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Cover: Taringa's Steve Dawe does battle with the Ipswich Knight's Kevin Meacock. Taringa brought a halt to the Knight's winning streak by defeating them 1-0 at Bundamba last weekend.

# Editorial

A big welcome this week to Australian legend John Kosmina who has been appointed as the Strikers coach for the upcoming Ericsson Cup season.

John is one of the big names in the annals of Australian soccer having scored 133 goals in national league competition (second only to our very own Rod Brown) and 43 goals for the Socceroo's.

He brings a wealth of playing and coaching experience to the club having coached the Newcastle Breakers for the last three seasons.

Strikers Chairman Ian Brusasco said he was delighted that the club was able to come to terms with Kosmina and was looking forward to a fruitful partnership.

Kosmina will have a big task as he sets about trying to erase the disappointing memories of last season, but there is little doubt that he is capable of achieving that goal.

The other big news of the week centres on the Strikers renewed sponsorship deal with Hyundai.

Hyundai has been a wonderful supporter of the Strikers and Queensland soccer in past years and the company's continuing support is a boost for the code in this state.

It reaffirms the value of not only the Strikers, but also Queensland soccer as a sought-after marketing tool and will aid soccer's development for some time to come.

And what about France and that World Cup Final? Hats off to the French because even when they managed to make the final, this scribe put them at long odds to take the trophy.

It was described by some commentators as the greatest upset in the history of World Cup Finals and while that might be stretching reality just a little, there probably would not have been too many people who would have backed the French to win 3-0!

It would be interesting to know what odds Centrebet would have given for such a result.

## Brisbane City take charge

**Brisbane City have one hand firmly placed on this year's premiership trophy after convincingly disposing of rivals Rochedale Rovers last weekend.**

The City outfit was simply too classy for Rochedale, winning 3-0 in front of a parochial Spencer Park crowd.

Former Strikers midfielder Damian Waugh put the league leaders ahead in the first half, with striker Warren Cooley ensuring the home side went to the break with a two goal advantage.

Mark Battistin put the game beyond doubt when he netted in the second half and coach Bobby Hamilton was overjoyed with the result.

"It was a good performance from all the lads as they worked hard to make sure we got the result we were after," he said.

"It was good in the sense that if the match would have ended up four or five nil, I don't believe that would've been an unfair reflection of the game.

"We produced the goods when it counted and were too strong for them (Rochedale) all over the park."

Hamilton said the Knights loss to Taringa had sweetened the victory.

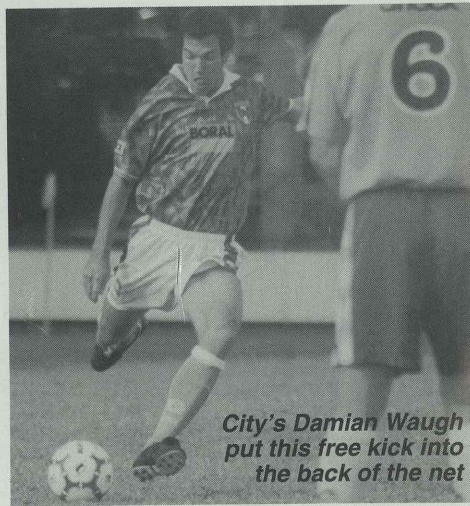
"The win combined with the results of other games has given us a 10 point buffer again and eases the pressure of recent weeks," he said.

"The players knew they had to win as the Knights were far too close to us on the table and the players approached the game in a very determined and professional manner.

"Our next home game is against the Knights and I believe if we can get the three points from that match, we're going to set our season up."

As mentioned earlier, the Knights golden run came to an on Sunday against an impressive Taringa side.

While Taringa have been playing well in recent weeks, positive results have not been forthcoming and Des Hughes second half goal would have bought a huge smile to the faces of the Taringa faithful.



*City's Damian Waugh put this free kick into the back of the net*

"I was very pleased with the result and effort of the players," Taringa coach John Ogden said.

"It was an entertaining game with lots of end to end football, but in the end, I thought we deserved the win."

The result was particularly impressive for Taringa considering at 22, Richard Hilli was the oldest Rovers player on the field.

In other matches, Mt Gravatt stopped the giant killing Wynnum Wolves dead in their tracks with a hard fought 2-1 win at Dittmer Park.

Strikers import Wayne Knipe scored a brace for Mt Gravatt while Shane Gilroy scored the Wolves only goal.

Brisbane Lions ensured Beenleigh's sad season continued, winning 4-0 at Chris Green Park.

David Lonsdale and Darren Hillier each scored, while veteran Frank Mengotti added a double.

In the final game of the round, the Bundaberg Waves defeated the Gold Coast 3-1. Royce Brownlie scored twice for Waves while Greg Thomas added a third for the home side.

Troy Greenwood successfully converted a penalty for the visitors.

## Good old rivalry rekindled

**The old rivalry between two of Brisbane's more established clubs will be rediscovered this Sunday afternoon, when Taringa Rovers travel to Pine Rivers for their Queensland Cup showdown.**

There has certainly been no love lost between the old XXXX League combatants over the years and this weekend's game is certain to be no different.

For Rivers it will be a chance to show QSF officials that their omission from the top competition last year was unjustified.

Coach Frank Pimblett is highly competitive by nature, and Taringa coach John Ogden knows all too well what his old sparring partner is capable of.

"Frank was a great player and is proving himself to be just as handy as a coach," Ogden said.

"There's no doubt he'll have his team highly motivated and extremely well organised for this

weekend's match.

"For that reason it really is a dangerous match for us, because Rivers will probably approach it as though it's their Cup final."

Ogden said he would be fielding his best possible team for the round three clash, and he put big wraps on young midfielder Des Hughes, who at just 21 years of age has established himself as a permanent fixture in the Taringa side.

The Taringa coach believes Hughes could be the difference between the two sides this weekend, although he said consistency all round the park will be the key.

"We'll be approaching the game very seriously, but at the same time with a touch of caution," Ogden said.

"They'll be primed to knock us off but we are very eager to win the match to stay in the competition and see just how far we can possibly go."

## Capalaba seeking Cup glory

**Semi-pro south club Capalaba will get its chance to knock over one of the best teams in Queensland this Sunday, when they take on the Ipswich Knights.**

The Knights have been the XXXX League's big improvers this year. Under new coach Mike Mulvey, the side made a mediocre start to the year, but has risen to great heights in recent times, to be truly embedded in the top four.

