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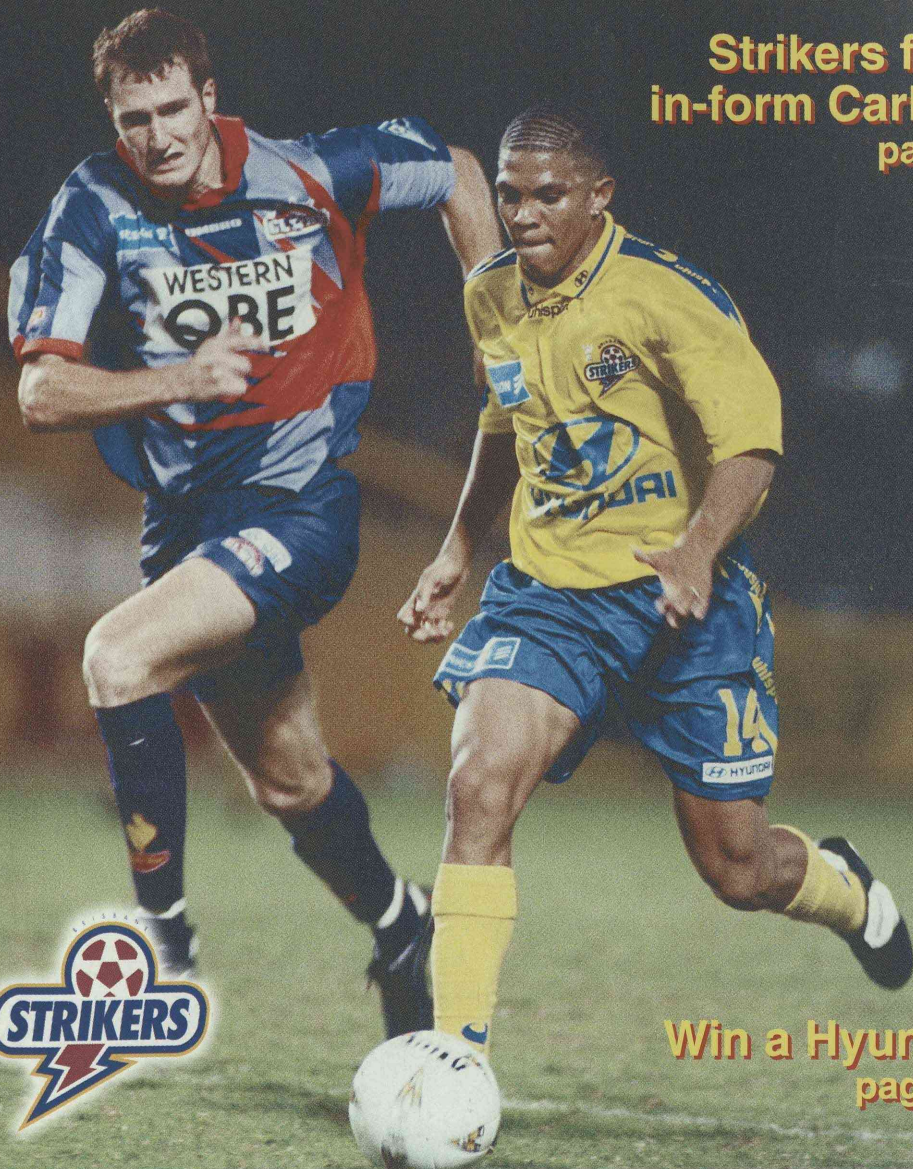
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Coach's Comment

There's a lot to be learned from our game last week against the Glory where we snatched a draw from the clutches of victory. All the old cliches immediately came to mind – "it's not finished till the final whistle" – "it aint over till the fat lady sings" and so on, but what needs to be remembered is that cliches became that because they are facts – they describe the truth.

We fell into the trap of thinking it was over when Jeremy Harris scored our 2nd goal, yet given Perth's performance to that stage that should have been the furthestest thing from our minds.

