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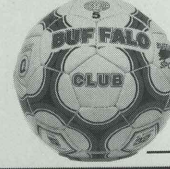
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Cover: Goalmouth action during the
Wynnum and Taringa clash last weekend at
Tingalpa. Wynnum were defeated by the
visitors 2-1 which moved Taringa into
fourth spot... one point ahead of the inform
Ipswich Knights.

Editorial

The XXXX Premier League competition is set for an enthralling finish this weekend in the final fixture round of the season.

After 26 rounds, it is hard to believe that the composition of the final four will be determined on the basis of two games.

In the first big match, fifth placed Ipswich Knights play host to second placed Brisbane Lions.

The Knights are one point behind both Rochedale Rovers and Taringa Rovers and must win to ensure the team moves into the semi-final stage of the season.

Last week the Knights kept their finals hopes alive with an impressive 5-2 win away against the Gold Coast and coach Mike Mulvey is sure to have his charges primed for a big game on Sunday.

But Lions appear to have hit form at the end of the season and are going to prove very difficult opposition for the Knights.

Last week, Lions sent shockwaves through the Premier League when they destroyed Premiers Brisbane City 4-0.

The win will prove a huge psychological blow for Bobby Hamilton's team, as there is no doubt that Lions have the "wood" on the "sky blues".

And if Lions can produce a result like that against a team that has reigned supreme for the entire season, then the Knights will have their work cut out for them this weekend.

The other key match this weekend is between the two Rovers, Taringa and Rochedale.

Only a win for either side will secure a final four spot, but a draw and even a loss could mathematically see them go through to the finals round.

In two meetings this season, Taringa and Rochedale have shared the honours with a victory each.

It promises to be a great match between two of the competitions top outfits and a prelude to some entertaining finals football.

On a final note, the editorial staff of "Eye on Soccer" would like to thank all the clubs and fans for their support throughout the season and look forward to season '99.

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PREMIER PREVIEW - TARINGA ROVERS v ROCHEDALE

Taringa Rovers and Rochedale Rovers clash in a key match this weekend at Jack Spare Park.

The result could see either Taringa or Rochedale or both clubs go through to the finals round.

The sides have met on two previous occasions this season in league fixtures.

In round 1, Taringa snuck across the line at home in a tight match winning 2-1.

In round 2, Rochedale got revenge when Taringa visited Underwood Park winning 1-0.

Historically, matches between these two sides have been hard fought affairs and while the games do not quite have the tradition of a City/Lions clash, crowds are usually treated to some entertaining football.

And with a finals berth on offer there is little doubt that both coaches will have their respective players primed for a big game.

Taringa coach John Ogden said he was looking forward to the match.

"Rochedale always prove difficult opposition and they have quite a number of experienced players," he said.

"They've got a lot of pace up front so we'll have to be a bit watchful in defence.

"But I'm confident that we can get the job done and we won't be emphasising them (Rochedale) too much in training this week."

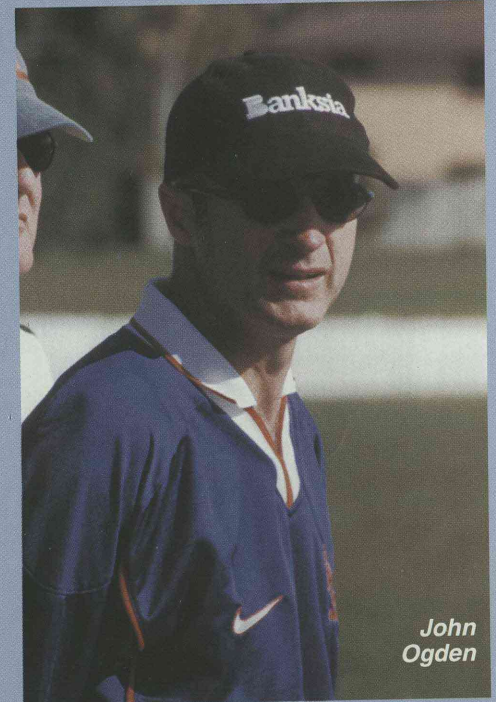
Taringa scored a 2-1 win against the giant killing Wynnum Wolves last week and even though the score line suggests a tight match, Ogden said the game was always in hand.

"We deserved to win as we had plenty more chances than they did," he said.

"It was our third game in a week and that in itself was pretty hard to come to terms with but we got the result we were after.

"It was important we got the win because that could have been our season over.

"And full credit to the lads on their performance as they held possession of the ball well and played some nice football in patches."



John Ogden

TARINGA ROV v ROCHEDALE ROV

Jack Spare Park, Indooroopilly
Sunday September 6, 2.45 pm

TARINGA ROVERS

- 1 Brett Dickens
- 2 Scott Robertson
- 3 Chris Day
- 4 Cliff Tuck
- 5 Joel Hale
- 6 Steve Dawe
- 7 Des Hughes
- 8 Dimitri Theochari
- 9 Robert Laslo
- 10 Richard Hilli
- 11 Darryl Hathaway
- 12 Steven Bland
- 13 Craig Slaughter
- 14 Jamie Lownds
- 15 Aaron Bakker
- 16 Shaun Molenda
- 17 Cameron Williamson
- 18 Martin Matula
- 19 Danny Britton
- 20 Malcolm Vandergraaf

ROCHEDALE ROVERS

- 1 Elvis Guzic
- 2 Dwayne Good
- 3 Ross Davidson
- 4 Michael Lane
- 5 Damian Harris
- 6 Alun Evans
- 7 Steve Fitzsimmons
- 8 Michael Legg
- 9 (Not Allocated)
- 10 Clayton Koch
- 11 Joe Morris
- 12 David Pilic
- 13 Brad Ditton
- 14 Paul Grugan
- 15 Gary Phillips
- 16 Matt Olley
- 17 Gary Brattan
- 18 Andy Monement
- 19 Graham Ross
- 20 RGK Todd Rumble

PREMIER PREVIEW - MT GRAVATT v Gold Coast

Mt Gravatt host the Gold Coast City at Dittmer Park on Sunday afternoon.