It's no secret that the teams success came about following the acquisition of a couple of quality players, including former Queensland midfielder Craig Collins and Strikers sensation Kasey Wehrman.

But it takes more than two players to make a team, and Mulvey has selected a sound squad that is now doing the job for him and the club.

On current form they would have to be favoured to take this Sunday's match, against a Capalaba side stacked with plenty of XXXX

League experience, but a little out of sorts at the moment.

Coach Alan Prentice is the first to admit that his side's form over the past month or so has been questionable.

However traditionally it's these sort of games that the semi-pro teams seem to rise for.

Footballing wise there is probably little separating the two sides, apart from Ipswich's class in midfield.

That could prove to be the difference between the two teams, although Prentice has played plenty of football with and against Craig Collins, and no doubt would have his own ideas on how to contain the play maker.

The Knights are currently in outright second on the league ladder and even though Kasey Wehrman will be absent due to international duty with the Olyroos in South America, Ipswich will be too strong for Capalaba.

## Rocklea out to upstage City

**Semi-pro south glamour side Rocklea United will be looking to upset XXXX Premier League leaders Brisbane City, when the two sides meet in this weekend's round 3 Queensland Cup encounter.**

The Allan Hughes coached side is one of the form teams in the southern competition at present and is one of the few teams capable of springing an upset on the likes of Brisbane City.

And with home ground advantage behind them this Sunday, City coach Bob Hamilton is not taking Rocklea United very lightly.

"We'll be going out on Sunday with a very positive frame of mind," Hamilton said.

"I'll be putting the best team on the park because our club executive has made it very clear that they want to win the Cup competition this year.

"For that reason, they are expecting to see our best side hit the paddock. But apart from that, we want to make a good account of

ourselves against a side that's certain to be fired up for the clash."

Hamilton said he was looking forward to the match, as it was sure to test his side as the semifinals approached.

"This year's format is much better than last year's," the City coach said.

"It's good to see sides in the lower divisions have a chance to knock off teams in the XXXX League, and it certainly gives the competition a true Cup feeling."

At stake for both teams this weekend is a quarter finals spot and that hasn't escaped the minds of the coaches or the players.

City must go into the game as undisputed favourites. They have a commanding lead in the XXXX League and look almost certain to take out this year's Premiership.

However the skilful Rocklea side cannot be discounted, particularly if they get one or two early goals.

## North Star out for something

**The battling North Star outfit will be looking to get something positive out of the season, as the knock out stage of the Ansett Cup continues this weekend.**

1998 has not been a good year for the embattled club, with their coach sacked early last month and the top side struggling to perform consistently.

Currently they are near the bottom of the semi-pro north ladder and struggling to take anything from a season of negatives.

However the side is still in the Ansett Cup competition and will progress even further if they defeat the northern counterparts Grange Thistle this Saturday.

Last weekend's 1-1 draw with Mitchelton has been the club's most positive result in recent times and would have given the players plenty of confidence as they come into this weekend's Cup clash.

But Grange have shown themselves to be no easy beats over the past month or so, with the side grinding out some impressive results against competition that on paper, looked to be much better.

A 2-0 loss last weekend to The Gap has been about the side's only blemish in recent weeks, as it strives to move up the ladder and into a more respectable position.

Both sides would realise that their fixture season is all but over and the Cup competitions are now the only avenue for success available to them.

Because of that, there will be no love lost between the clubs when they take the field this weekend.

Both sides have some impressive individual talent but it will be the team which performs together as a unit, that will take out this week's Cup match.

## Semipro Super Bowl

**The state's two best semi professional sides are set to lock horns this weekend, in what will undoubtedly be the match of the week.**

Toowoomba and Eastern Suburbs, the two leading teams in the south and north respectively, will clash in an Ansett Cup match on Saturday, in what promises to be a cracker-lack matchup.

Both sides have almost unassailable leads in their respective competitions, with this match set to provide an insight into which club is the strongest semi-professional club on the field and has the strongest claims to enter next year's XXXX League.

With this much pride at stake, both sides will be out to put their best foot forward.

Toowoomba had a slight slip up a fortnight ago, going down 3-0 to lowly Souths United, however the side looks to have recovered since then.

Last weekend they downed Olympic 2-0 to re-establish their dominance in the southern conference.

Easts have also been in good form, but for one or two drawn matches. Their only loss this year was at the hands of Pine Rivers, who surprised the ladder leaders in a mid-week catch up fixture.

The Tigers avenged that defeat last weekend however, knocking Rivers off by two goals to nil in their return fixture match at Heath Park.

Certainly this is the match everyone following the semi-professional competitions has been waiting for, with the Super Bowl type connotations sure to stir up a quality atmosphere for the match.

Both of these clubs have got strong aspirations to enter the state's top competition, and this weekend's match will give plenty of people an indication as to which club has the best case for entry.

## Confident Uni to tame Lions

**Northern semi-pro club the University of Queensland will be out to upstage glamour side Brisbane Lions, when the two sides clash in this weekend's round of Queensland Cup matches.**

Uni have been one off the surprise packets in this year's northern competition. After a poor start to the year, they went through the second round undefeated to now find themselves well and truly in finals contention.

Speed and enthusiasm have been the side's biggest aspects, and coach Kieth Officer will be calling on both of these, when his side takes on the XXXX League high fliers this weekend.

Lions are coming off two big wins in the past fortnight. They knocked off Mount Gravatt 3-1 a fortnight ago and just last week gave Beenleigh a 4-0 lesson in soccer.

That win allowed them to move into outright third spot on the ladder, with 36 points, just one

point behind second placed Ipswich and one point ahead of Taringa Rovers.

The week prior to the Mount Gravatt victory however saw the club go down 3-0 to the Ipswich Knights.

Coach Miron Bleiberg has often said these results were typical of Lions indifferent form this season, with the side rarely able to string together a series of good victories.

Mengotti has been inspirational at times for the club this season and his probing runs out of defence are likely to cause the opposition much anxiety.

One of the pleasing aspects for Lions last week was veteran Frank Mengotti once again getting amongst the goals.

The experienced midfielder netted twice in his side's win over Beenleigh, and it could be the old hands like Mengotti who prove to be the difference between the two sides this weekend.

## Wolves want cup again

**The Wynnum Wolves will host the Bundaberg Waves at Carmichael Park on Sunday in Round 3 of this year's Queensland Cup.**

This should be an intriguing match as both teams will be primed for a win given that the match doubles as a catch-up fixture.