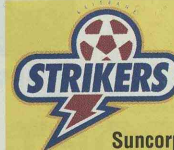
We had kept our shape and balance at the back brilliantly, their strikers and wide men were virtually ineffective. After Jezza's goal, a couple of guys forgot their jobs and that's where we got caught but nevertheless it was another very good performance from the players and with any luck the pain of the result hit the right spot and will have everyone focused for Carlton today.

On a different note we had an interesting visitor to training prior to the Perth game – Brisbane Bronco's coach Wayne Bennett. He had a chat to the boys about some of the things that have helped the Bronco's maintain success for so long. The simplest and most effective statement was, "there is no I in team".

Basically in any team sport the player must put his mates and the performance of the team before himself. You sometimes sacrifice some of the individual for the benefit of the group. You have a 'star team' rather than a 'team of stars' – that's what we set out to achieve at the Strikers a few months ago and I think we are on the right path at present.

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Strikers face in-form Carlton

The Brisbane Strikers will want to continue their encouraging early season form when they host last season's grand finalists Carlton tonight.

Carlton had an impressive first season in the Ericsson Cup and surprised many pundits when they made it all the way to the championship decider.

And even though South Melbourne spoiled what would have been a fairytale story, Carlton have emerged as one of the powerhouses of the league.

This season, Carlton's good form has continued with two strong performances and eight goals in as many games.

Last season, Carlton got the better of the Strikers 1-0 when they visited Brisbane but Strikers Coach John Kosmina believes it could be a different story after 90 minutes this evening.

"It's a little difficult to say what they'll be like as they've had a change in some of their personnel this season," Kosmina said.

"When they came to Newcastle last season, to be honest, I thought we should have beaten them.

"But they've (Carlton) had two great wins already this season and are obviously in some good form.

"They hold their shape well and are committed to going forward with pace."

Midfielder Vince Grella and forward Andy Vlahos are sure to be keenly watched by the Strikers defence but Kosmina pointed to another two likely match winners.

"Andy Marth has looked dangerous with his surges forward from midfield and I've heard some good reports about their imported striker Alex Moriera," Kosmina said.

"But they're a strong side right across the park and our guys will have to be on their game to take maximum points."

Last week against League hotshots, Perth Glory, the Strikers looked set for a memorable victory with just ten minutes to go.

In the first half, flanker Sean Cranney put the home side a goal ahead with a fine effort.

And in the second half Jeromy Harris, playing in the unaccustomed role of stopper

put the home side a further goal ahead and what appeared to be an unassailable lead.

However, with the game seemingly over, Perth stole a point with a goal each to Bobby Despotovski and Con Boutsianis.

Kosmina said to lose from such a commanding position was difficult to accept.

"It was very difficult for everyone associated with Strikers... the players, the staff, the support crew and the spectators," he said.

"We seemed to lose our shape when we got two goals ahead and the guys relaxed a little too much.

"It was a good lesson for us that the game is not over until the final whistle goes and I think the players will be better for the experience."

Captain Glenn Gwynne returns from injury this week and that can only enhance the side's defence.

Reece Tollenaere is under an injury cloud with an ankle problem, as is Craig Williams who is suffering from a groin strain.

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The Carlton Story

by Andrew Howe

Professionalism. The cure to the continuing major problem of A-league: the continuing exodus of our best players overseas. Currently there are over 100 Australian players making a living from playing the game they love throughout Europe, Asia and South America. At the 1995 Australian Soccer Summit, incoming Soccer Australia boss David Hill presented a 24-point masterplan, which included that "significant increases in full time professional opportunities for Australian footballers need to be introduced". And in 1997 a five year plan was endorsed by Soccer Australia - proposing that all A-league clubs become fully professional by 2002.

Enter the Carlton Soccer Club. Carlton promised a fresh approach - full time players and a full time coach to supplement a professional administration team.

Carlton signed as club coach Eddie Krncevic, an experienced Australian born and bred footballer who played from 1981 to 1996 in Europe with clubs Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia), Anderlecht, Liege, Aalst and Charleroi (Belgium), Mulhouse (France) and Duisberg (Germany). Commencing training in mid-1997, a new squad that included John Markovski, Alan Hunter, Robert Trajkovski and 1996/97 NSL player of the year Kresimir Marusic were training full-time. The club also unveiled some rather outstanding prospects in throughout their first season, including Simon Colosimo and Michael Bresciano. Other youngsters Vince Grella and Andrew Vlahos matured greatly after being

bought to Carlton from other NSL clubs.

