

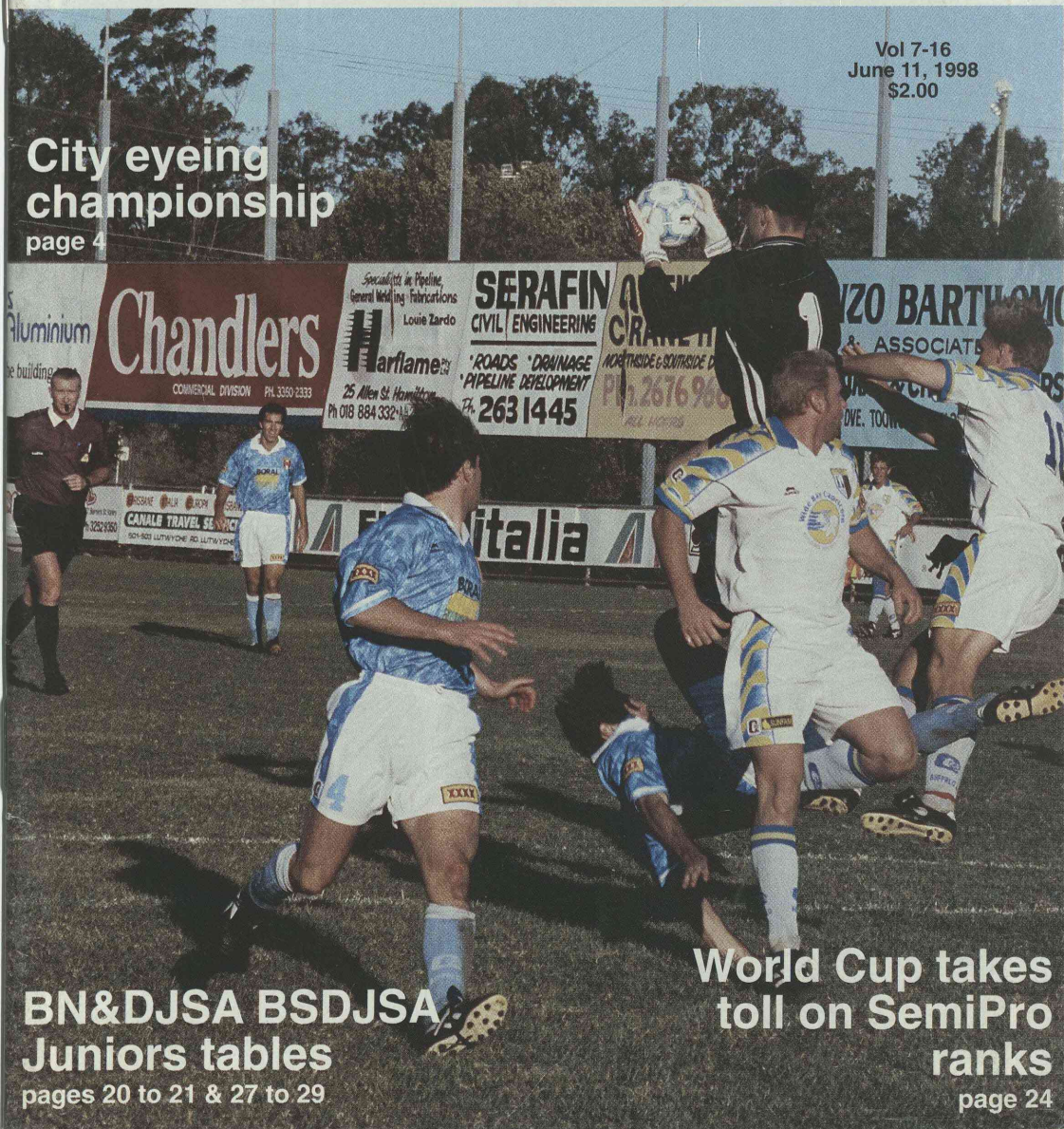
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Cover: The high-flyers were out in force at
Spencer Park last weekend when City met
Bundaberg Waves. Goals to Waugh,
Cooley and Slater gave the home team a
3-0 victory and helped consolidate their
lead on the league ladder.

Editorial

France '98 kicked off this week amid much fanfare and celebration.

Easily the most watched sporting event in the world - experts expect the cumulative audience of the World Cup to be in the vicinity of 37 billion - that's twice as many spectators as the Olympics attract - the World Cup promises to be one of the most memorable on record.

For starters, the 32-team format has added some variables into the equation and it is a pretty safe bet that some of the more fancied outfits are going to leave France with their tails between their legs.

And what about the talent on display? At recent World Cups, with the exception of Mexico '86 where Maradona reigned supreme, no single player has dominated the code's premier event.

Soccer is in need of a new champion; someone who can emerge from the shadows of Pele, Maradona, Beckenbauer and Cryuff and claim a place in the annals of football.

There are few contenders at this year's tournament. Del Piero is regarded as one of the world's finest finishers and to a large degree Italy's chances of winning rest on his shoulders. But let's not forget our very own (Is it right for us to claim him as an Australian?) - Christian Vieri who has been exciting crowds in Europe this year.

Dutch wizard Dennis Bergkamp has enjoyed a successful season with Arsenal and there are many that believe his best football is ahead of him.

The home nation has Robert Pires and Yuri Djorakeff, quality players that are sure to make an impact.

And then there are the Brazilians. Even without Romario, Brazil is a formidable side. Roberto Carlos has taken over Koeman's mantle as the world's premier free-kick specialist and his searching runs down the flanks are sure to terrorise opposing defences.

But the man to watch without a doubt is Ronaldo. This guy is pure genius and his repertoire of skills appears to have no limits.

France '98 promises to be a great spectacle so sit back, relax and enjoy the festivities!

City eyeing Championship

Brisbane City continued their relentless march towards the Premiership on the weekend, taking maximum points in the match against the Bundaberg Waves.

Nil-all at the break, City went on a goal spree in the second half with Damian Waugh, Warren Cooley and captain Chris Slater all making it onto the scorer's sheet.

The win places City on 38 points, eight clear of closest rival Taringa Rovers and coach Bobby Hamilton believes the reigning champions have turned the corner after enduring indifferent form.

"When it was nil-all at half time, I got the lads into the room and we spoke about a few things that weren't coming together," he said.

"We didn't panic, didn't change our game plan and never lost our shape in the second period which was very pleasing to me.

"Once Damian Waugh got his goal, which was of a very high standard, I thought that we were in control of the match."

Over the next month, City play the Gold Coast, Lions, Wynnum, Taringa and Rochedale.

The old adage that "it ain't over 'til it's over" is very true, but if City can secure good points from those games, opposing teams will find them difficult to catch in the premiership race.

Rochedale Rovers scored the other big win of the weekend, defeating Mt Gravatt 4-1 at Underwood Park.

Steve Fitzsimmons, Esala Masi, Clayton Koch and Matt Olley scored for Rovers, while

Nathan Carlross netted Mt Gravatt's only goal.

Rochedale coach Peter Bannon said he was pleased with the result, although reports from the match have indicated that the final score was perhaps a little flattering to the home side.

But a win is a win, and after experiencing a slight form slump earlier in the season, Rochedale appear to be back on track and threatening for a finals spot.

Up at Eric Evans Reserve, Ipswich defeated Beenleigh 2-0. One-nil at half time thanks to a Peter Vogler goal, Peter McKendrick secured the three points for the Knights.

Ipswich coach Mike Mulvey said while the match might not have proved the greatest spectacle, he was pleased with the final result.

"We did enough to win on the day... conditions were not great, but we created some chances and put two away," he said.

Wynnum caused the upset of the round, beating Brisbane Lions 2-0 at Carmichael Park on Monday. Matt Campion and Ben Wood scored for the Wolves, who leap-frogged Bundaberg on the table.

In the final match of the round, Taringa outlasted the Gold Coast to win 2-1.

Martin Matula scored for Taringa, but the Coast's Steven Steffannuto equalised to ensure the teams went into half-time locked at 1-1.

And just when the game looked certain to end in a draw, Des Hughes sealed the match for Rovers when he converted a free-kick.

PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE LIONS V TARINGA

Brisbane Lions will host Taringa Rovers in the match of the round at Lions Stadium on Saturday evening.

This should be an enthralling match as both teams look towards the finals.

Taringa have been in sparkling form of late and have moved into second position on the league ladder, four points clear of 3rd placed Lions, with Rochedale a further point behind in 4th place.

Taringa coach John Ogden said he was relieved to finish last week's game against the Gold Coast 2-1 up.

"It was a blustery day and the pitch was not in the best shape so the conditions were not conducive to good football," he said.

"It was one-all at half time and I thought we missed a couple of good opportunities to score in the first half, but in the end, it was great to pick up the three competition points.

"Gold Coast are quite a capable side and they will definitely take plenty more points off opposing teams this season."

This week's match against Lions starts a tough month for the lads from Jack Speare Park.

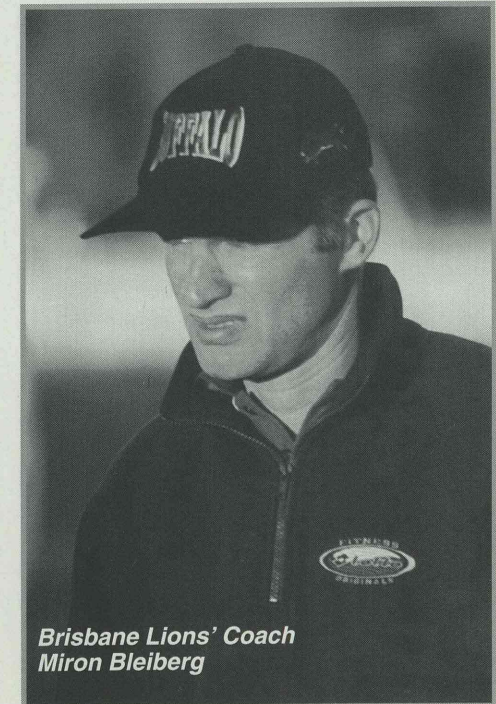
In the next four rounds, Taringa face Wynnum at home, Rochedale away, City at home and the Knights at Eric Evans Reserve.

Ogden said the rugged stretch would be a good test for his young squad and probably make or break Taringa's season.

"There's still plenty of points to play for in the competition and we're looking forward to getting a good result against Lions this weekend so we can keep the pressure on City," he said.

"We've got a lot of tough games coming up and even though our side is young, we approach matches confidently and believe in our ability to win."

Lions have the opportunity to make up some lost ground this week. They were comprehensively beaten 2-0 by Wynnum last week and if the team has any title aspirations, they will have to pick up their game significantly.



**Brisbane Lions' Coach
Miron Bleiberg**

BRISBANE LIONS v TARINGA ROV

Lions Stadium, Richlands
Saturday June 13, 7.00 pm

BRISBANE LIONS	TARINGA ROVERS
1 Jason Lucas	1 Scott Higgins
2 David Lonsdale (c)	2 Scott Robertson
3 Darren Sime	3 (Not Allocated)
4 Steven Starr	4 Scott Guyett
5 Paul Worroll	5 Joel Hale
6 Mark Geritz	6 (Not Allocated)
7 Steve Jackson	7 Des Hughes
8 Frank Mengotti	8 Demetri Theochari
9 Anthony Brown	9 Robert Laslo
10 Michael Brockwell	10 Richard Hilli
11 Marc Flemington	11 Brett Allan
12 Roy Huth	12 (Not Allocated)
13 Craig Rogers	13 Craig Slaughter
14 Cameron Watson	14 Clinton McDermott
15 Warren Allen	15 Aaron Bakker
16 (Not Allocated)	16 Shaun Molenda
17 (Not Allocated)	17 Cameron Williamson
18 Greg Di-Losa	18 Martin Matula
20 Darren Hillier	19 Jason Poggi
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PREMIER PREVIEW - BUNDABERG v Ipswich Knights

The Bundaberg Waves are in desperate need of league points when they host the Ipswich Knights at Thabeban Sports Complex on Saturday evening.

