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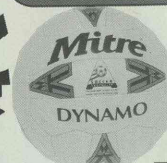
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Cover: Taringa's Steve Shaw is beaten by a sliding tackle from a Gold Coast defender during last weekend's clash at Nerang. Taringa ran out convincing winners 5-0 after being only one goal in front at half-time.

Editorial

As the season draws to its inevitable end, it would be remiss of me not to mention the special efforts of two loyal soccer supporters.

Leila Freke and Ross Goulter have worked tirelessly all season to ensure results from the local junior competition are reproduced each week in this magazine.

Many people do not probably appreciate the time and effort that is spent collating this information.

It is usually a thankless job but on this occasion, my sincerest appreciation to Leila and Ross for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Turning to the Premier League and congratulations to Brisbane City on taking out this year's Championship with a 3-0 win over the Bundaberg Waves last weekend.

While City have played and looked like the Champions for quite a few games, Saturday night's victory made it all official.

Bobby Hamilton has once again done a tremendous job organising the troops at Spencer Park and it is testament to his coaching ability that the "sky blues" are on track to win a second consecutive double.

Even the most optimistic opposition supporter would have to admit that City must be installed as red-hot favourites to win the Premiership.

Congratulations also go to two fine young Queensland Soccer Players this week.

Shane Gilroy from the Wynnum Wolves and Shaun Molenda from Taringa Rovers have been named in the Australian Schoolboys Soccer squad.

The Squad will play a series of matches against the New Zealand Schoolboys and Welsh Colleges in Sydney in October, before embarking on a tour of New Zealand and Fiji in January.

Finally, the teams to play in the Brisbane leg of this year's Queensland Cup semi-final have been confirmed.

Brisbane Lions will play Taringa Rovers at Lions Stadium at Richlands on Wednesday, August 26 at 7.30pm.

The other semi-final will be contested between the Ipswich Knights and Brisbane City at Eric Evans Reserve on Wednesday, September 2 at 7.30pm.

Championship goes to City

Brisbane City wrapped up this year's Championship with an emphatic 3-0 win over the Bundaberg Waves on Sunday.

City went into the half-time break with a one goal advantage but two second half goals ensured the season's first piece of major silverware would travel to Spencer Park.

Captain Chris Slater moved back into the striking role after a stint in midfield and immediately improved on his 20-goal season tally, scoring two quality efforts.

Fellow veteran and former Strikers player Danny Wright added the third for the visitors.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said the win was the result that the club had been looking for.

"It now means that we can start focussing on the finals and the Queensland Cup," he said.

"Overall, I don't think we're firing on all cylinders and I'm sure if you ask some of the more senior players, they'll tell you the same thing.

"However, over the last couple of weeks, the signs have been there in training to suggest that the intensity is back and now that the championship is decided, we can concentrate on winning the final."

At Lions Stadium, the home side battled hard against the Wynnum Wolves to snare a one nil victory thanks to a second half Darren Hillier goal.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said the game had been a close hard-fought affair but was a little disappointed with the efforts of his players.

"We didn't play very well and I think there is a lot of room for improvement," he said.

"However, if we win the rest of games this season one-nil then that will be enough for me.

"Also, Wynnum surprised me as they were

very enthusiastic and played with a lot of pride and hopefully they'll reproduce that form against the other top sides."

Taringa made sure of second place on the league ladder with a comprehensive 5-0 win over the Gold Coast.

Martin Matula scored a brace for Taringa, while 16 year-old Darryl Hathway managed his first hat trick in the top league.

Taringa coach John Ogden said he was particularly pleased with the number of converted chances in the match.

"As usual we created a lot of chances and finally we managed to put a few away," he said.

"We been making opportunities for ourselves in a lot of our games but haven't managed to turn them into goals."

Rochedale Rovers made short work of Mt Gravatt, winning 3-0.

According to Mt Gravatt coach, the game was over after just ten minutes when Rochedale shot out to a three-goal lead.

"Our first half effort was deplorable," Cox said. "There was a total lack of commitment from our guys in the first half and I absolutely blasted them at the half-time break," he said.

"In the second half they played a lot better and all credit to the lads as I told them to show some pride and they did."

In the final match of the round, the Ipswich Knights defeated Beenleigh 3-1.

Beenleigh coach Steve Dolan said he was particularly disappointed to lose after his side had taken a 1-0 lead in the 60th minute.

Knights' coach Mike Mulvey said the win had been a lot harder than it should have been.

However, he commended the efforts of his players to rally and secure an emphatic victory

PREMIER PREVIEW - Rochedale Rov v Wynnum

Rochedale Rovers host the Wynnum Wolves at Underwood Park on Saturday evening.

This should be a close game with both teams possessing players with the ability to convert quick goals.

Rochedale is currently in fourth place on the league ladder on 44 points, just one clear of fifth placed Ipswich Knights.

A win is vital for Rovers to ensure they keep their noses in front in the race to the finals.

However, Wynnum have proved to be the giant killers of the league this season and got the better of Rochedale last time the teams met in round 16, winning 1-0.

Wolves coach Peter Tokesi said his side was determined to finish the season on a high.

"We're going out to beat the teams at the top of the table," Tokesi said.

"We were unlucky to lose against Loins last week and we'll be looking to produce the same kind of form against Rochedale this week.

"It's good for me as a coach and the players to play top teams like Rochedale because there's an incentive there to knock them off.

"They're (Rochedale) going to have to beat us because I can assure you that we are not going to lie down for anyone."

Although, if the Wolves are to beat Rochedale, Tokesi said the players will have to learn to capitalise on their opportunities.

"We let Lions out of jail as we had opportunities to score some goals but missed them," a disappointed Tokesi said.

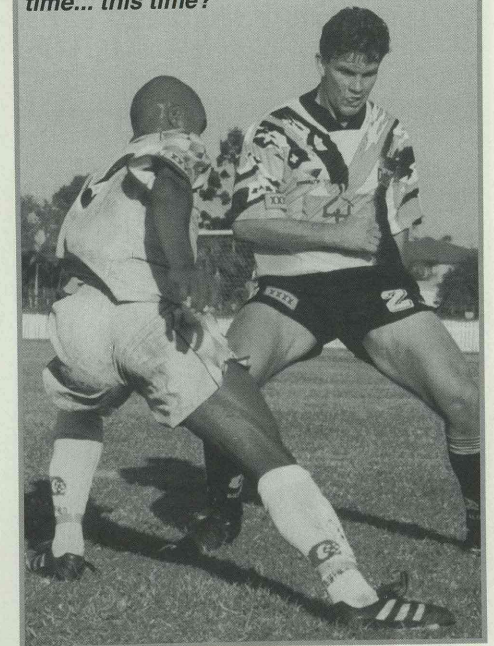
"That fact is probably the biggest difference between the top sides like Rochedale and Lions, and teams like ourselves.

"Week in and week out, we're getting heaps of chances to score and we're just not doing it.

"No-one can keep missing easy chances and expect to do well."

Tokesi said youngster Ben Wood might miss this game due to injury, which would be a blow for the Wolves as Wood has been consistently one of the side's better players all season.

It was 1-0 to Wynnum last time... this time?



ROCHEDALE ROV v WYNNUM

Underwood Park, Rochedale
Saturday August 22, 7.00 pm

ROCHEDALE ROVERS	WYNNUM DISTRICT
1 Elvis Guzic	1 Garth McCulloch
2 Dwayne Good	2 Luke Adair
3 Ross Davidson	3 (Not allocated)
4 Michael Lane	4 Nigel McClure
5 Damian Harris	5 Ricky McKinless
6 Alun Evans	6 Tony McKinless (c)
7 Steve Fitzsimmons	7 Matt Campion
8 Michael Legg	8 Paul Wilkins
9 (Not Allocated)	9 Mark Wilkins
10 Clayton Koch	10 Ben Wood
11 Joe Morris	11 Nick Hadland
12 David Pilic	12 Darrell Grundy
13 Brad Ditton	13 (Not Allocated)
14 Paul Grugan	14 Wayne Corbett
15 Gary Phillips	15 Andrew Davidson
16 Matt Olley	16 Shane Gilroy
17 Gary Brattan	17 Calvin Gnech
18 Andy Monement	18 Damian Rogers
20 Graham Ross	19 Bill McDermott
RGK Todd Rumble	20 Wade Cannon

PREMIER PREVIEW - MT GRAVATT v BEENLEIGH

Mt Gravatt and Beenleigh will do battle at Dittmer Park on Saturday evening at 7pm.