Carlton stunned the established soccer fraternity by not losing any of their first seven NSL games, finishing the regular season in second place, and then reaching the grand final. It was the first time in any major national football code in Australia had made the grand final at their first attempt. And it was only a dubious conceded goal in the last ten minutes that denied the team any chance of grand final glory, losing out 2-1 to South Melbourne.

Although Markovski, Hunter, Trajkovski and Marusic left the club in 1998, Carlton had a quite formidable albeit younger squad in 1998/99, although to supplement this talent the club did sign experienced NSL hard man Andrew Marth in mid-1998 to form another strong line-up in their second year.

Another highly regarded aspect of the club was the adoption of an official 'feeder club' system, where clubs throughout Victoria were adopted by Carlton even before they had played their first NSL game. And in the 1998/99 pre-season trials Carlton travelled to play other Victorian teams, incorporating youth training camps, which has established congenial relations with other Victorian clubs.


Although the element of surprise has waned in this, their second season, there is no doubting that Carlton boasts one of the most promising line-ups in the NSL. Competent players, coaching and the general day-to-day operations of this Australian soccer club can only lead to continued success.

Carlton's statistical record against Brisbane

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1997-98	2nd / 14	4100	1-0 Carlton	1-1



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It seems like Craig Williams has been around for an eternity. At 32, he is nearing the end of his playing career, but obviously still has a lot to offer the game and fans in Brisbane.

His peers regard Williams as a superb "reader" of the game. And while the years might have slowed the legs a little, the mind remains as sharp as ever.

At present, Williams is a vital cog in the defensive ranks of the Strikers. Along with captain Glenn Gwynne and young gun Steven Laybutt, "Willo" as he is known, forms one of the league's most underrated central defences.

And if early season form is anything to go by, the Strikers will once again be well served in season 1998-99 by the evergreen Williams

Williams was born in the Sydney suburb of Wahronga on June 6, 1966.

Craig WILLIAMS

At four years of age, Craig's love affair with the world game began when he became an integral member of the under six Carlingford Redbacks side.

"Mum reckons as soon as I could walk, I was always kicking a ball around," he said.

"Up until the age of 15, I was playing Inter-District Tennis five or six times a week and attending soccer training five times a week.

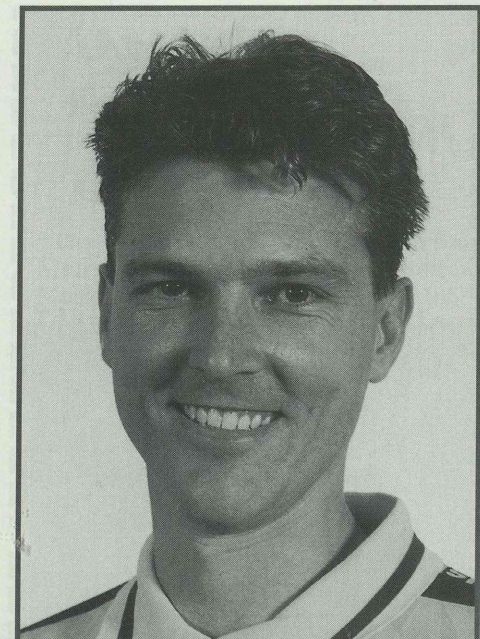
"Something had to give and I had to make a choice as to which sport I was going to pursue.

"Soccer has always been my first sporting love so I suppose it was a fairly straight forward decision in the end."

Craig was a regular member of New South Wales State teams as a teenager, before joining National League side Parramatta Eagles.

Williams made his debut in the National League in 1989 and has played 141 games and scored a solitary league goal.

In 1991, a change of scenery beckoned and Williams made the move north to link with



fledgling NSL club Brisbane United.