Both teams will be playing for pride in the last fixture of the season.

A finals berth has been out of the question for some weeks and the management and the playing personnel of the team are more than likely already looking to next season.

In their two league clashes this season, the points have been shared.

In round 1, the teams drew 1-1 all in a hotly contested affair at Dittmer Park.

While in round 2, a draw was again the result, only this time it was 2-2 at Glennon Park, Nerang.

On paper, the sides appear to be pretty evenly matched, but Mt Gravatt's form has been a little more consistent this season.

Mt Gravatt coach Danny Cox said despite the game's irrelevance to the composition of the final four, there was still a lot to play for.

"The Gold Coast always give us a tough match and they'll be keen to end the season with a win after enduring a couple of heavy losses in recent weeks," he said.

"We've shared the points on both occasions that we've met this season so I expect this game to be fairly even.

"From our perspective, the players are not only playing for pride but for their contracts next season.

"And if we get the three points, and Wynnum lose to City, we'll take sixth spot."

Last week, Mt Gravatt lost 2-1 in a nail biting finish against the Bundaberg Waves and Cox said his side would have to improve to ensure the three points against the Gold Coast.

"We really threw the game away in the last few minutes against Bundaberg as we were cruising one-nil up with five minutes to go," he said.

"We had some key players missing but still looked like we were going to win until we conceded those two goals."



**Gold Coast City
coach Paul
Cockbain**

MT GRAVATT v GOLD COAST

Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt
Sunday September 6, 2.45 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 (Not Allocated)
- 9 (Not Allocated)
- 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

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 - BRISBANE City v WYNNUM DIST.

Brisbane City will be looking to regain some lost pride when they host the Wynnum Wolves at Spencer Park on Sunday afternoon.

City was comprehensively thrashed 4-0 last week by arch rivals Brisbane Lions.

It was the second occasion in three outings that Lions have got the better of City and is an ominous sign with the finals just one week away.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said he was bitterly disappointed with the result and was resigned to a lot of soul searching before the Wolves clash.

"That sort of result is not what we're after at this time of the season," he said.

"There are simply no excuses for the loss and all credit to Lions on their performance.

"They beat us all over the park and were simply too good on the day."

"I've obviously got some thinking to do because there is every chance that we will meet them in a two weeks in the first final."

City have a tough schedule this week with a midweek Queensland Cup game against the Ipswich Knights, but Hamilton said he was looking forward to the challenge.

"The quickest way to get over Saturday night is to have a win and that is exactly what we'll be looking to do against the Knights," he said.

"Then we hope to carry that form onto Sunday against Wynnum and get another positive result."

The Wolves have proven this season that they are force to be reckoned with.

Against City in the first round, the Wolves narrowly lost 3-2, while in round 2 they managed a 1-1 draw.

Hamilton said he was expecting a tough match from the Peter Tokesi lead side.

"Wynnum made it tough for us the last time we played them at home and I believe this match will be in the same vein," he said.

"Even though they won't be taking part in the finals, I believe pride alone will be enough to inspire them for a big match."



Bobby Hamilton

BRISBANE CITY v WYNNUM

Spencer Park, Newmarket
Sunday September 6, 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

WYNNUM DISTRICT

- 1 Garth McCulloch
- 2 Luke Adair
- 3 (Not allocated)
- 4 Nigel McClure
- 5 Ricky McKinless
- 6 Tony McKinless (c)
- 7 Matt Campion
- 8 Paul Wilkins
- 9 Mark Wilkins
- 10 Ben Wood
- 11 Nick Hadland
- 12 Darrell Grundy
- 13 (Not Allocated)
- 14 Wayne Corbett
- 15 Andrew Davidson
- 16 Shane Gilroy
- 17 Calvin Gnech
- 18 Damian Rogers
- 19 Bill McDermott
- 20 Wade Cannon

PREMIER PREVIEW - BEENLEIGH v BUNDABERG

Beenleigh hosts the Bundaberg Waves in literally a "dead rubber" game at Chris Green Park on Sunday afternoon.

Unlike some of the big games that are on this weekend, this game is for the club faithful.

Beenleigh has had the wooden spoon sewn up for a few weeks now and for many at the club, the season would be best forgotten.

No-one likes to see a club struggle to the degree that Beenleigh has this season.

The loss of coach Phil Kerr a third of the way through the season and key players such as Brad Ditton did not enhance the fortunes of the beleaguered club.

And with the off season begging, there is sure to be a lot of soul searching by players and officials.

Beenleigh would desperately want to end the season on a winning note, but it is difficult to see the club beating Waves.

Beenleigh has struggled to score goals all season and has by far the worst defensive record in the league.

And last week against Rochedale, the club was hammered 4-0.

The side was completely outclassed by a better outfit and the match epitomised the difference between a prospective top four team and a bottom of the table side.