Bundaberg moved back into top gear last week with an emphatic 3-1 win over the Gold Coast at Thabeban Sports Complex.

Waves have struggled for consistency this season although coach Aldo Baretta rightly has pointed to injuries to key players as a reason for his side's indifferent form.

Wynnum's winning ways were blunted last week when Mt Gravatt beat them 2-1 in a tight tussle at Dittmer Park.

However, Wynnum coach Peter Tokesi said the match was a "non-event" as the condition of the pitch hindered the teams playing attractive football.

"It was very disappointing because we

desperately wanted the three points so that we could get ahead of Mt Gravatt," he said.

"But it was most disappointing because the state of the pitch was nothing short of disgusting.

"It has been easily the worst field that I have been to this season and it is very disappointing that two of the game's three goals came as result of the bad pitch.

"As an example, the first goal that we scored, Shane (Gilroy) had a shot and their keeper had it covered but as the ball got to him, it hit something and bobbled over him. I can't believe that in this day and age we're made to play at grounds like that."

Tokesi said his side would be approaching the match against Waves with a positive attitude.

"We had a chat during the week and even though mathematically it's still possible to make the finals, in reality it's not very probable," he said.

"We are the reigning cup champions and the guys want to repeat the effort this year."

## Neighbours meet in derby

**Close neighbours Mitchelton and Newmarket are preparing themselves for yet another encounter, this time to see who will progress in this year's Ansett Cup.**

The two clubs have had a very close association over the years, characterised by an often fierce on-field rivalry.

And with Cup glory at stake, this weekend's match could prove extremely interesting.

Derby matches always create a quality atmosphere, but throw in the Cup aspect, and traditionally form goes out the door.

However looking at the form guide, it would be hard to go past Mitchelton for this Saturday's match.

Even though they only had a 1-1 draw with lowly North Star in last weekend's fixture match, the Iain Fagan coached side has been one of the northern semi-pro competition's top

performers this season.

And after a poor period a couple of months ago, the club has gone through a purple patch to sound a genuine warning for the premiership.

Newmarket on the other hand have struggled all season and find themselves accordingly at the bottom of the table.

A 4-0 loss to Albany Creek last weekend certainly has not helped their cause any, and probably has zapped the team of the little confidence it was starting to build following two solid weeks of campaigning.

They have plenty of work ahead of them if they are to spring an upset against Mitchelton this weekend.

However this Cup competition is their last genuine shot at some silverware this season, and they have proved themselves to be worthy Cup competitors in previous years.

## Kosmina gets the plum job

**Australian soccer legend John Kosmina has been named as the coach of the Brisbane Strikers for the upcoming Ericsson Cup national soccer season.**

Kosmina replaces Frank Farina who left the Strikers earlier this year to take up the coaching reigns at Sydney glamour club Marconi Fairfield.

Kosmina brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Strikers and is an ideal person to fill the void created by Farina's departure.

Strikers chairman Ian Brusasco, said he was delighted that the club had been able to secure the services of such a high calibre candidate.

"He was a fine player and I am confident he will be an excellent coach given the experienced players and great young talent he will have to work with," Mr Brusasco said.

"We are looking forward to a great season with John."

Kosmina's playing and coaching credentials would be the envy of many of his peers within and outside Australia.

Born in Adelaide in 1956, John first started playing soccer at the tender age of 10 for Largs Bay Primary School.

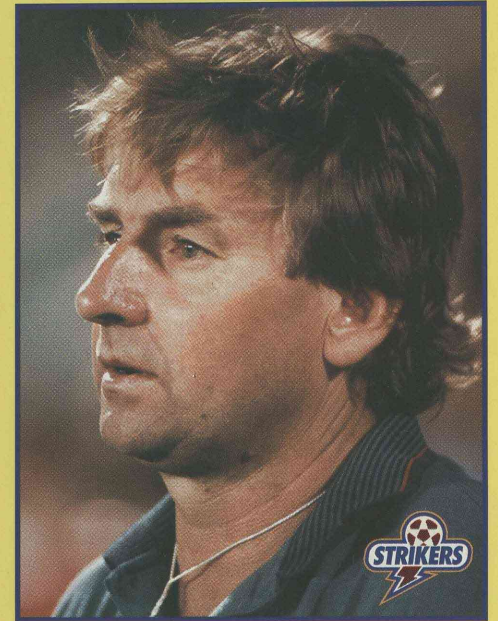
He debuted in the then Philips National League in 1977 for West Adelaide, before embarking on a 12 month stint with English heavyweight, Arsenal.

In 1979 John returned to West Adelaide for a season and then settled into a five-year career with Sydney City.

Kosmina played for Sydney Olympic in the 1987-88 season, before finishing his career with APIA Soccer Club in 1989.

During more than a decade in the nation's premier soccer competition, Kosmina scored a record 133 goals and it is ironic that his record was eclipsed only last year by former Strikers veteran Rod Brown.

Once his field-time had reached its inevitable conclusion, John turned his skills to media commentary with various media outlets



including Radio 2KY and 2GB, ABC Television and The Australian.

His passion for the code meant he was never far from the game and in 1992 he accepted an assistant coaching role with Sydney Croatia.

From 1993-95, John was the senior coach for the Warringah Dolphins in the New South Wales State League, and for the last three seasons, he has been the senior coach at rival Ericsson Cup club the Newcastle Breakers.

With wife Alison and four children, the Kosmina's are approaching the move to Brisbane with an air of excitement.

"We are excited about the move north and I am extremely excited about taking on the role of coach," Kosmina said.

"The Brisbane Strikers is such a prestigious club and I believe the coaching position to be the plum coaching job in Australia.

"I am also keen to be part of the development of soccer in Queensland, as I am very aware of the great depth of talent available throughout the state."

## Qld girls Bridesmaids Again!

Reigning champions South Australia successfully defended their National Women's Junior Championship in Southport last week, comfortably defeating host state Queensland 2-0.

The loss was particularly disappointing for Queensland given that it was the second year in succession that the side had placed second to the "croweaters".

After a nervous start from both teams that saw an unusual number of stray passes, South Australia took the lead in the 15th minute.

A long throw-in from SA's Rebecca Morrison was misjudged by the goalkeeper in the air, the ball falling nicely for the unmarked Heather coverdale, who volleyed home from 10 metres into an open net.

Minutes later, the visitors repeated the ploy but Erin O'Shea blistering volley was denied by the post.