The early days in Brisbane were certainly tough, but Williams stuck with Brisbane and except for a brief stint with Singapore side Tampines Rovers in 1996, has been with the club ever since.

"I was given the opportunity to play over there and thought it would be a great experience," Williams said.

"I did enjoy my time.... (but) I'm glad I decided to return home.

"Winning the Grand Final in front of 40,000 plus fans was the most unbelievable experience and I feel very privileged to have been one of the players involved.

"All the hype leading up to the game, the police escort to the ground and the two to three weeks of celebration after our victory was something to behold."

The Strikers seemed to have turned their poor form of last season around this year, with a win, a draw and a narrow loss from their first three outings.

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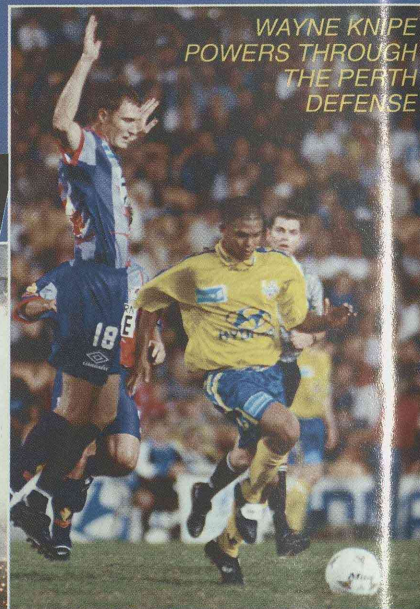
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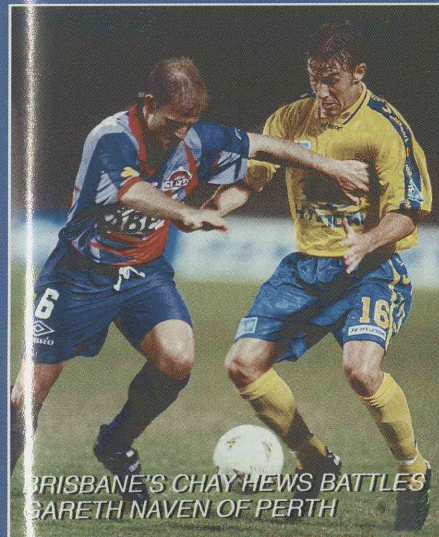
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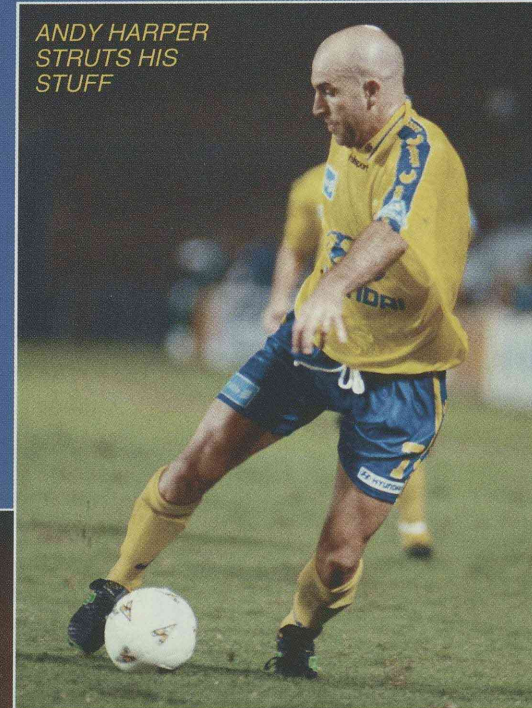
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WAYNE KNIPE POWERS THROUGH THE PERTH DEFENSE

