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COVER: Strikers team mascot Thor, with some of the girls that make up the "Thunder Squad" will be performing tonight.

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The halfway mark of the season has passed and it's going to be hard work all the way from here.

To reach our goal of 42 points we need to win at least seven matches in the second round and get a few draws to boot.

We could do it with less wins and more draws but I prefer to win games rather than pick up a point. And we have some very tough games away from home.

Teams like Perth, Adelaide City and South Melbourne, were all first round games that we got only one point from and played well enough for nine but opportunities must be taken when they present themselves.

We didn't in those matches and paid the price but opportunity is borne of hard work so we've just got to roll the sleeves up now and give it our best shot.

We have a few things in our favour though. Chay Hews, Steve Laybutt, Sean Cranney and Andy Harper should all be returning from injury over the next few weeks which will certainly give us a lot more depth.

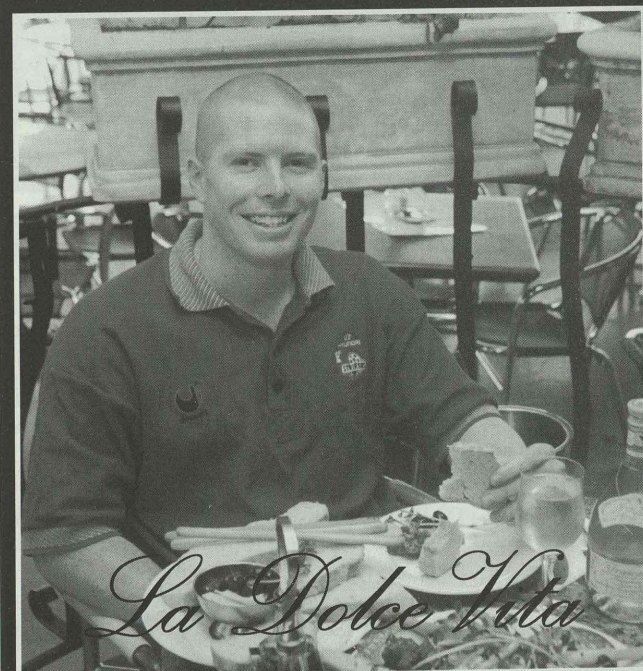
Having said that, I take nothing away from the contribution our youngsters have made in recent weeks - it has been superb.

Jade North, Wayne Srhoj, Shane Stefanutto and Andrew Davidson have all shown maturity way beyond their years. The trick for them now is to forget about their good starts and aim to be great players for years to come. I believe they can but in the end it's up to them.

I must take this opportunity to congratulate our marketing department Derryn Humphries and Helen Strydam on the great effort they put into our recent holiday soccer clinics. I'll be honest, I never thought they could achieve their target of 150 kids but they did thanks to their drive and enthusiasm not to mention some good marketing and PR skills. There is a lesson for everyone in what they achieved. There is no substitute for hard work and application if you want to be successful.

.....Kossie

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Points are at a premium

The Brisbane Strikers host glamour side Sydney Olympic in tonight's big clash at Suncorp Stadium.

The Strikers have had a solid start to the season and find themselves within striking distance of the top six.

The team has performed well under coach John Kosmina with the hunger of two seasons ago certainly apparent.

But with almost two-thirds of the season completed, the Strikers must now look to make every post a winner in the run to the play-offs.

And that is going to be easier said than done against the quality Olympic outfit.

Olympic have some of the game's biggest names in their side and the Strikers will have to be on their guard against this classy unit.

Former Olyroo and Young Soccerro Peter Tsekenis is one to watch in midfield and current Young Soccer skipper Brett Emerton will test the Strikers defence with his marauding runs out wide.

Nick Carle, Jason Culina and Pablo Cardoza are also some of the players that the Strikers will need to pay attention to.

When the two sides met in Round 2 earlier this season, Olympic scored a narrow 2-1 victory at home.

It was a game that should have gone the other way according to Kosmina.

"We should have won that game comfortably but didn't and from that perspective, it was very disappointing," he said.

"To be honest, we beat ourselves that night and that was something that was acknowledged by the Olympic fans."

The bounce of the ball has certainly not gone the way of the Strikers in a couple of close matches this season.

Kosmina said that while the team had been putting in some good performances, he firmly believed that their position on the table should have been much higher at this stage of the season.

"The bottom line is that we should have got more points from the games we have

played so far than we have," he said.

"But we haven't so we've got to roll our sleeves up, dig deep and put in the extra effort from here on in.

"Over half the season has gone but with thirteen games remaining, there is still plenty of points on offer."

The Strikers have been decimated by injuries to key players in recent weeks with Sean Cranney, Andy Harper, Steve Laybutt and Chay Hews all sidelined for this match.

The loss of those players would test the depth of any squad in the Ericsson Cup, but Kosmina is confident the Strikers possess the player personnel to do the job.

"We have brought some of the QAS lads such as Shane Stefanutto and Andrew Davidson into the side and they have done a good job for us so far," he said.

Kosmina said he was looking for an improved performance from the match against Newcastle.



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Ladies Afternoon Tea (with a twist) - February 25

Enjoy an afternoon tryst with the Strikers players at 2pm on Thursday, February 25. Jam and scones, pastries, sweets and a wonderful array of Taylors of Harrogate Yorkshire teas and champagne will be available. To add to the fun of the afternoon, guests can learn to play the stately game of croquet. It is set to be an enjoyable afternoon, but remember gents, this event is strictly for the ladies!