This match will have no bearing on the outcome of championship positions and places in the finals series.

Both teams will be playing for pride, with Mt Gravatt coach Danny Cox stating that his side will be out for revenge.

"They (Beenleigh) beat us three-two last time we played them and we didn't really compete that day," he said.

"Our main aim this season is to finish in sixth position above Wynnum and to do that we've got to win this weekend.

"I suppose in hindsight, it's our first year in the competition and sixth probably wouldn't be too bad a finish.

"I probably thought early in the season that we could have finished higher up the ladder but we'll just look to build a platform for next year."

Beenleigh coach Steve Dolan said suspensions and injuries to key players had depleted his already weakened side.

"Wayne Hinton will probably miss the game through suspension, while Jarrod Austin will be out for a few weeks with a neck injury," he said.

"With those guys out, it's certainly going to make it pretty tough as they are two of the more experienced players in the side."

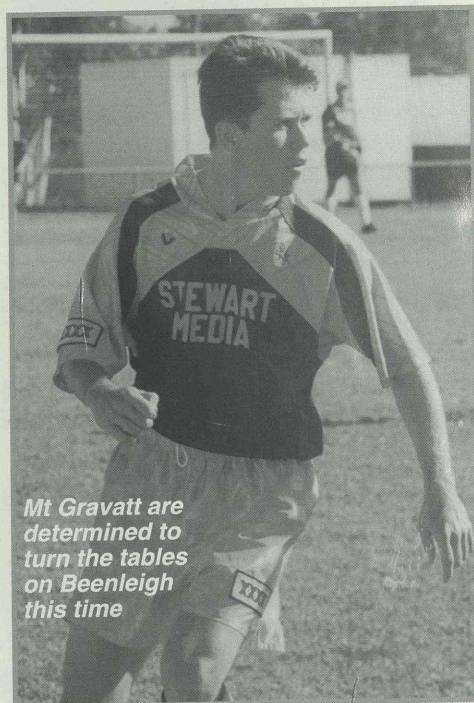
Beenleigh's season of woe continued against the Ipswich Knights, losing 3-1 at home.

Dolan said it was particularly disappointing to lose after his team had managed to get their noses in front early in the second half.

"It was probably the most disappointing thing about the whole match that we got in front but weren't composed enough to keep it that way," he said.

"But in saying that, we certainly weren't as good as we could have been on the weekend and we lacked the level of sharpness needed."

Mt Gravatt go into this match on 25 points, three behind sixth placed Wynnum while Beenleigh's loss last week has ensured the club will receive the league's "wooden spoon".



Mt Gravatt are determined to turn the tables on Beenleigh this time

MT GRAVATT v BEENLEIGH

Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt
Saturday August 22, 7.00 pm

MOUNT GRAVATT

- 1 Mark Bland
- 2 David Pryor
- 3 Drew Oberle
- 4 Danny Cox (c)
- 5 Arif Azam Khan
- 6 Stu Collins
- 7 Robin Gosney
- 8 Anthony McCullough
- 9 George Whyte
- 10 Anthony Roche
- 11 Andy Garw. Gowers
- 12 Steve Morris
- 13 Darren Stachowicz
- 14 Nathan Carlos
- 15 (Not Allocated)
- 16 Luke Bowness
- 17 (Not Allocated)
- 18 (Not Allocated)
- 19 Trevor Evans
- Rgk Paul Petersen

BEENLEIGH

- 1 Chris Balke
- 2 Kieren Galloway
- 3 (Not Allocated)
- 4 Brett Jones
- 5 Steven Forshaw
- 6 Wayne Hinton
- 7 Michael Rooney
- 8 Jarrod Austin
- 9 Brett Druery
- 10 Grant Druery
- 11 Alan Spiers
- 12 Brad Kischowski
- 13 Daniel Stowers
- 14 Joel Smith
- 15 Lee Preston
- 16 Michael Kalic
- 17 Paul Lederhose
- 18 Marc Lederhose
- 19 Cori Fisher
- 20 Ryan Clark

PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE CITY v GOLD COAST

Champions Brisbane City host the Gold Coast at Spencer Park on Sunday afternoon.

City wrapped up the championship last week with an emphatic 3-0 win over the Bundaberg Waves at the Thabeban Sports Complex.

Captain Chris Slater played back in his usual role of striker and the move immediately paid dividends for the City as Slater netted two goals.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said it was a great result and was particularly pleased with efforts of Slater.

"The win was the result we were hoping for as it now means that we start focussing on the finals and the Queensland Cup," he said.

"We scored some good goals from good lead up work.

"And the fact that we didn't concede any is very pleasing as that always stands you in good stead in a match.

"I decided to put Chrissy (Slater) back up front and the way in which he scored his goals indicated to me that he was back en song."

Hamilton said despite the obvious relief in pressure with the championship decided, he did not intend to experiment with a winning side.

"What we'll be doing is working in training and trying to take that form into matches," he said.

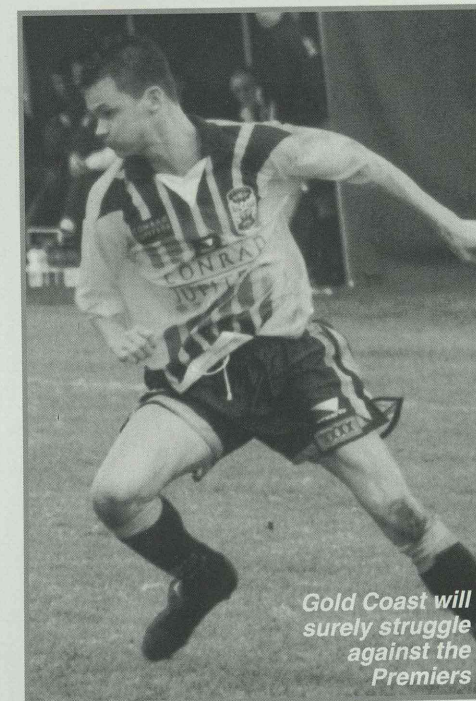
"We'll be focussing on things we were doing well early in the season that we're not doing now as we're not collectively firing as well as we should be.

"There are certain options in the game that we should be taking that we're not and I'll be looking to rectify that over the next few weeks.

"We've got a quality squad of players that have done the job for us all season and we'll just be trying to fine tune a few things."

When City last met the Gold Coast in round 16, the champions had too much class for the league newcomers, winning 3-1.

The Gold Coast have troubled a few of the top sides this season but it is hard to see them taking the points from City in this match.



Gold Coast will surely struggle against the Premiers

BRISBANE CITY v GOLD COAST

Spencer Park, Newmarket
Sunday August 23, 2.45 pm

BRISBANE CITY

- 1 Daniel Duke
- 2 Warren Cooley
- 3 Damon Voss
- 4 Mark Bennett
- 5 Wayne Strange
- 6 Scott Elliott
- 7 Mark Dessi
- 8 Chris Slater (c)
- 9 Damien Waugh
- 10 Danny Wright
- 11 Shane Haddow
- 12 Angelo Cootes
- 13 Carlos Echeverria
- 14 Mark Battistin
- 15 (Not Allocated)
- 16 Mark Jenkins
- 17 Damon Tune
- 18 (Not Allocated)
- 19 (Not Allocated)
- 20 Adriano Taraborrelli

GOLD COAST CITY

- 1 Martin Simpson
- 2 Damian Volker
- 3 Adam Hayward
- 4 Mick Richardson
- 5 Trevor Wood
- 6 Brett Adams
- 7 Col Phelan
- 8 Andy Brayshaw
- 9 Troy Greenwood
- 10 Peter Grierson
- 11 Aaron Bristow
- 12 Rob Boxall
- 13 Stuart Stevenson
- 14 Brett Patterson
- 15 Lee Vernon
- 16 Neil Bertoldo
- 17 Shane Steffanutto
- 18 (Not Allocated)
- 19 Adam Evans
- 20 Matt Minor

PREMIER PREVIEW - Ipswich Knights v BUNDABERG

The Ipswich Knights will be desperate to gain maximum points when they host the Bundaberg Waves at Eric Evans Reserve.