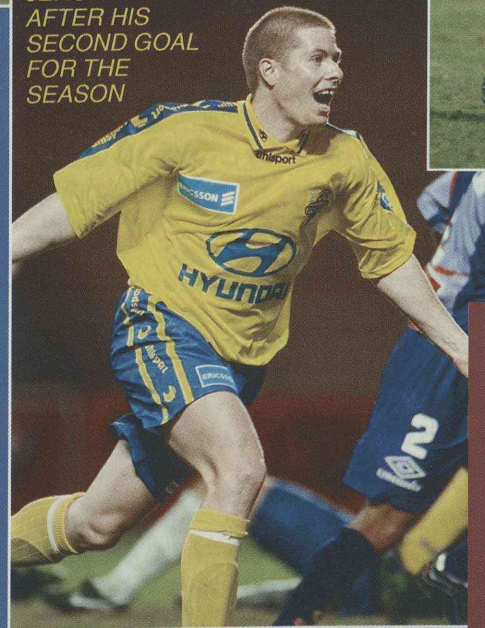


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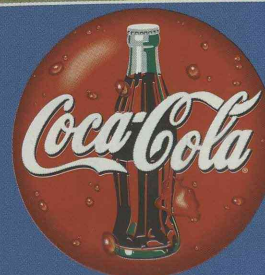


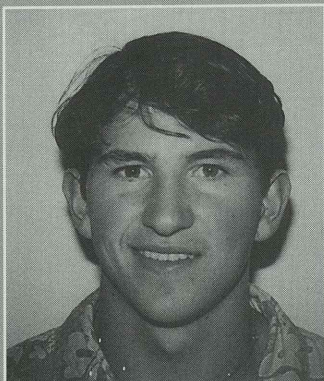
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Curtain Raiser with Gary Phillips

Our first game at Suncorp Stadium last week was a special occasion for a lot of the athletes, not only the recent additions but for all involved - coaching staff included.

The surface was in 'Wembley' status which was a blessing compared with other venues around the state and country. The win was pleasing but for most it was the crowd which seemed to lift the players to another level. It was a great atmosphere for the second half of our game and maybe the later kick-off of 5.15pm will be explored more. Obviously today is a strange one with the Strikers and Carlton having ABC commitments. But realistically a 2pm kick-off would be seriously endangering athletes, hence the 6.15pm start.

We do hope you enjoy the post National League entertainment. Today's opposition The Australian Institute of Sport will be a great yard stick against which to measure our standards. Last year's National Youth League champions (coached by former Socceroo Steve O'Connor) will hopefully be displaying the skills of Queenslanders, Gianni Culp and Michael Turnbull. I'm sure QAS players are eager to impress Mr O'Connor as well as Gianni and Michael, who are no doubt looking forward to kicking, I mean catching up, with their old mates!

Sit back and enjoy the 'main game'. I'm sure we can provide some entertainment and a win which we could then dedicate to our goal keeping coaches' son Thomas Graham Ross who was christened last weekend. Congratulations.

Gary Phillips.

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QAS SQUAD NEWS

With our new North Queensland Academy of Sport just completing its first year of operation, final assessments on players will be submitted to Headquarters here in Brisbane.

The pathway to progression for the selected few will see them progress to the Brisbane based program that participates in the National Youth League. Wayne Srhoj, current Brisbane Striker and Australian U17 representative hails from Mareeba and is a great example of the talent our North has to offer.

Our problem in the past has been trying to find a suitable family for these athletes to live with. If you or your family can possibly assist we would be pleased to hear from you.

Two athletes have been identified at the recent National Titles and with the school year coming to a close, assistance with housing needs to be 'addressed' prior to school closing. Please don't hesitate to call me on 0412 005 133.

As some of you may be aware, for the past 15 months I have been looking after two National League programs, men's and women's. This weekend the Academy advertised for a full-time position as Head Coach of the Women's Soccer Program. While I am sad about leaving the Women's Program,

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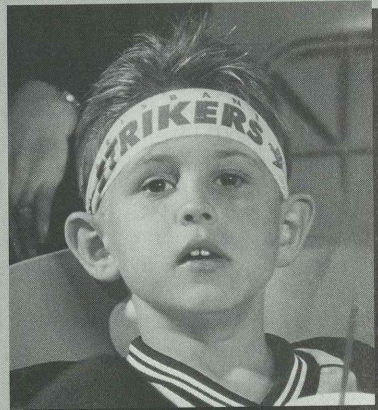