League leaders Brisbane City soundly beat Waves 3-0 last weekend and with 12 rounds remaining, Bundaberg must start winning if they are to be any chance of making the finals.

Coach Aldo Baretta said on current form, he believes City and Taringa would continue taking points from most teams in the competition, leaving two finals spots open.

However, Baretta said crucial injuries to key players had savaged the club's playing stocks and forced a re-think of team tactics.

"Against Lions a few weeks ago, we proved when we beat them 3-1 that we could match it with the top teams," he said.

"It makes it very tough however, when so many of your top-line players are sitting on the sidelines."

Waves bad luck continued last weekend when Altan Ramadan joined fellow New Zealand import Jimmy Cudd on the injured list after sustaining cartilage damage in his knee.

Tony Roebuck and Craig Hawkins are still sidelined with ankle injuries and it is unknown if Paul Fagan will come back from a serious knee complaint.

Baretta said it had been extremely frustrating not being able to play the club's best eleven at one time.

"With so many people injured, we have been forced to look only one game ahead," Baretta said.

"That does not mean that we're going to lay down against the Knights and dwell on our misfortune.

"We will definitely be giving the game our best shot and looking for three points at home."

Ipswich's confidence will be up after a 2-0 win against Beenleigh last weekend.

The win has kept the Knights in touch with the league's "big guns", just three points in arrears of 4th placed Rochedale.



Aldo Baretta says he is unable to play his top eleven at the one time

BUNDABERG v IPSWICH KNIGHTS

Thabeban Sports Complex, Bundaberg
Saturday June 13, 7.00 pm

BUNDABERG

- 1 Michael Bainbridge
- 2 Andrew Donnison
- 3 Andrew Packer
- 4 Altan Ramadan
- 5 John Giovannoni
- 6 Tony Roebuck (vc)
- 7 Luke Graham
- 8 Craig Hawkins
- 9 Nick Maas
- 10 Royce Brownlie
- 11 Jason Chapman
- 12 Chris Wilson
- 13 Gary Blackford
- 14 Peter Bock
- 15 Tony Giovannoni
- 16 Paul Fagan (c)
- 17 Michael Giovannoni
- 18 Matthew Barritt
- 19 Jimmy Cudd
- 20 Cale Driver

IPSWICH KNIGHTS

- 1 Barney Smith
- 2 Andrew King
- 3 Nick Seeley
- 4 Reg Davani
- 5 Pat Boyle
- 6 (Not Allocated)
- 7 Brenley Jefferd
- 8 John Clark
- 9 Damien Conquest
- 10 Peter McKendrick
- 11 Craig Collins
- 12 David Guest
- 13 Kasey Wehrman
- 14 Kevin Meacock
- 15 Clint Scott
- 16 Ken Caldwell
- 17 Wayne Adams
- 18 Neville O'Sullivan
- 19 Peter Vogler
- 20 Sam Ferguson

PREMIER PREVIEW - BEENLEIGH v Mt GRAVATT

Beenleigh will be looking to make a move off the bottom of the table when they host Mt Gravatt at Chris Green Park on Saturday.

Last week Beenleigh lost 2-0 to the Ipswich Knights, although coach Steve Dolan said conditions made it very difficult to play attractive football.

"It was fairly windy up there (Ipswich) and the pitch was quite bumpy so we weren't able to knock the ball around," he said.

"However, we still managed to start okay and I thought we played well in the first half even though they went into the break one-up.

"But we struggled in the second half... the wind picked up and they (Ipswich) got stronger as the game went on.

"We had our share of chances in the match but it was difficult to come back when they scored their second goal."

Dolan said that even though Beenleigh had managed only two wins this season, he was pleased with the attitude and commitment of players.

"The main thing that we're trying to achieve is put some good performances on the board," he said.

"We've got ten players out at the moment through injury and suspension and last week, we struggled to put two teams out on the field.

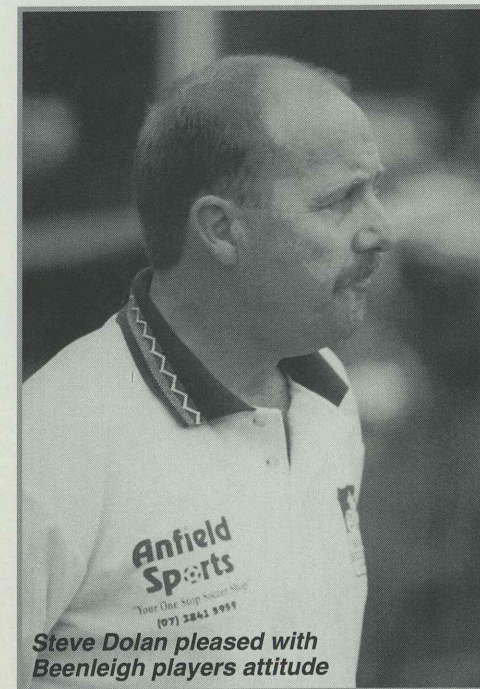
"However, we've managed to produce some sound performances in recent weeks against the likes of Taringa, Lions and Ipswich, with the game against City, our only poor performance.

"We certainly haven't been getting flogged 6-2 consistently and I think we've been probably a little unlucky not to get something out of those matches."

Dolan said he expected a tough encounter against Mt Gravatt.

"The four-one score line against Rochedale was not a true indication of the game," he said.

"Rochedale had it all over them (Mt Gravatt) in the first half, but the tables turned in the second half and there's no doubt that they will be tough opposition."



Steve Dolan pleased with Beenleigh players attitude

BEENLEIGH v MT GRAVATT

Chris Green Park, Beenleigh
Saturday June 13, 6.00 pm

MOUNT GRAVATT

- 1 Mark Bland
- 2 David Pryor
- 3 Peter Georgiou
- 4 Danny Cox (c)
- 5 Wayne Srhoj
- 6 Stu Collins
- 7 Robin Gosney
- 8 Anthony McCullough
- 9 Wayne Knipe
- 10 Anthony Roche
- 11 Andy Garw. Gowers
- 12 Steve Morris
- 13 Darren Stachowicz
- 14 Nathan Carlos
- 15 (Not Allocated)
- 16 (Not Allocated)
- 17 (Not Allocated)
- 18 (Not Allocated)
- 19 Trevor Evans
- Rgk Paul Petersen

BEENLEIGH

- 1 Chris Roche
- 2 Kieren Galloway
- 3 Michael Lipscombe
- 4 Brett Jones
- 5 Steven Forshaw
- 6 Wayne Hinton
- 7 Fotis Skordou
- 8 Jarrod Austin
- 9 Brett Druery
- 10 Bradley Ditton
- 11 Alan Spiers
- 12 Jason Eacott
- 13 Daniel Stowers
- 14 Michael Bettridge
- 15 Lee Preston
- 16 Michael Kalic
- 17 Paul Lederhose
- 18 Marc Lederhose
- 19 Cori Fisher
- 20 David Iliff

PREMIER PREVIEW - WYNNUM DIST v ROCHEDALE ROVERS

Rochdale Rovers travel west this weekend for a predicably tough match against the Wynnum Wolves at Carmichael Park.

Rochdale scored an emphatic 4-1 win last week against Mt Gravatt and coach Peter Bannon said the result was one of Rovers best for the season.

"The scoreline was very pleasing and I think it might have even been our biggest win of the year," he said.

"The only low-point of the match was the goal that they scored against us as it was very soft.

"However, I was very pleased with the way in which we constructed our goals.

"We managed to string together a number of passes and then produced some quality finishes."

In contrast to Rovers who are sitting comfortably in 4th position, the Wynnum Wolves are struggling in 9th place.

However, the Wolves ladder position belies some of the side's strong performances this season and Wynnum are usually at their most difficult at home.

Bannon said he was looking forward to a hard encounter and was not expecting any favours from the conditions.

"It's always difficult playing at Wynnum as the ground is quite hard and there is usually a fairly strong wind blowing," he said.

"That, combined with the fact that they have a new coach does not make it that easy to assess how they're likely to play.

"Sometimes sides lift under a new coach, but the best thing we can probably do is take care of our own business.

"We're very much looking at the competition on a week by week basis and looking to consolidate our position on the table.

"City seems to have got the jump on everyone so it's important that we try to keep in touch and the best way we can do that is by getting a win and securing the three points."



Matt Campion scored Wynnum's first goal last weekend

WYNNUM v ROCHEDALE ROVERS

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa
Sunday June 14, 2.45 pm

WYNNUM DISTRICT	ROCHEDALE ROVERS
1 Kevin Tatton	1 Elvis Guzic
2 Luke Adair	2 (Not Allocated)
3 (Not allocated)	3 Ross Davidson
4 Nigel McClure	4 Michael Lane
5 Ricky McKinless	5 Damian Harris
6 Tony McKinless (c)	6 Alun Evans
7 Matt Campion	7 Steve Fitzsimmons
8 Paul Wilkins	8 Michael Legg
9 Mark Wilkins	9 Wade Baldwin
10 Ben Wood	10 Clayton Koch
11 Nick Hadland	11 John Weatherby
12 Darrell Grundy	12 David Pilic
13 (Not Allocated)	13 Brad Ditton
14 Stuart Popplewell	14 Paul Grugan
15 Andrew Davidson	15 Glen Kolpak
16 Shane Gilroy	16 Matt Olley
17 Calvin Gnech	17 Gary Brattan
18 Damien Rogers	18 Andy Monement
19 Bill McDermott	19 Esala Masi
20 Garth McCulloch	20 Todd Rumble

PREMIER PREVIEW - Gold Coast v Brisbane City

The Gold Coast have the odds stacked firmly against them when they host league leaders Brisbane City this weekend.

The Coast are currently sitting on 17 points in 7th position on the league ladder, six behind 4th placed Brisbane Lions.

The team was a little unlucky not to get any points against Taringa last weekend, losing 2-1 thanks to a successful Des Hughes free-kick in the dying stages of the game.

With almost two-thirds of the regular season matches completed, it is down to the business end of the year and three points will seem like gold to Paul Cockbain and his players.

However, Brisbane City must go into this match as the warmest of favourites.

Last week, City disposed of Bundaberg 3-0 with Slater, Waugh and Cooley finding their way onto the scorer's sheet.

The win has taken City eight points clear on the league ladder and opposition teams must now rely on the reigning champions stumbling in their quest for back to back championships.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said his players were firmly focussed on consolidating City's place at the top of the table.

"We had a chat during the week and we're aware that over the next five weeks, we've got three matches away," he said.