## Hyundai Automotive still the drive behind the Strikers

Brisbane Strikers chairman, Ian Brusasco, announced last Wednesday that major sponsor and automotive giant, Hyundai, has agreed to renew their sponsorship arrangement.

Hyundai originally contracted a three year deal in 1995 which ended at the conclusion of last season.

During this period, the Strikers won the Ericsson Cup Grand Final in May 1997, a landmark for Queensland soccer.

The new sponsorship agreement was reached last Tuesday and provides for a further three year period, much to the delight of Brusasco and Hyundai's number one man in Brisbane, Mr Richard Terry.

"We at Hyundai are very delighted to once again form an association with the Strikers for

Queensland's best chance of the half came when fullback Debbie McPherson hit a spectacular drive from 35 metres that just cleared the cross bar.

South Australia put the game beyond doubt in the 64th minute when Morrison latched onto a through-ball, rounded the keeper and slotted the ball from close range.

■ Turning to the Olyroos tour of South America and the Australian Under-23's lost their first match in 1998 when they were beaten by Argentinean side San Lorenzo.

Australia then went on to play Macabi last Sunday in Argentina, but results were unavailable at the time of printing. The Olyroos departed for Chile on Tuesday for three matches against local club sides and the Chile Under 23 team.

Australian coach Raul Blanco also confirmed that the Olyroos will play Argentina's Under-23 side on Wednesday, July 29.

a further three years. The past three years were excellent from our point of view and the relationship has been great," Terry said.

"I think the bottom line is that it's great to be on-board again and to still be the drive behind the Brisbane Strikers."

Equally pleased with the outcome was Brusasco.

"The association over the past three years has surpassed everything you would normally expect from a sponsor. Hyundai went above and beyond what we expected," he said.

"In 1995, I was extremely pleased when they first signed. This time I am over the moon as it reaffirms the club's importance in the eyes of such a prestigious company as Hyundai. I know we will enjoy another exciting three year partnership."



Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of all the Amateur players who play soccer under the QSF banner.

Your magazine gives little information about the Amateur teams except for maybe a couple of lines in Jim Gilbert's column (Before the Whistle). But the thing that I dislike is that ALL the Amateur clubs are forced to purchase a set number of magazines each week even though there is little information about them in it.

So is there any chance of you increasing the content about Amateur teams in your magazine, even if it means leaving some of the Semi-Pro and XXXX content out. I think that if QSF did a count up they would find that there are a lot more Amateur players than Semi-Pro and XXXX players or is this just another instance of the Amateur clubs subsidizing the Semi-Pro and XXXX clubs again.

At the beginning of the season you used to have a page on Women's Soccer but that also seems to have fallen by the wayside, you must remember that most clubs do have a Womens team and they do like to know how they are doing. As I have said before, soccer in Queensland is not just about the Semi-Pro and XXXX clubs.

If you cannot increase the content about Amateur clubs what about not forcing the Amateur clubs to purchase your magazine, or creating another magazine just for the Amateur and Womens players.

**Michael Greenwood - Greenbank SC**

*If life was so simplistic as you infer. Primarily the exercise can be reduced to one simple factor... cost.*

*Both the XXXX clubs and Semipro clubs do contribute more to the production cost of the magazine. Your club alone, only takes 15 magazines per week. Also your use of the term*

*"forced" is wrong as this decision was initially voted on by the clubs and accepted by the clubs. Michael, if you would like to supply me with a story and photo about your team, then I will do my darndest to print it for you.*

*As to the women's coverage, their media representative continually had trouble gathering the information she required, to submit by the publishing deadline. She worked very hard but some obstacles she faced were immovable. I agree with you on some points but as I first mentioned, it is the old Dollaroooo problem. Thanks for writing ED.*

Dear Sir,

I am writing to show my disgust at the circumstances around the rescheduling of Wynnum's home fixture against Bundaberg from May.

Wynnum and Bundaberg are drawn to play in the QLD CUP at Wynnum, so the QSF have decided to combine the washed out fixture and QLD CUP match saving Bundaberg a trip down and robbing Wynnum of revenue from a home game.

The same thing happened in 1997, Wynnum travelled to Bundaberg three times, (2 fixtures, 1 Cup), yet the fixture/cup game at Wynnum was combined.

If Bundaberg want to play in the XXXX League they should be treated the same as every other club, and that includes having a Youth Team.

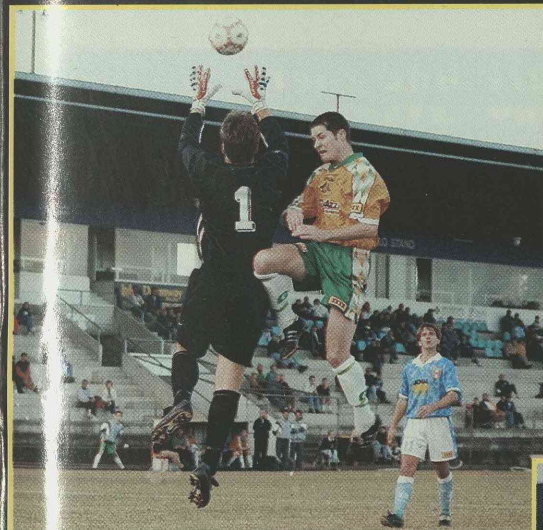
**Rod Farquharson - Manly**

*You are not the only one to show disappointment at the decision to combine the catch-up of a postponed fixture and the cup game.*

*However, it all boils down to economics and practicality. A midweek game is out of the question due to players work commitments and there are no more weekends available for the remainder of the season.. Transversely, had the situation been reversed, I am sure Wynnum would not want to travel to Bundaberg for the event. The coincidence from last year is unbelievable..... thanks for writing. ED.*



# ACTION REPLAY



## Semi Pro Matches (Round 21)



### Saturday July 25

Pine Rivers v The Gap  
7.00pm - Wendy Allison Park

Newmarket v Eastern Suburbs  
7.00pm - McCook Park

Capalaba v Acacia Ridge  
7.00pm - John Fredericks Park

Souths United v Rocklea United  
7.00pm - Wakerley Park

### Sunday July 12

Inala City v Toowoomba Utd  
2.45pm - Top Oval

Olympic United v Slacks Creek  
2.45pm - Goodwin Park

University of Qld v North Star  
2.45pm - Oval 3 St Lucia Campus

Mitchelton v Albany Creek  
2.45pm - Teralba Park



## How They Fared... here and there

### XXXX LEAGUE

MT GRAVATT	Vs WYNNUM	2- 1 Rd20
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B'BERG WAVES	Vs GOLD COAST	3- 1 Rd20
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IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs TARINGA ROVERS	0- 1 Rd20