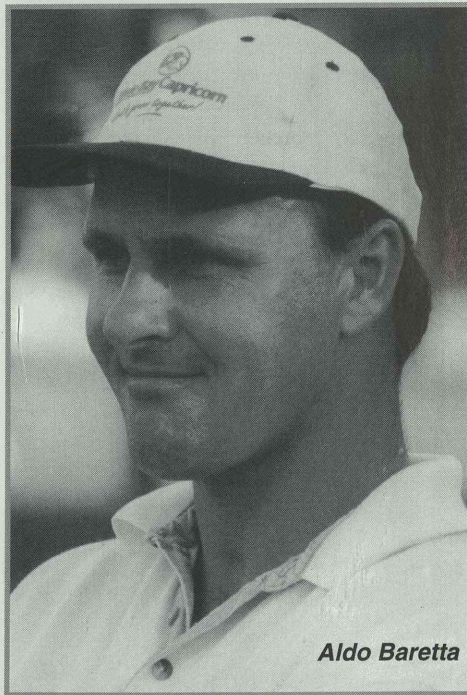
In their two previous meetings this season, Bundaberg has beaten Beenleigh 2-1 in round 1 and 5-0 in round 2.

History would suggest that Bundaberg has the wood on Beenleigh but Waves have struggled this season and have performed below expectations.

The team currently sits in 8th position on the league ladder on 25 points, 13 clear of Beenleigh

Injuries and suspensions have decimated the Waves lineup this year but coach Aldo Baretta has never used this as an excuse.

When Waves are en song, the team plays attractive football and the smart money should be on Bundaberg to beat Beenleigh.



Aldo Baretta

BEENLEIGH v BUNDABERG

Chris Green Park, Beenleigh
Sunday September 6, 2.45 pm

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

BUNDABERG

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

PREMIER PREVIEW - IPSW KNIGHTS v BRISBANE LIONS

The Ipswich Knights host Brisbane Lions in the match of the round at Eric Evans Reserve.

While Taringa and Rochedale will be doing battle at Jack Speare Park, this game was chosen as the match for a couple of reasons.

Firstly, the Knights are the only team in the league that must win to make the finals.

City and Lions are assured of a place, while mathematically, both Rochedale and Taringa can lose and still go through to next week.

The Knights will be primed for this match in front of a parochial home crowd.

Secondly, the match serves as a local derby of sorts and players tend to lift in these types of matches.

In round 1, the Knights managed to secure a 2-2 draw at home while in round 2, the Knights scored a surprise 3-0 win against Lions at Richlands.

And even though the Knights appear to have the edge on the scoreboard, Lions recent form and depth of squad probably means Lions will go into this match as favourites.

Last week, Lions destroyed premiers Brisbane City to the tune of 4-0. It was a big win for Lions and should give the side a lot of confidence in the lead up to the finals.

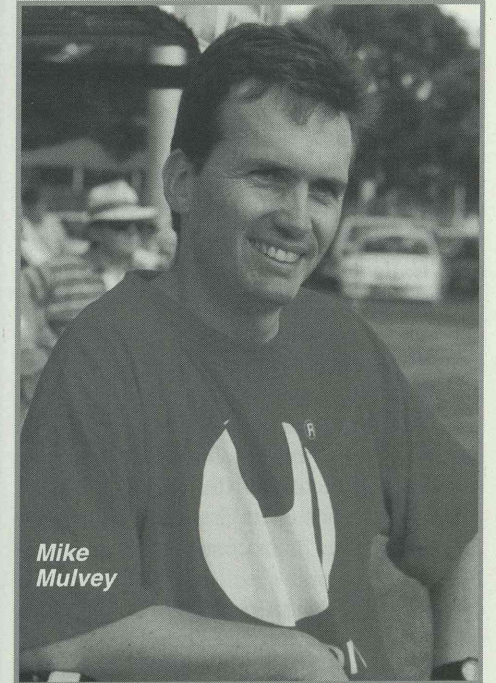
Knights coach Mike Mulvey agreed that Lions would be favoured to win but said he was looking forward to the challenge.

"There's no doubt that we will be underdogs for this match and Lions should rightly be favourites," Mulvey said.

"If you consider what their (Lions) football budget is for the season, I have no hesitation in saying that the Ipswich budget would be a quarter of theirs.

"And I think the league would be grateful for us that we've managed to maintain the interest by staying in touch with the top sides.

"This game on the weekend is really the start of the finals for us as it is a knockout match and it's either win or bust."



Mike Mulvey

IPSW KNIGHTS v BRISBANE LIONS

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba
Sunday September 6, 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
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- 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

NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Star out to avoid wooden spoon

North Star will have the chance to make sure Grange Thistle takes out this year's wooden spoon, when they take on Pine Rivers at O'Callaghan Park this Saturday night.

The young North Star outfit has had an extremely disappointing 1998, especially after the club promised so much in the early part of the season.

However despite some much publicised adversity, the club has rallied strongly to lift itself off the bottom of the ladder, one point ahead of cellar-dwellers Grange Thistle.

Victory over finals contenders Pine Rivers this Saturday night, will ensure North Star avoids the wooden spoon, as Grange fight their own battle to climb off the bottom of the ladder.

But a win against Rivers this weekend will be easier said than done. Rivers have surprised many in the latter part of the season to rocket out of the middle of the table and into third spot.

A 2-1 victory over fellow finals contenders The University of Queensland last weekend, sealed a top four spot for Rivers and also signalled a big warning to the other sides in this year's finals series.