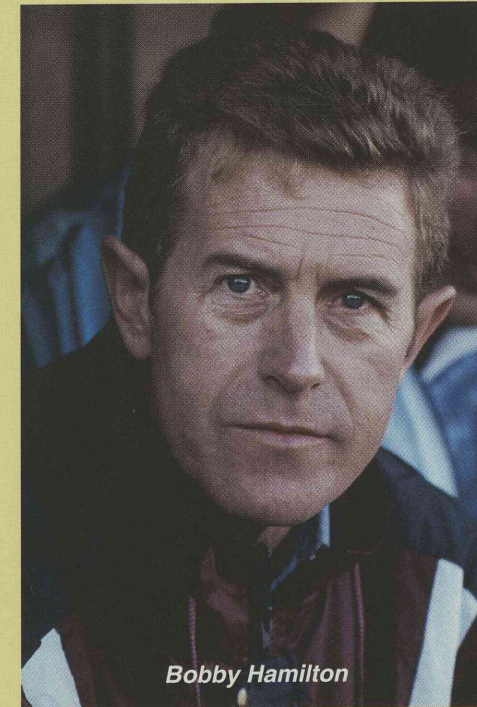
"We believe that if we can get through those games and gain some points, we'll be difficult to catch in the race for the title.

"It starts this week against the Coast... We believe that if we have the right attitude and put into practice what we do at training, we can come away with the points.

"However, we're under no illusions about how hard it will be to beat the Gold Coast.

"They're quite a good side and at home on a tight field, they are going to be a difficult proposition."

City are not far off from being at full strength with Mark Battistin and Barry Wilkinson both spending time in the reserves last week after enduring extended lay-offs due to injury.



Bobby Hamilton

GOLD COAST v BRISBANE CITY

Glennon Park, Nerang
Sunday June 14, 2.45 pm

GOLD COAST CITY	BRISBANE CITY
1 Martin Simpson	1 Daniel Duke
2 Tom Protuder	2 Warren Cooley
3 Adam Hayward	3 Damon Voss
4 Mick Richardson	4 Mark Bennett
5 Trevor Wood	5 Wayne Strange
6 Brett Adams	6 Scott Elliott
7 Col Phelan	7 Barry Wilkinson
8 Jade Flack	8 Chris Slater (c)
9 Troy Greenwood	9 Damien Waugh
10 Peter Grierson	10 Danny Wright
11 Aaron Bristow	11 Shane Haddow
12 Rob Boxall	12 Robert Kidd
13 Stuart Stevenson	13 Daryl Anderson
14 Matthew Packer	14 Mark Battistin
15 Trevor Elliott	15 Mark Luburic
16 Martyn Carter	16 Mark Jenkins
17 Pat Casey	17 Damon Tune
18 Adam Evans	18 Mark Dessi
19 Lee Vernon	19 (Not Allocated)
20 Matt Miner	20 Adriano Taraborrelli



Dear Sir,

Re: "Read between the Lines" with Brent Read.

It is with some concern that I have to respond to the above article.

Firstly, I must state that this is the only time in over 20 years as Secretary of the Referees Body that I have put pen to paper despite many article/items relating to the referees.

I am disappointed that the writer did not do his home work before putting pen to paper, if he had then he would have obtained the full facts and not from the one source however, that would not have made for reading would it.

The club were incorrect in making contact with the Referees Body themselves as all correspondence should be through the office/administration of the QSF.

However, the club through Chris Knight did make contact with myself at my work place. I then contacted the referee in question and asked that he check his paper work. His records showed he was correct and the advice given was that he had checked with his Assistants after the game and they had confirmed the cautions. He then checked again with assists however, by this time they were not able to confirm one way or the other. The referee and myself tried unsuccessfully to contact Chris with this information.

The club did not make further contact with me and I certainly did not waste any further time to pursue the matter. No disciplinary action has been or will be taken against the match official as we do not accept that it was an error on the referees part. The club through Chris never at any stage requested a letter for the QSF therefore the REFEREE did not fail to submit a report.

Our members are held accountable for their actions, behaviour and are disciplined when it is believed it is appropriate. This is and has been an on going occurrence and is part of the responsibility of our body both towards the code and the cubs in general. Referees are fined and

suspended or both or not carrying out their responsibilities in a manner that we consider to be irresponsible.

The notion that our referees are a protected species is certainly a myth, try asking the referees themselves and they will assent to my comments in fact quite a number would question why our standards are so high.

It is disappointing that authors of your magazine do not research the material before going to print. In this day and age I would have thought "fair play" would have been required. Again I must state that this is the first time in my association as Secretary (1978) that I have put pen to paper in response to an attack on my members.

In closing I would ask that anyone reading your great paper and want to find out about maintaining their involvement in the game might consider becoming a "BLACK AND WHITE" by writing or phoning me. We would certainly welcome anyone who is interested.

Gordon Nicholson (Secretary SARB)

Gordon, I appreciate you taking the time to write, putting your side of the story on record. We could probably argue the point indefinitely but I wish to emphasise that I have full faith in the journalists that work on this publication. However, should anyone wish to become a Referee, then I urge them to contact Gordon on 3808 6091 during office hours. Ed.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the article in last week's edition there is always two sides to every story, here's ours.

After the loss to pine Rivers, which by the way meant we had dropped seven out of the last nine points, we were given an ultimatum by Jim Quinn that either Ian Young goes or he goes. This was not the first time this year we have had to reconcile the situation between the two coaches. They are both good coaches in their own right, but unfortunately they were finding it difficult to work as a team.

After the ultimatum, we held a meeting with the majority of the first team squad and whilst both coaches had positives it was obvious neither coach had the total support of the players. There was no way we were going to favor one

over the other which is the reason Frank Burn was appointed.

The decision was not of a pre-emptive nature and needed to be made immediately because the feud was effecting the team and any deferment could end out title and championship aspiration.

The reason we offered Jim and Ian lower division jobs is because they are great club men and we do not want to lose them.

I will be the first to admit that Jim has done a lot of good for Easts and he is always welcome at Heath Park. End of story.

Yours Faithfully, Lex Donsky, President Eastern Suburbs Soccer Club

Lex, it is with pleasure that I print your club's position on the matter. Thank you for taking the time. Ed.

Dear Sir,

I would like to correct any false impressions your readers may elicit concerning my attitude to matters espoused in your recent article headed "Tigers shun top of table coaches - Quinn and Young".

Contrary to the main theme of the article I have no problem with Eastern Suburbs management changing direction midway through the season. In my opinion, the decision that was taken was open to them. As the person who was responsible for the fitness and coaching of the players since January 4 1998, naturally I feel somewhat disappointed that I will not be there at the business end of the season. Nevertheless I am quite comforted by the fact that a change of baton took place with the team seven points ahead of the field and that I have contributed towards that achievement.

I would also like to point out that East most definitely have not "shunned" me as your article appears to indicate. On the contrary they have embraced me. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be involved with East, in the coaching of the reserve and colts teams for the remainder of the season.

Yours in Soccer, Iain Young

Iain, your letter is printed also with pleasure.. Everyone at Eye On Soccer wishes you well in coaching Easts lower grades. I am sure they will have a roar more fierce in the future. Ed.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter as a concerned parent of soccer players

During this season the referees have had a clamp down on swearing in junior matches to the extent that red cards are automatically shown and four weeks suspension is given. I know this is a good idea but I think that it is about time that the senior players were also treated to the same discipline.

I take my children to a lot of senior games and the language is deplorable. The question is always asked, "Why didn't they get a red card". These are the peers of our younger soccer players and what goes for one goes for all. (Name supplied but withheld on request)

The red cards were happening a couple of seasons ago in the senior ranks but it seems to have been put on the back burner. I by no means am prudish but I do have to agree with you. The excuse of "frustration" and "In the heat of the moment" wears very thin with me. It is an aspect of the game that needs to be stopped. Ed.

Dear Sir,

I do not belong to any club, but I often go to watch the games for the local clubs in this area, Capalaba, Mooroondu, Redlands, Bayside and Wynnum.

Interesting to read in your editorial (4th June edition) on your opinions on profane language. Personally I don't have a problem with this... this is common vocabulary in many households in this country.

The way I see it is that "offensive language" is only offensive because people find it offensive and therefore the fault lies within. If people have a problem with what might be said they should stay at home. After all, what's offensive is open to interpretation.

Finally, why was there no weekend results in this week's (June 4th) edition? And does "Eye on Soccer" have an e-mail address.

Thank You, Duan Miyazaki

Duan, In short... No space, No, and Not in this household it isn't!! The use of profane, vulgar and disgusting language is not open to interpretation and I am yet to enter a household in this country where it is in common use! Ed.

NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

New signing boosts Thistle

The signing of dynamic wide midfielder Sergio Pinto has boosted Grange Thistle hopes of staying off the bottom of the ladder for the remainder of the season.

Pinto left the troubled Redlands club earlier last week and debuted for Thistle in their match against Mitchelton over the weekend, and his new coach Paddy Higgins was impressed with what he saw.

"He played very well and there's no doubt he'll add that little bit extra to the side," Higgins said.

"He's very quick and really controls the flanks in attack, although I will be expecting a bit more out of him defensively, in the coming weeks."

Despite Pinto's arrival to the club however, Grange could not topple the struggling Mitchelton side last Sunday.

After leading the game 1-0, Thistle's Aaron Aldridge was sent from the field five minutes into the second half. And Higgins believes the send-off cost his side dearly.

"It was extremely disappointing. The boys went into defensive mode after that and you just can't do that for 35 to 40 minutes of a game," the Thistle coach said.

"They showed a real lack of inexperience and didn't play well with ten men, but I guess you put that down to another learning curve for the side."

Prior to last week's loss, Higgins was pleased with his side's form coming into this clash with the in-form Uni of Queensland.

Two Cup wins and a solid victory against Newmarket had given the young Thistle outfit plenty of confidence and Higgins is under the belief none of that will be lost when the side hits the park this weekend.

Easts looking to dominate Creek

Eastern Suburbs are looking to continue their dominance in the semi-pro North league, when they take on form side Albany Creek at Heath Park this weekend.

Despite a small hiccup a fortnight ago, which saw the side drop their first match of the season and their coaches Jim Quinn and Ian Young sacked, the Tigers have bounced back strongly.

A 3-1 victory at North Star last weekend under new coach Frank Burn showed the rest of the competition that nothing has changed at Easts, when it comes to on-field performances.

However Albany Creek could be a different proposition for the northern high-flyers.

Under Justin Kilshaw, Albany Creek has had a lot of success this season, particularly in the second round of the competition, where they have beaten every side except for the University of Queensland.

Kilshaw's squad have shown they will certainly be up there amongst the top four finishers at the end of the season.

They enjoyed a 1-1 draw with southern competition leaders Toowoomba last weekend in the Ansett Cup, a result many would envy.

Despite the score draw however, Creek went down to Toowoomba 3-1 on aggregate, with their focus now set to turn entirely on the league.

Pine Rivers showed a fortnight ago that Easts can be beaten, and that result is sure to buoy Kilshaw's men, who themselves have forged some impressive results in recent weeks.

Victory would see them rise into the top four, but more importantly it would allow some of the competition's other teams to peg back some ground on the high-flyers.

Easts however will be looking to consolidate their position even further and confirm that they still are the competition's number one side.

NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Rivers ready to continue their roll Big job to lift devastated Gap

The resurgent Pine Rivers are looking to continue their good run of form, with another positive result against Mitchelton this weekend.

Rivers have won three on the trot in recent weeks, with their last scalp coming in the form of the out of sorts Newmarket outfit, to the tune of three goals to nil.

And coach Frank Pimblett is under no illusions about why his side has hit their recent purple patch.

"We're scoring goals," he said. "We've always had a very good defensive record and we've maintained that in the last few weeks, but the difference is that we're scoring goals."

Pimblett said the difference was not just on the scoresheet either, with the side's new found scoring ways instilling plenty of confidence in his players.

"It does make a big difference to the confidence of the players," Pimblett said.

"When the team's sticking them away in the back of the net you can see the boys lift their overall games and they begin to have more confidence when the chances come their way."