### XXXX RESERVES

MT GRAVATT	Vs WYNNUM	0- 0 Rd20
BEENLEIGH	Vs BRISBANE LIONS	1- 5 Rd20
B'BERG WAVES	Vs GOLD COAST	0- 5 Rd20
BRISBANE CITY	Vs ROCHEDALE ROV	1- 2 Rd20
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs TARINGA ROVERS	3- 3 Rd20

### XXXX YOUTH

MT GRAVATT	Vs WYNNUM	2- 3 Rd20
BEENLEIGH	Vs BRISBANE LIONS	1- 4 Rd20
BRISBANE CITY	Vs ROCHEDALE ROV	2- 1 Rd20
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs TARINGA ROVERS	0- 0 Rd20

### SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 NORTH

THE GAP	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	2- 0 Rd20
ALBANY CREEK	Vs NEWMARKET	4- 0 Rd20
NORTH STAR	Vs MITCHELTON	1- 1 Rd20
EASTERN SUBS	Vs PINE RIVERS UTD	2- 0 Rd20

### SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES

NORTH STAR	Vs MITCHELTON	1- 1 Rd20
ALBANY CREEK	Vs NEWMARKET	1- 4 Rd20
THE GAP	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	0- 0 Rd20
EASTERN SUBS	Vs PINE RIVERS UTD	0- 0 Rd20

### SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH

NORTH STAR	Vs MITCHELTON	1- 1 Rd20
ALBANY CREEK	Vs NEWMARKET	3- 3 Rd20
EASTERN SUBS	Vs PINE RIVERS UTD	2- 1 Rd20
THE GAP	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	6- 1 Rd20

### SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH

TOOWOOMBA UTD	Vs OLYMPIC UTD	2- 0 Rd20
SLACKS CREEK	Vs SOUTHS UTD	1- 1 Rd20
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs REDLANDS UTD	6- 2 Rd20
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs INALA CITY	3- 4 Rd20

### SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES

TOOWOOMBA UTD	Vs OLYMPIC UTD	1- 0 Rd20
SLACKS CREEK	Vs SOUTHS UTD	0- 5 Rd20
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs REDLANDS UTD	1- 1 Rd20
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs INALA CITY	1- 1 Rd20

### SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH

TOOWOOMBA UTD	Vs OLYMPIC UTD	5- 1 Rd20
SLACKS CREEK	Vs SOUTHS UTD	1- 7 Rd20
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs REDLANDS UTD	2- 1 Rd20
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs INALA CITY	0- 1 Rd20

### AMATEUR DIVISION 1

REDCLIFFE	Vs ANNERLEY	2- 1 Rd18
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs MARGATE	2- 0 Rd18
BROTHERS UTD	Vs BAYSIDE UTD	2- 3 Rd18
MOGGILL UTD	Vs DARRA UTD	0- 1 Rd18
GOODNA	Vs SOUTH STAR	2- 1 Rd18
LATROBE	Vs NORTH PINE	1- 4 Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES

REDCLIFFE	Vs ANNERLEY	2- 2 Rd18
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs MARGATE	2- 1 Rd18
BROTHERS UTD	Vs BAYSIDE UTD	1- 5 Rd18
MOGGILL UTD	Vs DARRA UTD	1- 1 Rd18
GOODNA	Vs SOUTH STAR	4- 1 Rd18

LATROBE	Vs NORTH PINE	0- 5 Rd18
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### AMATEUR DIVISION 2

KINGSRIDGE	Vs CLAIRVAUX	3- 3 Rd18
OXLEY UTD	Vs BETHANIA	0- 0 Rd18
GREENBANK	Vs JIMBOOMBA	2- 2 Rd18
PINE HILLS	Vs PARK RIDGE	4- 3 Rd18
SAMFORD	Vs ARCHERFIELD	8- 1 Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RES

OXLEY UTD	Vs BETHANIA	2- 4 Rd18
KINGSRIDGE	Vs CLAIRVAUX	3- 1 Rd18
PINE HILLS	Vs PARK RIDGE	1- 0 Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 3

MARGATE	Vs ANNERLEY	0- 2 Rd18
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs MOGGILL UTD	0-10 Rd18
OXLEY UTD	Vs NORTH PINE	0- 6 Rd18
MOOROONDU	Vs WOODRIDGE	2- 5 Rd18
PARK RIDGE	Vs SAMFORD	0- 2 Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 4

NORTH STAR	Vs IPSW KNIGHTS	1- 2 Rd18
SLACKS CREEK	Vs TARINGA ROVERS	1- 2 Rd18
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs ALBANY CREEK	7- 0 Rd18
NEWMARKET	Vs CAPALABA	0- 7 Rd18
MITCHELTON	Vs ACACIA RIDGE	0- 2 Rd18
THE GAP	Vs EASTERN SUBS	1- 3 Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 5

CAPALABA	Vs SOUTHS UTD	0- 4 Rd18
MT GRAVATT	Vs PINE RIVERS UTD	4- 0 Rd18
WYNNUM	Vs GRANGE THISTLE	2- 2 Rd18
SLACKS CREEK	Vs SAMFORD	2- 1 Rd18
BRISBANE CITY	Vs IPSW KNIGHTS	4- 1 Rd18
UNI OF QLD	Vs ALBANY CREEK	3- 0 Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 6

REDLANDS UTD	Vs BRISBANE LIONS	4- 1 Rd18
NEWMARKET	Vs CAPALABA	0- 5 Rd18
BEENLEIGH	Vs TARINGA ROVERS	1- 3 Rd18
NORTH STAR	Vs ANNERLEY	1- 2 Rd18

## Next Week's XXXX League Matches

Saturday July 25

Brisbane Lions v Bundaberg Waves  
7.00pm - Lions Stadium

Rochdale Rovers v Gold Coast City  
7.00pm - Underwood Park

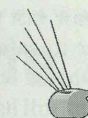
Sunday July 26

Wynnum District v Beenleigh  
2.45pm - Carmichael Park

Brisbane City v Ipswich Knights  
2.45pm - Spencer Park

Taringa Rovers v Mt Gravatt  
2.45pm - Jack Speare Park

## BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With  
Jim  
Gilbert

My comments last week about "robot-like" referees obviously struck a chord. I was amazed the number of club people that contacted me on this article, all agreed it would be nice to see referees acting in a more human manner, and actually talk to players.