The Knights came home with a late charge last week against Beenleigh to win 3-1 after being 1-0 down with half an hour to play.

Knights coach Mike Mulvey said he was pleased to come through when the pressure was on.

"When we were one-nil down with sixty minutes to go, the chips were down and our season was on the line," he said.

"It was very pleasing for me that we managed to come through that with flying colours.

"Kevin Meacock scored two spectacular goals and Peter Vogler finished off some good lead up play with a far post header.

"However, we should have never have had to come from behind as we had three good scoring opportunities in the first twenty minutes but failed to capitalise."

In the sides two meetings this season, the Knights have proved victorious on both occasions, winning 3-1 and 3-0.

The Knights currently sit in 5th position on the league ladder on 43 points, just one shy of fourth placed Rochedale. The Bundaberg Waves are currently placed in 9th position.

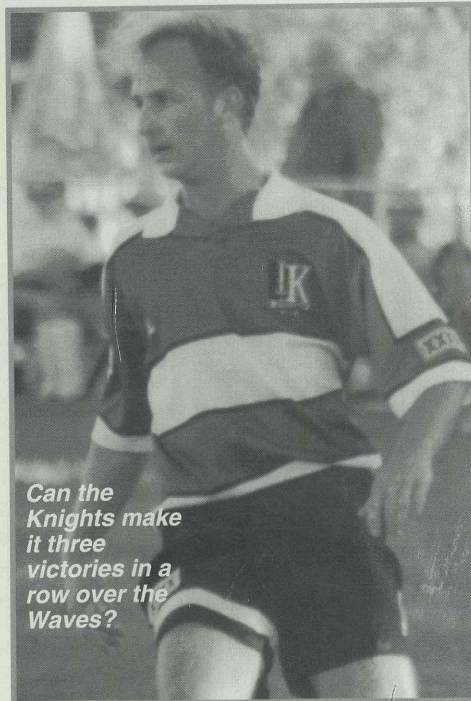
On paper and form, Ipswich should prove too strong for the visitors but according to Mulvey, there can be no "ifs" about the result.

"At this stage of the season, it doesn't matter who should or shouldn't win, the fact of the matter is that we have to win," Mulvey said.

"We'll be approaching this game in a positive frame of mind and the prize for us is that we will be a little closer to the top four as they have to play each other.

"We've come out of our bad trot where we lost three in a row and will now look to keep improving and moving forward.

"It's down to the nitty gritty end of the season and we're hungry for the three points this weekend."



Can the Knights make it three victories in a row over the Waves?

IPSWICH KNIGHTS v BUNDABERG

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba
Sunay August 23, 2.45 pm

IPSWICH KNIGHTS

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

BUNDABERG

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

PREMIER PREVIEW - TARINGA v BRISBANE LIONS

Premier League big guns Taringa Rovers and Brisbane Lions clash in the match of the round at Jack Speare Park on Sunday.

This is one game not to miss as both teams look to secure that all important second place on the league ladder.

Taringa is currently in second place on 47 points, just one clear of Brisbane Lions.

Taringa coach John Ogden said he was expecting a tough match at the business end of the season.

"They'll (Lions) be looking for a result as will we and it will be a hard match because Lions are always hard to get result against," he said.

Ogden said despite the fact that the finals were just around the corner, he believed Rovers pressure was not going to be a factor in the weekend's result.

"I'm very confident we can get the result we're after from this match because there's no pressure on us as no-one really expected us to be in this position at this stage of the season," he said.

"Win, lose or draw, we'll be going out and trying to play attractive football.

"We've got a young side and I've tried to de-emphasise the importance of winning all season... this game will be tough, but we're up to it."

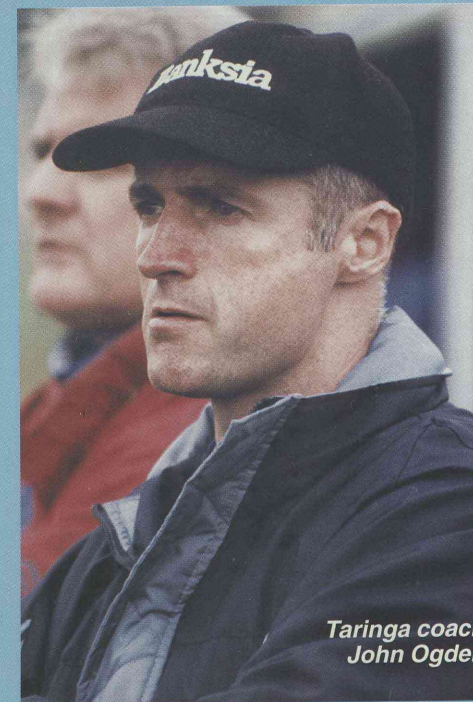
Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said he was relishing tough matches at this stage of the season.

"Everyone has been repeating to me that we have the toughest run home against Taringa, City and the Ipswich Knight," he said.

"However, I look at it a little differently and believe that the other teams have a hard run because they have to play us.

"To be honest, I prefer having to meet these sides because it means that we have to do the job ourselves and not rely on other teams to do it for us.

"I think we are better and John Ogden probably thinks his team is better so we'll have to wait and see who is actually the best."



Taringa coach
John Ogden

TARINGA ROV v BRISBANE LIONS

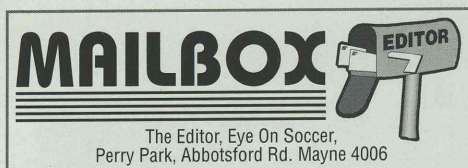
Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly
Sunday August 23, 2.45 pm

TARINGA ROVERS

- 1 Malcolm van de Graff
- 2 Scott Robertson
- 3 Chris Day
- 4 Cliff Tuck
- 5 Joel Hale
- 6 S Dawe
- 7 Des Hughes
- 8 Demitri Theochari
- 9 Robert Laslo
- 10 Richard Hilli
- 11 Daryl Hathway
- 12 Steven Bland
- 13 P Slaughter
- 14 Clinton McDermott
- 15 Aaron Bakker
- 16 Shaun Molenda
- 17 Cameron Williamson
- 18 Martin Matula
- 19 Jason Poggi
- 20 Brett Dickens

BRISBANE LIONS

- 1 Jason Lucas
- 2 David Lonsdale (c)
- 3 Darren Sime
- 4 Steven Starr
- 5 Paul Worroll
- 6 Mark Geritz
- 7 Steve Jackson
- 8 Frank Mengotti
- 9 Anthony Brown
- 10 Michael Brockwell
- 11 Marc Flemington
- 12 Roy Huth
- 13 Craig Rogers
- 14 Cameron Watson
- 15 Warren Allen
- 16 (Not Allocated)
- 17 (Not Allocated)
- 18 Greg Di-Losa
- 20 Darren Hillier
- Rgk Robert Farrow



Dear Editor,

In his column two weeks ago, Brent Read asked "who should drop out of the League to make way for Toowoomba or Easts in 1999"?

Whilst it is now almost certain that Beenleigh will finish bottom, I do not agree that they should be the one's to go. Automatic relegation for the bottom team must eventually happen but until all existing clubs and potential newcomers can match ALL of the league's criteria, this cannot happen. In Beenleigh's case they have one of the best set-ups in the League, their pitch is in the top two or three and whilst they obviously have financial problems they are not alone in that respect and I'm sure Steve Dolan and their committee will eventually turn them round on and off the pitch.

