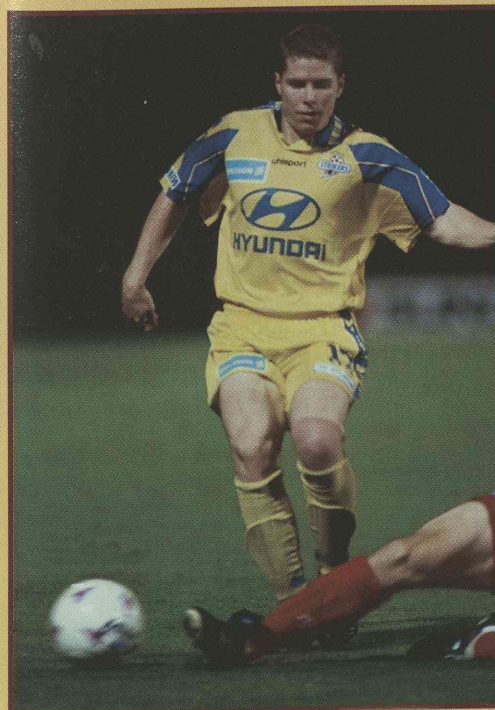


Although we were up 2-0 nil at the break, the lads succumbed and we ended up 2-2 against Canberra Cosmos at our last home game. Brownie, Jezza, Troy, Pakman, Royce and Harps all excelled.



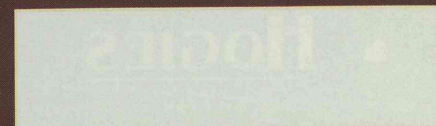
Eye On Strikers would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon Renilson who has been our official photographer for the past two seasons. Simon's pics have ensured that our heroes of today will be remembered forever.

We also thank Hotshot Photographics of Carindale who supply the film and are entrusted with the job of processing Simon's images. Finally thanks to F-Stop Digital Laboratories who scan the images to Photo CD that ensures images are reproduced at a consistent high quality



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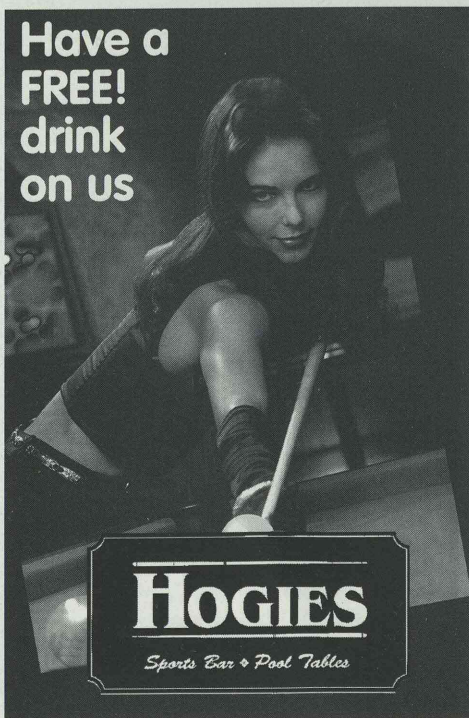


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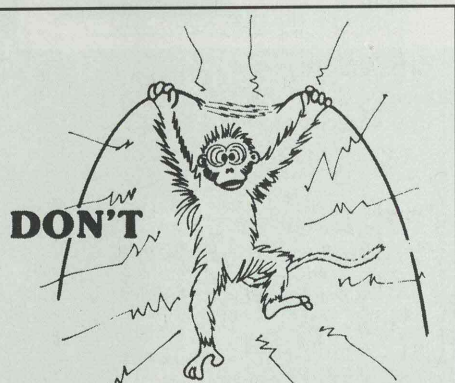
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# The Strikers' Song Contest

Entries have closed in the Strikers' song contest and a preliminary judging panel has made a shortlist of contenders but we want YOU to have your say - after all, you'll be singing it! For space considerations, the chorus only has been included. To have a vote, complete the form below and send it to Strikers

Marketing, PO Box 1648 Milton Q 4064.

Voting closes on 17 April 1998. The winner will be announced at the Brisbane Strikers Awards Dinner and in Thunderstruck in the off-season, and will be played at the first game of the 1998-99 season .... something else to look forward to!

## Song A (to tune of "Clementine")

Come on Strikers  
Come on Strikers  
Come on Strikers  
Score some goals.  
Others fear you When we cheer you  
Come on Strikers Score some goals.

