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*Cover: Queensland Cup combatants, Capalaba and Ipswich Knights provided with a thrilling encounter at Capalaba and the hosts were unlucky not to come away with at least a draw.*

# Editorial

**Congratulations to the Frenchville Soccer Club in Rockhampton that celebrated its 50th anniversary last weekend.**

The central Queensland club is one of the state's most famous soccer institutions and it was fitting that it should be honoured with a game against a state representative side.

Even though the Queensland team rained on the local's party (they won 5-1), it was great to hear that the day was a huge success. Well done Frenchville!

As expected, Premier League sides dominated Queensland Cup competition on the weekend although there were some sterling performances from lower division teams. Rocklea managed to hold the all conquering Brisbane City scoreless until after the break and the University of Queensland at one stage drew level with Brisbane Lions.

The draw for the quarterfinals of the Cup should be available in the not too distant future.

■ I am now forced to write how horrified I was at the meaningless shooting of three rugby league footballers in Sydney last Friday evening.

Now even though all of these young men played a different code of football, they were nevertheless, brothers in sport.

One of the victims died instantly, another a little later in hospital and the third escaped with wounds to his shoulder.

The unbelievable part is that the perpetrators were not known to the victims.

They just pulled up at the roadside, exchanged words, hopped out of the car and started to fight and then one of them pulled a gun and shot the three footballers before fleeing.

Words escape my efforts to describe how I feel about these lowlife and my heart goes out to the friends and families that are suffering from this abhorrent act.

It's hard to believe that something like that could happen in this wonderful country of ours.

I am sure you will all join with me in praying that the police are successful in hunting down these so called "human beings" and they are brought to swift justice.

# The way the weekend was

The remaining Queensland Cup round 3 matches were played on the weekend. The Bundaberg Waves and Wynnum Wolves match took on special significance as it doubled as a catch-up league fixture.

Bundaberg got the better of the Wolves at the Thabeban Sports Complex, winning 2-0.

Wynnum coach Peter Tokesi said he was disappointed with the loss, as he believed the match had been an even contest.

"We played well in patches but missed chances cost us the points at the end of the day," Tokesi said.

"They (Waves) went into the break one-nil ahead, but it could've been one-all if Nick Hadland had converted his one on one opportunity.

"Darrell Grundy also had a good scoring chance in the second half but unfortunately his shot went wide of the keeper.

"Besides our poor finishing, our basic downfall was our inability to put some decent crosses into the box."

Tokesi said he had come to terms verbally with Wynnum for next season and was looking forward to a fruitful long-term relationship with the club.

"It's disappointing that our season in terms of trophies is over, but on the bright side it gives us a good opportunity to start planning for next year," he said.

Brisbane Lions proved too strong for Semi-Pro side University of Queensland winning 5-1 at St Lucia.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said his club had enjoyed the opportunity to play against a club from another division.

"Full credit should go to UQ as they played very well and from our point of view, it was a good exercise," Bleiberg said.

"We used the match to blood some of our

younger players and I was happy with the way the team performed."

Taringa Rovers scored a 3-1 win against Pine Rivers at Wendy Allison Park.

Taringa coach John Ogden said he was pleased with the result and described the win as "comfortable".

"We could have won by a lot more, but I was very happy with the way we knocked the ball around," Ogden said.

"Martin Matula played well... he held the ball up and his movement up front was outstanding.

"Young Aaron Bakker also had a strong game for us and I am thrilled with the way he is progressing this season."

Premier League competition leaders Brisbane City took Rocklea to task at the Croatian Sports Centre, winning 6-0.

The match was locked at 0-0 at half time, but a 12 minute barrage in the second period that netted three goals for City secured a memorable victory.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said the half time score was a reasonable indication of how his side had performed.

"We set out to build our attack from the back, but when we got into the attacking third, the lads forgot to increase their pace," he said.

The Ipswich Knights scraped home 1-0 in a tight match against Capalaba at John Fredericks Park.

Damian Guest's second half goal saved face for one of the Premier League's frontrunners.

In Ansett Cup matches, Grange Thistle defeated North Star 2-0, while Newmarket got home against a defiant Mitchelton 1-0.

In the match that many consider to be the "Superbowl" of the Semi-Pro Division, Toowoomba defeated Eastern Suburbs 1-0 in extra time.

## PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE LIONS v BUNDABERG

The match between Brisbane Lions and Bundaberg Waves at Lions Stadium on Sunday afternoon deserves top billing.

Lions are currently in third spot on the league ladder on 36 points, one behind second placed Ipswich Knights, while Bundaberg players have struggled to reproduce their 1997 form and find themselves in 9th position on the league ladder on 19 points.

However, despite the disparity between the fortunes of the two side's respective seasons, the form goes out the window when the two teams come together.

In a round 3 match at Lions Stadium back in March, Lions proved too strong for Waves, winning 3-1.

When the two sides met again in round 12, the score was the same but the result was reversed with Waves taking the three points.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said he was expecting a torrid encounter against Bundaberg.

"It surprised me last time we played Waves because I thought we played absolutely brilliantly, but they still beat us three goals to one," he said.

"They've (Waves) had an up and down season and it's very hard to predict how they are likely to go.

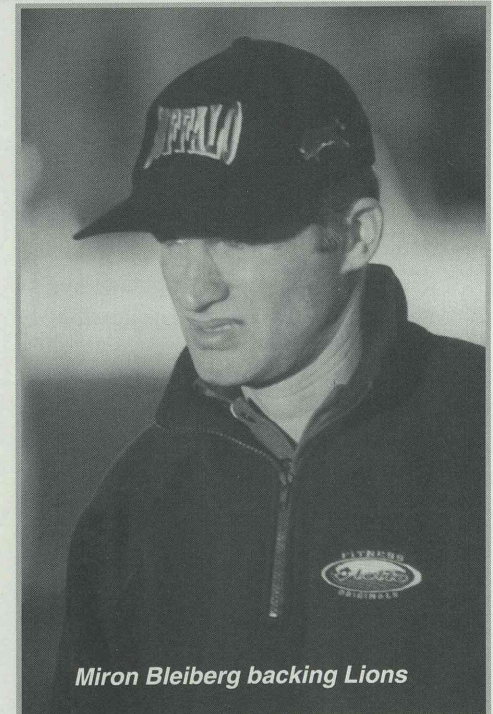
"The last two weeks they've been playing some nice football and have got a couple of wins under their belts.

"What that means for us is that it looks as if we are going to catch them at the wrong time again and so we will have to play well to take the points.

"But if I was a betting man, I would put my money on Brisbane Lions to win."

Bleiberg said he wanted to win to not only sure up a finals spot, but also try to put pressure on league leaders Brisbane City.

"We will be trying to chase City as much as we can for the remainder of the season, but realistically, we will be going for second place and try to win the grand final," Miron said.



Miron Bleiberg backing Lions

### BRISBANE LIONS v BUNDABERG

Lions Stadium, Richlands  
Saturday July 25, 7.00 pm

BRISBANE LIONS	BUNDABERG
1 Jason Lucas	1 Michael Bainbridge
2 David Lonsdale (c)	2 Andrew Donnison
3 Darren Sime	3 Andrew Packer
4 Steven Starr	4 Altan Ramadan
5 Paul Worroll	5 John Giovannoni
6 Mark Geritz	6 Tony Roebuck (vc)
7 Steve Jackson	7 Luke Graham
8 Frank Mengotti	8 Craig Hawkins
9 Anthony Brown	9 Nick Maas
10 Michael Brockwell	10 Royce Brownlie
11 Marc Flemington	11 Jason Chapman
12 Roy Huth	12 Chris Wilson
13 Craig Rogers	13 Gary Blackford
14 Cameron Watson	14 Peter Bock
15 Warren Allen	15 Tony Giovannoni
16 (Not Allocated)	16 Paul Fagan (c)
17 (Not Allocated)	17 Michael Giovannoni
18 Greg Di-Losa	18 Matthew Barritt
20 Darren Hillier	19 Jimmy Cudd
Rgk Robert Farrow	20 Cale Driver

## PREMIER PREVIEW - ROCHEDALE ROV v GOLD COAST

Rochdale Rovers will host the Gold Coast in a vital match at Underwood Park on Saturday.