This brings me to the case of Bundaberg. Sure, they have a great set up and their first team is competitive, but is the club right for the league? They cannot field a youth team and the team they fielded in the reserve grade at Taringa last week looked and played like it had been picked up from various pub's on the trip down from Bundaberg. Add to this the fact that over half their first team squad are imports and you wonder if the area really wants a XXXX team. Finally, manufacturing the Queensland cup draw and playing for league points and cup glory in the same game is for the Mickey Mouse leagues.

Easts and Toowoomba's overall club strength will not be known until they take the field, but they both look fairly strong in all grades so one of them must be given a chance.

No team should be competing in the XXXX League unless they can field all 3 grades. The Gold Coast should be told that they must field a Youth team next year. Surely the clubs in their local league realise that a strong club in the XXXX League is essential for the future development of their young talent.

Chris Hollis

Dear Editor,

In Answer to Kieran Cooper's letter in your issue dated 23rd July, regarding the XXXX youth league, I would like to correct some statements made by Kieran regarding Taringa Rovers position on this issue.

A youth league proposal was constructed, circularised and actively supported by Taringa Rovers for the second meeting of XXXX clubs in late 1997. Kieran Cooper did not attend this meeting. Taringa Rovers proposed that...

- Existing U19 XXXX Youth League to remain with no over age players, competition to be named XXXX Super Youth League.
- XXXX Youth team positions not filled by XXXX clubs such as Bundaberg and Gold Coast to be filled by a selection of nominated top youth teams from other Brisbane Clubs.
- Brisbane Metropolitan Youth League to commence in 1998.
- Any club should be eligible to nominate a youth team in the metropolitan league.
- The metropolitan youth league can expand each year to address, the current discarded junior player phenomenon. There eventually may be several grading levels in the Brisbane Metropolitan youth league.

Advantages of above proposal to the promotion of soccer in this state

It takes the pressure of expanding the state XXXX League to regional centres.

With two separate youth leagues, Brisbane XXXX clubs can nominate two or more youth teams, one in the XXXX league and one or more in the metropolitan league.

The above proposal encourages a concentration of elite talent to XXXX clubs, while still allowing for a second tier of youth teams from any club. Focusing talented youth is paramount to youth development in this state.

Whilst Taringa Rovers would like to see all XXXX club's fielding three teams we understand that it may not be feasible.

Taringa Rovers is keen to meet with other XXXX club's to discuss improvement of the XXXX league for the 1999 season.

Amanda Krebs, Vice President TRSFC

Goalie picks up top award

Claire Nichols from the Queensland University of Technology Club was crowned the Queensland Women's Soccer Player of the Year at Fitzzy's Convention Centre at Loganholme on Saturday evening.

Claire is one of the bright up and coming stars of Women's soccer in Queensland and has represented both the state and national teams at youth and senior level.

She is currently in the Australian train-on squad and will be playing for Queensland in the national league this season.

Secretary of the Queensland Women's Soccer Association, Ms Faye Dower, said Claire was an obvious choice to receive the state's premier trophy for female footballers.

"She's (Claire) the most outstanding keeper in the Brisbane Premier League this season and was just about every coaches choice as the best keeper in the competition," Faye said.

Claire has been playing soccer since the age of 9 years and was selected in a Queensland Junior side as goalkeeper and has progressed from there.

She is currently enrolled in the Podiatry course at QUT.

The Queensland Women's Player of the Year has been in existence since 1983.

Queensland Soccer identity and current Chairman of the Brisbane Strikers Mr Ian Brusasco, along with his wife Patsy, started the inaugural trophy in the belief that there should be some recognition for Queensland's top female player.

Mr Brusasco was unable to attend the evening due to a prior commitment, but wife Patsy, a patron of Queensland Women's Soccer was on hand to present Claire with her award.

Women's soccer has exploded since 1994, with the sport experiencing a 94% increase in membership, which equates into a total membership of more than 3,400 players.



Ms Dower believes the dramatic increase in players is due to the fact that Women's Soccer is an Olympic sport, it has its own World Cup and is played throughout a large number of primary and secondary schools around Queensland.

Meanwhile in the nations capital, Australian Womens coach Greg Brown has selected five Queenslanders in his team to tour North Korea.

The team sets off for its first ever meeting with the Koreans this Sunday and will be touring the capital Pyongyang for a three-test series against one of the first teams to qualify for next year's World Cup.

The Queenslanders Brown is taking with him are Joanne Butland, Alica Ferguson, Sonia Gegenhuber, Belinda Kitching and Kim Revell.

The somewhat unexpected selection is 19-year-old Joanne Butland ahead of the experienced Tracey Wheeler. The young Queenslandier toured the US last year whilst Wheeler was injured but is yet to make her international debut.

"We've all been very pleased with Joanne's progress here at the AIS and now she needs a bit of exposure," Brown said.

SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Ridge playing only for pride

Acacia Ridge's season virtually slipped away from them last weekend, when they went down in surprising fashion to Slacks Creek.

The 2-0 defeat has fairly much signalled an end to their dimming finals aspirations, and confirmed a lack of consistency from the club.

And when the postmortem is carried out on the season, that will be the final assessment on the club that had its fair share of talented players.

The side is now seven points out of the top four, and while mathematically they are still a very slight chance of breaking into the finals series, realistically they are probably out to 1000-1.

The only real value Ridge can serve for the remaining three rounds of the competition, is nuisance value.

Ridge must play two teams that are gunning for finals spots, beginning with Rocklea this weekend.

Rocklea virtually assured themselves of a top two finish last weekend, when they downed Capalaba 1-0 in a tightly contested affair.

The return of several players seems to have buoyed the side as the countdown to the finals commences, and for this reason, one would think they will be far too classy for a Ridge side, struggling to come to terms with the long season.

The only thing going in favour of Ridge this Sunday, is that it is a local derby, with both clubs just around the corner from one another.

If there is any motivator that Frank Campbell can use on his troops this Sunday, then it must be that. However don't expect to see miracles.

Ridge's form over the past few weeks has been indifferent to say the least, especially for a side that threatened to claim a top four spot and was in a position to do so earlier in the year.

Plenty of fight left in Slacks

Slacks Creek showed that they had plenty of fight left in them, even with their season well and truly over, following their surprise 2-0 win over Acacia Ridge last weekend.

The victory was only the Creek's fifth this season, but it was a highly impressive one in that it has virtually put an end to Acacia Ridge's finals aspirations.

The team that looked every chance of making the top four a couple of months ago, now looks destined to remain in the bottom half of the competition until the season's end.

The win was extremely important for the pride of the Slacks Creek outfit as well, as they struggled to rise off the bottom of the ladder.

With just three rounds remaining, Slacks are still two points shy of Olympic and Redlands and will be looking to get something out of their visit to Toowoomba this weekend.

However that's easier said than done. Only one team has brought points back from Toowoomba all season, and with the record that Slacks Creek have, things don't look all that promising for the side.

Toowoomba coach Gary Scott also had an opportunity to rest some of his more regular players last weekend, with the team taking a break from fixture matches.

And with the business end of the season, fast approaching for the Raiders, they will no doubt be fine tuning their play for the finals.

On the other side of the coin however, the Raiders are that far ahead of the competition, that there is very little for them to play for in this weekend's match.

The Premiership is well and truly safe in their keeping, with the challenge now being to motivate themselves for somewhat "meaningless" games like this weekend's.

SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Inala stumbles towards finish

With the end of the season fast approaching and finals just around the corner, top four contenders Inala have stumbled with a 2-2 draw at Redlands.

It's the club's third disappointing result in succession, following their stunning victory over Toowoomba last month.

The draw has also put a question mark over their ability to play consistently good football in a finals series, where one slip up could mean the end of a season.

After surging to fourth spot on the ladder, Inala have remained somewhat stagnant on 30 points, still in the top four, but now just a solitary point ahead of the fast finishing Souths United, who posted another victory against Olympic on the weekend.

With the door now open for Souths to move into the top four, this Sunday's game between the two sides at Inala, should be an absolute corker.

For Inala it is virtually a must win affair, with the side set to have the bye in the last round of the year, meaning they only have another six points on offer.