The Pine Rivers coach said it has taken plenty of hard work to properly hone the side's scoring ability, with many a training night spent on finishing.

And the Rivers coach is confident of a similar response from his players when they take on Mitchelton this weekend.

"It'll be a tough game," Pimblett said. "They're always very tight and always very competitive, but most of all they're enjoyable."

"I saw Mitchy play Easts a couple of weeks ago and they were good value for the draw then, and I expect nothing less than that, when we meet them this weekend."

Coach of The Gap Mauro Saftich has the unenviable task of lifting his players for this weekend's match against North Star, after the side went down 2-1 in devastating fashion to the University of Queensland last week.

After leading 1-0 at half-time, Saftich's outfit conceded two second half goals, to allow Uni to come away with the points.

"It was a real disappointment to lose the match that way after dominating for so much of it," Saftich said.

"It was as if someone came along and kicked us all in the guts."

The Gap coach singled out the University keeper as the main reason for his side's loss, citing several instances where Uni was saved by their last man in defence.

"He was outstanding. He made two point blank saves and certainly prevented us from going further ahead on the scoreboard early in the piece," Saftich said.

In contrast, it was a keeping error from The Gap which cost Saftich's outfit dearly.

"I had my top two keepers out of action so I used my third stringer," The Gap coach said.

"He did a good job for most of the match, however he made a big blunder with just seconds left on the clock, that cost us the match."

Saftich agreed that he would have his work cut out for him to lift his side and restore some lost confidence after last weekend's earth shattering loss.

"When you lose a game like that it really can destroy the confidence of the team," Saftich said.

"It will be hard to pick them up for this weekend's clash with North Star, but they're experienced and I'm sure they'll be right come game time."

EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	15	12	2	1	41	11	38
TARINGA ROVERS	15	9	3	3	26	14	30
BRISBANE LIONS	15	8	2	5	28	24	26
ROCHEDALE ROV	14	8	1	5	25	19	25
IPSW KNIGHTS	14	7	1	6	22	27	22
MT GRAVATT	15	4	5	6	26	24	17
GOLD COAST	15	4	5	6	18	21	17
WYNNUM	14	4	2	8	20	27	14
B'BERG WAVES	14	4	1	9	17	31	13
BEENLEIGH	15	2	0	13	17	42	6

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	15	11	2	2	45	23	35
TARINGA ROVERS	15	9	2	4	45	22	29
GOLD COAST	15	8	2	5	46	32	26
ROCHEDALE ROV	14	8	1	5	37	21	25
MT GRAVATT	15	7	1	7	34	37	22
BRISBANE CITY	15	6	3	6	31	35	21
IPSW KNIGHTS	14	6	2	6	37	25	20
BEENLEIGH	15	6	0	9	28	46	18
WYNNUM	14	3	2	9	22	29	11
B'BERG WAVES	14	1	1	12	19	74	4

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	11	8	0	3	30	19	24
MT GRAVATT	13	6	3	4	39	29	21
ROCHEDALE ROV	10	6	2	2	25	20	20
TARINGA ROVERS	11	5	3	3	31	24	18
IPSW KNIGHTS	12	4	2	6	21	27	14
BRISBANE CITY	12	4	1	7	23	30	13
WYNNUM	11	3	3	5	19	18	12
BEENLEIGH	12	2	2	8	12	33	8

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	41	27	4	10	103	66	85
Taringa Rovers	41	23	8	10	102	60	77
Brisbane City	42	22	6	14	96	76	72
Rochedale Rovers	38	22	4	12	87	60	70
Mt Gravatt	43	17	9	17	99	80	60
Ipswich Knights	40	17	5	18	80	79	56
Gold Coast	30	12	7	11	64	53	43
Wynnum District	39	10	7	22	61	74	37
Beenleigh	42	10	2	30	57	121	32
Bundaberg	28	5	2	21	36	105	17

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTERN SUBS	14	10	3	1	28	13	33
UNI OF QLD	13	7	2	4	18	14	23
MITCHELTON	14	6	3	5	23	24	21
THE GAP	12	5	4	3	26	23	19
ALBANY CREEK	13	5	3	5	23	15	18
PINE RIVERS UTD	12	4	5	3	13	10	17
NORTH STAR	13	4	2	7	19	21	14
GRANGE THISTLE	12	2	2	8	12	23	8
NEWMARKET	13	1	4	8	10	29	7


SEMIPRO DIV 1 N RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	13	8	3	2	28	13	27
PINE RIVERS UTD	12	7	3	2	25	15	24
GRANGE THISTLE	12	6	2	4	28	22	20
EASTERN SUBS	14	5	5	4	21	16	20
NEWMARKET	13	6	2	5	23	25	20
MITCHELTON	14	5	4	5	15	15	19
THE GAP	12	3	3	6	19	21	12
NORTH STAR	13	3	2	8	19	25	11
ALBANY CREEK	13	1	4	8	15	41	7

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	14	11	1	2	52	23	34
THE GAP	12	8	1	3	40	17	25
NORTH STAR	13	7	1	5	39	28	22
UNI OF QLD	13	7	0	6	33	30	21
PINE RIVERS UTD	12	6	2	4	37	21	20
ALBANY CREEK	13	4	2	7	25	30	14
NEWMARKET	13	3	4	6	30	43	13
GRANGE THISTLE	12	3	1	8	13	53	10
EASTERN SUBS	14	2	2	10	22	46	8

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	13	12	1	0	43	9	37
CAPALABA	13	8	2	3	30	16	26
ROCKLEA UTD	13	8	1	4	34	20	25
OLYMPIC UTD	14	5	2	7	26	29	17
ACACIA RIDGE	13	5	1	7	23	29	16
INALA CITY	14	5	1	8	21	35	16
REDLANDS UTD	12	5	0	7	23	35	15
SOUTHS UTD	12	1	6	5	15	21	9
SLACKS CREEK	14	2	2	10	16	37	8

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	13	9	2	2	50	13	29
OLYMPIC UTD	14	9	2	3	44	23	29
SOUTHS UTD	12	8	1	3	40	18	25
CAPALABA	13	7	4	2	34	22	25
ROCKLEA UTD	13	7	1	5	34	26	22
REDLANDS UTD	12	6	3	3	38	19	21
SLACKS CREEK	14	3	1	10	24	44	10
ACACIA RIDGE	13	2	2	9	16	45	8
INALA CITY	14	0	0	14	8	78	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	13	13	0	0	84	11	39
CAPALABA	13	11	0	2	77	13	33
SOUTHS UTD	12	9	0	3	55	17	27
OLYMPIC UTD	14	6	3	5	39	35	21
ROCKLEA UTD	13	5	2	6	46	29	17
REDLANDS UTD	12	5	2	5	39	27	17
ACACIA RIDGE	13	2	2	9	21	101	8
INALA CITY	14	2	1	11	11	71	7
SLACKS CREEK	14	0	2	12	17	85	2

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EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANERLEY	12	9	2	1	37	8	29
NORTH PINE	13	9	0	4	33	16	27
MOGGILL UTD	13	7	2	4	24	19	23
BROTHERS UTD	13	7	0	6	36	26	21
S'SIDE EAGLES	13	5	3	5	19	15	18
SOUTH STAR	12	5	2	5	17	19	17
LATROBE	13	5	2	6	22	31	17
DARRA UTD	12	4	4	4	21	23	16
MARGATE	13	4	2	7	18	23	14
REDCLIFFE	12	4	2	6	20	27	14
BAYSIDE UTD	13	3	2	8	16	37	11
GOODNA	13	2	3	8	16	35	9

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LOGAN CITY KINGS	11	10	0	1	54	13	30
MOOROONDU	12	10	0	2	34	11	30
NORTH PINE	12	7	2	3	51	18	23
WOODRIDGE	12	7	2	3	43	21	23
ANERLEY	11	7	0	4	34	19	21
SAMFORD	12	5	1	6	32	30	16
MOGGILL UTD	11	5	1	5	39	38	16
MARGATE	11	5	0	6	31	23	15
BAYSIDE UTD	12	2	0	10	18	61	6
PARK RIDGE	11	1	0	10	11	47	3
OXLEY UTD	11	1	0	10	9	75	3

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	13	12	1	0	44	13	37
S'SIDE EAGLES	13	11	1	1	52	4	34
NORTH PINE	13	10	1	2	54	16	31
BAYSIDE UTD	13	6	3	4	25	28	21
ANERLEY	12	6	1	5	35	24	19
MOGGILL UTD	13	6	1	6	27	21	19
BROTHERS UTD	13	5	1	7	29	30	16
DARRA UTD	12	4	2	6	34	31	14
REDCLIFFE	12	4	1	7	21	32	13
SOUTH STAR	12	2	3	7	18	38	9
GOODNA	13	2	1	10	21	34	7
LATROBE	13	0	0	13	11	100	0