The competition for a finals spot could not be tighter at the moment with just four points separating second to fifth.

Rochdale is in fifth position at present and three points is a must for the team this weekend.

Lions and Taringa are both playing teams in the bottom half of the table while league leaders Brisbane City host second placed Ipswich Knights at Spencer Park.

A win for Rovers against the Coast will at worst keep the team snapping at the heels of the top four, but a loss could signal the end of another disappointing year for the talented Peter Bannon coached outfit.

"Having a week off on account of the Cup matches has been good for us as it has come at an opportune time," Bannon said.

"A few of the players have been dealing with niggling injuries and the rest has allowed everyone to regroup.

"Michael Lane should be over his ankle worries while Gary Brattan and David Pilic are coming back from medial ligament and ankle injuries respectively."

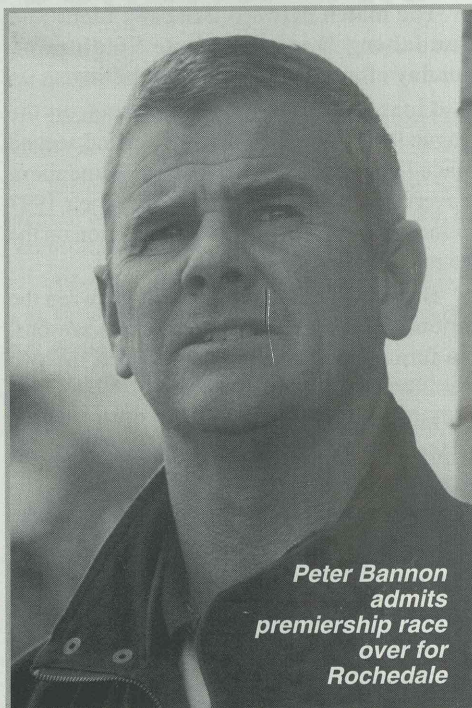
Bannon said he had resigned himself to the fact that the premiership race was over for season 1998.

"The way that City have been performing all year, I really don't think that any team is capable of catching them," he said.

"I honestly believe that they (City) would have to lose it from here and I just can't see that happening.

"With that in mind, our goal is to win on Saturday and finish as high up on the league ladder as is possible."

Gold Coast have been up and down this season and form suggests that Rochdale will be hard pressed not to take any points from this match.



*Peter Bannon admits premiership race over for Rochdale*

### ROCHEDALE ROV v GOLD COAST

Underwood Park, Rochdale  
Saturday July 25, 7.00 pm

ROCHEDALE ROVERS	GOLD COAST CITY
1 Elvis Guzic	1 Martin Simpson
2 (Not Allocated)	2 Tom Protuder
3 Ross Davidson	3 Adam Hayward
4 Michael Lane	4 Mick Richardson
5 Damian Harris	5 Trevor Wood
6 Alun Evans	6 Brett Adams
7 Steve Fitzsimmons	7 Col Phelan
8 Michael Legg	8 Jade Flack
9 Wade Baldwin	9 Troy Greenwood
10 Clayton Koch	10 Peter Grierson
11 John Weatherby	11 Aaron Bristow
12 David Pilic	12 Rob Boxall
13 Brad Ditton	13 Stuart Stevenson
14 Paul Grugan	14 Matthew Packer
15 Glen Kolpak	15 Trevor Elliott
16 Matt Olley	16 Martyn Carter
17 Gary Brattan	17 Pat Casey
18 Andy Monement	18 Adam Evans
19 Esala Masi	19 Lee Vernon
20 Todd Rumble	20 Matt Miner

## PREMIER PREVIEW - TARINGA ROV v MT GRAVATT

Taringa will welcome three points in its match with Mt Gravatt on Sunday afternoon according to coach John Ogden.

Taringa is currently in outright fourth place on the league ladder on 35 points, one clear of Rochdale Rovers and two behind second placed Ipswich Knights.

Ogden said he was confident of a win but was realistic in his appraisal of Taringa's chances of winning the premiership.

"They say it's never over until its over but it is very hard to see City losing the premiership from here," he said.

"Full credit to City as they have been far too consistent all season and realistically, we're trying to ensure that we finish as high on the ladder as is possible."

Ogden said he was expecting a tough match from a Mt Gravatt side that he believed was underestimated by opposition sides.

Mt Gravatt has proven difficult opposition for us on the both occasions that we've encountered them this season," he said.

"They drew with us at home early in the season and they gave us another strong game when we played them in the second round.

"I'm expecting a tight game and I think that there will only be a goal in it at the end."

All season, Taringa has struggled to convert good form into league points and has dropped matches that the team was expected to win.

"Potentially, we're a better side than Mt Gravatt, but we have to realise that potential this weekend," Ogden said.

"We've got to win to make sure that we're in the action come finals time."

Taringa will be dealt a severe blow in the upcoming weeks when established keeper Scott Higgins embarks on a long journey to the boney shores of Scotland.

Higgins will be trialing with several Scottish Premier League sides and his departure means 18-year-old Brett Dickens will shoulder the responsibility of guarding the Taringa goal at the business end of the season.

*Richard Hilli - Taringa*



### TARINGA ROV v MT GRAVATT

Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly  
Sunday July 26, 2.45 pm

TARINGA ROVERS	MOUNT GRAVATT
1 Scott Higgins	1 Mark Bland
2 Scott Robertson	2 David Pryor
3 Chris Day	3 Drew Oberle
4 Danny Britton	4 Danny Cox (c)
5 Joel Hale	5 Arif Azam Khan
6 (Not Allocated)	6 Stu Collins
7 Des Hughes	7 Robin Gosney
8 Demetri Theochari	8 Anthony McCullough
9 Robert Laslo	9 Wayne Knipe
10 Richard Hilli	10 Anthony Roche
11 Cliff Tuck	11 Andy Garw. Gowers
12 Steven Bland	12 Steve Morris
13 (Not Allocated)	13 Darren Stachowicz
14 Clinton McDermott	14 Nathan Carlos
15 Aaron Bakker	15 (Not Allocated)
16 Shaun Molenda	16 Luke Bowness
17 Cameron Williamson	17 (Not Allocated)
18 Martin Matula	18 (Not Allocated)
19 Jason Poggi	19 Trevor Evans
20 Brett Dickens	Rgk Paul Petersen

## PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE CITY v Ipswich Knights

League leaders Brisbane City and second placed Ipswich Knights clash in the match of the round at Spencer Park on Sunday afternoon.

With just seven regular rounds of the season to go, City has what many people consider an unassailable 10-point lead.

Results from round 20 certainly favoured Bobby Hamilton's men especially the Knights 1-0 loss to Taringa at home.

Although mathematically City could still lose the premiership, realistically, a win against the Knights would seal a memorable back to back premiership for the "sky blues".

As usual, Bobby Hamilton was confident that his side possessed the personnel and the game to overcome an impressive Knights outfit.

"Ipswich have certainly got our respect for what they've achieved so far this season," he said.