Souths on the other hand would do well to score a draw with Derek Crawford's side. The young Souths outfit still has three games remaining before the end of the regular season, meaning there are nine points up for grabs.

A committed effort from Souths this weekend, could see them edge their way closer to a finals berth. A win could see them knock Inala out of the race altogether.

Inala have been difficult to roll at home in the latter part of the season though. Crawford has his side well drilled and they will be looking to make amends for some of their more lacklustre performances of the past few weeks.

Bayside derby to be a real thriller

This weekend's derby match between the semi-pro south's two bayside clubs is looming to be one of the matches of the round.

There has never been any love lost between Capalaba and Redlands, and recent encounters this season have proved no different.

Despite their rather contrasting positions on the league ladder, these matches are always tough and full of spite and passion, with this weekend's game set to be no different.

While Capalaba look like they should take the three points with minimal effort, the reality is that they won't.

Although they are in second last position on the table, Redlands always fire up for these derby matches, and are certain to have plenty of supporters travel to Capalaba for the encounter.

Besides that, the club has hit some relatively good form in recent weeks under Brian Hastings.

A series of positive results has the side within distance of a top six finish, with just two points separating them and sixth placed Ridge.

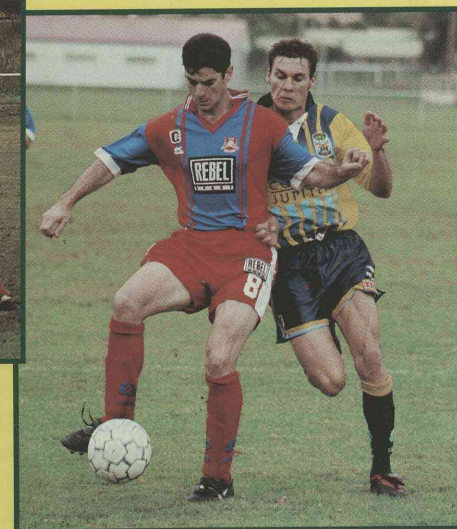
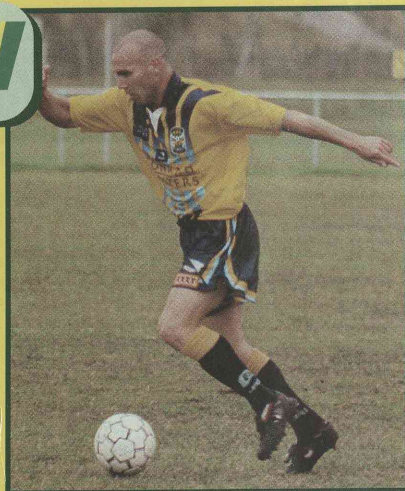
Some of their recent scalps have been impressive as well, and a couple of drawn matches against the likes of Capalaba in the second round and Inala last week, suggest they can match it with the top sides in the competition on their particular day.

And that means Capalaba will have to be on their game, especially with Inala City and Souths United now both breathing down their neck, with just three rounds remaining.

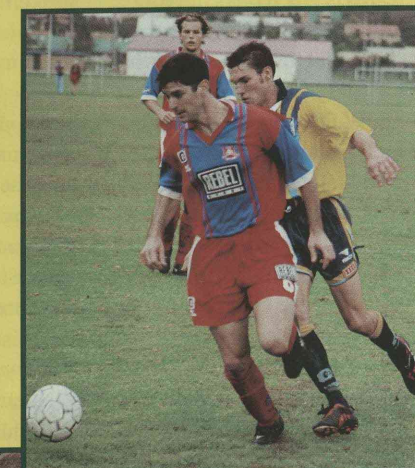
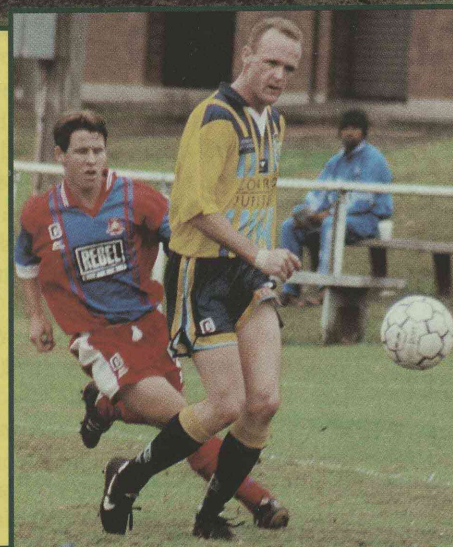
A 1-0 loss to Rocklea last weekend has put the pressure squarely on the Bulldogs again, with the side now needing a couple of good wins to ensure their spot in the top four.

And that must be the goal for the Bulldogs now that they have allowed Rocklea to seal second spot on the ladder.

ACTION REPLAY



**QUEENSLAND CUP
- Brisbane Semi Finals -**
Wednesday August 26
 Brisbane Lions v Taringa Rov 7.30pm
Wednesday September 2
 Ipsw. Knights v Brisbane City 7.30pm



Semi Pro Matches (Round 25)



Saturday August 22

Albany Creek v Eastern Suburbs
7.00pm - Walter Park

North Star v The Gap
7.00pm - O'Callaghan Park

Capalaba v Redlands Utd
7.00pm - John Fredericks Park

Toowoomba Utd v Slacks Creek
7.00pm - Gold Park

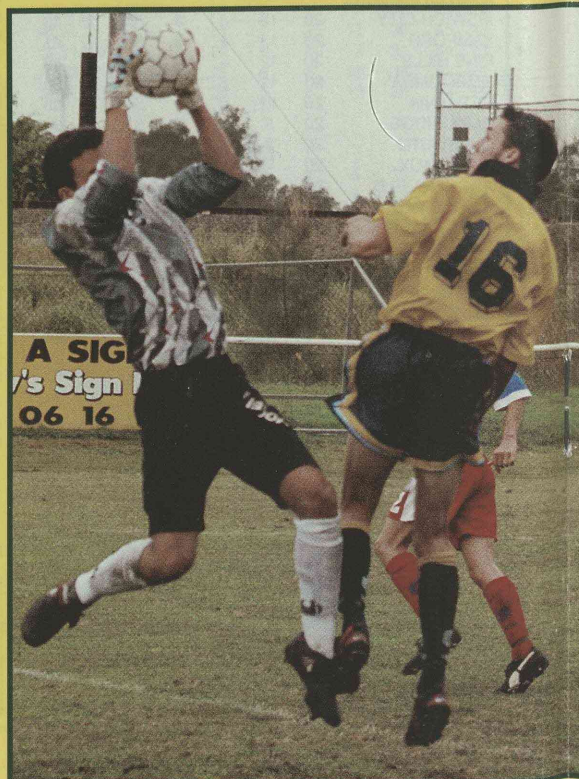
Sunday August 23

Uni of Qld v Grange Thistle
2.45pm - Oval 3 St Lucia Campus

Mitchelton v Pine Rivers
2.45pm - Teralba Park

Inala City v Souths Utd
2.45pm - Top Oval

Acacia Ridge v Rocklea Utd
2.45pm - Ron Proud Field



NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Mitchy Rivers for top four decider

Mitchelton and Pine Rivers will clash this weekend in a match which looks set to decide the last finals spot for the semi-pro north competition.

Both sides are on 32 points at the moment, with Rivers ahead on goal difference by a healthy six goals.

The only other difference between the two teams is that Rivers have three games remaining and a possible nine competition points, as compared to Mitchelton, which has two matches left and just six points up for grabs.

With that in mind, this weekend's game is really a must win match for Mitchelton, who could fall three points behind Rivers if they lose.

That would mean the end of the road for Iain Fagan's side, which at best could make the three point deficit up but still miss out on a finals spot because of their inferior goal difference.

Rivers then are certainly in the box seat for this weekend's clash, even though they won't enjoy the benefits of home ground advantage.

They know they can finish Mitchelton's charge towards the semi's with a victory this weekend, and that would take plenty of pressure off Frank Pimblett's men as they try to prepare themselves for this year's finals series.

The form guide coming into the match has both sides coming off good wins.