Perhaps there is a message there for the referees' coaches and administrators!

Another unbeaten tag fell by the wayside last week with Margate's Reserve grade going down to their hot pursuers Southside Eagles, this means there are now only two teams left in the entire competition with the nought in the Loss column, I won't mention their names as it is always the kiss of death, just take a look at the points tables.

With only four scheduled fixture weekends to go in the Amateur divisions, things are now starting to hot up, there are a few rescheduled matches taking place next weekend so it will begin in earnest after that. The Semi Pro grades still have seven fixtures left, so they still have plenty of time!

I went to see Southside Eagles play Margate last week, and this match was a far cry from my last visit to see Eagles which was quite soporific. This match had plenty of action, indeed I compliment Eagles on the vast improvement in quality of football, style and confidence. It was a treat to see, mind you their opposition were no slouches, take a look how many goals they have scored, luck wasn't on the visitors' side on this occasion whereas Eagles took fully one hour to finally put one in the net, whilst the Bayside club only really came close on two occasions. The end result puts Eagles still on the fringe of the four with Margate now looking as if a mid table position is the best they can hope for.

As mentioned earlier, this is catch up weekend in fixtures as well as having Cup matches galore being played, firstly we will preview the fixtures.

### Amateur Div 1

Margate's washout against Brothers United two weeks ago has been re-scheduled for Saturday afternoon, and with the visitors now out of the top four for the first time in many weeks, there'll be even more incentive for a three pointer for them, mind you Margate will be looking to show that they really are a top four contender, so a draw would not unduly surprise.

There are two matches on Sunday with probably the most important the match between Redcliffe and Darra, with the Peninsula club now on the verge of a top four place, a position previously not even dreamt of, Darra are not exactly a tipster's favourite, as they can be brilliant one week and (to put it politely) pretty ordinary the next. I still think the points will remain with the Peninsula club in this one. Another vital match also on Sunday is the one between Annerley and South Star with Annerley now having slipped back to second place (yet again) and South Star now in the dreaded bottom two, it should be a formality for Annerley to pick up maximum points, having said that South Star usually perform at their best when their backs are to the wall, so it won't be any sinecure for the team at the top, but I still think the home side will take the points.

### Amateur Div 2

Almost a full round of fixtures in this division with four matches scheduled, and a mixed bag of results likely.

The match between Archerfield and Ipswich City has a huge bearing for the visitors, as their ambitions to secure a place in the semis for the first time in many years is well and truly at stake, Archerfield have strung some good results together in recent weeks, but their major problem at the moment will be to repair the morale sagging drubbing from last week, points to head towards Ipswich. Kingsridge picked up

a creditable draw last week, and they are edging ever closer to safety, but this week's match away to Bethania won't be an easy one for them as the Rams still have visions of a semi placing, home side to win. Another tough match will be on show at Dunlop Park with outright second place Samford as the visitors, Oxley's hot and cold season has continued, mind you it's a far cry from last year's efforts, so a draw is entirely possible in this one. The remaining match is between the improving Greenbank and Pine Hills, the hosts picked up another excellent draw last weekend, and whilst I don't think they'll get a win in this one, another draw is well and truly on the cards.

### Amateur Div 3

Only one match on Sunday between Oxley and Margate and placings in the table dictates a win for the visitors.

### Amateur Div 4

Two matches are on Saturday with the one between Taringa and Capalaba being the most important of the whole weekend, a win to the hosts will almost give them the Premiership, whilst a win to the visitors will surely cement their top four placing, a draw is entirely possible, but more probably a win to Taringa. The other Saturday game is between the two bottom markers The Gap and North Star with the wooden spoon at stake, looks like a win for the hosts. In the only Sunday match the fast improving and fast climbing Eastern Suburbs take on Newmarket, where a win is forecast for the home side, just take a look at the number of goals they have scored!

### Amateur Div 6

Two catch up matches scheduled with a crucial one on Saturday afternoon between Taringa and the unbeaten Capalaba, if the visitors win (which I think they will) they will go to the top of the table for the first time, whereas if the hosts win it will be so jam packed at the top they may well have to toss a coin for the title, my money goes on the visitors. On Sunday Eastern Suburbs have Newmarket as their visitors and whilst it's probably too late

for Newmarket to get into the four, they should still pick up three points in this one.

### Cup Football

There are a lot of matches being played this weekend involving Semi Pro sides in both Cup competitions, first a quick preview of the Queensland Cup.

All matches are on Sunday with Capalaba v Ipswich Knights looking to be a most entertaining game, whilst the Ipswich side should win, this will really test the capabilities and ambitions of the hosts, I don't think the Knights will have an easy ride, but experience dictates a win for them. Premier League leaders Brisbane City have a daunting task in their visit to Rocklea United, where the hosts are now running in to some fine form at the right time of the year, again the Semi Pro side will not be disgraced, even though I still think the Spencer Park team will get up at the whistle. Pine Rivers also have a most interesting match on their hands with Taringa Rovers as their visitors and if Frank Pimblett can motivate his side and keep their minds on the job for the whole 90 minutes, there could be an upset in this one, the remaining Cup match involving a Semi Pro side has Brisbane Lions making the trip out to St Lucia where University of Qld rather fancy themselves to proceed through to the next Round, and judging by Lions' erratic season, Uni's confidence could well be justified, it will be no easy match for Miron Bleiberg's boys, and whilst an upset is on the cards, Lions should win.

### Ansett Cup

It's Quarter Finals time in the Ansett Cup competition and on Saturday night North Star take on Grange Thistle, and whilst only one point separates the teams in the League table, both sides now appear to have turned the corner and are now getting some favourable results, and as a semi position is now impossible, and Cup glory the only thing left to play for, I tend to favour the hosts.

Two matches on Sunday with two northside teams meeting with Newmarket hosting

Mitchelton, the visitors' erratic season continued, yet again, last weekend and Newmarket's recent good form coming to a shuddering halt, this is different, I wouldn't be surprised to see Newmarket going into the hat for the semis.

The other match on Sunday afternoon pits the outright leaders of the two Semi Pro divisions against each with Toowoomba at home to Eastern Suburbs. Both sides have only one loss on the debit side of the ledger in the seventeen matches played to date, Toowoomba have the better attacking record with defenses matched very evenly, the home support should see Toowoomba through, but I wouldn't be at all surprised to see this match going into extra time as it really is the most attractive match of the whole weekend.