"In recent weeks, they've consistently proved that they have the game to beat any team in this competition.

"We'll be cautious of them, but that's not to say that we'll be approaching the game in a cautious manner.

"We'll go out and attempt to play the attacking football that we've tried to play all year and we'll be doing everything possible to get the three points."

Hamilton said he believed City's 3-0 win over Rochedale in round 20 had been extremely significant in the premiership battle.

"That win gave us a ten point buffer at the top of the table, but if we would have lost that game, we could have been going into this match with only a four point lead," he said.

"The lads have put in some indifferent games this season, but when the pressure was on they came good and did the job."

Hamilton said he would like his players to replicate some of their second half exploits against Rocklea in round 3 of the Queensland Cup last week when they line up against the Knights at 2.45pm.



Chris Slater still leading goal scorer

### BRIS CITY v IPSWICH KNIGHTS

Spencer Park, Newmarket  
Sunday July 26, 2.45 pm

BRISBANE CITY	IPSWICH KNIGHTS
1 Daniel Duke	1 Barney Smith
2 Warren Cooley	2 Andrew King
3 Damon Voss	3 Nick Seeley
4 Mark Bennett	4 Reg Davani
5 Wayne Strange	5 Pat Boyle
6 Scott Elliott	6 (Not Allocated)
7 Mark Dessi	7 Brenley Jefferd
8 Chris Slater (c)	8 John Clark
9 Damien Waugh	9 Damien Conquest
10 Danny Wright	10 Peter McKendrick
11 Shane Haddow	11 Craig Collins
12 Angelo Cootes	12 David Guest
13 Carlos Echeverria	13 Kasey Wehrman
14 Mark Battistin	14 Kevin Meacock
15 Darryl Anderson	15 Clint Scott
16 Mark Jenkins	16 Ken Caldwell
17 Damon Tune	17 Wayne Adams
18 Nathan Fairley	18 Neville O'Sullivan
19 Robert Kidd	19 Peter Vogler
20 Adriano Taraborrelli	20 Sam Ferguson

## PREMIER PREVIEW - WYNNUM DISTRICT v BEENLEIGH

The Wynnum Wolves host Beenleigh at Carmichael Park on Sunday at 2.45pm.

The outcome of this match will have little bearing on the make-up of the final four.

Wynnum's end of season charge has come to a grinding halt in recent weeks with successive losses to the Ipswich Knights, Mt Gravatt and the Bundaberg Waves.

The Wolves had been performing exceptionally well against the likes of Rochedale, City, Lions and Taringa and six points from the side's last three outings was a realistic ambition.

That would have left the Wolves with an outside chance of making the finals, and coach Peter Tokesi said it had been a disappointing couple of weeks.

"Losing is becoming a bit of a habit for us and it is one that I would like to change," Tokesi said.

"I've found that the players were finding it easy to motivate themselves for the harder games, but there certainly hasn't been the same intensity against Waves and Mt Gravatt as there was for City, Rochedale and the like.

"We've been working on a few new things at training and even though I'm pleased that the players are attempting to put those things into a game situation, they have to learn the right time to do it."

Tokesi said he had come to terms verbally with Wynnum for next season and was looking forward to a fruitful long-term relationship with the club.

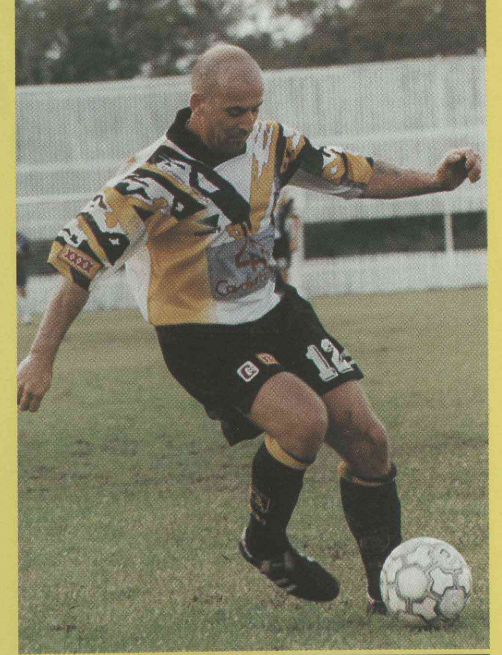
"I'm looking to next year and maintaining the nucleus of the squad," he said.

"It's a little disappointing that we're now out of the cup, but we want to make sure we finish the season on a high note and win all of our remaining games.

"We're certainly not going to lie down for any team as no-one likes to lose.

"Beenleigh will probably fancy themselves to get some points from this match, so we'll have to be on our game to secure a victory."

A Darrell Grundy indiscretion will see him sitting on the bench this weekend



### WYNNUM DIST. v BEENLEIGH

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa  
Sunday July 26, 2.45 pm

WYNNUM DISTRICT	BEENLEIGH
1 Garth McCulloch	1 Chris Roche
2 Luke Adair	2 Kieren Galloway
3 (Not allocated)	3 Michael Lipscombe
4 Nigel McClure	4 Brett Jones
5 Ricky McKinless	5 Steven Forshaw
6 Tony McKinless (c)	6 Wayne Hinton
7 Matt Campion	7 Fotis Skordou
8 Paul Wilkins	8 Jarrod Austin
9 Mark Wilkins	9 Brett Druery
10 Ben Wood	10 Bradley Ditton
11 Nick Hadland	11 Alan Spiers
12 Darrell Grundy	12 Jason Eacott
13 (Not Allocated)	13 Daniel Stowers
14 Wayne Corbett	14 Michael Bettridge
15 Andrew Davidson	15 Lee Preston
16 Shane Gilroy	16 Michael Kalic
17 Calvin Gnech	17 Paul Lederhose
18 Damian Rogers	18 Marc Lederhose
19 Bill McDermott	19 Cori Fisher
20 Wade Cannon	20 David Iliff

# Raiders want a crack at XXXX League

**They have only been in the semi-pro competition for two years, but already the Toowoomba Raiders have shown they have outgrown the lower division and are ready for the big time.**

After a solid performance by the club in 1997, this year has proved to be a boon one for the Raiders.

All three of their sides, firsts, reserves and youth are leading their respective competitions, the first team by a whopping 15 points.

The top side has shown itself to be the pace setters of the semi-pro south competition, but according to coach Garry Scott, that's not because the competition is easy.

He believes the club's success can be put down to one thing... hard work.

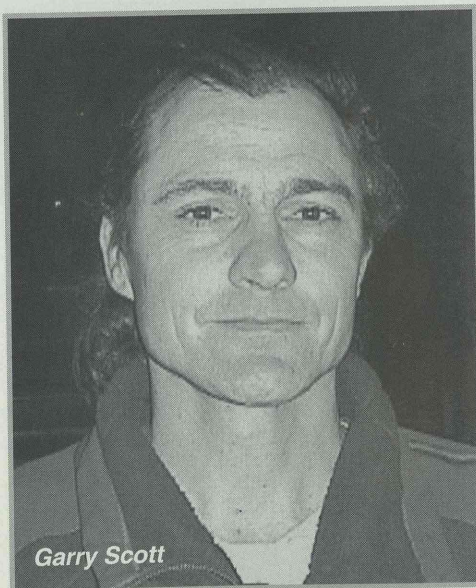
"Last year the club had a good season and we really had to build on that this year," Scott said.

"The coaching staff and the players are all to be congratulated because they've banded together and put in place several regimes that I believe have held us in good stead this season."

Scott also gives a lot of the credit to the local Director of Coaching Harry Bingham, a man he said has contributed much to soccer in the region, during his short stay there.