## Song D (to the tune of "When the Saints go marching in")

Oh when the Strikers  
Oh when the Strikers  
Oh when the Strikers go scoring again  
We want to be with Thor and the Strike Squad  
Oh when the Strikers go scoring again.

## Song B (to tune of "Moscow" - 1980 Olympics theme)

Strikers, Strikers  
When you come on to the field  
Your defence will be your shield  
Go, go, go, go, go - hoy!

Strikers, Strikers  
Keep your confidence up and go  
Turn your shot into a goal  
Go, go, go, go, go - hoy!

## Song E (to the tune of "You can't stop the music - Village People)

You can't stop the Strikers  
Nobody can stop the Strikers

In Brisbane town  
We are very proud  
Of a winning team  
And a fantastic crowd!

You can't stop the Strikers  
Nobody can stop the Strikers

We're here to stay  
Just watch the way we play  
It's easy For us to do!

## Song C (to the tune of "What shall we do with a drunken sailor?")

Who are we in the blue and yellow?  
Who are we in the blue and yellow?  
Who are we in the blue and yellow?  
We are the Brisbane Strikers!

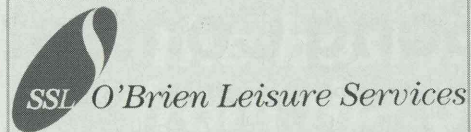
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Please register my vote as follows (vote 1- 5. 1 being favourite, 5 being least favourite).

Song A \_\_\_\_\_  
Song B \_\_\_\_\_  
Song C \_\_\_\_\_  
Song D \_\_\_\_\_  
Song E \_\_\_\_\_

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### COCA-COLA CUP

The final of the Coca-Cola Cup is being held tonight with teams from North Star (in blue and white) and Souths United A (in white with red).

Thanks to all teams who participated in the Coca-Cola Cup in 1997-98, and of course, to the sponsors, Coca-Cola, for their continuing support of the Strikers and football throughout Australia and the world. Always Coca-Cola!

### STRIKER UHLSPORT RELAY CHALLENGE

The final of the Strikers UhlSPORT Relay Challenge is being run tonight, with schools from Brisbane Grammar, Brisbane SHS, St Peter's College and Shailer park SHS (girls) competing in a time trial in a 4 x 100 metre relay.

The winning school will receive \$500 worth of UhlSPORT sporting equipment, and the runner-up \$250 worth of UhlSPORT sporting equipment - courtesy of UhlSPORT.

The time for Shailer Park SHS will be adjusted downwards six seconds, in accordance with the rules agreed with participating schools at the beginning of the season. Thanks to our sponsors, UhlSPORT, for their support of the Strikers UhlSPORT Relay Challenge.

### BANNER COMPETITION

Thanks to Sanyo for providing the prize of a Sanyo portable CD/radio/cassette for the Banner Competition. Entries close at 6.30pm on Saturday April 4, 1998.



**Congratulations to Daniel Invincible who for the second time in two months has been selected in Les Schienflug's Young Soccerroo squad for a camp in April. Qualifiers start later on in the year, and the World Youth Cup is on next year.**

The QAS welcomes back Jade North tonight who played in a couple of internationals against Japan last week; the first was a curtain raiser to the Olyroo's versus Brazil match.

From all reports Jade was outstanding in the game which the Joey's won 4-0. It is very pleasing to see Jade back on the park after his eye injury.

We also welcome him back into the team as he has not played for us for a couple of months. We have certainly missed his creativity and goal scoring ability.

I have to share with you a couple of great pieces out of "Total Sports" magazine. The first one comes from Scotland where Glasgow Rangers goalkeeper, Andy Goram was diagnosed as having mild schizophrenia. In response to this, the Kilmarnock fans started singing, "there's only two Andy Gorams".

The second story centres on the coach who said to his physio after being advised that one of his players had concussion and did not know who he was, "For God's sake, tell him he's Pele and get him back out there"!

Bryan Robson, Middlesborough manager was recently quoted, "If we played that well every week, we would be so consistent"!

And finally, Arsenal striker Ian Wright told reporters, "that it took a lot of 'bottle' for Tony Adams to own up to being an alcoholic".

See ya!

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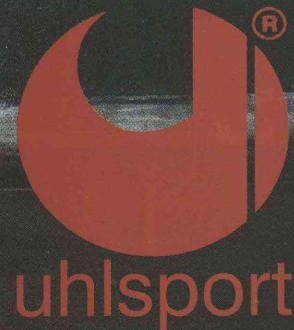


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## QAS SQUAD NEWS

**Despite last week's debacle, for those who don't know, UTS Olympic 6 defeated QAS 2, we still cling on the 4th position and a semi-final chance.**

We are still one point clear of Sydney United, so we must win today and rely on United losing this weekend or next.