The remaining Quarter Final match is between University and Pine Rivers and with both these sides already playing in the Queensland Cup, this is scheduled to a midweek date towards the end of the month.

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# Miss Soccer Quest looking better



Jodie Keepence

**Nineteen year-old Jodie Keepence is Inala City United Soccer Club's entrant in the 1998 Miss Queensland Soccer Quest.**

Jodie is a seasoned campaigner in the Quest, having competed in 1996 and 1997.

She said she decided to throw her hat in the ring again because she enjoyed the social aspect of the event.

Jodie has obviously utilised her previous experience in fundraising as she has already hosted a series of activities.

A Friday Night Dinner has been organised at the club every second week and Jodie said that attendance has been good.

There has also been an under 16 disco, trivia nights and raffles at home games and last Saturday, Jodie hosted a Ladies Night that she described as very successful.

This Saturday, Jodie has organised for a "Pig on the Spit" at the club.

She said if she won first prize, she would like to travel to her parents birthplace in England and visit relatives.

**Narelle Clark is the Toowoomba United Raiders Soccer Club's entrant in this year's Miss Queensland Soccer Quest.**

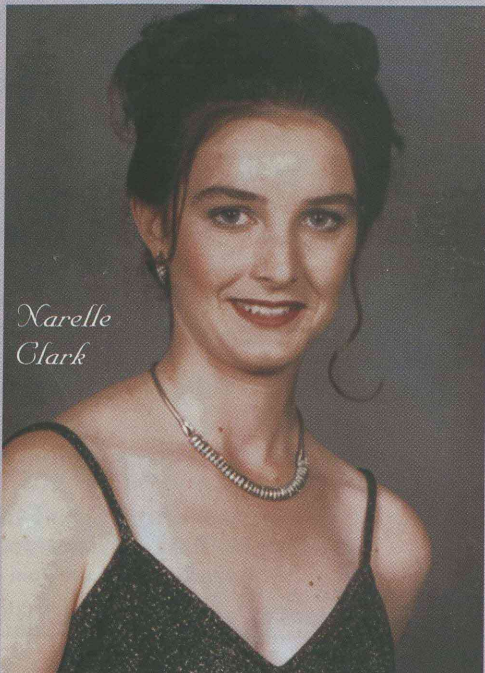
Narelle is well known around the Raiders club and is a current member of the club's women's first team that competes in the Brisbane Women's Competition.

Narelle said she entered the Quest after being approached by her coach and had enjoyed the challenging aspects of the role.

She said playing each weekend had hindered her fundraising activities but she had managed to organise a race day at Clifford Park Racecourse.

"It was a great day and about one hundred and fifty people turned up which made the event successful," Narelle said.

Narelle is currently in her second year of a Bachelor of Business - Computing at the University of Southern Queensland and said she would like to pursue a career in sports administration at the conclusion of her course.



Narelle Clark

## Brisbane North & District Junior Tables

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

Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
U11 Division 1	10	6	3	1	23	13	21	Pine Hills	10	4	1	5	14	18	13	
	10	6	2	2	23	10	20	Pine Rivers	10	3	3	4	14	13	12	
	10	4	2	4	16	15	14	North Pine	10	2	1	7	18	30	7	
	10	4	2	4	17	17	14	North Star	10	1	3	6	10	27	6	
	10	3	3	4	25	29	12									
	10	3	2	5	20	28	11									
	10	3	1	6	15	19	10									
	10	2	3	5	11	19	9									
	U12 Division 2	10	8	2	0	19	2	26	Mitchelton	10	9	0	1	40	6	27
		10	6	2	2	12	8	20	Ridge Hills	10	6	1	3	21	16	19
10		6	1	3	13	7	19	Samford	10	5	2	3	17	18	17	
10		4	6	0	10	3	18	Margate	10	5	2	3	8	15	17	
10		5	2	3	9	7	17	Virginia	10	4	3	3	12	20	15	
10		3	1	6	8	14	10	The Gap	10	4	1	5	10	9	13	
10		1	0	9	1	31	3	Pine Hills	10	2	1	7	10	34	7	
U11 Division 2		10	8	1	1	30	4	25	Moggill	10	10	0	0	66	3	30
		10	7	1	2	34	13	22	Toowong	10	6	2	2	21	15	20
		9	6	1	2	34	7	19	Albany Creek	10	4	4	2	19	25	16
	10	6	0	4	33	9	18	North Pine	10	3	3	4	15	16	12	
	10	6	0	4	35	12	18	Taringa	10	3	3	4	13	22	12	
	9	1	2	6	9	39	5	Brighton	10	3	1	6	15	25	10	
	10	1	2	7	6	47	5	Deception Bay	10	3	0	7	18	32	9	
	10	0	1	9	2	52	1	Pine Rivers	10	0	3	7	6	35	3	
	U11 Division 3	10	7	3	0	34	3	24	Narangba	10	9	0	1	26	5	27
		10	7	3	0	35	5	24	New Farm	10	8	1	1	17	6	25
10		7	2	1	32	7	23	Bardon Latrobe	10	5	1	4	13	10	16	
10		5	2	3	29	9	17	The Gap	10	5	1	4	9	9	16	
10		4	1	5	30	22	13	Northern Subs PCYC	10	4	1	5	13	21	13	
10		2	0	8	8	44	6	North Star	10	3	2	5	8	19	11	
10		1	1	8	8	48	4	Grange Thistle	10	3	0	7	5	21	9	
10		0	2	8	2	40	2									
U12 Division 4		10	8	2	0	43	5	26	Bribie Island	10	8	2	0	43	5	26
		10	8	0	2	40	11	24	Kenmore	10	8	0	2	40	11	24
	10	6	4	0	32	11	22	Brisbane City	10	6	4	0	32	11	22	
	10	5	1	4	21	13	16	Margate	10	5	1	4	21	13	16	
	10	4	1	6	20	22	10	Redcliffe City	10	4	4	2	24	20	14	
	10	3	1	6	20	22	10	Ridge Hills	10	3	1	6	20	22	10	
	10	1	0	9	6	54	3	Virginia	10	1	0	9	6	54	3	
	10	0	0	10	6	56	0	Bardon Latrobe	10	0	0	10	6	56	0	
	U12 Division 5	11	9	1	1	40	5	28	Mitchelton	11	9	1	1	40	5	28
		11	7	1	3	35	33	22	Nudgee Junior	11	7	1	3	35	33	22
11		6	3	2	25	13	21	The Gap	11	6	3	2	25	13	21	
11		4	2	5	26	24	14	Newmarket	11	4	2	5	26	24	14	
11		2	2	7	19	38	8	Pine Hills	11	2	2	7	19	38	8	
11		0	1	10	9	41	1	Redcliffe PCYC	11	0	1	10	9	41	1	
U12 Division 6		9	9	0	0	47	11	27	North Pine	9	9	0	0	47	11	27
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## READ' between the LINES

With  
Brent  
Read

The infamous penalty shoot-out was again in the headlines after the World Cup and its influence on results, gave me cause to sample a number of opinions on its future this week.