"Harry's done a lot for the sport since coming to the region," Scott said. "It was largely through his efforts last year that we even got a combined Toowoomba side up and running."

"He's already enticed several big sides to the area and he's working on getting the Strikers, Melbourne Knights and South Melbourne up here later this year for a round robin tournament."



Garry Scott

Scott said he was confident his club would gain entry into the XXXX League next year, especially given their sterling performances this season.

And although he believes the side would do well with its current stock of players, he is eager to woo several experienced players to the club.

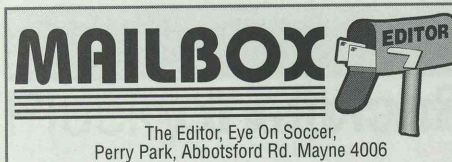
"The only way we'll improve as a club is by entering a team into the XXXX League next year," the Raiders coach said.

"But if we go in the competition we have to go in it to win it, not just to prop up the established sides in the league.

"That's why we'll be looking at getting several more experienced players, preferably from Sydney or Melbourne, who know how to do a job.

"I think if we get a few players with that sort of experience in the side, it will certainly make us a very formidable unit for any of the current XXXX League sides."

But for Scott, the ambition doesn't stop there. "Obviously the NSL has to be the ultimate aim."



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I would like to respond to the letter in your *Mailbox* written by Taringa Rovers' Youth Team Coach Paul Molenda regarding the sad state our youth competition is in.

Firstly, I would like to support Mr Molenda in agreeing that the structure of the youth competition leaves a lot to be desired. To have teams sitting out for two to three weeks is a joke, I'm sure all the XXXX League Clubs will agree on that point. On the other hand, I agree with the Federation's decision not to make Bundaberg and Gold Coast submit teams for this competition.... So how do we fix the problem?

At the beginning of the 1998 season, all XXXX Premier League Clubs attended two meetings to discuss the new league. The topic of the youth competition was discussed with a suggestion this competition, actually breaks away from its present format and holds its own on its own. This would mean that there would be no limit on the number of teams entering this competition and it would be open to all clubs. The age limit would be strictly Under 19 with

no over age players allowed. Players could still progress up to reserves and firsts through this league. This would leave only firsts and reserves to compete for the Club Championship and Fair Play Award, (which is fairer for the Gold Coast and Bundaberg anyway). Can you imagine a youth competition of this nature, open to all clubs, no arguments about playing over age players, maybe getting a major sponsor for this league alone.

The possibilities are endless. It would also give smaller clubs the chance of holding on to a few of their players as they would know they were playing in the strongest youth competition available, regardless of where their senior team is playing.

Anyway, to finish. This proposal looked liked it had a fair backing of most clubs and really needed to be discussed a bit more, but alas, one club (namely Taringa) took it upon themselves to canvass the other clubs against the idea and the format never got off the ground.

The moral of the story; the clubs hold the power to make decisions like the above mentioned. We shouldn't be too quick to criticise the Federation when it was actually our own fault. Food for thought!!!

**Kieran Cooper**  
Development Officer, Rochedale Rovers

## Women Raiders running hot

by Lee Mylne

**The Barclay Mowlem Raiders continued their winning streak with a 7-1 home win over University of Queensland last Sunday.**

Sunday's first 45 minutes saw the side take complete control of proceedings, to the extent that they led 5-0 after 35 minutes. Pat Fraser opened the scoring in the corner. It was soon 2-0 when lead-up work by Sophie Mylne and Kelly Lanagan saw Nicole Luchterhand slip in at the near post and flick the ball past a stranded keeper. A deflected drive by Olivia Hohnke gave the UQ keeper no chance and the Raiders skipped to a 3-0 advantage after 15 minutes.

Excellent interplay between Christie Taylor,

Emma Prow and Olivia Hohnke, created space for Sophie Mylne to drive a 20 metre ball into the top left corner. The game was beyond UQ when Kelly Lanagan finished the first half rout to make it 5-0.

Captain Kylie Franklin was satisfied with the team's efforts.

"The first 45 minutes were extremely pleasing and at that stage the game was ours," Franklin said.

■ The Reserves bounced back to their winning ways with a solid 4-0 victory over UQ. Jo Williams, Jess Jago and Mel Zardani played good games in a sound team performance.

## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### Positive signs from narrow loss Rocklea to bounce back

The Capalaba Bulldogs have taken plenty of positives out of their 1-0 Queensland Cup loss to XXXX League finals aspirants Ipswich Knights.

Capalaba held the Knights scoreless for the first 80 minutes of the match, before striker Kevin Meacock made the winning goal.

"He was the difference between the two sides," Bulldogs coach Alan Prentice said.

"But I can't complain about their performance. It was a pleasure to watch the boys do so well against one of the best sides in Queensland."

Prentice said the performance was extremely pleasing given his sides recent string of failures, the wily coach confident of a big turnaround and a strong charge towards the semi finals.

"We've had a shocking run over the past four weeks, with key players struggling with injuries and the club just simply going through a bit of a mid-season slump," the Bulldogs coach said.

"The game against Inala two weeks ago was a bit of a turnaround for us, but last Sunday's performance was a true indication of just how well we can play."

Prentice singled out Sean Carey for a special mention, indicating the young striker would have to again be in top form for this weekend's vital clash against Acacia Ridge.

"I noticed their coach Frank Campbell was a keen observer of our match against Ipswich and I know he'll have his side really fired up for this weekend's match," Prentice said.

"For that reason I'm expecting as tough a match this week as we had last week.

"They're in a position where they can not afford to lose too many matches."

Should the Bulldogs take the match, it will be their first hat-trick of wins against an opposing club, this season.

Rocklea United will be looking to bounce back from their shattering 6-0 Queensland Cup loss to Brisbane City, when they travel to Souths United this weekend.

The Allan Hughes coached outfit was shell shocked by the XXXX League leaders, in a match that showed the true difference between the top competition and the semi-pro divisions.

This weekend however they will get to make amends as they continue to assert their dominance in the southern conference.

Rocklea have been one of the standouts all year in the semi-pro divisions. Currently they are in second spot on the southern table, and looking to hold down that spot, with Capalaba hoping to close in before the season's end.

On paper and on current form, Rocklea are the overwhelming favourites to take out this weekend's match against Souths United.

However under new coach Walter Oldenburg, Souths have put together some impressive performances over the past month, including a shock 3-0 win over the ladder leaders Toowoomba a fortnight ago.

That victory has given the club a much needed shot in the arm, as their 1998 season winds down, so much so that they must still be considered a very outside chance to make the finals.

The impressive win against Toowoomba proved that the young Souths side is capable of springing an upset and matching it with the best teams in the competition, so Rocklea will not be taking them easily at all.

The question remains whether or not Allan Hughes' side can put last weekend's humiliating loss behind them, even though it was against far superior opposition.

## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### Plucky Inala face big challenge Olympic keeping slim hopes alive

The gutsy Inala outfit is set to face their most daunting challenge this year, when they take on the semi pro south leaders Toowoomba Raiders this weekend.

Inala have been the form side of the competition throughout the second round and beyond, with a series of victories rocketing them up the table into outright fourth spot.

Currently they are four points clear of fifth placed Acacia Ridge and closing on the top three.

And coach Derek Crawford is eager to continue that good form against the ladder leaders this weekend.

"We're really looking forward to the match," the Inala coach said. "We'll have to be good to beat them, but if you look at some of their more recent results, it's clear that they are starting to come back to the pack a little and other teams are beginning to rise to their level of football."

Crawford attributed a touch of complacency for Toowoomba's recent loss to Souths United, however the Inala coach believes there will be no such problems for the boys on the Range this weekend.