Frank Pimblett has his troops firing at the right time of the season, and it would seem unlikely they would stumble against a team as far down the table as North Star, this weekend.

It's been a long time since Rivers played a bad game, and there is little doubt the coach will want to maintain that momentum.

But North Star still have plenty to play for. They are not yet assured of escaping the wooden spoon, and would love to finish the season in front of their home fans on a high note.

The club is also coming of its first fixture victory for some months, so the players will certainly be on a high for this weekend's clash.

Uni to awake from slumber

The University of Queensland will be looking to get their affairs in order with a win this weekend against Newmarket, as the countdown to the finals begins.

Uni suffered a drastic psychological setback last weekend when they were beaten 2-1 by Pine Rivers, another side that has already sealed its finals spot.

That was the students' second major hiccup in the last few weeks, and it has put a serious question mark over the side's ability to take out this year's title.

A victory over Newmarket this weekend is a must for Uni, as the finals loom just around the corner.

Although the students have already sealed their spot in the top four, a victory this weekend would restore some match needed confidence amongst the players, as the side approaches its first finals match.

And Newmarket will be good opposition for the students this weekend. Even though Newmarket are languishing in third last spot on the ladder, the side has been registering some highly impressive results over the last few weeks.

The main reason for the change has been the return of several key players to the side.

Their influence was seen last weekend during Newmarket's sensational 3-1 victory over close and fierce rivals Mitchelton.

It was an extremely big win for the Newmarket side, which only a matter of weeks ago was on the bottom of the table, looking certain to contest for this year's wooden spoon.

Since then however, the side has performed strongly to now find itself in third last spot on the table, a healthy eight points clear of the bottom placed Grange Thistle.

NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Tigers go through motions

Eastern Suburbs will literally be going through the motions when they play host to The Gap this Sunday.

The Tigers sealed the premiership weeks ago and are a massive eleven points clear of their nearest rivals, Albany Creek.

But despite their runaway premiership victory, the Tigers form has been a little indifferent over the past month or so.

Some disruptions in the club a couple of months ago put somewhat of a stop on the club's early momentum.

However since the departure of their first team coach, the Tigers have somehow been able to hold down top spot on the ladder.

New coach Frank Burn will be hoping to sort a few things out with his side prior to finals time, with this weekend's match against The Gap, an ideal opportunity to do so.

A break last weekend was very timely for the players, many of whom were able to get over a few niggling injuries in time for this weekend's match and the top four finals series.

Burn will be hoping The Gap gives his side a good hit-out, with the finals just one week away.

And while on paper, The Gap has the potential and the capability to be competitive and indeed surprise Easts this weekend, their results in recent weeks have been poor.

Last weekend's 2-0 loss to Albany Creek was just one of a string of recent defeats which have seen The Gap plummet down the table back to sixth spot, ten points out of the top four.

In reality, The Gap should pose no major threat to the league leaders this weekend. They have nothing at all to play for, with motivation at a low and their sixth placing set to remain whether they win, lose or draw this weekend.

Creek favoured for grudge match

Albany Creek will be hot favourites to take out their final fixture match of the season, when they meet Grange Thistle on Saturday night.

Despite not really figuring in finals calculations during the pre-season, Creek have secured a top two spot and are the form side of the competition at the moment.

Victory over ladder leaders and Premiership winners Easts several weeks ago, rocketed them into second spot on the ladder and has given them joint favouritism status alongside the Tigers, for this year's championship.

Creek have a very impressive goal difference, with their attack the best in the competition and their defence only marginally behind Easts.

And given that Grange have now slipped back to last place on the ladder following their loss to North Star last weekend, this Saturday night's game looks set to be a one-sided affair.

However the rivalry between the two clubs has been very fierce this year, with Albany Creek still seething over a mass-exodus of players that was allegedly sparked by Thistle officials.

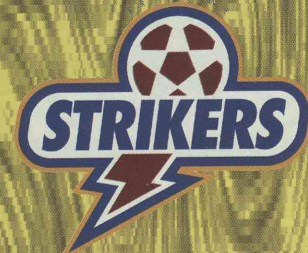
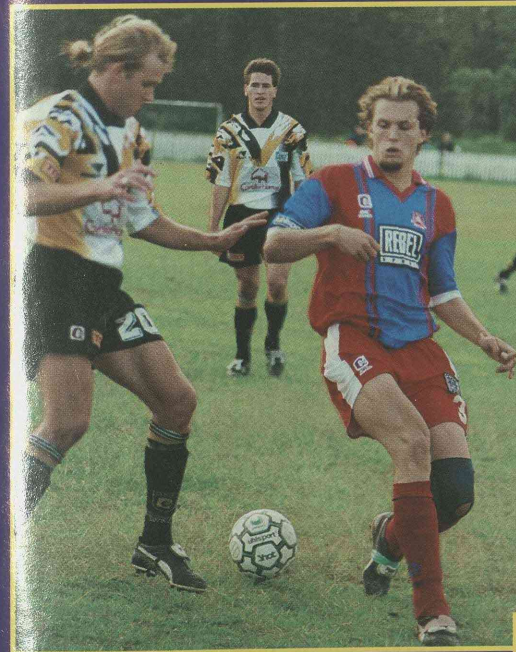
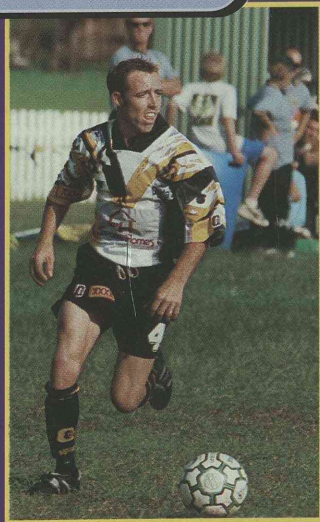
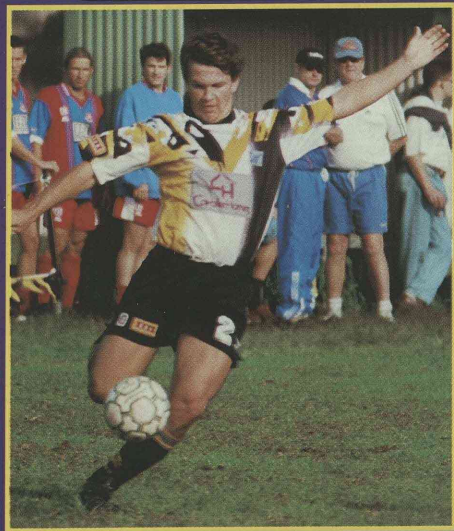
That was in the pre-season and a lot of water has since gone under the bridge, however the bitterness between the two clubs is still apparent.