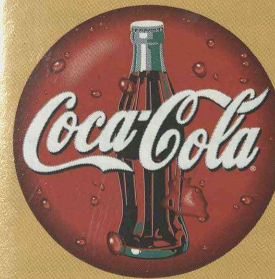
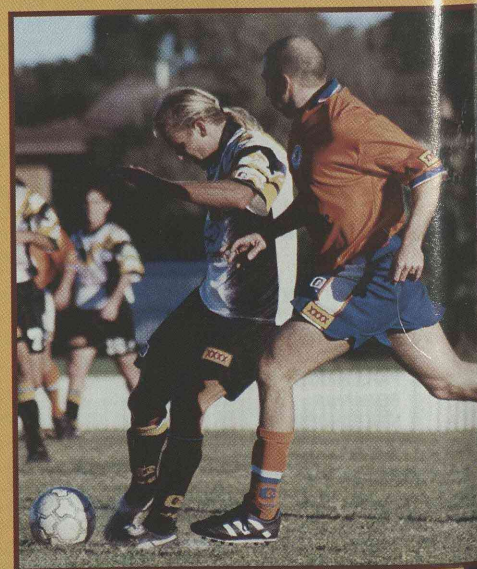
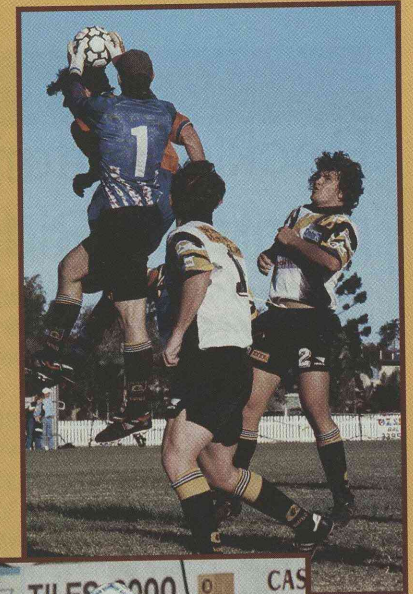
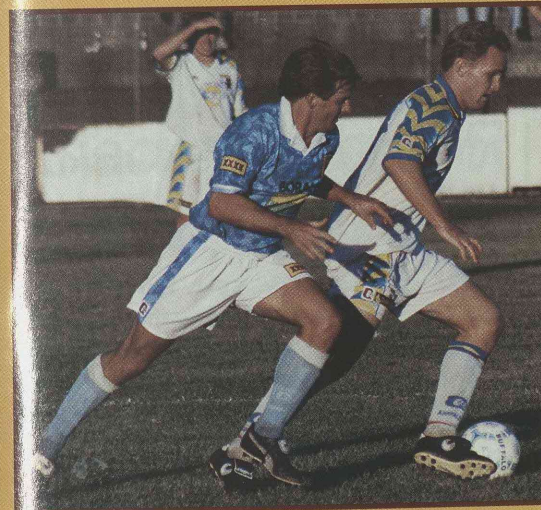
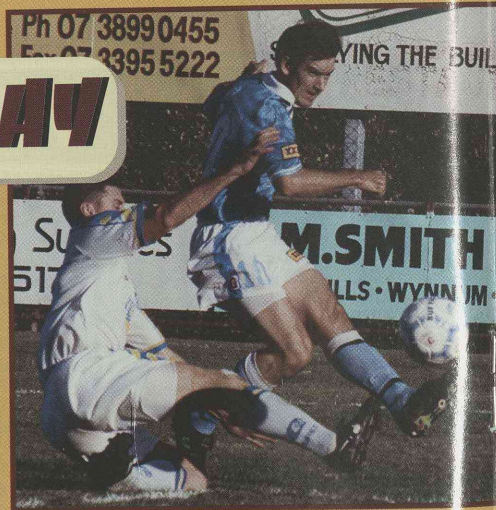
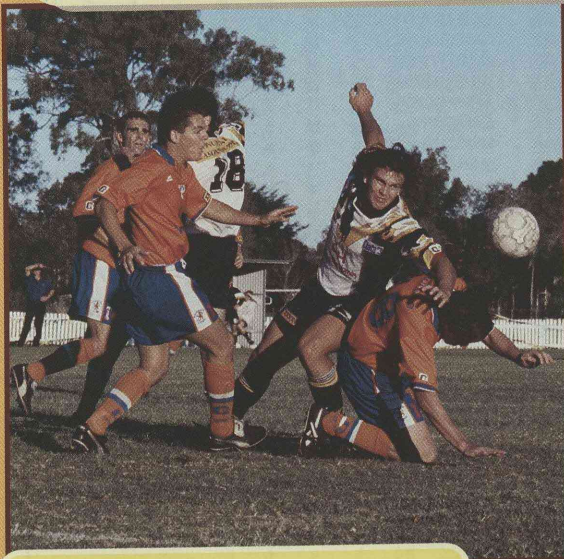
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TARINGA ROVERS	12	11	0	1	49	11	33
IPSW KNIGHTS	13	11	0	2	36	17	33
ACACIA RIDGE	13	8	1	4	40	24	25
CAPALABA	12	7	2	3	39	22	23
SLACKS CREEK	12	7	1	4	36	27	22
BRISBANE LIONS	13	6	3	4	32	29	21
EASTERN SUBS	12	5	2	5	42	34	17
MITCHELTON	13	3	3	7	17	27	12
NEWMARKET	12	2	2	8	17	50	8
THE GAP	11	2	1	8	20	37	7
NORTH STAR	10	1	1	8	16	39	4
ALBANY CREEK	11	1	0	10	14	41	3

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JIMBOOMBA	12	7	4	1	47	13	25
SAMFORD	11	7	1	3	27	17	22
IPSWICH CITY	11	6	3	2	26	12	21
PINE HILLS	11	5	4	2	25	18	19
OXLEY UTD	10	6	0	4	24	22	18
CLAIRVAUX	12	5	2	5	22	23	17
PARK RIDGE	12	5	2	5	19	24	17
BETHANIA	10	5	1	4	22	13	16
KINGSRIDGE	11	2	3	6	12	34	9
ARCHERFIELD	11	2	2	7	23	45	8
GREENBANK	11	0	0	11	8	34	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WYNNUM	13	12	1	0	64	7	37
MT GRAVATT	13	10	1	2	51	9	31
UNI OF QLD	13	10	0	3	51	12	30
SOUTHS UTD	13	9	1	3	45	22	28
GRANGE THISTLE	13	7	1	5	28	30	22
IPSW KNIGHTS	13	6	1	6	18	24	19
BRISBANE CITY	12	5	1	6	25	22	16
SLACKS CREEK	12	3	5	4	34	30	14
SAMFORD	13	3	0	10	15	39	9
CAPALABA	13	3	0	10	18	59	9
ALBANY CREEK	13	2	0	11	7	73	6
PINE RIVERS UTD	13	1	1	11	9	38	4

AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAMFORD	8	6	1	1	24	10	19
PARK RIDGE	9	5	2	2	20	11	17
PINE HILLS	10	5	2	3	24	33	17
BETHANIA	8	4	3	1	18	10	15
JIMBOOMBA	9	4	1	4	18	16	13
CLAIRVAUX	10	2	4	4	2		

ACTION REPLAY



Semi Pro Matches (Round 16)

Saturday June 13

The Gap v North Star
6.00pm - Walton Bridge Reserve

Pine Rivers v Mitchelton
7.00pm - Wendy Allsion park

Souths United v Inala City
7.00pm - Wakerley Park

Redlands Utd v Capalaba
6.30pm - Show Ground, Waterloo St.

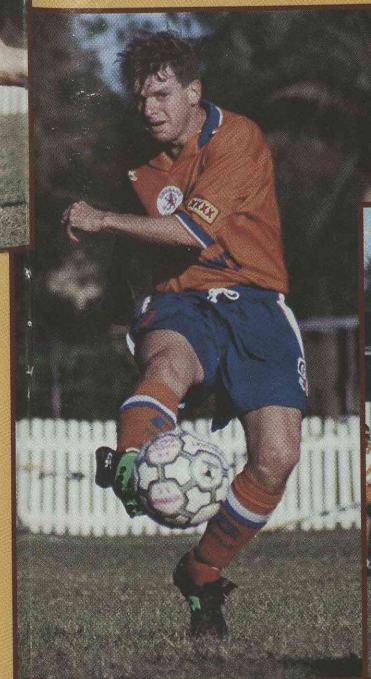
Rocklea Utd v Acacia Ridge
7.00pm - Dunn Road

Slacks Creek v Toowoomba Utd
7.30pm - Usher Park

Sunday June 14

Eastern Sub v Albany Creek
2.45pm - Heath Park

Grange Thistle v Uni of Qld
2.45pm - Wallace J Dann



SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Rocklea after points off Ridge

Rocklea United will be looking to pick themselves up from their 1-0 loss to Capalaba, when they take on Acacia Ridge this weekend.

The loss was a very disappointing one for Allan Hughes and his men, with the coach still under the impression that the winning goal was scored from an off-side position.

"I thought that the off-side was so obvious the referee would have to pick it up," Hughes said.

"And I wasn't the only one... even the Capalaba supporters thought the same as well.

"I couldn't believe it when the linesman didn't raise his flag, but I guess we just have to live with it now."

Hughes said that although he was disappointed with the result, he was very pleased with the way his side fought to the end.

"I thought the boys showed a lot of heart and played with courage," he said.

"The only thing they did wrong was not take a couple of early chances, but that's football."

The Rocklea coach remains confident that won't be the case when his side takes on Acacia Ridge this weekend though.

The Ridge upset the highly rated Rocklea side 3-2 in the first round, and Hughes believes his team has learned from that encounter.

"When we played them in the first round, it was during the double header weekend at Easter, and we were set to take on Toowoomba straight afterwards. I think the boys had their minds on that match and not the game against Ridge," Hughes said.

"But we won't be taking them lightly. They have got a few good players and plenty of pace up front. Last time they showed us that they're good on the break".

R'lands confident for derby match

Redlands are ready to play the match of their season this weekend, when they take on close neighbours and arch rivals Capalaba.

Despite both teams being worlds apart on the table, Redlands coach Brian Hastings believes his side will lift itself dramatically for the derby encounter and give the high-flying Capalaba outfit a real run for its money.

"It's true that Capalaba are one of the form sides of the competition at the moment," Hastings said.

"But we never play a bad game against them and always have a close match when we meet.

"The rivalry between the two clubs is very intense and our players always seem to lift themselves for these matches and make a good accounting of themselves."

These comments come despite a 2-1 loss to Inala City last weekend, which Hastings said could quite easily have been a lot bigger margin.

"It was a 2-1 thrashing really... they could've won it 6-1, but I don't think that result will have any bearing on the outcome this weekend."

Hastings said he had looked closely at Capalaba's style of play in recent weeks and noted several areas on the park where he feels they could be beaten.

"There's no questioning that they're a very good side," the Redlands coach said.

"They've had some good wins of late and they play quality football, but I do feel we can take advantage of one or two areas of their game.

"I think their defence is one aspect that we'll be looking to exploit. They have a very slow defence and I think our quick guys up front should be able to take full toll of that."

Hastings would not give too much more away except to say that he wouldn't be surprised to see his side spring an upset against their more fancied rivals.

SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Slacks prepare for tough encounter

Slacks Creek coach Danny Docherty is preparing his side for one of their toughest encounters this season.

The out of form side is set to play host to the competition leaders Toowoomba United this weekend, and Docherty is far from confident.

"Every match is a tough match for us at the moment, but what can you say about Toowoomba," the Slacks Creek coach said.

"They're the top side and they're playing with plenty of confidence so they'll be extremely hard to beat.

"They've got some very good players and have no real weaknesses anywhere across the park, so our boys know they're in for a very tough encounter."

There's little wonder why the Slacks Creek coach is showing little confidence for the match, after his side squandered a 1-0 half-time lead against Acacia Ridge last weekend, to succumb 3-1 by the final whistle.

"It was a terrible second half for us," Docherty said. "The players made some silly fundamental errors and we got punished for it.

"Apart from that we didn't take our chances when they came our way and squandered two one-on-one's with their keeper. When you make errors like that you can't expect to win."

Docherty believes his side still needs three or four quality players to be competitive and his situation has been worsened with four of his side off to France to watch the World Cup.

"I guess all I can ask of the players is that they give one hundred percent during these matches," the disgruntled Docherty said. "If they do that this weekend, I'll be happy.

"And if they cut out some of these basic errors that are preventing us from being competitive with these sides, then who knows, we may even win a couple of games."

Inala set to continue surge

Inala City looks set to improve their standing on the table even more when they take on lowly Souths United at Souths this weekend.

Derek Crawford's Inala side has wowed spectators and pundits in the southern conference in recent weeks with some dazzling displays of football and a host of victories.

Last weekend's 2-1 victory over fourth placed Redlands was a sure sign of how far the side has come this season, with Redlands lucky to have escaped with just a one goal defeat.

By all admissions, the scoreline was very flattering to Redlands, with some people including their coach, suggesting the score could quite easily have been six goals or more.

The side's recent rise to prominence has come about partly through Crawford's on-going commitment to bring the side closer together, but also thanks to the recent signings of some of the club's more successful players from several other clubs, including XXXX League giants Ipswich Knights.

Victory over Souths United this weekend seems almost a formality for Crawford's men, with Souths struggling to win games all season.

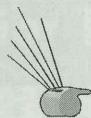
The young Souths outfit has won just the one fixture game all year, but amazingly they have drawn six matches, indicating that they can compete with sides in this competition.

Three points would be handy for Matt Carson's players, who now find themselves languishing second bottom from the ladder.

Victory would rocket them into double figures and leave them not all that far behind the all important fourth spot.

But that's a position Crawford and his men are also eyeing off, and that would be firmly in the back of their minds as they take the field this weekend.

BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With
Jim
Gilbert

Well, Cup football is now well and truly in the air, with the World Cup and its saturation television coverage now occupying our minds for the next month. Who is going to win, I'll tell you on the 12th July!