"They'll be as hungry as hell to beat us, especially given the history of the two teams," Crawford said. "Last year's semi-final loss to Inala would still be in the back of their minds and I believe because of that, they'll be really pumped up for this week's match."

After conceding 6-1 and 4-1 losses to the Raiders in the first two rounds of the competition, Crawford believes victory this weekend against the top side is important for psychological reasons.

The Inala coach said that defence would be the key for the crunch game, with his side set to bustle the gifted Toowoomba attack and give them little time on the ball.

Semi pro south side Olympic will be looking to keep their slender finals chances alive when they take on Slacks Creek.

Olympic are currently six points behind fourth placed Inala and are struggling to stay in touch with the finals contenders.

However with 21 points still on offer, the club is still a slight possibility of challenging for the vital fourth spot, although they can ill afford to drop any more matches.

The side has been plagued with player troubles this year, with several of the team taking off mid-stream to see the World Cup and several other key players out for long periods with injury.

A coaching change mid year didn't help the club in its bid to maintain continuity and it's the combination of all of these things that has left the side that was considered a real chance in the pre-season, with little hope of a finals spot.

On paper though Noel Wriggley's Olympic outfit should quite easily account for Slacks Creek, another club which has had similar problems throughout the season.

However form and reputation have counted for little this season, with many of the lesser teams in the competition able to spring upsets throughout the year.

The most notable of these was Souths victory over Toowoomba a fortnight ago, although Slacks Creek too have troubled some of the more fancied sides in the competition.

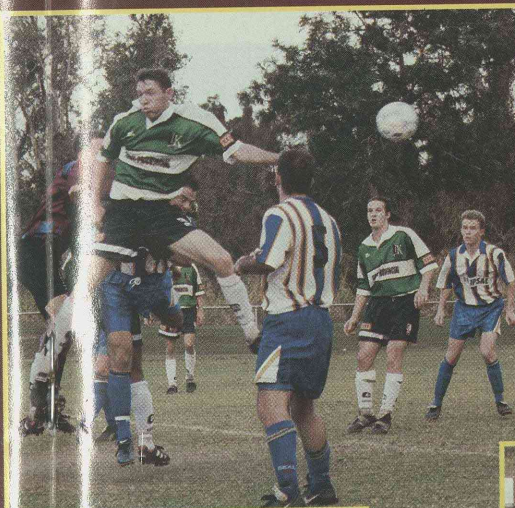
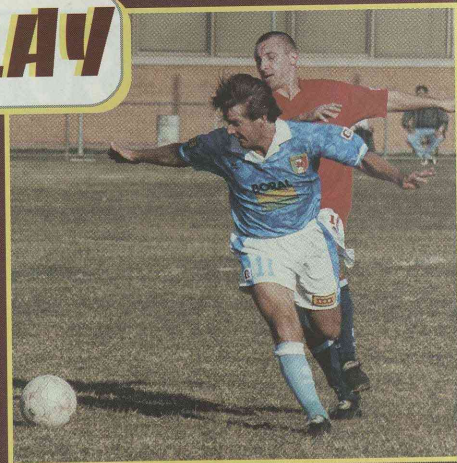
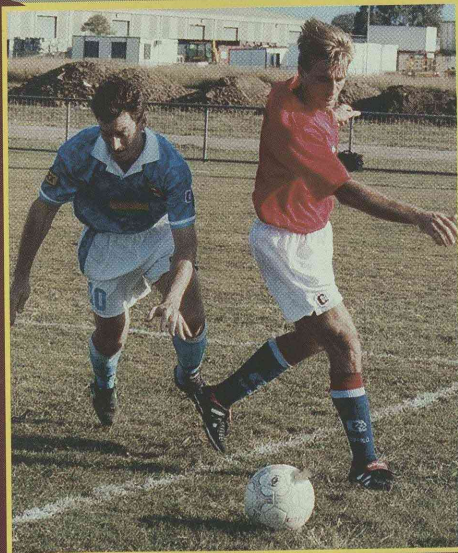
Slacks coach Danny Docherty is resigned to the fact that the season is all but over for his side. The only thing now left for the club is pride.

And this is one match that Docherty's side should be confident coming into. Results for the club over the last couple of weeks have been quite positive, and with their pride at stake, they could just spring an upset.





# 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



## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### Cup win doesn't inspire N'market

A shock 1-0 Ansett Cup quarter final victory over Mitchelton has done little to lift the spirits of the lowly Newmarket team and their coach.

The victory has put the club into the Ansett Cup semi-finals, however coach Peter Carey said he would rather take three competition points than have the Cup victory.

"It was pleasing to get the win, although we really could've done with the competition points," the Newmarket coach said.

Carey agreed that his side's results over the past few weeks had improved considerably, although he was not crowing too loud, instead choosing to focus his attention on the match against the competition leaders Easts this weekend.

"It'll be a tough match however our record against Easts this year has been very good," Carey said. "In fact I don't think any side in the competition has troubled them as much as what we have.

"We've drawn both times we've played and looking at our two styles of football, it's clear that they don't like playing against us.

"All things being equal, we should be a real chance this weekend, given our current form and our home ground advantage."

Carey attributed his side's recent rise in form to having a full complement of players to choose from, week in, week out.

"That's definitely made things a bit easier for the club, although it's far too late now to make a push for the top four," the Newmarket coach said.

"But our aim now is to get off the bottom of the table and to make things as hard as possible for those sides pushing to make the top four. And that starts with this weekend's match against Easts."

### Uni unperturbed at Lions pasting

A 5-1 pasting by Brisbane Lions in the third round of the Queensland Cup has not scarred the talented University of Queensland outfit.

On the contrary it has given the side plenty of resolve as it heads into the most crucial part of the season, according to the students' coach Keith Officer.

"We haven't been beaten like that all season and I think it was probably good for us to have a game like that against real quality opposition as we come into the business end of the season.

"From this week on, we have seven weeks where results are very important to us, and we have to concentrate on staying in the top four."

Officer said that although his side's fixture results have been good over the second round, he was still wary of the wounded North Star.

"They've had a season of turmoil but they've shown in recent weeks that they're beginning to put their off-field dramas behind them and return to playing good positive football," the Uni coach said.

"They're a young team that plays with plenty of pride and enthusiasm, so we won't be taking them lightly at all.

"They have a couple of good midfielders and a quality striker, who we'll have to mark carefully, and I think if we do that and play to our potential, we should take the three points."

Officer welcomed the news that midfielder Ian Missingham and striker Paul Lant would be back for this weekend's important match.

Both players have been out for several weeks, with a broken wrist and a series of hamstring and achilles concerns respectively.

"It's good to have the likes of these two players back in the side," Officer said. "They are both solid players, who we'll need in this business end of the season."

## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

### Mitchelton yet to assert authority

Mitchelton are looking to confirm their status as a genuine semi-pro north finals contender when they host Albany Creek in this weekend's crucial round 21 match.

So far Mitchelton's season has been very topsy-turvy, with the side reaching stages of brilliance in their play and also having several bad patches throughout the year.

And while they have always been right up there in semifinals calculations right from the outset, they are yet to cement their spot and assert any real authority over the top teams in the competition.

Last weekend's 1-0 Ansett Cup quarter final loss to Newmarket has not helped their credibility, with question marks over their ability to play quality football consistently.

Their opponents this weekend are certainly no easy beats. After a slow start to their 1998 campaign, Albany Creek have fired up and have shown that they will be one of the sides to beat come finals time.

A run of good form in the middle of the season that has continued right up until now has placed the young Albany Creek side well and truly into finals calculations.