Grange are yet to really trouble Albany Creek this year, however this weekend might be the one where they fire up.

Albany Creek have very little to play for other than club pride and rivalry, whereas Grange are playing in the hope of avoiding the wooden spoon.

For that to happen, they must at least get a draw from this weekend's encounter, and hope that Pine Rivers beat North Star comfortably at O'Callaghan Park on Saturday night.

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Albany Creek v Grange Thistle
7.00pm - Wolter Park

North Star v Pine Rivers
7.00pm - O'Callaghan Park

Capalaba v Olympic Utd
7.00pm - John Fredericks Park

Toowoomba Utd v Redlands Utd
7.00pm - Gold Park

Slacks Creek v Rocklea Utd
7.30pm - Usher Park

Sunday September 6

Eastern Suburbs v The Gap
2.45pm - Heath Park

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

Acacia Ridge v Souths Utd
2.45pm - Ron Proud Field



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12	Goals	Peter Vogler (Ipswich Knights)
11	Goals	John Clark (Ipswich Knights)
10	Goals	Royce Brownlie (Bundaberg Waves)
10	Goals	Richard Hilli (Taringa Rovers)
10	Goals	Troy Greenwood (Gold Coast)
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XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	26	18	6	2	66	21	60
BRISBANE LIONS	26	16	4	6	49	31	52
ROCHEDALE ROV	26	16	2	8	50	27	50
TARINGA ROVERS	26	15	5	6	42	23	50
IPSW KNIGHTS	26	16	1	9	47	36	49
WYNNUM	26	8	4	14	32	45	28
MT GRAVATT	26	6	7	13	38	47	25
B'BERG WAVES	26	8	1	17	32	54	25
GOLD COAST	26	5	6	15	31	57	21
BEENLEIGH	26	4	0	22	25	71	12

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	26	18	4	4	82	34	58
TARINGA ROVERS	26	15	5	6	73	35	50
GOLD COAST	26	15	4	7	80	46	49
ROCHEDALE ROV	26	15	2	9	71	39	47
IPSW KNIGHTS	26	14	4	8	86	42	46
BRISBANE CITY	26	11	4	11	50	60	37
MT GRAVATT	26	11	2	13	57	61	35
BEENLEIGH	26	8	0	18	40	92	24
WYNNUM	26	4	6	16	38	51	18
B'BERG WAVES	26	3	1	22	28	145	10

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	20	14	2	4	50	28	44
MT GRAVATT	21	11	4	6	63	38	37
ROCHEDALE ROV	19	9	5	5	42	38	32
TARINGA ROVERS	20	8	7	5	44	34	31
BRISBANE CITY	20	8	1	11	48	47	25
WYNNUM	19	6	6	7	28	32	24
IPSW KNIGHTS	20	6	4	10	33	53	22
BEENLEIGH	21	2	3	16	21	59	9

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	72	48	10	14	181	93	154
Taringa Rovers	72	38	17	17	159	92	131
Rochedale Rovers	71	40	9	22	163	104	129
Brisbane City	72	37	11	24	164	128	122
Ipswich Knights	72	36	9	27	166	131	117
Mt Gravatt	73	28	13	32	158	146	97
Gold Coast	52	20	10	22	111	103	70
Wynnum District	71	18	16	37	98	128	70
Beenleigh	73	14	3	56	86	222	45
Bundaberg Waves	52	11	2	39	60	199	35

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTERN SUBS	23	16	5	2	40	16	53
ALBANY CREEK	23	12	6	5	42	20	42
PINE RIVERS UTD	23	10	8	5	30	20	38
UNI OF QLD	23	11	5	7	36	28	38
MITCHELTON	24	9	5	10	36	41	32
THE GAP	23	8	4	11	41	45	28
NEWMARKET	23	6	6	11	28	44	24
NORTH STAR	23	5	3	15	25	44	18
GRANGE THISTLE	23	4	4	15	20	40	16

SEMIPRO DIV 1 N RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	23	15	5	3	46	20	50
PINE RIVERS UTD	23	12	6	5	47	37	42
GRANGE THISTLE	23	11	4	8	47	37	37
MITCHELTON	24	10	5	9	27	25	35
EASTERN SUBS	23	8	8	7	35	27	32
NEWMARKET	23	8	3	12	36	45	27
THE GAP	23	5	8	10	31	39	23
NORTH STAR	23	6	4	13	39	50	22
ALBANY CREEK	23	5	5	13	29	58	20