One common response from all those I polled was a unanimous call for the shoot out to be scrapped in favour of a better system.

Paul Ince, David Batty and a host of other footballers were among those I talked to about the shoot-out. They were quite disturbed, replying in chorus, it must get the flick.

The penalty shoot-out has been the subject of much discussion since it plays such a dominant role in the World Cup.

There just has to be a better option. Here's the top five I came up with after a week of research.

1. At the end of normal time, if scores are still locked together, the team should play a golden goal extra time.

Teams should start extra time with 10 men. Every five minutes, one player from each side should be removed from the field.

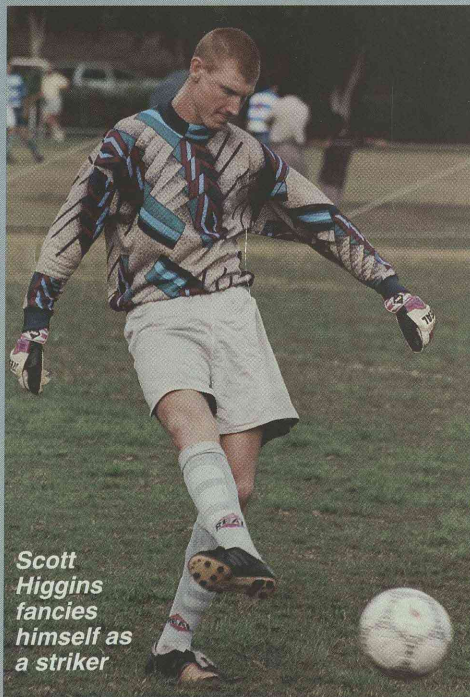
That would mean at the completion of extra time, both teams would be left with five players for the final five minutes of extra time if the game lasted that long.

This method also received massive support from those at the Inala Courthouse; Wellsy in particular was a big fan.

2. Simply keep playing until you get a goal. Quite simply, that would lead to mass drop outs of players with cramp, injury and possible death from exhaustion.

The game becomes a war of attrition. Not only would it provide sensational entertainment value but viewers would get extra value for their money.

3. Take away the goal keepers. How simple would that be. Players would be shooting from



Scott Higgins fancies himself as a striker

everywhere and a goal would be imminent.

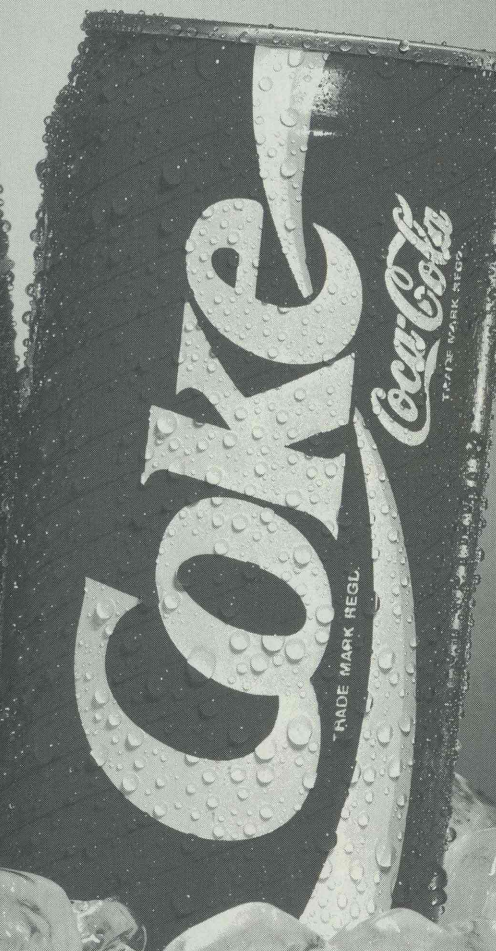
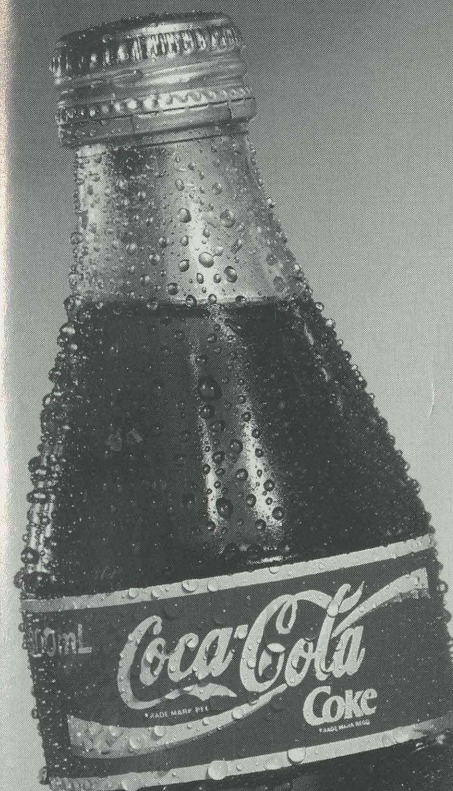
Big Scott Higgins, the Taringa goalkeeper always fancied himself as a striker, this would give the big fella a chance.

4. Eliminate offside in extra time. Like hockey has done so successfully eliminating offside opens the game and is conducive to more goals being scored.

Finally, 5. And a real long shot. Bring on a set of Aussie Rules posts for extra time.

Simply kick it through to secure the win. This would be a move favoured by a number of strikers in the XXXX Premier League who are renowned for blasting the ball over the top.

Many was the night at Taringa a young and enthusiastic Des Hughes would shatter a window in the clubhouse with an errant blast. He would be perfect for extra time.





The beer for here.



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