Rivers downed the in-form Newmarket side by two goals to one, while Mitchelton blasted Grange Thistle off the park with a 3-0 victory.

Prior to that, each side has posted some impressive results, although consistency has been a bit of a problem for Mitchelton over the entire season.

Both sides are stacked with talent and both like to play good one-touch football, which should make for a highly entertaining encounter.

Star continue through motions

The poor season of the battling North Star outfit has continued with a 3-0 pasting at the hands of semi-pro North leaders Eastern Suburbs.

The loss has kept North Star languishing at the foot of the table on 15 points, although they are only a point away from Grange Thistle and can still quite easily relinquish their wooden spoon status.

The side has a genuine chance to do just that, when they meet the out of sort Gap outfit at home this weekend.

Apart from last week's result, North Star's performances have not been all that bad, with most losses being by the odd goal.

A victory for the youngsters surely isn't too far away, although time is fast running out for them as they battle to lift themselves off the bottom of the table.

The Gap's season was virtually put to an end last weekend, when the University of Queensland came away from Walton Bridge with the three points.

The victory kept alive Uni's hopes of a top two finish, however it has all but ended The Gap's semi finals hopes, keeping them in sixth spot on the ladder, seven points out of the four.

And with very little to play for this weekend, this could make them an easy target for a side such as North Star, who are very close to breaking through for their first victory in months.

The young team will have to be on its game though, against A Gap outfit brimming with talent and ex XXXX League identities.

And while The Gap are still a mathematical chance of breaking into the top four, they may regroup and rally strongly in the last three matches prior to the finals series.

NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Uni hunting a top two finish

A top two finish will be at the forefront of the University of Queensland's minds when they take on Grange Thistle at St Lucia this weekend.

Uni are currently lying in third spot on the ladder, just one point behind second placed Albany Creek, with three rounds of the competition remaining.

A 3-2 win against The Gap last weekend has kept Uni's top two aspirations well and truly alive, with the possibility of moving into outright second spot after this weekend's round of fixtures, certainly very good.

Uni take on lowly Grange Thistle this week, in a match that looks to be a one-sided affair.

Uni are coming off a series of good results, while Grange have struggled to be competitive in recent weeks, with last weekend's 3-0 drubbing by Mitchelton, highlighting the teams woes.

With that in mind, the students should have few troubles securing the three competition points and moving to 38 points on the table, two more than Albany Creek's 36.

And things won't be made easy for Albany Creek if they are to hold down their second placing on the ladder.

They must overcome league leaders Eastern Suburbs if they are to hold down the highly coveted second spot, a task that has only been done once this season.

If they do not defeat Eastern Suburbs then they will certainly be in danger of dropping into third spot on the ladder and missing out on a chance to move directly into the grand final.

And with just two rounds of fixture matches remaining after this weekend's games, the two point deficit that Creek would have to make up, could be just too hard to pull back.

Creek have last shot at leaders

Albany Creek will have their last chance to make a real impression on this year's competition when they take on semi-pro north leaders Eastern Suburbs this weekend.

Creek are currently lying in second spot on the ladder, 17 points adrift of the runaway Tigers but one point clear of third placed University.

Their encounter with Easts this weekend has plenty of meaning for the side, with Justin Kilshaw's men not only having a chance to stay in second spot, but also able to establish a much needed psychological blow prior to the finals.

Albany Creek have not beaten the Tigers in fixture matches this year, and a win this weekend would be timely going into the playoffs.

A bye last weekend has allowed Kilshaw to rest some of his players for the match so there should be few excuses for Albany Creek on the personnel front.

If the side doesn't come away with maximum points from the match against Easts, they could also be in danger of relinquishing second spot on the ladder, with the Uni of Queensland breathing down their necks on the ladder, and set to take on Grange Thistle, a team currently in second last spot and with a real chance of collecting this year's wooden spoon.

After a bad run of form, compared with their early season performances, Easts have again hit their straps at the right part of the season.

The Tigers easily accounted for North Star over the weekend, to the tune of three goals to nil, an indication that they are once again back to the sort of form that allowed them to street ahead to the top of the table early in the year.

Although they have secured the Premiership already, they still have plenty to play for, with the psychological edge prior to the finals not to be underestimated.

Anniversary prompts reunion

The 20 year anniversary of a rare "grand slam" achievement has provided a good reason for all past players and loyal supporters to reunite and celebrate.

Southside Eagles (and former Germania) players and supporters are welcome to attend the reunion at the German Club (Vulture Street) from 12 noon on Sunday, September 27.

In 1978, Southside Eagles achieved the "grand slam" by winning the premiership, Ampol (now Queensland) Cup and grand final. Hellenic (in the early sixties) were the last team to achieve the feat before 1978 and it has not been repeated since 1978.

Eagles' grand final winning team, coached by Matt Carson, was: John Bennett (goalkeeper), Brad Ahern, Ken Gordon, Alan Marszalek, Alan Sinclair (defence), Gerry Lindsay, Bevan Bohan (midfield), Tom Kenny, Tony Brennan, Ron Millman, Jim McCabe (forwards).

Southside Eagles subsequently withdrew from state league in 1980 and the players continued

their success in other places. Notably, Tony Brennan went on to play for Brisbane Lions and Canberra (national league) and was chosen for Australia. Matt Carson, Gerry Lindsay and Ron Millman also had stints at Lions in the national league.

The core of the team, Matt Carson, John Bennett, Alan Marszalek, Ken Gordon, Ron Millman and Gerry Lindsay, subsequently joined the talented players at Ipswich United which enjoyed considerable success in the state league winning three grand finals, one premiership and one Ampol Cup over the 1982-85 period. Other players went on to other state league clubs or retired.

The anniversary offers a great reason to reunite and revive old memories as well as reflecting on the sad loss of former players and officials such as Stan Jackson, Gary Catchpole and Leon Wilson. Players from all eras of the club are welcome to join the celebrations. Just contact Ken or Beth Gordon on 33986844 or John Bennett on 33988019.



Back row (l.to r.): Rudi Gerhard (President), John Cochrane, Tony Slater, Trevor Catchpole, Frank Marenic, John Bennett, Jim McCabe, Ken Gordon, Alan Sinclair, Sam Morgan (Physio)
 Front Row (l. to r.): Matt Carson (Coach), Brad Ahern, Ron Millman, Alan Marszalek, Ivars Melbergs, Tom Kenny, Gerry Lindsay. (Absent: Tony Brennan and Bevan Bohan)