Under young coach Justin Kilshaw, the side is playing some of the best football seen by the club's supporters and at this stage they look almost certain to make the top four.

Their good form continued last weekend when they downed the improving Grange Thistle 3-2 in a round 3 Queensland Cup encounter. The victory came in extra time, which indicates Albany Creek are also a side that grind out the tough results.

Victory against Mitchelton this weekend will strike another major psychological blow for the club, which can sense a finals spot looming just around the corner.

### Northern finals race heats up

The race for the vital fourth spot will be all that is on the minds of the players and coaches when Pine Rivers host The Gap this weekend.

Both sides are still slim chances of making this year's playoffs, as the race for the finals starts to heat up.

Rivers have been one of the less fortunate sides in the competition this year. They are the only team to knock competition leaders Easts over and they have only had a handful of losses.

A large number of drawn matches has restricted their movement up the ladder however and kept them down in the lower half of the table.

For The Gap, it has been a slightly different story, with the side struggling to hold down consistently good form throughout the year.

On their day they are one of the hardest sides in the competition to beat, however they have also shown they can be very ordinary as well.

They are probably a slightly better chance of making the finals at this stage, although with seven rounds still remaining, quite literally anything could happen.

The Gap are one of the few sides to beat Pine Rivers at Wendy Alison Park this season, so while home ground advantage would normally favour the Frank Pimblett coached side, it probably won't be a major consideration this weekend.

Both teams need a victory to make their charge up the ladder and into the last finals spot a little easier, so there is certain to be plenty of feeling in Saturday night's match.

The side that loses is set to have a major struggle to force their way into playoff's contention, and with so much riding on the match, spectators can be assured of a quality encounter.

## How They Fared... here and there

<b>XXXX League</b>			
Wynnum	vs	Bundaberg Waves	0 - 2 Rd13
<b>XXXX Reserves</b>			
Rochedale Rovers	vs	Ipswich Knights	1 - 0 Rd13
Wynnum	vs	Bundaberg Waves	0 - 2 Rd13
<b>XXXX Youth</b>			
Rochedale Rovers	vs	Ipswich Knights	4 - 2 Rd13
Rochedale Rovers	vs	Taringa Rovers	1 - 2 Rd18
<b>Semi Pro Div 1 North Youth</b>			
Newmarket	vs	The Gap	2 - 0 Rd13
Pine Rivers	vs	North Star	2 - 1 Rd 18
Pine Rivers	vs	Albany Creek	3 - 2 Rd19
<b>Semi Pro Div 1 South Youth</b>			
Redlands Utd	vs	Toowoomba Utd	0 - 0 Rd18
<b>Amateur Division 1</b>			
Redcliffe City	vs	Darra Utd	6 - 2 Rd6
Annerley	vs	South Star	1 - 0 Rd11
Margate	vs	Brothers Utd	1 - 3 Rd17
<b>Amateur Division 1 Reserves</b>			
Redcliffe City	vs	Darra Utd	4 - 2 Rd6
Annerley	vs	South Star	6 - 1 Rd11
Margate	vs	Brothers Utd	3 - 2 Rd17
<b>Amateur Division 2</b>			
Archerfield	vs	Ipswich City	0 - 6 Rd11
Bethania Rams	vs	Kingsridge	3 - 1 Rd11
Oxley Utd	vs	Samford	2 - 1 Rd11
Greenbank	vs	Pine Hills	2 - 6 Rd11
<b>Amateur Division 2 Reserves</b>			
Bethania Rams	vs	Kingsridge	5 - 1 Rd11
Oxley Utd	vs	Samford	0 - 2 Rd11

## QUT dominates 1998 Games

The Queensland University of Technology dominated the recent Northern Conference University Games held at Brisbane City Soccer Club.

In what was the most competitive soccer Uni games ever, 14 mens and 10 womens teams, the QUT mens team placed second behind the Uni of Qld after conceding in the last minute of the golden goal extra time.

The women also finished second after allowing a goal to be scored with five minutes of extra time remaining.

QUT was the only university to have both the women's and mens teams qualify for the national university games to be held in Melbourne later this year. QUT also had the highest number of players selected in the Queensland merit team.

<b>Amateur Division 3</b>			
Oxley Utd	vs	Margate	2 - 5 Rd11
<b>Amateur Division 4</b>			
Taringa Rovers	vs	Capalaba	1 - 1 Rd11
The Gap	vs	North Star	1 - 0 Rd11
Eastern Suburbs	vs	Newmarket	3 - 0 Rd11
<b>Amateur Division 6</b>			
Taringa Rovers	vs	Capalaba	0 - 1 Rd11
Eastern Suburbs	vs	Newmarket	1 - 0 Rd11

## Next Week's XXXX League Matches

Saturday August 1

Bundaberg Waves v Wynnum  
7.00pm - Thabeban Sports Complex

Beenleigh v Taringa Rovers  
6.00pm - Chris Green Park

Mt Gravatt v Brisbane City  
7.00pm - Dittmer park

Sunday August 2

Ipswich Knights v Rochedale Rovers  
2.45pm - Eric Evans Reserve

Gold Coast City v Brisbane Lions  
2.45pm - Glennon Park

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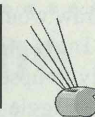
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## BEFORE THE WHISTLE



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Last weekend's football was interesting from two points, firstly to view the interest by supporters for the Queensland Cup, seeing it has been restyled along the English FA Cup competition with the big guns pitted against the lower leagues, and secondly, to get stabilisation in the points tables with catch up fixtures now being almost completed.

Firstly to the Cup, I went to the Capalaba/Ipswich match and was disappointed in the poor crowd for what I consider, was one of the most attractive matches of the weekend. Was it lack of interest?, or was it lack of internal promotion by the respective clubs. It was certainly no sinecure for a win for the Knights, as it took to the 80th minute before they got their lone goal.

Speaking to this magazine's editor who took in the first half of the Rocklea v Brisbane City match, when I commented on the poor crowd at Capalaba, he stated "well that's about double what was up at Dunn Road"!

Turning to fixtures, with only four rounds to go in the Amateurs its probably timely to have a quick look to see how they will fare in their last few matches.

In Division 1 Annerley are back on top with North Pine two points behind, but there are now four clubs hotly contesting the remaining semi final positions, Division 2 has what virtually amounts to a three way tie for premiership honours, with at least three sides still in with a shout for fourth placing, the thing that will hurt current leaders Jimboomba the most, is that in the last round of fixtures, they have the bye.

Division 3 has Mooroondu narrowly hanging on with a three point lead, but again they are yet to have their bye, but watch out for the fast moving Annerley who now pose a serious threat, Woodridge and Moggill should battle out fourth spot.

Division 4 has Taringa with a six point lead and in all probability the top four placings are now set, only positions may alter, Division 5

still has three teams in Wynnum - Mt Gravatt - University battling for honours with a number of clubs from Souths down to the Knights still looking for fourth spot. Division 6 sees Capalaba now pulled away by four points from University one in front of the Knights who are a win in front of Taringa, realistically this is now the top four, only the minor placings may change. Interesting to see Annerley are now off the bottom of the table!

### SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH

Two very interesting matches scheduled on Saturday night with Pine Rivers hosting of The Gap probably the most interesting. If Rivers pick up three points they will pass The Gap and be a realistic chance for fourth placing, so this is important for The Gap, could be a narrow home win, whilst at McCook, Park Easts are the visitors and despite Newmarket's table propping position, they are no slouches at home witness last week's Ansett Cup result, I think it may be too much to expect Newmarket to win but they could certainly take points away from Easts.