However, a loss or draw would effectively end our season as we have a bye in next weekend's last round.

A win for Marconi today will see them in with a chance of making the finals, therefore it is going to be, as always very tough.

The importance of this week's match, compounded by the suspension of our captain Shane Stefanutto, who has been superb all year and injuries to key players like Duncan Castor and Wade Baldwin makes it difficult.

For most of the second round, we have been unable to use any average players because of the Strikers injury toll. This has given some younger players the opportunity to play regularly and more often than not, they have gladly accepted these opportunities.

In the year of the World Cup, we welcome 1974 Socceroo and coach of the Marconi Youth side Adrian Alston to Suncorp.

It's certainly tremendous to see a former player of his quality and experience putting something back into the Youth of Australian soccer. Enjoy your day Adrian, at the home of the national champions, but not too much!

Thank you to all those who have supported the Academy all season. I trust we will see you all again with renewed vigour and voices for the 1998/99 season.

Have a safe and happy off-season and Germany to win the World Cup!

*Au revoir!*

### OUR QAS FRONTLINE

- \* Wade Baldwin
- \* Royce Brownlie
- \* Allan Cameron
- \* Francis Cosson
- \* Mark Davidson
- \* Christopher Day
- \* Grant Dickens
- \* Duncan Easton
- \* Daniel Invincibile
- \* Jade North
- \* Shane Stefanutto
- \* Aaron Thiesfield
- \* Darryl Hathway
- \* Wayne Srhoj
- \* Angelo Cootes
- \* Malcolm van de Graaff
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# Junior Social Club

## STRIKERS HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC



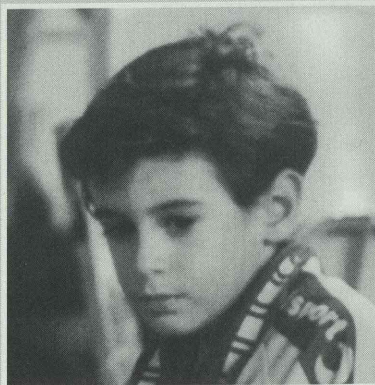
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### Junior Strikers!

If you're a registered junior soccer player and didn't get a Junior Brisbane Strikers application form from you club, then ask them for one!

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Remember: You can always catch the latest news on our web site.  
[www.brisbanestrikers.com](http://www.brisbanestrikers.com)

## JUMBLLED NAMES

The following Marconi players have been struck by a lighting bolt from Thor. Do you know who they are?

- nap nuke mik
- meas cibba
- kram abicb
- dranneb dauner
- drab lemonay

## WIN! WIN! WIN!

For a chance to win a Strikers cap, just tell us Jeromy Harris' favourite holiday destination?  
*(Hint: see the Season Souvenir Guide)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Strikers Marketing, PO Box 1648, Milton, 4064, by March 6. (First correct entry wins.)



ANDY BRAYSHAW WEARS A CHAMPIONS T-SHIRT AVAILABLE FOR \$24 FROM STRIKERS MARKETING



# Rivers Cafe Bar Penalty Strike

Please note that the Rivers Cafe Bar Penalty Strike will take place in the pre-game period prior to kick-off in tonight's big game between the Brisbane Strikers and the visitors, Marconi Fairfield.



Thanks to our sponsors Rivers Cafe Bar, Eagle Street, Brisbane for the Rivers Cafe Bar Penalty Strike during the 1997-98 season.

Thanks also to **Jock's Paints** of Hervey Bay for providing the prize board pictured.

As well as the prize on the board, all entrants in tonight's Rivers Cafe Bar Penalty Strike earn a Strikers' semi-season ticket for next season.

Contestants, with the aid of the Strikers

mascot Thor, will kick at the prize board which includes dinner for two at Rivers Cafe Bar, dinner for six at Rivers Cafe Bar and dinner for two at Marco's Restaurant as well as Strikers merchandise.

Each contestant in the half-time competition will receive a Hyundai Strikers Lucky Key with a chance to win a Hyundai Excel Sprint, courtesy of the Hyundai Metro Dealers.

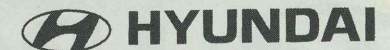
# THIS COULD BE YOURS TONIGHT!