U15 Division 3										Redlands							
Ips Knights	18	16	1	1	92	25	49	18	2	2	14	26	80	8			
Slacks Creek	18	14	1	3	85	24	43	Wynnum	17	1	1	15	19	61	4		
Loganholme	18	12	2	4	71	32	38	Colts Division 2									
North Star	18	11	1	6	56	28	34	Ips Knights	18	13	4	1	53	20	43		
Samford	18	10	1	7	75	44	31	Capalaba	18	13	3	2	72	25	42		
Annerley	18	8	5	5	58	27	29	Souths Utd	18	12	1	5	65	29	37		
Kenmore	18	4	1	13	33	70	13	Park Ridge	18	10	4	4	68	35	34		
Taringa	18	3	2	13	20	110	11	Brisbane Lions	18	8	2	8	46	45	26		
The Gap	18	3	0	15	30	83	9	Pine Hills	18	8	2	8	37	39	26		
Beenleigh	18	1	2	15	21	98	5	Mitchelton	18	5	1	12	38	73	16		
U15 Division 4										Beenleigh	18	4	2	12	31	60	14
Goodna	18	17	0	1	137	11	51	Bardon Latrobe	18	3	2	13	27	67	11		
Brisbane Lions	18	12	1	5	44	37	37	North Star	18	3	1	14	29	73	10		
Redcliffe PCYC	18	12	1	5	42	47	37	Colts Division 3									
Clairvaux	18	11	2	5	39	36	35	Redlands	18	14	1	3	64	22	43		
Park Ridge	18	10	2	6	50	44	32	Rochedale	18	13	3	2	59	17	42		
Bribie Island	18	7	0	11	30	61	21	Centenary	18	13	1	4	79	25	40		
S'ide Eagles	18	5	5	8	41	68	20	Mt Gravatt	18	11	1	6	42	26	34		
Albany Creek	18	6	1	11	14	78	19	Taringa	18	9	3	6	39	35	30		
North Star	9	3	0	6	16	31	9	Ips Knights	18	7	5	6	44	51	26		
U15 Division 5										Albany Creek	18	8	2	8	39	47	26
Ipswich City	20	16	2	2	84	28	50	Olympic	18	4	1	13	23	88	13		
Jimboomba	20	12	1	7	50	29	37	North Star	18	2	1	15	11	89	7		
Acacia Ridge	20	11	3	6	69	41	36	Colts Division 4S									
Redlands	20	6	3	11	39	60	21	Eastern Subs	22	17	1	4	89	21	52		
Capalaba	20	4	4	12	22	51	16	Jimboomba	21	14	3	4	93	30	45		
Wynnum	20	4	1	15	29	84	13	Mooroonda	21	14	3	4	83	34	45		
Colts Division 1										Slacks Creek	22	14	2	6	74	33	44
Taringa	18	12	5	1	73	24	41	Ipswich City	20	12	0	8	53	43	36		
Pine Rivers	18	12	2	4	65	35	38	Clairvaux	22	11	1	10	61	45	34		
Brisbane Lions	18	12	2	4	45	24	38	Park Ridge	22	9	2	11	75	69	29		
Brisbane City	17	8	4	5	44	33	28	Kingsridge	21	8	1	12	81	77	25		
Mt Gravatt	17	7	5	5	36	32	26	Wynnum	22	8	0	14	56	97	24		
Rochedale	17	6	6	5	31	28	24	Capalaba	22	6	1	15	48	102	19		
Margate	17	5	5	7	38	49	20	Inala City	21	5	0	16	27	138	15		
The Gap	17	5	2	10	32	43	17	Brisbane Lions	22	3	2	17	34	85	11		

IEA Fair Play

With only four matches left to be played, we again have a turnaround in the IEA Fair Play Points Table.

The winner receives a handy addition to their financial coffers (courtesy IEA) which is directed to the club with the best behaved players in all three grades.

Keeping in mind cautions are tabulated at face value with send-offs earning a 6 point demerit count, we have new leader with Mt Gravatt a mere one point in front of Bundaberg and then a very compacted table from 3rd through to 7th place.

It's rather ironic that from Mt Gravatt's four send-off's, three of them have been in their Premier League side, whilst Bundaberg's six send-off's have all been in Reserve Grade!

Club	Red	Yellow	Pts
Mt Gravatt	4	73	277
Bundaberg Waves	6	70	278
Rochedale Rovers	4	72	294
Gold Coast	6	75	301
Wynnum	7	74	302
Brisbane City	8	75	308
Taringa Rovers	6	77	315
Brisbane Lions	11	77	356
Beenleigh	5	106	406
Ipswich Knights	8	106	441

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How They Fared... here and there

XXXX LEAGUE

MT GRAVATT	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	0-3 Rd24
BEENLEIGH	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	1-3 Rd24
BUNDABERG WAVES	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0-3 Rd24
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	WYNNUM	1-0 Rd24
GOLD COAST	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	0-5 Rd24

XXXX RESERVES

MT GRAVATT	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	3-2 Rd24
BEENLEIGH	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2-7 Rd24
BUNDABERG WAVES	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	1-6 Rd24
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	WYNNUM	2-1 Rd24
GOLD COAST	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	2-1 Rd24

XXXX YOUTH

MT GRAVATT	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	4-0 Rd24
BEENLEIGH	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2-3 Rd24
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	WYNNUM	4-0 Rd24

SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 NORTH

PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NEWMARKET	2-1 Rd24
THE GAP	Vs	UNI OF QLD	2-3 Rd24
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	MITCHELTON	0-3 Rd24
EASTERN SUBS	Vs	NORTH STAR	3-0 Rd24

SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES

THE GAP	Vs	UNI OF QLD	0-1 Rd24
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NEWMARKET	3-2 Rd24
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GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	MITCHELTON	0-1 Rd24

SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH

PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NEWMARKET	1-1 Rd24
EASTERN SUBS	Vs	NORTH STAR	2-2 Rd24
THE GAP	Vs	UNI OF QLD	2-2 Rd24
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	MITCHELTON	1-7 Rd24

SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	2-0 Rd24
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	1-0 Rd24
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	INALA CITY	2-2 Rd24
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	OLYMPIC UTD	1-0 Rd24

SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	0-1 Rd24
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	0-2 Rd24
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	INALA CITY	6-0 Rd24

SEMI PRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	4-4 Rd24
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	2-5 Rd24
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	INALA CITY	6-0 Rd24
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	OLYMPIC UTD	7-1 Rd24

AMATEUR DIVISION 1

DARRA UTD	Vs	MARGATE	3-0 Rd22
GOODNA	Vs	BAYSIDE UTD	1-2 Rd22
MOGGILL UTD	Vs	NORTH PINE	0-4 Rd22
REDCLIFFE	Vs	LATROBE	3-2 Rd22
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	0-3 Rd22
SOUTH STAR	Vs	ANERLEY	0-3 Rd22

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES

DARRA UTD	Vs	MARGATE	1-3 Rd22
GOODNA	Vs	BAYSIDE UTD	1-0 Rd22
MOGGILL UTD	Vs	NORTH PINE	1-1 Rd22
REDCLIFFE	Vs	LATROBE	0-1 Rd22
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	5-0 Rd22
SOUTH STAR	Vs	ANERLEY	2-8 Rd22

AMATEUR DIVISION 2

PINE HILLS	Vs	GREENBANK	3-0 Rd22
SAMFORD	Vs	OXLEY UTD	2-1 Rd22
KINGSRIDGE	Vs	BETHANIA	1-8 Rd22
CLAIRVAUX	Vs	PARK RIDGE	1-2 Rd22
IPSWICH CITY	Vs	ARCHERFIELD	4-0 Rd22

AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RES

KINGSRIDGE	Vs	BETHANIA	0-1 Rd22
SAMFORD	Vs	OXLEY UTD	2-0 Rd22
CLAIRVAUX	Vs	PARK RIDGE	1-0 Rd22

AMATEUR DIVISION 3

MARGATE	Vs	OXLEY UTD	3-2 Rd22
MOGGILL UTD	Vs	SAMFORD	4-1 Rd22
WOODRIDGE	Vs	ANERLEY	1-3 Rd22
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	NORTH PINE	0-10 Rd22
PARK RIDGE	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	1-5 Rd22

AMATEUR DIVISION 4

CAPALABA	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	3-1 Rd22
NEWMARKET	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	0-3 Rd22
NORTH STAR	Vs	THE GAP	6-0 Rd22
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0-5 Rd22
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	1-0 Rd22
MITCHELTON	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	1-2 Rd22

AMATEUR DIVISION 5

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	UNI OF QLD	1-2 Rd22
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	SAMFORD	2-2 Rd22
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2-2 Rd22
MT GRAVATT	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	6-1 Rd22
CAPALABA	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	5-1 Rd22
BRISBANE CITY	Vs	WYNNUM	1-2 Rd22

AMATEUR DIVISION 6

BEENLEIGH	Vs	UNI OF QLD	1-3 Rd22
NORTH STAR	Vs	QLD UNIVERSITY	1-1 Rd22
NEWMARKET	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	6-0 Rd22
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	1-2 Rd22
CAPALABA	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	4-2 Rd22
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	ANERLEY	0-7 Rd22

Next Week's XXXX League Matches

Saturday August 22

Mt Gravatt v Beenleigh
7.00pm - Dittmer Park

Rochedale Rovers v Wynnum Dist
7.00pm - Underwood Park

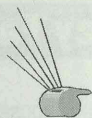
Sunday August 23

Taringa Rovers v Brisbane Lions
2.45pm - Jack Speare Park

Brisbane City v Gold Coast
2.45pm - Spencer Park

Ipswich Knights v Bundaberg Waves
2.45pm - Eric Evans Reserve

BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With
Jim
Gilbert

The Amateur divisions have now completed their fixtures, and the only clubs left playing are those that were successful, albeit in some cases right up to Round 22.