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	24	18	2	4	79	34	56
THE GAP	23	16	2	5	82	30	50
PINE RIVERS UTD	23	12	4	7	67	39	40
UNI OF QLD	23	11	4	8	63	45	37
NORTH STAR	23	10	4	9	58	46	34
NEWMARKET	23	7	8	8	49	61	29
ALBANY CREEK	23	7	3	13	44	56	24
EASTERN SUBS	23	6	5	12	42	61	23
GRANGE THISTLE	23	1	0	22	10	122	3

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	23	20	1	2	66	16	61
ROCKLEA UTD	23	14	2	7	55	35	44
CAPALABA	23	10	6	7	46	32	36
INALA CITY	24	10	4	10	47	52	34
SOUTHS UTD	23	8	9	6	35	29	33
ACACIA RIDGE	23	8	2	13	38	49	26
OLYMPIC UTD	23	6	3	14	32	48	21
REDLANDS UTD	23	6	3	14	41	68	21
SLACKS CREEK	23	5	4	14	29	60	19

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	23	16	3	4	75	21	51
OLYMPIC UTD	23	14	4	5	63	32	46
CAPALABA	23	13	6	4	54	29	45
SOUTHS UTD	23	13	4	6	66	30	43
REDLANDS UTD	23	10	5	8	55	37	35
ROCKLEA UTD	23	10	2	11	48	45	32
ACACIA RIDGE	23	9	3	11	35	58	30
SLACKS CREEK	23	4	2	17	31	68	14
INALA CITY	24	0	1	23	14	121	1

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	23	21	1	1	117	17	64
CAPALABA	23	18	0	5	137	26	54
SOUTHS UTD	23	18	0	5	122	30	54
ROCKLEA UTD	23	11	2	10	75	47	35
REDLANDS UTD	23	10	4	9	61	41	34
OLYMPIC UTD	22	8	3	11	57	63	27
SLACKS CREEK	23	3	3	17	31	123	12
INALA CITY	23	3	1	19	17	135	10
ACACIA RIDGE	23	2	4	17	29	164	10



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SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Twmba chasing a strong finish

Runaway semi-pro south leaders Toowoomba will be looking for a strong finish to the season, when they take on Redlands this weekend.

With all three senior Toowoomba sides taking out their respective premierships, club administrators can expect to have quite a few people on hand this weekend, with the locals set to come out and give their sides a big wrap.

The entertainment will culminate with the first team match, which on paper looks set to be a very one-sided affair.

There is nothing really at stake for the Toowoomba side except pride, and coach Gary Scott will more than likely rest a few of his key players to keep them fresh for the finals.

And that could just open the door a little bit for the new-look Redlands outfit, which has been having some moderate success in the last few weeks.

Although they are second last on the table, Redlands have been playing some extremely good football in recent weeks and causing one or two minor upsets. They would no doubt like to knock the league leaders off their perch one last time this year.

New coach Brian Hastings has begun implementing some very worthwhile bonding ideas and sessions with his players, which have come in very handy in the last few weeks and allowed them to secure several positive results.

Redlands are currently in second last spot on the ladder, just two points ahead of Slacks Creek, and the possibility of the wooden spoon still looms large for the club.

A loss this weekend and a win to Slacks Creek would see the Creek move ahead of Redlands on the table, relegating them to last spot on the ladder.

Capalaba after redemption

Capalaba will have a chance to make up for their disappointing effort last weekend against Souths, when they take on Olympic at home this Saturday night.

The Bulldogs went down by three goals to nil to the resurgent Souths United outfit, in a match which has allowed Souths to sneak well and truly into top four contention.

And while the Bulldogs have sealed their spot in the top four, last weekend's loss would have to be concerning to coach Alan Prentice.

However a loss like that prior to the playoffs, can devastate a team with championship aspirations.

Victory against Olympic this weekend would go a long way to rectifying any damage done to the side.

Even though the games mean very little to the Bulldogs, the victory would put the players in the right frame of mind at the right time of the season.

And victory should not be all that hard for the Bulldogs, who are stocked full of talent and can play some very attractive football when they are on their game.

Olympic have been fairly ordinary all season, apart from one or two major upsets that they have managed to snag.

Their form last weekend was fairly much par for the course this year, with Inala running riot over them to the tune of four goals to one.

Olympic will have to be much more committed to the cause this weekend, or they can probably expect to be on the end of an absolute thrashing from Capalaba.

They could also be relegated to last spot on the ladder if they are not careful, with Slacks Creek and Redlands United both breathing down their necks just two points behind.

SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

Souths may sneak into finals

Souths United have the chance to move into this year's finals, when they meet Acacia Ridge this weekend.

Souths' sensational 3-0 victory over Capalaba last weekend has put them just one point out of the top four, with one match left.

Apart from that however, it has also sent the warning bells ringing for the top three sides, and has made for an exciting finish.

Inala City are currently in the top four, one point ahead of Souths, following their big 4-1 win over Olympic last weekend.

However the Derek Crawford coached Inala outfit will sit this weekend out with a bye, which gives Souths a real chance of overtaking them and claiming the last finals spot.

A draw this weekend against Ridge would be enough for Souths to take fourth spot, with their goal difference far superior to Inala City's.

And that would set up another show down with Capalaba next weekend, the team they smashed 3-0 last weekend.