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# ERICSSON CUP

## Round 25 - 4/4/98



### BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Clint Bolton - FO
- 2 Glenn Gwynne
- 3 Matthew Bell
- 4 Chris Zoricich - OI
- 5 Craig Williams
- 6 Nick Meredith
- 7 Frank Farina - FS
- 8 Sean Cranney - FS
- 9 Rod Brown - FS
- 10 Kasey Wehrman - YS
- 11 Troy Cranney
- 12 Mark Battistin
- 13 Danny Invincible
- 14 Wayne Knipe
- 15 Andrew Brayshaw
- 16 Chay Hews
- 17 Jeromy Harris
- 18 Stephen Laybutt - O
- 19 Royce Brownlie
- 20 Graham Ross
- 21 Andrew Packer
- 22 Andy Harper (C)
- 23 Gary Blackford
- Coach - Frank Farina

### MARCONI FAIRFIELD

- 1 Ante Covic
- 2 Michael Cunico
- 3 Mark Babic
- 4 Mario Asaldi
- 5 Dominic Longo
- 6 Like Casserly
- 7 Christian Care
- 8 Darren McDonald
- 9 Mauro van Cuylenberg
- 10 Brad Maloney
- 11 Luke Tomich
- 12 Manis Lamond
- 13 Sang-Chul Yoon - OI
- 14 Buddy Farah
- 16 Zeljko (Sean) Babic
- 17 Francis Awaritefe
- 19 Brendan Renaud
- 21 Paul Souris
- 22 Pen-Keun Kim - OI
- 23 Vlado Zoric
- 26 Gabriel Mendez
- 28 Mike Smith
- 29 Chad Gibson
- Coach - Zoran Matic

Legend: S - Socceroo, FS - Former Socceroo, O - Olyroo, FO - Former Olyroo, YS - Young Socceroo, FYS - Former Young Socceroo, OI - Other International



# EYE ON STRIKERS' Tables

### ERICSSON CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	24	13	8	3	54	34	47
Sydney United	24	11	8	5	33	22	41
Adelaide City	24	12	4	8	42	28	40
Carlton SC	24	10	9	5	35	23	39
Marconi Fairfield	24	11	6	7	28	25	39
Melbourne Knights	24	10	6	8	35	29	36
Wollongong Wolves	23	11	2	10	45	30	35
UTS Olympic	24	10	4	10	34	39	34
Perth Glory	24	9	6	9	33	38	33
Adelaide Sharks	24	9	4	11	29	34	31
Gippsland Falcons	24	7	7	10	26	32	28
<b>STRIKERS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>
Newcastle Breakers	24	3	8	13	26	47	17
Canberra Cosmos	23	3	8	12	26	49	17

#### OTHER ROUND 25 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- FRI 3 APR Newcastle v Canberra Cosmos
- SAT 4 APR Wollongong Wolves v Perth Glory
- SUN 5 APR Carlton SC v Gippsland Falcons
- SUN 5 APR Melbourne Knights v UTS Olympic
- SUN 5 APR Sydney Utd v South Melbourne
- SUN 5 APR Adelaide City v Adelaide Sharks

#### ROUND 26 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- SUN 12 APR Wollongong Wolves v Sydney Utd
- SUN 12 APR UTS Olympic v Newcastle
- SUN 12 APR Marconi v Melbourne Knights
- SUN 12 APR South Melbourne v Carlton SC
- SUN 12 APR Gippsland Falcons v Adelaide City
- SUN 12 APR Adelaide Sharks v STRIKERS
- MON 13 APR Canberra Cosmos v Perth Glory

### NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div as at Mar 16)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aust Inst Sport	19	13	3	4	67	19	41
Wollongong City	20	11	4	5	43	36	37
UTS Olympic	18	10	4	4	55	27	34
<b>QAS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>
Sydney United	18	8	6	4	50	33	30
Marconi Fairfield	19	9	2	8	38	36	29
Newcastle Breakers	18	7	5	6	39	34	26
Marconi Fairfield Colts	19	7	3	9	30	43	24
ACT Academy Sport	19	5	6	8	23	49	20
Sydney United Colts	18	4	3	11	23	50	15
UTS Olympic Colts	19	3	4	12	27	62	12
NSW Inst. Sport	18	2	5	11	21	43	11

### ERICSSON CUP HOT SHOTS

Damian Mori	Adel City	18
Pablo Cardozo	Adel Sharks	13
Scott Chipperfield	Adel Sharks	12
Norman Tome	UTS Olymp	12
Tom Pondeljak	Melb Knts	11
Paul Trimboli	South Melb	10
Abbas Saad	Sydney Utd	8

## Post-Season Blues Approaching??

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