On the local scene we are also well entrenched in three separate Cup competitions, the Queensland Cup coming up to round 3 has eight XXXX League sides, seven Semi Pro and one Amateur (Annerley) still in it, with the next round having been drawn and scheduled to be played at the end of June, or beginning of July, the Ansett Cup, which is specifically for the Semi Pro sides, is well into the second leg fixtures with only three matches left to play before that gets down to the quarter finals, and the Qantas Cup is occupying a lot of teams in its popular mid week slot.... Meanwhile back to fixtures!

Semi Pro Div 1 North

If North Star wish to make an impression on the end of season semi finals, this is one match away to The Gap in which they will have to pick up at least one point, the host didn't have a good game last week conceding a late goal to remain pointless, whilst the Stars haven't won in a number of weeks, form dictates a home win, the same could be said of the other Saturday night match between Pine Rivers and Mitchelton, hosts now starting to run into the sort of form that Frank Pimblett would like to see, however his opposite number Iain Fagan is quite despairing of his side's hot and cold season, another home win is on the cards.

On Sunday afternoon an excellent match is in prospect at Heath Park between Easts and Albany Creek, both sides having a good run of form of late, and this will be a far cry from the first round match when the Creek were comprehensively beaten, a draw is entirely possible, the remaining match has a fifteen point margin between the two sides with Grange

hosting University, Thistle are slowly getting better week by week, but I think this one may be beyond them.

Semi Pro Div 1 South

All matches are on Saturday night with Souths hoping to reverse the first round score of 1 - 2 with Inala, there won't be much between these two, as their recent form has been quite similar, home ground advantage may possibly point the direction however. It's local derby time between Redlands and Capalaba with the slightly amended kick off of 6.30, and with Redlands celebrating their 80th anniversary, a full day's activities of entertainment has been planned, but come 6.30, I am sure the off-field friendliness will cease, with both sides desperate for three points. Hosts need the points to get back into finals contention, visitors want them to retain that elusive second spot, the euphoria of the celebrations may retain at least one point at home. Rocklea will look to get back some pride after last week's loss with maximum points over Acacia Ridge, although the Ridge had a big win last week, this one may be too much, remaining match has the length of the table separating the sides with Slacks Creek at home to Toowoomba and whilst it would be nice for the locals to see one point remain at Usher Park, it will be a most difficult task.

Amateur Div 1

All matches are on Saturday with the top of the table clash between North Pine and Annerley taking pride of place, and its probably appropriate it's the only match at night. Annerley have now regained top spot, but home ground advantage may give North Pine the edge to put an enormous amount of pressure on their visitors, North Pine were comprehensively beaten by Annerley in the first round, although honor was saved somewhat when they were drawn against each other in the Qantas Cup, but this one is incredibly important and, but for last week's surprise loss, the Dakabin team would

still be at the head of the table. It's an excellent match in prospect, and points could well be shared.

In the day games, Bayside meet old foes Margate, both sides having very indifferent seasons of late, and if the hosts can plug the leaks at the back, they wouldn't be in such desperate straits, desperation points to a home win. Just down the road at Bulimba, Eagles meet highflying Moggill and if the Bellbowrie team wish to retain their push for a title they will need to get all three points in this one but the Eagles won't lay down, so points could be shared, remaining side in contention for a semi place Brothers, are at home to a very topsy turvy Goodna and whilst I don't think the visitors will take any points in this one, last week's morale boosting win will do them a power of good. At Murray Street the, again, hot and cold Darra are the visitors, they picked up an excellent win last week, but can they do it two weeks in a row? Remaining match is at Perry Park with Redcliffe "home" to South Star, both sides have had happier seasons in the past, but again the wide open pitch at soccer headquarters will probably suit the visitors, away win.

Amateur Div 2

Due to the requirement of having matches in the Soccer Pools, again all of this division are on Saturday with the Bethania v Archerfield match looming as most important for both sides, but for different reasons. Bethania slipping alarmingly down the table, whilst Archerfield are now starting to string together some excellent results, just look at last week's home draw with highflying Jimboomba, another one is quite on the cards in this game. Leaders Jimboomba have as their guests Park Ridge, and judging by the goals for column, points to remain with the hosts. Another home win is forecast between Pine Hills and Kingsridge despite the visitors' win of last week, at Dunlop Park visitors Clairvaux are now starting to claw themselves up the table and, and as only one point separates the two teams, this could well be the host's first draw of the season. The night match is between the two teams placed second

and third respectively on the table, Samford and Ipswich City, both sides have near identical goals for, with the goals against only marginally apart, outright second is at stake, and despite home ground advantage I don't think the hosts will lay down, a draw is again entirely possible.

Amateur Div 3

Margate host Woodridge on Friday evening and judging by recent form points could well remain on the Peninsula.

Hopefully Oxley will have last week's traumas behind them when they host Moggill, but, sadly for them, form dictates an away win. Another battle of the bottom is between Park Ridge and Bayside, and a rare away win is on the cards here, Annerley make the long trip out to Dakabin with a possibility of outright third place at stake, both sides can score goals, as the table shows, but I think at the end of the day the points will remain at home. In the evening match its the battle for top spot, and, even at this early stage, the possibility of the Premiership. Logan City host Mooroodu, and if the hosts pick up maximum from their rescheduled match against Park Ridge mid week, a win in this one will put them six points clear, the goalscoring attributes of the host is a pointer to where the match points will probably end up.

Amateur Div 4

In the three Friday matches, there will be two home wins and one away win, if my magnetic pin is any judge! Slacks Creek to retain the points over Newmarket, similarly Brisbane Lions will edge out Mitchelton, whilst Acacia Ridge should pick up the points on the road at North Star.

On Saturday Easts climb up the table may hit a stumbling block with their match against the Knights, Albany Creek will, unfortunately for them, be 'no show' against leaders Taringa, whilst on Sunday The Gap similarly will have no joy with fourth placed Capalaba.

Amateur Div 5

Quite amazing at the top of the table, with Mt Gravatt's unbeaten run coming to a halt two weeks ago at Wynnum, and now having suffered

World Cup takes toll on Brisbane Semi-Pro ranks

The world's premier sporting event has begun, with the 32 top soccer nations battling for World Cup supremacy.

And even though Australia is not at this year's World Cup, the competition has poached many players from the local semi-pro ranks.

But you won't see these guys striding the field alongside greats such as Ronaldo, Vieri, Kanu or Bergkamp. Instead they're more likely to be guzzling French beer and chewing French pastries, as they sing and chant from the stands.

It seems many players from the local competition are taking advantage of the tour packages and have made the trip to France '98.

In all, it's estimated that up to 20 players from the semi-pro ranks, have made the trip to France, for a once in a lifetime experience.

And although it's good to see these guys fulfill one of their dreams, their absence is set to take a massive toll on their clubs' fortunes and on the standard of the competition in general.

Olympic United have lost four players to France '98, with struggling Slacks Creek losing four as well.

And for Creek coach Danny Docherty, it's a plight he could well do without.

"It's very frustrating when you're trying to grind out results and you have three or four of your regular first team players take off for a month," Docherty said.

"As it is we're struggling to be competitive in this competition and the last thing we need is to lose another four players and put more strain on our depth."

But Docherty agrees it's a tough call, with France '98 set to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of these players.

"It is tough on the clubs, but at the same time, you can't deny these guys an opportunity like this," Docherty said.

"The World Cup only comes along every four years and some of these blokes have been planning this trip for that time, so I hope they have a great time and I'm sure they'll see plenty of great football."

Apart from the physical loss of players from the local scene as a result of the World Cup, there's also certain to be an overall loss in form, with many a player set for the odd sleepless night and early morning, as they attempt to catch their team during the Cup.

So coaches can expect their players to be a little out of sorts over the next month or so, with fatigue likely to set in at training a little earlier than usual.

It's just a good thing World Cup time is in June and not September!

a second loss it puts them six points adrift of leaders Wynnum, however this week they should repair the damage with maximum points at Slacks Creek on Friday evening, whilst leaders Wynnum should coast home over bottom markers Pine Rivers.

In the Saturday games University will retain their hold on third (or could it be second) with a maximum over Capalaba, pride is at stake in the match between Albany Creek and Samford with the potential for a rare home win on the cards, Thistle may pick up another win at home over Ipswich whilst Souths United should enjoy the trip to Spencer Park.

Amateur Div 6

In the Friday night matches Lions and Newmarket should pick up wins on the road over North Star and Beenleigh respectively, whilst the other Friday night match between the Knights and Taringa should be an excellent match to view, but personally I don't like Taringa's chances.

On Saturday University will retain top spot over Redlands whilst Easts may pick up a rare win over Annerley, and in the remaining match on Sunday Capalaba will retain their push for the title with maximum away to Qld Uni.

Cup Results - To Date

Ansett Cup - Second Leg

Grange def Redlands Utd	3 - 2 (6 - 2 agg)
Uni of Qld def Capalaba	1 - 0 (1 - 0)
Pine Rivers drew Souths Utd	2 - 2 (4 - 3)
North Star def Acacia Ridge	2 - 1 (7 - 2)
Albany Ck drew Toowoomba Utd	1 - 1 (1 - 3)

Qantas Cup

North Pine Div1 v Annerley Div1	1 - 2
North Pine Div1 Res v Sths Utd Div5	5 - 1
Ipswich City Div2 v Samford Div2 Res	10 - 3
Samford Div2 v Bethania Div2 Res	0 - 8
Maroochydore v Uni of Qld Div5	1 - 0
Mt Gravatt XXXX Yth v Goodna Div1	3 - 0
Pine Hills Div2 v Mooroondu Div3	7 - 2
Ipsw City Div2 Res v Pine Hills Div2 Res5	1 - 0
Grange Thistle Div5 v Buderim Div3	1 - 0
Taringa Rov Div4 v Taringa Rov Div6	6 - 0

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How They Fared... here and there

XXXX LEAGUE		
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs MT GRAVATT	4-1 Rd15
BRISBANE CITY	Vs B'BERG WAVES	3-0 Rd15
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs BEENLEIGH	2-0 Rd15
WYNNUM	Vs BRISBANE LIONS	2-0 Rd15
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs GOLD COAST	2-1 Rd15
XXXX RESERVES		
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs MT GRAVATT	1-0 Rd15
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs BEENLEIGH	5-1 Rd15
BRISBANE CITY	Vs B'BERG WAVES	5-0 Rd15
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs GOLD COAST	3-2 Rd15
WYNNUM	Vs BRISBANE LIONS	1-2 Rd15
XXXX YOUTH		
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs MT GRAVATT	0-0 Rd15
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs BEENLEIGH	1-0 Rd15
WYNNUM	Vs BRISBANE LIONS	1-2 Rd15
SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH		
NEWMARKET	Vs PINE RIVERS UTD	0-3 Rd15
NORTH STAR	Vs EASTERN SUBS	1-3 Rd15
MITCHELTON	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	2-1 Rd15
UNI OF QLD	Vs THE GAP	2-1 Rd15
SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES		
NORTH STAR	Vs EASTERN SUBS	1-3 Rd15
NEWMARKET	Vs PINE RIVERS UTD	2-2 Rd15
UNI OF QLD	Vs THE GAP	4-1 Rd15
MITCHELTON	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	2-2 Rd15
SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH		
NORTH STAR	Vs EASTERN SUBS	7-2 Rd15
NEWMARKET	Vs PINE RIVERS UTD	4-4 Rd15
UNI OF QLD	Vs THE GAP	3-0 Rd15
MITCHELTON	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	3-0 Rd15
SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH		
CAPALABA	Vs ROCKLEA UTD	1-0 Rd15
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs SLACKS CREEK	3-1 Rd15
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs SOUTHS UTD	2-1 Rd15
INALA CITY	Vs REDLANDS UTD	2-1 Rd15
SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES		
CAPALABA	Vs ROCKLEA UTD	4-0 Rd15
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs SLACKS CREEK	1-1 Rd15
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs SOUTHS UTD	2-1 Rd15
INALA CITY	Vs REDLANDS UTD	1-2 Rd15
SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH		
CAPALABA	Vs ROCKLEA UTD	2-1 Rd15
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs SLACKS CREEK	4-4 Rd15
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs SOUTHS UTD	0-4 Rd15
INALA CITY	Vs REDLANDS UTD	0-4 Rd15
AMATEUR DIVISION 1		
ANERLEY	Vs BAYSIDE UTD	4-2 Rd13
DARRA UTD	Vs NORTH PINE	2-1 Rd13
GOODNA	Vs LATROBE	3-2 Rd13
MOGGILL UTD	Vs BROTHERS UTD	0-3 Rd13
REDCLIFFE	Vs S'SIDE EAGLES	2-3 Rd13
SOUTH STAR	Vs MARGATE	1-0 Rd13
AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES		
ANERLEY	Vs BAYSIDE UTD	5-0 Rd13
DARRA UTD	Vs NORTH PINE	1-1 Rd13
GOODNA	Vs LATROBE	9-2 Rd13
MOGGILL UTD	Vs BROTHERS UTD	3-1 Rd13
REDCLIFFE	Vs S'SIDE EAGLES	0-5 Rd13
SOUTH STAR	Vs MARGATE	1-3 Rd13