The way Souths have been playing under new coach Walter Oldenburg, victory over Acacia Ridge this weekend, seems a formality.

Little has stood in the way of the young and enthusiastic Souths players, since Oldenburg took over the reigns and Acacia Ridge are currently just going through the motions, waiting for the competition to conclude.

Although they have the players to defeat Souths, the motivation has been missing, since the side went down to Inala a few weeks ago.

That loss cruelled Ridge's hopes and the side has not looked good at all in the last few weeks.

For Souths, their destiny is in their own hands. A draw will be enough and a win will see them surpass Inala's 34 competition points, allowing them to move into outright fourth spot.

Last chance to climb off bottom

Slacks Creek will have their last chance to climb off the bottom of the ladder and avoid the wooden spoon, when they take on second placed Rocklea United this weekend.

Creek are currently two points shy of Redlands on the ladder and need a victory to move up off the bottom and regain some dignity.

And while it seems like a tall order for the Creek outfit, it's by no means an unrealistic task.

Rocklea's form has been very patchy of late, as the club tries to find its feet again following the return of several players to the top side.

A 4-0 drubbing by Toowoomba in front of their own fans last weekend, was indicative of Rocklea's indifferent form.

It was a loss that could quite seriously affect the club's hopes of a championship this year, and one that they desperately need to recover from this weekend, if they are to be on song for the beginning of their finals campaign.

Slacks Creek on the other hand, have been in fairly good form in recent weeks, despite their lowly position on the ladder.

Several surprising results, including a couple of shock victories, have allowed them to come back into striking range of the rest of the competition, and given them a chance to avoid the dreaded wooden spoon.

A victory this weekend against Rocklea, combined with a Toowoomba win over Redlands, would guarantee Slacks Creek of an eighth place finish, ahead of Redlands.

And that would probably satisfy officials and supporters of the club, who up until the last couple of weeks had more or less conceded the side was destined for this year's wooden spoon.

Slacks have home ground advantage on their side, as well as the motivation to avoid finishing in last spot on the ladder.

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BEENLEIGH	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	0- 4 Rd26
B'BERG WAVES	Vs	MT GRAVATT	2- 1 Rd26
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	4- 0 Rd26
GOLD COAST	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2- 5 Rd26
WYNNUM	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	1- 2 Rd26

XXXX RESERVES

BEENLEIGH	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	1- 4 Rd26
B'BERG WAVES	Vs	MT GRAVATT	3- 4 Rd26
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	1- 2 Rd26
GOLD COAST	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2- 3 Rd26
WYNNUM	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	2- 3 Rd26

XXXX YOUTH

BEENLEIGH	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	3- 5 Rd26
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	3- 2 Rd26
WYNNUM	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	2- 2 Rd26

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH

NEWMARKET	Vs	MITCHELTON	3- 1 Rd26
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	UNI OF QLD	2- 1 Rd26
THE GAP	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	0- 2 Rd26
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	NORTH STAR	0- 1 Rd26

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES

THE GAP	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	0- 3 Rd26
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	UNI OF QLD	0- 3 Rd26
NEWMARKET	Vs	MITCHELTON	0- 1 Rd26
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	NORTH STAR	3- 1 Rd26

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH

PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	UNI OF QLD	5- 1 Rd26
NEWMARKET	Vs	MITCHELTON	0- 2 Rd26
THE GAP	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	8- 1 Rd26
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	NORTH STAR	0- 4 Rd26

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH

ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	TOOWOOMBA UTD	0- 4 Rd26
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	1- 2 Rd26
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	3- 0 Rd26
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	INALA CITY	1- 4 Rd26

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES

ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	TOOWOOMBA UTD	1- 2 Rd26
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	4- 3 Rd26
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	1- 1 Rd26
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	INALA CITY	3- 1 Rd26

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH

ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	TOOWOOMBA UTD	0- 3 Rd26
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	1- 1 Rd26
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	2- 1 Rd26



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BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With
Jim
Gilbert

This being the last issue of the magazine prior to the special XXXX League Grand Final issue, it's timely to comment on all divisions.

First, a word for Capalaba in Division 6, a few weeks ago they, with Toowoomba's Youth division looked like going through the fixture season undefeated.

The boys from the southern club will now be delighted (if that's the word) to hear that Toowoomba's Youth team lost their undefeated tag in the mid-week catch up match to Souths United last week, so that could well give the impetus for Capalaba's Div 6 to go right through and win the Grand Final this weekend!

I haven't been commenting on the various reserve grade divisions, but it's timely to point out that in Division 1 reserves Margate and Southside Eagles who have been neck and neck all year and came first and second respectively, will be battling out for the Grand Final this weekend to see who will take the honours in this grade.

In Division 2 reserves, Bethania finished three points clear of their nearest rivals, and their senior team missed out by one point in making the four in Division 2, well done lads.

This is the last weekend of fixtures for the Semi Professional ranks, and in some instances it is going to go, yet again, right to the last round to determine the final four makeup.

Semi Pro Div 1 North

Positions in this division are, unusually, now set in concrete, Easts have won the title, Albany Creek are confirmed second with University and Pine Rivers battling out for third and fourth, even though this is now immaterial in relation to semi finals.

On Saturday night Albany Creek are home to bottom markers Grange, and the Creek can

play a more relaxed brand of football now they are confirmed in second place, the only thing that Grange will be looking to do is to play with some pride in their remaining fixture for 1998.

Also on Saturday night is the other derby match between North Star and Pine Rivers and with the visitors' recent good form, I can't see them dropping points in this one.