I took in the Woodridge v Annerley Div 3 match last week which had Woodridge still with a chance of making fourth spot and Annerley playing for the title, and despite the hosts' starting with ten men and finishing with less, they put up an extremely gallant fight and pushed Annerley right to the limit. I then took in the Redlands v Inala clash in Semi Pro Div 1 South with the hosts playing only for pride, but Inala desperate to hang on to fourth spot, the hosts came back twice from a goal down, to finally snatch a point right at the death and put Inala's match next weekend to the top of the list for sheer excitement. (check your fixture book)

Division 1 finally saw Annerley take out the title after a seesawing season with North Pine. Ipswich City came through in the second last fixture to snatch the title in Division 2, Annerley, as already mentioned, took out Division 3, Taringa won Division 4 two weeks' ago, whereas Division 5 had Mt Gravatt and Wynnum seesawing with Mt Gravatt the ultimate winners and as mentioned two weeks' ago, Capalaba took the title in Division 6, and special congratulations to them by finishing 22 matches unbeaten!

Semi Pro Div 1 North

Matches split 50-50 Saturday/Sunday, with the Saturday match at Wolter Park probably looming as the most important, the visitors are Easts and if the hosts drop any more points they could lose second position, expect a very tense match but with Easts now having won the title, maybe they will be a little relaxed, a draw would not be unexpected. At O'Callaghan Park The Gap are still in with a thin (very thin) chance of making the semis, whereas North Star will be desperate to get away from the bottom, again it could be a draw.

On Sunday, Grange Thistle, who are also vying for the wooden spoon, will be out to spoil the party at St Lucia and endeavour to take two points away from Uni but it will be difficult, remaining match will be a classic between Mitchelton and Pine Rivers with both sides locked together in equal fourth position, the loser could drop out of sight but, as Mitchelton still have the bye to come, it looks more like a home win.

Semi Pro Div 1 South

Three matches on Saturday night with the local derby between the Ridge and Rocklea having been brought forward to a 6.00pm kickoff, despite the Ridge's recent good form, I can't see Rocklea dropping points in this one. There is also a big local derby taking place at Capalaba with next door neighbours Redlands as the visitors, can't quite see the same passion in this match as the earlier round when close on 1,000 people turned out, but if the visitors played with the determination they showed last week, they could share the points. Remaining match has the length of the table between Toowoomba and Slacks Creek, and despite Creek's best endeavours, I can't see them getting anything in this one.

The only match on Sunday now is the crucial battle for fourth place between Inala and Souths, Inala are a good ball-playing side, fast and mobile, but look how Souths have climbed the table in recent weeks, a draw is entirely possible, but as Inala still have the bye to come, desperation points more to the hosts.

Amateur Divisions - Semi Finals

Annerley are playing North Pine for the fourth time this season in the major semi at Heath Park, where the big pitch will suit both sides, I somehow think Annerley will take the short cut to the Grand Final, in the knockout at Perry Park the same afternoon it will be even tougher between Redcliffe and Brothers, with

both sides having scored more than 50 goals, and Redcliffe may just shade it.

Division 2 premiers Ipswich City take on Samford at Logan City on Sunday afternoon and this will test the excellent defensive record of the premiers, methinks Samford will be back next week. In the knockout semi the same afternoon at Newmarket between Pine Hills and Jimboomba the "away" team have a lot to prove, having led the table all season and yet finishing up fourth, I tip them to go through.

Division 3 has high scoring Logan City playing premiers Annerley at Heath Park on Sunday morning and the passionate Annerley supporters, who will have three teams to shout for, may just tip the balance. In the knockout between Mooroondu and Moggill being played

at Capalaba in the afternoon, I think the scoring attributes of Moggill may see them through.

Division 4 should see Taringa topple Capalaba in the major semi whilst the Knights will be out to prove a point by defeating the Ridge to reverse last week's score.

Division 5 will see another battle royal between Mt Gravatt and Wynnum, both sides have excellent defenses, and I shade Wynnum in this one, whilst the knockout should see Uni too strong for Souths.

The Division 6 semi on Saturday evening between Capalaba and University should be an absolute gem, take a look at the premiers goals for and against, I think they will go straight to the Grand Final whilst the knockout should see Ipswich successful over Taringa.

Amateur Divisions Semi Finals

Div 1 Knockout R'cliffe City v Brothers Utd
Sunday 2.30pm at Perry Park

Div 2 Res Knockout Pine Hills v Park Ridge
Sunday 12.30pm at Newmarket

Div 1 Res Major Margate v S'side Eagles
Sunday 12.30pm at Perry Park

Div 3 Knockout Mooroondu v Moggill
Sunday 2.30pm at Capalaba

Div 1 Major Annerley v North Pine
Sunday 2.30pm at Easts

Div 5 Major Mt Gravatt v Wynnum
Sunday 12.30pm at Capalaba

Div 1 Res Knockout North Pine v Annerley
Sunday 12.30pm at Easts

Div 4 Major Taringa v Capalaba
Saturday 7.00pm at Grange

Div 3 Major Annerley v Logan City Kings
Sunday 10.30am at Easts

Div 6 Major Capalaba v University
Saturday 5.00pm at Grange

Div 2 Major Ipswich City v Samford
Sunday 2.30pm at Logan City

Div 5 Knockout University v Souths
Saturday 3.00pm at Grange

Div 2 Res Major Bethania v Samford
Sunday 12.30pm at Logan City

Div 4 Kn'out Ipsw Knights v Acacia Ridge
Saturday 2.30pm at Rocklea

Div 2 Knockout Pine Hills v Jimboomba
Sunday 2.30pm at Newmarket

Div 6 Knockout Ipswich Knights v Taringa
Saturday 12.30pm at Rocklea

'READ' between the LINES

With
Brent
Read

I've gazed into the crystal ball this week and come up with how I believe the rest of this season will pan out.

With the final five such a hectic race, it was a fairly difficult task.

But like any half decent tipster, I took into account form, class and a little bit of luck.

Brisbane City have locked up the minor premiership so they can enjoy a week off when the finals start.

I am tipping Taringa to continue their good finish to the season and wind up in second place, edging out Brisbane Lions.

Fourth place looks to be a battle between Rochedale and the Ipswich Knights.

The Knights have a pretty cushy draw on the run home and I'm tipping them to leave Rochedale out in the cold come finals time.

Another disappointing season at Rochedale,

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traditionally one of the competition's more successful side, looks in the works. They never recovered from the loss of the Lees brothers.

That leaves Taringa and Brisbane City to play in the major semi-final and the Knights to face Lions in the minor semi-final.

On the vast spaces of Perry Park, Taringa's speed and youthful exuberance will give City plenty of problems.

But expect City to withstand the early barrage and come home with a wet sail. They should win two or three nil.

Brisbane Lions and the Ipswich Knights is an interesting contest. The Knights have had an excellent season but I can't see them fighting off Lions. Lions have so much depth. I'm tipping Steve Starr to pop with the winner in a close game - Lions 3-2.

Lions will face Taringa in the next round of matches to decide City's grand final opponent.

Once again expect Taringa to come out firing and grab an early goal. But Lions finals experience will wear them down and they should run away with the game in the second half.

Lions to win 3-1 and set up a re-match of the former National League rivals on grand final day.

Taringa can look forward to more success down the track but they're too young and inexperienced to go all the way this year.

On the other hand, Lions and City are choc-full of experience, having met in the grand final only two years ago.

However, City have been the form side all year and I don't expect things to change on grand final day. They'll prove too classy for Lions, winning a tight contest 2-1.

Slater will continue his outstanding season, picking up one with Damien Waugh rifling in the second.

For Lions, that old stager Steve Jackson will score their sole reply.

Well, that's it.... Quite simple really.

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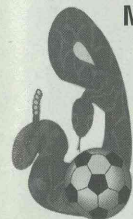
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