AMATEUR DIVISION 2		
SAMFORD	Vs PINE HILLS	3-4 Rd13
KINGSRIDGE	Vs GREENBANK	2-1 Rd13
CLAIRVAUX	Vs BETHANIA	2-0 Rd13
ARCHERFIELD	Vs JIMBOOMBA	3-3 Rd13
IPSWICH CITY	Vs PARK RIDGE	4-1 Rd13
AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RES		
CLAIRVAUX	Vs BETHANIA	2-2 Rd13
SAMFORD	Vs PINE HILLS	1-3 Rd13
IPSWICH CITY	Vs PARK RIDGE	2-2 Rd13
AMATEUR DIVISION 3		
MARGATE	Vs PARK RIDGE	5-0 Rd13
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs LOGAN CITY KINGS	0-4 Rd13
MOGGILL UTD	Vs NORTH PINE	2-2 Rd13
MOOROONDU	Vs OXLEY UTD	9-0 Rd13
WOODRIDGE	Vs SAMFORD	2-2 Rd13
AMATEUR DIVISION 4		
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs ALBANY CREEK	3-1 Rd13
CAPALABA	Vs EASTERN SUBS	3-4 Rd13
NEWMARKET	Vs BRISBANE LIONS	1-2 Rd13
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs TARINGA ROVERS	1-2 Rd13
MITCHELTON	Vs THE GAP	1-3 Rd13
AMATEUR DIVISION 5		
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	0-3 Rd13
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs ALBANY CREEK	4-0 Rd13
MT GRAVATT	Vs UNI OF QLD	1-2 Rd13
SOUTHS UTD	Vs SAMFORD	4-0 Rd13
CAPALABA	Vs WYNNUM	1-3 Rd13
AMATEUR DIVISION 6		
NORTH STAR	Vs BEENLEIGH	1-1 Rd13
NEWMARKET	Vs UNI OF QLD	2-2 Rd13
CAPALABA	Vs EASTERN SUBS	7-2 Rd13
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs TARINGA ROVERS	1-4 Rd13
ANERLEY	Vs IPSW KNIGHTS	2-6 Rd13
QLD UNIVERSITY	Vs REDLANDS UTD	1-1 Rd13

**Next Weeks
XXXX Premier League
Matches**

Saturday June 20
Mt Gravatt v Bundaberg Waves
7.00pm - Dittmer Park

Rochedale Rov v Beenleigh
7.00pm - Underwood Park

Sunday June 21
Taringa Rovers v Wynnum District
2.45pm - Jack Speare Park

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions
2.45pm - Spencer Park

Ipswich Knights v Gold Coast City
2.45pm - Eric Evans Reserve

Brisbane Southern District Junior Tables

These tables are unofficial and are yet to be verified by the BSDJSA. Some results were not available at time of printing

U11 Division 1							U11 Division 7							
Brisbane Lions	10	6	3	1	21	12	Park Ridge	10	9	0	1	39	5	27
Park Ridge	9	6	1	2	23	7	Wynnum	10	7	1	2	40	14	22
Souths United	9	6	0	3	17	10	Beenleigh	8	5	0	3	26	20	15
Capalaba	9	5	2	2	29	9	Annerley	10	4	3	3	30	26	15
Tudor Rovers	9	3	5	1	18	10	Ipswich City	9	4	2	3	20	15	14
Rocklea United	9	4	2	3	20	16	Bayside	10	3	2	5	21	21	11
Redlands	8	3	2	3	17	18	Colleges Utd	8	2	2	4	11	22	8
Rochedale	9	2	4	3	12	26	Rochedale	9	1	4	4	10	17	7
Beenleigh	10	1	0	9	9	31	Capalaba	9	2	1	6	8	23	7
Slacks Creek	10	0	1	9	8	35	Redlands	9	1	1	7	4	46	4
U11 Division 2							U12 Division 1							
Capalaba	10	7	2	1	30	13	Rochedale	8	8	0	0	23	2	24
Loganholme	9	6	3	0	32	8	Ips Knights	9	7	1	1	32	6	22
Mt Gravatt	8	3	4	1	14	9	Brisbane Lions	9	5	2	2	16	10	17
Logan City	8	4	1	3	16	14	Loganholme	9	5	0	4	19	11	15
Olympic	8	4	0	4	11	15	Redlands	9	4	3	2	15	14	15
Ips Knights	8	2	3	3	8	8	Beenleigh	9	4	0	5	20	21	12
Centenary	9	3	0	6	8	14	Mooroonda	8	1	3	4	6	17	6
Clairvaux	7	2	2	3	15	16	Mt Gravatt	8	1	2	5	4	18	5
Park Ridge	9	2	2	5	7	23	Capalaba	8	1	0	7	2	15	3
Brisbane Lions	10	1	1	8	9	30	Park Ridge	7	0	1	6	3	26	1
U11 Division 3							U12 Division 2							
Bethania	10	6	1	3	20	15	Wynnum	9	7	1	1	29	3	22
Souths United	10	6	0	4	20	22	Rochedale	9	6	3	0	19	4	21
Ips Knights	10	5	2	3	22	15	Ips Knights	9	6	1	2	16	7	19
Jimboomba	9	5	0	4	15	8	Slacks Creek	9	5	1	3	21	12	16
Colleges Utd	8	4	3	1	23	20	Ipswich City	9	4	4	1	15	7	16
Rochedale	10	4	2	4	29	20	Souths Utd	10	4	3	3	25	15	15
Redlands	9	4	1	4	19	14	Capalaba	8	3	0	5	10	18	9
Ipswich City	8	4	0	4	20	13	Brisbane Lions	9	2	2	5	9	19	8
Wynnum	10	3	1	6	16	17	Centenary	10	1	1	8	7	18	4
St Bernadines	8	0	0	8	3	43	Acacia Ridge	9	0	0	9	4	52	0
U11 Division 4							U12 Division 3							
Annerley	9	8	0	1	32	6	John Paul Coll	9	7	2	0	30	5	23
Capalaba	8	7	0	1	24	3	Mooroonda	10	7	2	1	21	5	23
Loganholme	8	7	0	1	16	2	Clairvaux	9	6	1	2	31	17	19
Brisbane Lions	10	5	2	3	26	12	S'side Eagles	9	5	1	3	23	14	16
Redlands	9	4	3	2	4	7	Loganholme	9	4	3	2	15	17	15
Beenleigh	9	4	1	4	16	11	Beenleigh	9	4	1	4	16	17	13
Wynnum	8	3	2	3	7	16	Park Ridge	10	3	2	5	12	30	11
Mt Gravatt	8	1	0	7	3	36	Colleges Utd	10	1	4	5	14	37	7
Centenary	9	1	0	8	1	36	Redlands	9	1	2	6	9	24	5
U11 Division 5							U12 Division 4							
Logan Village	8	7	1	0	41	8	Acacia Ridge	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
Slacks Creek	10	7	0	3	24	7	U12 Division 5							
Oxley	10	6	2	2	35	22	Souths Utd	11	10	1	0	52	5	31
John Paul Coll	9	5	3	1	27	12	Brisbane Lions	12	7	3	2	35	13	24
Loganholme	9	5	1	3	26	14	Ips Knights	11	6	3	2	23	9	21
Park Ridge	9	3	2	4	17	19	Kingsridge	11	6	1	4	28	19	19
Acacia Ridge	9	2	3	4	10	24	Rochedale	11	4	1	6	20	24	13
Ipswich City	8	2	2	4	15	19	Bayside	11	4	1	6	24	38	13
Jimboomba	10	1	0	9	5	47	Capalaba	8	3	3	2	4	10	12
Ips Knights	10	0	2	8	5	33	Olympic	9	2	1	6	5	14	7
U11 Division 6							U12 Division 5							
Bayside	10	9	0	1	28	8	Eastern Subs	9	2	0	7	3	31	6
Wynnum	9	8	1	0	22	3	U12 Division 6							
S'side Eagles	10	6	3	1	18	6	Souths Utd	11	10	1	0	52	5	31
Mooroonda	9	6	0	3	22	12	Brisbane Lions	12	7	3	2	35	13	24
Kingsridge	10	5	1	4	12	19	Ips Knights	11	6	3	2	23	9	21
Souths Utd	9	4	0	5	6	11	Kingsridge	11	6	1	4	28	19	19
Capalaba	10	3	1	6	14	18	Rochedale	11	4	1	6	20	24	13
St Bernadines	9	1	3	5	9	22	Bayside	11	4	1	6	24	38	13
Brisbane Lions	10	1	1	8	1	33	Redlands	11	2	0	9	15	44	6
							Beenleigh	10	0	0	10	6	51	0