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By Chris Vinnie Jones

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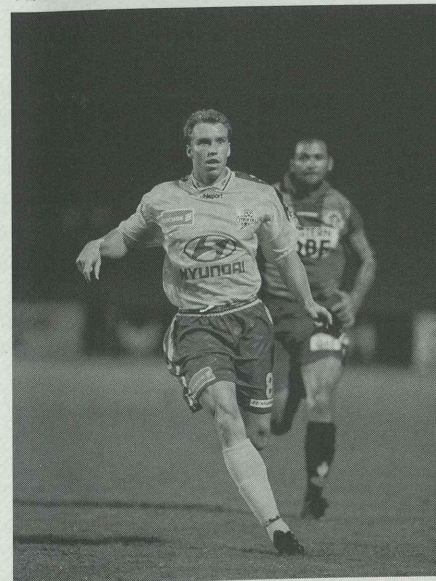
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A DIFFERENT View

Watching the Brisbane Strikers on Saturday night, two things became patently obvious.

One, Kasey Wehrman is a class act, the likes of which we haven't seen in Brisbane for quite some time.

Two, if the Strikers are to make the finals, they are going to need Glen Gwynne back on the park.

It's doubtful if there is a team in the competition that relies on two players as much as the Strikers do on those two.

Wehrman was virtually the Strikers only source of creativity at the weekend. When he has the ball at his feet, you can sense something is about to happen.

He's got that touch of class and extra time on the ball that is a hallmark of all great players.

What he also has is determination and will to win. He loses the ball, he chases until he gets it back.

They say there is great power in determination. If that's the case, Wehrman is one powerful character.

His fightback from a serious ankle injury and promotion to the Australian team are testimony to that.

He still carries a limp courtesy of the injury. The Brisbane public has been fortunate in the last couple of years. First of all we had one of the best players in the history of Australian soccer - Frank Farina.

Now we have one of the best young players in the country who could one day be mentioned in the same breath as Farina.

While Farina's career was winding down, Wehrman's star is on the rise. Soccer fans should sit back and enjoy Wehrman this season - it may be the last chance you get to see him on a regular basis.

There's little doubt his future is overseas. Gwynne has been the Strikers rock for several years now. If he's on the park on Saturday night, the Strikers win the game.

You couldn't see the club panicking and

throwing away a two goal lead with him at the back.

Gwynne is a phlegmatic character. A country boy with an even temperament. He never seems to lose his cool.

The Strikers are going to battle to score goals this season. Saturday night showed that. Their forwards rarely looked dangerous and are having trouble getting their names on the scoresheet.

The club's leading scorer is Jeremy Harris, who played at the back at the weekend.

With that in mind, the Strikers need a Gwynne-led defence to restrict their opposition's chances.

You can see them winning plenty of 1-0 and 2-1 games this season.

The way they played on Saturday night, there's too many bagfuls of goals in their kit bags.

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Sun 18/10	Sydney Olympic	A 1-2
Sat 24/10	Perth Glory	H 2-2
Sun 1/11	Carlton	H 1-0
Sun 8/11	Melbourne Knights	A 2-3
Sun 15/11	Wollongong Wolves	A
Sat 21/11	Adelaide City	H
Fri 27/11	Northern Spirit	A
Sat 12/12	Sydney United	H
Mon 21/12	Canberra Cosmos	A
Sun 27/12	South Melbourne	H
Sun 3/1	Gippsland Falcons	A
Sat 9/1	Adelaide Sharks	H
Fri 15/1	Newcastle Breakers	A
Sat 23/1	Mardon Fairfield	A
Tue 26/1	Sydney Olympic	H
Sat 6/2	Northern Spirit	H
Sun 14/2	Perth Glory	A
Sun 21/2	Carlton	A
Sat 27/2	Melbourne Knights	H
Sat 6/3	Wollongong Wolves	H
Sun 14/3	Adelaide City	A
Sun 21/3	Sydney United	A
Sat 27/3	Canberra Cosmos	H
Sun 4/4	South Melbourne	A
Sat 10/4	Gippsland Falcons	H
Sun 18/4	Adelaide Sharks	A
Sun 25/4	Newcastle Breakers	H