On Sunday, premiers Easts take on a disappointing Gap, with Easts likely to pick up all three points in their run in to the finals series.

The remaining match at St Lucia is certainly no sinecure win for University, as Newmarket have strung together some excellent results in recent weeks, a draw is quite on the cards.

Semi Pro Div 1 South

Fixtures this weekend commence on Friday night with Acacia Ridge v Souths having been brought forward, the Ridge have only pride to play for, whereas Souths must pick up at least one point to ensure they are in fourth spot and so put out Inala City, it won't be easy as the Ridge always play well at home, particularly as this is their last fixture.

All other matches are on Saturday with Capalaba likely to pick up a three pointer over a disappointing Olympic.

Redlands will be looking to their trip to Toowoomba with some trepidation, as it is a fearful match for them being the last fixture, pride will ensure they will go down fighting, and attempt to pick up at least one point to avoid the dreaded wooden spoon.

The remaining match sees second placed Rocklea visit current bottom markers Slacks Creek, and after Rocklea's most disappointing result last weekend both on and off the field, they will be looking to repair the damage with maximum points.

Amateur Divisions - Grand Finals

Division 1 sees a rematch of Annerley and North Pine who have encountered some rare tussles this season, in the premiers, Qantas Cup and the major semi, judging by form in the finals series to date, this could well go to extra time, but I err slightly towards the premiers to make it a double.

In reserve grade, premiers Margate had to take the long cut to reach the Grand Final against runners up Southside Eagles, this will be no easy match as Eagles' senior team already have the Qantas Cup in their possession, it will be fast and furious with lots of goals scored, and again I err slightly towards the premiers in this one.

In Division 2, premiers Ipswich City have by far the greater qualifications in goals scored and conceded than their rivals Pine Hills, the impetus is greater for them to win this one, which is what I expect at the end of the day.

In reserve grade first plays second with Bethania and Samford and the points table shows they were very closely matched with almost identical goal differences, Bethania may have the edge slightly in this one.

In Division 3 Annerley have their second team in the Grand Final against the former leaders in this division, Mooroondu, with Mooroondu having to go through the rigors of extra time and penalties last week to qualify, far more difficult to judge a winner, but Mooroondu's fighting qualities may see them through at the end of the day.

In Division 4 we have two sides who have scored 150 goals in fixtures with Taringa playing Ipswich Knights. On all-round abilities, including the most important one, that of defense, Taringa would have to be the winners in this one.

Division 5 sees the two sides that have battled out for the premiers all year in Mt Gravatt and Wynnum, Wynnum now have far more to play for as they (unfortunately) did not win the Qantas Cup ten days ago, and provided

their veterans (1) can last for one more week, methinks the title could go bayside.

Division 6 has undefeated (in fixtures at least) Capalaba facing up to their nemesis University, and with the incentive that I pointed out earlier in this column, I tend towards the premiers to win this one.

Amateur Divisions Grand Finals

Div 1 Annerley v North Pine
Saturday 7.00pm at Beenleigh

Div 3 Annerley v Mooroondu
Saturday 5.00pm at Beenleigh

Div 2 Ipswich City v Pine Hills
Saturday 7.00pm at Rocklea

Div 4 Taringa Rov v Ipsw Knights
Saturday 5.00pm at Rocklea

Div 1 Res S'side Eagles v Margate
Saturday 6.00pm at Logan City

Div 5 Mt Gravatt v Wynnum
Saturday 4.00pm at Logan City

Div 2 Res Bethania v Samford
Sunday 2.30pm at Grange Thistle

Div 6 Uni of Qld v Capalaba
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With
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The schedule-makers could not have planned it any better. The final week of the regular season and four teams still locked in a battle for second through fourth.

Those four teams play each other this weekend in what promises to be a feast of high-pressure football.

Brisbane City can sit back in comfort and watch Taringa, Lions, Rochedale and the Ipswich Knights kick each other around the park the week before the finals get underway.

Lions are the only team assured of a finals berth after giving City a reality-check at the weekend.

Four goals in a dominant performance scraped away plenty of City's aura of invincibility.

They go into the finals series not quite as awe-inspiring as at the start of the year.

But there's no doubt City are the still the side to beat. No team goes through the season without a couple of hiccups.

City's major concern is the fact that they're struggled against Lions in the three clashes between the side's this season.

Lions are riding the crest of a wave and must be looking forward to leaving their home base and heading for the greener pastures of Perry Park.

The club is planning to do a complete overhaul on the ground in the off-season.

A few other clubs in the league could take a leaf out of their book.

This week also marked the countdown to one of the most exciting nights of the season - Clem Jones Gold Medal night.

The voting should be wide open again this season, with defending medallist Steve Jackson sure to figure prominently.

A number of his team mates should also be in the running, including Darren Hillier, a perennial contender.

Chris Slater



For my money, Brisbane City's Chris Slater and Taringa's Des Hughes are the men to beat.

Hughes has missed a few games through suspension and that could hurt the talented goalscorer.

Slater has been a star for City and went close to winning the award last year.

He's been far and away the competition's most impressive player but could be hindered by the number of players in the City side receiving votes.

Wynnum's Ben Wood is always a strong contender, Rochedale Rovers striker Clayton Koch usually figures prominently and Ipswich Knights sweeper Andrew King went close last year. They should all be among the front runners.

The only disappointing thing about the medal night is the location.

It's a fairly hefty cab ride to the casino from there!Frank Pimblett won't be happy.

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