On Sunday University (if they can recover from last week's mauling) should be too strong for North Star despite the visitors's change in coaching fortunes. The remaining afternoon game is between perennial rivals Mitchelton and Albany Creek, if the visitors win they will cement second place, if the hosts win it will jam it up, yet again, points could well be shared.

### SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH

Two matches on Saturday night should be very closely contested, with Capalaba versus Acacia Ridge potentially the last chance for the hosts to be a threat for second place, Ridge have strung together some good results of late but provided Capalaba can solve their goalscoring problems the points should remain with the hosts. A resurgent Souths take on Rocklea and whilst Souths probably can't get in to the four they can certainly do some damage with their

opposition, a draw would not surprise.

On Sunday Inala City have tipped themselves strongly to upset Toowoomba who themselves had to struggle to beat Easts in the Ansett Cup match last weekend, could be a surprise home win in this win, remaining match sees a disappointing Olympic take on Slacks Creek where it would appear both clubs' aspirations for honours have now disappeared, home win.

#### AMATEUR DIV 1

As mentioned earlier, with only four matches to go points will now be at a premium. Saturday sees near neighbours Bayside and Eagles meet with the visitors struggling to get into the four, and hosts trying to ensure they pull away from the dreaded relegation, points could be shared. Annerley take on Moggill, with the visitors having fallen away of late, with what is now at stake, hosts to win. The remaining afternoon match sees Goodna make the short trip down the road to Darra with both sides having incredible up and down fortunes of late, form says Darra should win, but take a look at last week's result! At night there should be a top match between North Pine and Brothers but despite Brothers' big win last week to get them back into the four, Pines have greater incentive to win this one. It's local derby time on the Redcliffe peninsula with Redcliffe City (now in outright third) visiting fierce rivals Margate, there certainly won't be any quarter in this match, but if Redcliffe want to stay in the four, they will need all three points.

Only one match on Sunday sees tenth versus eleventh, which is a surprise seeing its South Star v Latrobe, whoever loses this match will remain pegged in the bottom two, stakes are high, points to the hosts.

#### AMATEUR DIV 2

Greenbank, despite their recent good form, probably will receive no joy in their visit to Bethania, there will be goals galore in the Jimboomba v Pine Hills match with the title potentially at stake, in view of what I said earlier in this column, Jimboomba to win, Park Ridge

will have a tough one with the visit of Samford where a draw would not surprise, whilst two struggling sides meet in Archerfield and Kingsridge, hosts to win.

In the only match set down for Sunday Ipswich City play Oxley United, and with City now having their highest position in many a long year, I expect them to retain that advantage at the end of this game.

#### AMATEUR DIV 3

In one of the Friday matches there's the potential for an upset with Mooroondu trekking out to the western suburbs to visit Moggill, the Bellbowrie team still have aspirations for a semi position, and they could nick a point or two away from the current leaders, Margate also make a trip out west to Samford, where pride is at stake, hosts to win.

On Saturday Woodridge will consolidate their current fourth place at the expense of Oxley whilst North Pine will do their damnest to take points away from the Kings, but I still predict the visitors to win. On Sunday, with no disrespect intended to their visitors, I think Annerley will have a field day.

#### AMATEUR DIV 4

In the only Friday match Capalaba will be too strong for Mitchelton, whilst on Saturday the Ridge will cement third place at the expense of The Gap, Easts will be too good for Lions in their search for fourth place, the southern Creek will be too strong for their counterparts on the north, Taringa will be far too good for North Star whilst Ipswich will keep the pressure at the top, with a win over Newmarket.

#### AMATEUR DIV 5

There are three matches on Friday and in theory there should be wins for visitors all round, although one could be quite tight, Souths v Wynnum shapes to be the closest match, but Wynnum should still be too good, Capalaba, despite their relatively lowly placing, should be too strong for Rivers, whilst Brisbane City should pick up three points at Samford.

On Saturday Grange will have no joy with visitors University, Mt Gravatt will enjoy their

trip to Bundamba whilst Albany Creek will not relish the visit of Slacks Creek.

#### AMATEUR DIV 6

In the Friday matches Capalaba will consolidate their lead with another win over neighbours Redlands, the Knights will ensure they remain in contention for second spot with a win over Beenleigh whilst Brisbane Lions will secure a home win over Queensland Uni.

On Saturday Taringa will be too good for North Star, University, if they still have pretensions for the title, should pick up three points at Easts whilst in the Sunday match there could even be a draw between Annerley and Newmarket.

#### ANSETT CUP - QUARTER FINALS

Grange Thistle 2 def North Star 0  
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# Miss Soccer Quest looking great



*Kylie Hempstead*

**Eighteen year old Kylie Hempstead is Albany Creek Soccer Club's entrant in the 1998 Miss Queensland Soccer Quest.**

Kylie said she began her association with Albany Creek more than six years ago when her father took on the role of the club's division four coach.

Kylie enjoyed the game so much that she began playing for the Women's side in a defensive role.

She said she had agreed to represent the club in this year's quest after being approached by one of the committee members.

Kylie has organised a broad range of fund-raising activities for the club including a "Who dares Wins" evening, a lingerie party and a wine and cheese night.

Even though the big night is just around the corner, Kylie hopes to organise some more raffles and is considering the possibility of hosting a music trivia night.

Kylie said she entered the quest to gain some much needed funding for the club.

**Amanda Lowien is Park Ridge Soccer Club's entrant in this year's Miss Queensland Soccer Quest.**

Amanda has been actively involved in the club since her brother joined the under seven ranks 13 years ago.

She has recently become a committee member of the club and plans to play in the ladies competition next season.

Amanda's family has a history with the Quest as her sister Jenny was a entrant four years ago.

Amanda said she decided to enter the Quest because it would give her valuable interviewing and public speaking experience.

These skills are sure to stand Amanda in good stead as she plans to pursue a hairdressing career once her schooling at Browns Plains High School is completed.

Amanda said she would like to travel to England to visit relatives if she won the major prize of \$5,000 in overseas travel.