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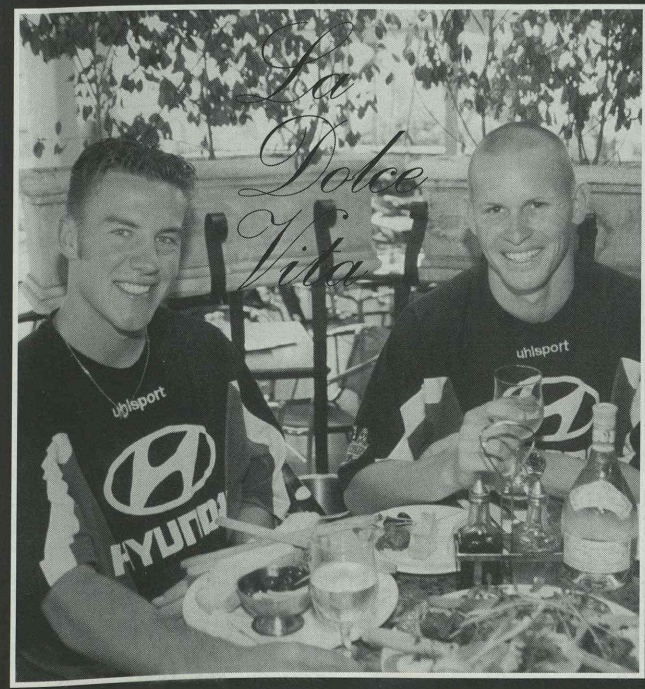
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- 6 Stephen Laybutt - FO
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- 8 Sean Cranney - FS
- 9 Reece Tollenaere
- 10 Kasey Wehrman - S
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- 14 Wayne Srhoj
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- 22 Aaron Thiesfield
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- 5 Sean Douglas - OI
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Legend: S - Socceroo, FS - Former Socceroo, O - Olyroo, FO - Former Olyroo, YS - Young Socceroo, FYS - Former Young Socceroo, OI - Other International



EYE ON STRIKERS' Tables

ERICSSON CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Glory	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
South Melbourne	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Carlton	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Marconi Field	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Sydney Olympic	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Sydney United	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Adelaide Sharks	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
STRIKERS	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Newcastle Breakers	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Gippsland Falcons	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Adelaide City	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Wollongong Wolves	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
Northern Spirit	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Canberra Cosmos	3	0	0	3	3	7	0
Melbourne Knights	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle Breakers	3	3	0	0	12	4	9
QAS	3	2	1	0	10	3	7
Aust. Institute Sport	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Northern Spirit	3	2	0	1	7	6	6
Northern Spirit Colts	2	1	1	0	8	1	4
Marconi Fairfield	3	1	1	1	10	4	4
Sydney Olympic	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Marconi Fairfield Colts	2	1	0	1	1	4	3
ACT Academy Sport	3	1	0	2	6	15	3
Syd Olympic Academy	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
Sydney United	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
W'gong Wolves Colts	3	0	1	2	1	10	1
Sydney Utd Colts	3	0	0	3	1	11	0
NSW Institute Sport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wollongong Wolves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OTHER ROUND 4 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- FRI 30 OCT Newcastle Breakers v Gippsland
- FRI 30 OCT Northern Spirit v Melb Knights
- SAT 31 OCT Marconi Fairfield v South Melb
- SUN 1 NOV Syd Olympic v Canberra Cosmos
- SUN 1 NOV Perth Glory v Sydney United
- SUN 1 NOV Wollongong Wolves v Adel City

ROUND 5 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- FRI 6 NOV Northern Spirit v W'gong Wolves
- SAT 7 NOV Gippsland v Marconi Fairfield
- SUN 8 NOV South Melb v Syd Olympic
- SUN 8 NOV Melb Knights v STRIKERS**
- SUN 8 NOV Adel Sharks v Newcastle
- SUN 8 NOV Sydney United v Carlton
- SUN 8 NOV Canberra v Perth Glory

ERICSSON CUP HOT SHOTS

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