U12 Division 6									
Jimboomba	10	9	0	1	37	8	27		
South Star	9	8	0	1	46	8	24		
Mt Gravatt	9	7	0	2	25	7	21		
Ipswich City	10	4	1	5	15	24	13		
Mooroonda	10	4	0	6	15	36	12		
Inala City	10	3	2	5	20	14	11		
Wynnum	10	3	2	5	22	17	11		
Capalaba	8	3	2	3	14	13	11		
Park Ridge	9	2	1	6	7	17	7		
Colleges Utd	9	0	0	9	4	61	0		
U12 Division 7									
Goodna	11	11	0	0	78	5	33		
Bethania	12	7	1	4	34	19	22		
Souths Utd	10	5	1	4	25	30	16		
Centenary	11	4	1	6	24	40	13		
John Paul Coll	9	3	3	3	22	15	12		
Wynnum	10	4	0	6	25	43	12		
Greenbank	12	3	0	9	13	60	9		
Jimboomba	11	2	2	7	21	30	8		
U13 Division 1									
Loganholme	9	6	1	2	20	12	19		
Park Ridge	9	6	1	2	18	10	19		
Rochedale	7	5	2	0	24	5	17		
Mt Gravatt	9	5	2	2	17	12	17		
Beenleigh	9	4	1	4	13	21	13		
Redlands	8	3	2	3	18	27	11		
Ipswich City	7	3	1	3	12	18	10		
Brisbane Lions	8	3	0	5	12	21	9		
Capalaba	8	2	0	6	10	18	6		
U13 Division 2									
Rochedale	6	6	0	0	28	7	18		
Mt Gravatt	5	4	0	1	23	9	12		
Centenary	8	4	0	4	24	13	12		
Slacks Creek	6	3	1	2	13	13	10		
Ips Knights	7	2	1	4	13	24	7		
Park Ridge	6	1	3	2	9	14	6		
St Bernadines	7	1	1	5	7	28	4		
Redlands	5	0	2	3	4	13	2		
U13 Division 3									
Redlands	9	7	2	0	24	9	23		
Brisbane Lions	10	5	4	1	26	18	19		
Bethania	10	5	4	1	25	21	19		
Acacia Ridge	10	5	2	3	26	25	17		
Souths Utd	9	4	2	3	21	16	14		
John Paul Coll	10	3	3	4	19	18	12		
Rochedale	10	3	2	5	15	21	11		
Wynnum	10	3	2	5	20	39	11		
Loganholme	10	3	1	6	16	25	10		
U13 Division 4									
Park Ridge	10	8	0	2	50	14	24		
Ips Knights	8	8	0	0	34	6	24		
Beenleigh	9	7	0	2	50	13	21		
Capalaba	10	5	1	4	39	25	16		
Wynnum	10	5	1	4	33	26	16		
Logan City	9	4	1	4	33	38	13		
Mt Gravatt	9	3	1	5	30	36	10		
Eastern Subs	9	3	0	6	32	32	9		
S'side Eagles	9	1	0	8	11	58	3		
Ipswich City	9	0	0	9	19	83	0		
U13 Division 5									
Colleges Utd	9	7	1	1	51	24	22		
Jimboomba	10	7	1	2	44	22	22		
Bayside	10	4	1	5	19	19	13		
Redlands	9	4	0	5	17	29	12		
Centenary	10	2	2	6	19	24	8		
Slacks Creek	10	1	1	8	5	37	4		
U14 Division 1									
Ips Knights	7	5	1	1	21	10	16		
Rochedale	5	4	0	1	29	4	12		
Souths Utd	5	4	0	1	21	7	12		
Brisbane Lions	6	3	2	1	10	7	11		
Inala City	8	3	2	3	16	17	11		
Park Ridge	7	3	0	4	17	17	9		
Mt Gravatt	5	0	1	4	2	23	1		
Beenleigh	7	0	0	7	6	37	0		
U14 Division 2									
Loganholme	8	7	1	0	30	11	22		
John Paul Coll	8	7	0	1	49	16	21		
Rochedale	9	6	0	3	18	18	18		
Redlands	8	5	0	3	25	19	15		
Ips Knights	9	5	0	4	19	18	15		
Rocklea Utd	9	4	1	4	32	29	13		
Souths Utd	8	3	2	3	16	18	11		
Wynnum	9	3	0	6	17	25	9		
S'side Eagles	8	0	1	7	11	24	1		
Slacks Creek	10	0	1	9	18	57	1		
U14 Division 3									
Rochedale	9	8	0	1	37	13	24		
Bethania	8	7	0	1	51	10	21		
Annerley	10	6	1	3	43	14	19		
Park Ridge	9	5	1	3	28	27	16		
Jimboomba	9	4	2	3	20	21	14		
Clairvaux	9	4	1	4	28	35	13		
Beenleigh	10	3	0	7	27	46	9		
Brisbane Lions	9	2	2	5	19	27	8		
Ipswich City	7	1	1	5	15	43	4		
Redlands	8	0	0	8	13	45	0		
U14 Division 4									
Eastern Subs	9	9	0	0	86	7	27		
Mooroonda	8	7	1	0	44	18	22		
Centenary	9	5	2	2	28	20	17		
Rochedale	9	4	1	4	22	21	13		
Inala City	9	4	0	5	22	23	12		
Annerley	9	3	2	4	12	22	11		
John Paul Coll	9	2	2	5	19	43	8		
Olympic	9	1	4	4	9	33	7		
Kingsridge	8	1	1	6	13	40	4		
Capalaba	9	1	1	7	12	40	4		
U15 Division 1									
Mt Gravatt	9	9	0	0	53	5	27		
Brisbane City	10	7	0	3	25	17	21		
The Gap	10	6	2	2	35	21	20		
Capalaba	9	6	1	2	27	13	19		
Pine Hills	9	5	1	3	31	17	16		
Rochedale	8	3	2	3	14	12	11		
Brisbane Lions	9	2	3	4	16	30	9		
Taringa	9	2	1	6	17	34	7		
Redlands	10	1	0	9	20	31	3		
North Pine	9	0	0	9	3	61	0		
U15 Division 2									
Beenleigh	9	9	0	0	51	6	27		
Brisbane City	8	6	1	1	38	14	19		
Souths Utd	9	6	0	3	50	22	18		
Logan City	9	6	0	3	36	26	18		
Mitchelton	10	4	1	5	35	31	13		
Rochedale	8	4	1	3	19	18	13		
Capalaba	10	3	2	5	25	23	11		
Pine Hills	10	2	2	6	27	66	8		
Bardon Latrobe	8	1	1	6	17	51	4		
Pine Rivers	9	0	0	9	15	56	0		

U15 Division 3									
Ips Knights	10	10	0	0	54	11	30		
Slacks Creek	10	7	1	2	50	19	22		
Loganholme	8	6	1	1	46	17	19		
Annerley	9	5	1	3	32	17	16		
Samford	10	5	0	5	46	28	15		
North Star	9	5	0	4	29	15	15		
Taringa	10	2	1	7	12	74	7		
Kenmore	8	1	1	6	14	39	4		
Beenleigh	9	1	1	7	13	45	4		
The Gap	8	1	0	7	10	41	3		
U15 Division 4									
Goodna	10	9	0	1	76	6	27		
Clairvaux	9	6	1	2	21	22	19		
Redcliffe PCYC	10	6	1	3	26	27	19		
Park Ridge	9	5	1	3	32	17	16		
Brisbane Lions	8	5	0	3	20	29	15		
S'side Eagles	9	3	3	3	25	33	12		
Bribie Island	10	4	0	6	18	34	12		
North Star	8	2	0	6	11	27	6		
Albany Creek	8	2	0	6	7	44	6		
The Gap	1	1	0	0	3	0	3		
U15 Division 5									
Ipswich City	10	7	1	2	45	14	22		
Jimboomba	11	7	1	3	24	12	22		
Acacia Ridge	10	7	1	2	25	16	22		
Capalaba	11	3	2	6	14	31	11		
Wynnum	10	2	1	7	12	29	7		
Redlands	10	1	2	7	14	32	5		
Colts Division 1									
Brisbane Lions	9	7	2	0	24	6	23		
Taringa	8	6	1	1	36	11	19		
Brisbane City	9	5	2	2	25	17	17		
Pine Rivers	9	5	1	3	32	19	16		
Rochedale	9	3	4	2	19	14	13		
Margate	8	3	2	3	20	25	11		
Mt Gravatt	8	3	1	4	17	18	10		
The Gap	9	2	1	6	14	20	7		
Wynnum									
Wynnum	9	2	0	7	15	34	6		
Redlands									
Redlands	10	1	0	9	10	48	3		
Colts Division 2									
Capalaba	10	8	1	1	50	18	25		
Ips Knights	10	7	2	1	29	11	23		
Souths Utd	9	6	0	3	28	15	18		
Park Ridge	9	5	1	3	35	17	16		
Pine Hills	10	5	1	4	21	24	16		
Brisbane Lions	10	3	1	6	17	33	10		
Beenleigh	9	3	0	6	21	29	9		
North Star	9	3	0	6	17	27	9		
Mitchelton	10	3	0	7	20	43	9		
Bardon Latrobe	8	1	0	7	11	32	3		
Colts Division 3									
Taringa	10	7	1	2	23	14	22		
Rochedale	10	6	3	1	26	12	21		
Mt Gravatt	10	7	0	3	25	15	21		
Centenary	9	6	1	2	28	12	19		
Redlands	9	5	1	3	22	17	16		
Ips Knights	10	4	3	3	23	23	15		
Albany Creek	9	3	1	5	20	24	10		
North Star	8	2	0	6	3	33	6		
Olympic	7	1	0	6	9	29	3		
Colts Division 4S									
Jimboomba	12	9	1	2	67	18	28		
Mooroonda	12	9	1	2	42	18	28		
Slacks Creek	12	9	0	3	47	17	27		
Eastern Subs	11	8	0	3	52	12	24		
Park Ridge	12	7	0	5	48	26	21		

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Brisbane Lions faltering season took another step backwards with a loss to Wynnum at the weekend and they face a must win game against Taringa this Saturday.

A loss would leave Lions with no hope of knocking City off their perch.

A win would leave the club with an outside chance. Coach Miron Bleiberg must be scratching his head wondering what to do with his players.

Bleiberg has arguably the most player depth of any coach in the competition. But the fact is his side is having a problem getting production from its forward line.

Steve Jackson has been the club's most prolific goal scorer in recent weeks and you can't win a premiership when a midfielder is your most productive goal poacher.

Bleiberg has a great coaching record and he'll have to produce some magic from that coaching arsenal to save Lions season.

Speaking of coaches, Frank Farina's decision to leave the Brisbane Strikers and set up shop at Marconi has thrown the cat amongst the pigeons.

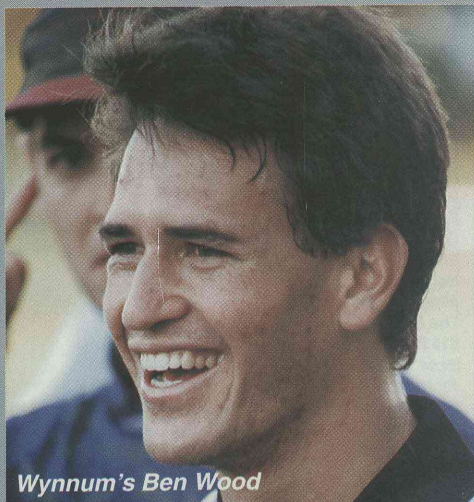
By all reports, interest in the job has reached epidemic proportions. The early mail had the job going to either ex-Newcastle coach John Kosmina or ex-Olympic coach David Ratcliffe.

But the pendulum appears to have swung in recent weeks and Queensland coach John Stewart has been mentioned as a candidate.

Stewart provides two bonuses to the Strikers board - his asking price won't be as high as either Kosmina or Ratcliffe and he has a knowledge of the local competition and local players.

As Queensland coach, Stewart has watched the local competition over the past two years.

With the Strikers rumoured to be unable to go extensively into the player market and Farina's exodus almost certain to lead to player defections, local players are likely to form the bulk of this year's squad.



Wynnum's Ben Wood

With that in mind, players such as Des Hughes, Ben Wood, Roy Huth, Daniel Duke, Chris Slater, Richie Hilli and Glen Kolpak will be given their opportunities.

What price Stewart and assistant coach John Ogden for the one-two job at the Strikers?

Both are former national league players, have good coaching records and a working knowledge of the local competition.

Whether they'll have the cattle to work with to get the results is another question.

With three or four XXXX Premier League players in the squad augmented by some experienced national league players, the Strikers have a chance.

If the squad is predominantly local players, then they may as well kiss the season goodbye.

There's a lot that goes into making a national league player. One seriously doubts that there is as many as seven players in the XXXX Premier League who can step up and make a mark at national league level.

Previous seasons have shown that. How many XXXX players have established places in the Strikers squad. Mark Battistin is one. After him, the cupboard is pretty bare.

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