*Amanda Lowien*

# 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	Taringa	11	7	3	1	27	14	24	Bardon Latrobe	11	4	3	4	15	17	15
	Pine Hills	11	7	2	2	28	12	23	Pine Hills	11	4	1	6	14	21	13
	Margate	11	4	3	4	20	20	15	North Pine	11	2	1	8	18	31	7
	Pine Rivers	11	4	2	5	17	19	14	North Star	11	1	3	7	10	28	6
	Newmarket	11	3	4	4	28	32	13	<b>U12 Division 2</b>							
	Albany Creek	11	3	3	5	21	29	12	Mitchelton	11	10	0	1	40	6	30
	The Gap	11	3	1	7	17	24	10	Ridge Hills	11	7	1	3	25	18	22
North Star	11	2	4	5	12	20	10	Samford	11	5	3	3	18	19	18	
<b>U11 Division 2</b>								Margate	11	5	2	4	8	17	17	
Pine Hills	11	8	2	1	20	4	26	Virginia	11	4	3	4	14	24	15	
Bardon Latrobe	11	7	1	3	15	8	22	The Gap	11	4	2	5	11	10	14	
Kenmore	11	5	6	0	10	3	21	Pine Hills	11	3	1	7	12	34	10	
The Gap	11	6	2	3	12	9	20	<b>U12 Division 3</b>								
Albany Creek	11	6	2	3	10	7	20	Moggill	11	11	0	0	70	3	33	
Pine Rivers	11	4	1	6	10	14	13	Toowong	11	6	2	3	21	17	20	
Samford	11	1	0	10	1	33	3	Albany Creek	11	4	4	3	19	29	16	
<b>U11 Division 3</b>								Taringa	11	4	3	4	15	22	15	
Margate	11	9	1	1	40	4	28	Brighton	11	4	1	6	17	25	13	
Moggill	11	8	1	2	41	9	25	North Pine	11	3	3	5	15	18	12	
Grange Thistle	11	8	1	2	40	13	25	Deception Bay	11	4	0	7	20	32	12	
Taringa	11	7	0	4	37	9	21	Pine Rivers	11	0	3	8	6	37	3	
Bribie Island	11	6	0	5	37	15	18	<b>U12 Division 4</b>								
North Pine	11	1	2	8	9	49	5	Narangba	11	10	0	1	30	7	30	
Deception Bay	11	1	2	8	6	57	5	New Farm	11	8	1	2	19	10	25	
Samford	11	0	1	10	2	56	1	Bardon Latrobe	11	6	1	4	17	11	19	
<b>U11 Division 4</b>								The Gap	11	6	1	4	12	9	19	
Ridge Hills	11	8	3	0	43	3	27	North Star	11	4	2	5	8	19	14	
Narangba	11	8	3	0	37	6	27	Northern Subs PCYC	11	4	1	6	13	24	13	
North Star	11	8	2	1	34	7	26	Grange Thistle	11	3	0	8	6	25	9	
Virginia	11	5	2	4	29	11	17	<b>U12 Division 5</b>								
Mitchelton	11	4	1	6	31	24	13	Bribie Island	11	9	2	0	49	5	29	
Redcliffe PCYC	11	2	1	8	10	48	7	Kenmore	11	9	0	2	43	13	27	
Newmarket	11	2	0	9	8	53	6	Brisbane City	11	7	4	0	41	11	25	
Bardon Latrobe	11	0	2	9	2	42	2	Margate	11	6	1	4	25	13	19	
<b>U11 Division 5</b>								Redcliffe City	11	4	2	5	24	26	14	
Nudgee Junior	14	11	3	0	37	4	36	Ridge Hills	11	3	1	7	22	25	10	
Albany Creek	14	10	3	1	61	7	33	Virginia	11	1	0	10	6	63	3	
Pine Hills	14	10	2	2	54	10	32	Bardon Latrobe	11	0	0	11	6	60	0	
Bribie Island	14	7	3	4	35	18	24	<b>U12 Division 6</b>								
Taringa	14	8	0	6	32	33	24	Mitchelton	12	9	2	1	41	6	29	
Grange Thistle	14	4	2	8	22	28	14	The Gap	12	6	4	2	26	14	22	
Moggill	14	4	1	9	10	46	13	Nudgee Junior	12	7	1	4	35	34	22	
Bardon Latrobe	14	3	1	10	6	41	10	Newmarket	12	5	2	5	27	24	17	
The Gap	14	2	2	10	4	52	8	Pine Hills	12	3	2	7	25	38	11	
Kenmore	14	1	3	10	6	28	6	Redcliffe PCYC	12	0	1	11	9	47	1	
<b>U11 Division 6</b>								<b>U13 Division 1</b>								
North Pine	14	12	1	1	41	5	37	North Pine	11	11	0	0	61	13	33	
Albany Creek	14	9	3	2	30	17	30	Pine Rivers	11	7	2	2	35	11	23	
Margate	14	7	5	2	26	10	26	North Star	11	7	2	2	29	19	23	
Pine Rivers	14	6	4	4	20	15	22	Albany Creek	11	5	2	4	25	25	17	
Pine Hills	14	5	6	3	24	28	21	Brisbane City	11	4	1	6	16	22	13	
Westside	14	5	5	4	20	16	20	Newmarket	11	3	1	7	20	27	10	
Narangba	14	5	1	8	22	31	16	Brighton	11	3	0	8	28	47	9	
Northern Subs PCYC	14	5	1	8	10	23	16	Grange Thistle	11	0	0	11	10	60	0	
North Star	14	2	2	10	12	34	8	<b>U13 Division 2</b>								
<b>U12 Division 1</b>								Pine Hills	14	10	4	0	45	11	34	
Albany Creek	11	7	4	0	24	7	25	The Gap	14	9	3	2	29	10	30	
Redcliffe City	11	7	3	1	22	9	24	Narangba	14	9	2	3	32	13	29	
The Gap	11	5	2	4	20	12	17									
Pine Rivers	11	4	3	4	15	13	15									



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U15 Division 3, U15 Division 4, U15 Division 5, Colts Division 2, Colts Division 3, Colts Division 4S

# State side spoils F'ville party

The Queensland side under the tutelage of coach John Stewart proved too strong for Rockhampton club side Frenchville in a recent exhibition match.

The state side travelled north at the invitation of Frenchville to help the club celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The local club put up a brave fight but was outclassed in the end losing 5-1.

Local fans were whipped into a frenzy in the 6th minute when Jason Wyer put the home side ahead.

Perennial top gun Clayton Kock equalised for the visitors in the 28th minute.

But it wasn't until the 69th minute that Queensland finally hit the lead courtesy of a Kock penalty.

Craig Collins netted a third for Queensland in the 80th minute, while Taringa defender Joel Hayle put the game beyond doubt just two minutes later when he landed a fourth for the visitors.

Peter Grierson rubbed some salt into the wounds of Frenchville in the 86th minute when he made it five.

Queensland Soccer Federation vice-president Ray Evans said the weekend proved an enjoyable experience.

"After the match we attended a celebratory dinner at the club as guests of Frenchville and a great time was had by all," Ray said.

"Frenchville has a set up to be proud of and there's no doubt that their facilities would be among some of the best in the state."

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The Brisbane Strikers took their time in announcing a new coach to replace Frank Farina.

But in the end they got it right. Not many players in Australia soccer can match the record of Farina.

In John Kosmina, the Strikers named a coach with profile, experience and an ability to work with the media.

All Kosmina has to do is get some results. At Newcastle he was weighted down by a lack of playing talent and a limited budget.

The Strikers have to make sure they give him the playing talent so he and the club have a real shot at rediscovering their glory days.

Already there's been a leakage of players. But the local competition and some smart shopping will go a long way to reversing that.

The basis of a good side is still there. With the likes of Kasey Wehrman and Danny Invincible, there's a wealth of young talent at the club. The experience will come from players such as Chris Zoricich and Sean Cranney.

The loss of Troy Cranney and possibly Glen Gwynne leaves a major hole and Kosmina may need to place his faith in the club's youth.

For everyone's sake, let's hope Kosmina and the Strikers can get some good results on and off the field this year.

On the local front, the Queensland Cup competition has produced predictable results.

The XXXX Premier League clubs dominate the final eight, with the top sides in the XXXX League sure to figure prominently.

Surprisingly, those cup specialists Wynnum were knocked out by Bundaberg at the weekend.

But Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions, Taringa, the Ipswich Knights and Rochedale remain.

Most enjoyed fairly comfortable victories.



New Strikers coach John Kosmina

The Knights were the exception. With virtually half a first team unavailable, Knights coach Mike Mulvey was forced to rely on the club's youth.

Capalaba, with a smattering of ex-premier league players, put up a brave fight but eventually lost 1-0.

Lions, City, Taringa and Rochedale cruised to easy wins and along with the Knights, are set to dominate the cup.

It's hard to see a Queensland Cup winner coming from anyone but that group of sides.

Finally, it was remiss of me not to mention the World Cup final and France's great win in last week's column.

Most of the talk since has surrounded the performance of Ronaldo and his pre-match show of nerves.

The brilliant goalscorer still has another two, and possibly three, World Cups in him.

I'd like to make a bet that one day in the near future he makes amends.

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