Charity Golf Day - March 18

The Strikers Annual Charity Golf Day will be held on March 18 at the scenic Windaroo Country Golf Club. All proceeds from the day will go towards helping Australia's Paralympians to the Sydney 2000 Games. This is a fun day for golfers of all handicaps, so book soon as it's filling fast.

Hyundai Corporate Car Bash - April 11

The Hyundai Corporate Car Bash will be held on Sunday, April 11. Enter a vehicle, collect the clues and win great prizes with a BBQ at a surprise destination.

FA Cup Charity Dinner - May 22

The Brisbane Strikers are presenting the "FA Cup Charity Dinner" to help raise funds for the Paralympians. Dinner, drinks, guest speaker and Big screen coverage of the FA Cup LIVE! There will also be an auction of international soccer memorabilia and other items. Book early, discounts for tables of 10, dress is smart casual or team colours.

Corporate Challenge Cup

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The Sydney Olympic Story

by Andrew Howe

In 1958, the Pan-Hellenic soccer club was born. It took the club only five years to establish itself at the top level of domestic football at this time - the NSW first division.

Coinciding with a name change to 'Sydney Olympic', the club board in 1976 decided to become a foundation member of the then called Philips Soccer League (PSL). Commencing in 1977, the PSL was Australia's first truly national football competition.

Olympic had a fairly slow beginning to the NSL, not finishing above halfway on the final ladder until 1982. In fact, in finishing second last in 1979, Olympic was relegated back to the NSW league - but not for long.

A NSW championship in 1980 paved the way for a hasty return to the top flight in 1981 - and they have been there ever since.

Backed by a large - albeit demanding - supporter base, Sydney Olympic finally started to produce the goods in the NSL in the mid 1980s. In 1984 Olympic won three consecutive finals games to meet South Melbourne in the grand final, and despite a 4-2 loss over two legs, a golden era beckoned for a club that had promised to much in the past.

Olympic lost another two-legged grand final in 1986, losing 3-2 on aggregate after being 1-0 up after the first leg in Adelaide.

Tragedy struck again for the Olympic faithful when the 1989 grand final against Marconi was lost (0-1) with barely one minute of regulation time remaining.

Olympic again won three finals games in succession to make a grand final, this time in 1989/90.

But this time Olympic's moment of glory finally arrived. Buoyed on by the majority of a 26,352 strong audience, Olympic resoundingly beat Marconi in the grand final 2-0.

The old cliché 'the sleeping giant' is an adage that truly describes Sydney Olympic. A relatively bare trophy cabinet does not justify such a strong and loyal support for the club.

After becoming privatised in mid 1998, the club purchased the services of two of Australia's most well-credentialed coaches - Branko Culina and Frank Arok (the latter as coaching director).

The future of Olympic looks like one where more trophies will be joining their lonesome 1990 counterpart.

Sydney Olympic's statistical record against Brisbane

Season	Final Pos'n.	Olympic's Avg. Crowd	Prev. Results in Brisbane	Prev. Results in Sydney
1991-92	2nd / 14	4600	2-0 Strikers	1-1
1992-93	9th / 14	3500	2-1 Olympic	2-0 Olympic
1993-94	6th / 14	4800	3-2 Olympic	1-0 Olympic
1994-95	9th / 13	2900	3-2 Strikers	0-0
1995-96	3rd / 12	6300	3-1 Strikers	1-0, 2-1 both Olympic
1996-97	9th / 14	7100	4-1 Strikers	5-3 Olympic
1997-98	9th / 14	4200	1-0 Strikers	3-0 Olympic

Legend: **▲** = Played - **S** = Substitute - **○** = Non playing substitute - **◆** = Own goal in scoreline - **■** = Yellow card - **■** = Red card

Date	Opponents	FA	1 Bolton	2 Gympie	3 Bell	4 Zoricich	5 Williams	6 Laybutt	7 Harper	8 Cranney	9 Tollenare	10 Wehrman	11 Kolpak	12 North	13 McLaren	14 Kline	15 Srdhol	16 Hews	17 Harris	18 Maradiin	19 Duke	20 Packer	21 Hughes	22 Davidson	23 Stearns
Sat 10/10	Marconi Fairfield	H	3-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 18/10	Sydney Olympic	A	1-2◆	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 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	1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 21/11	Adelaide City	H	0-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Fri 27/11	Northern Spirit	A	1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 12/12	Sydney United	H	2-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 21/12	Canberra Cosmos	A	1-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 27/12	South Melbourne	H	0-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 3/1	Gippsland Falcons	A	2-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 9/1	Adelaide Sharks	H	2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Fri 15/1	Newcastle Breakers	A	0-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 23/1	Marconi Fairfield	A		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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Sat 6/2	Northern Spirit	H		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 14/2	Perth Glory	A		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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Sat 27/2	Melbourne Knights	H		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 6/3	Wollongong Wolves	H		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 14/3	Adelaide City	A		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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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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With the departure of Frank Farina and the retirement of the evergreen Rod Brown, the Strikers were left with some big shoes to fill on the front lines at the start of the '98/99 season.

Twenty-three year old Stuart McLaren came to the club late last year and after only a handful of appearances has impressed club administrators and fans alike.

McLaren was born in Glasgow in Scotland on August 28, 1975. His father Robert was a boilermaker, while mother Molly worked at a major retail outlet.

At the age of five, Stuart's family made the long trek down under and after spending time in Brisbane, the McLaren's finally made the central Queensland town of Rockhampton their new home.



Stuart McLAREN

Stuart said he has been kicking a ball since before he could remember, but it wasn't until the age of 10 years that he began to think seriously about the game.

"It was around that age when I found out that players got paid for playing football," he said.

"I thought that would be a great life and as I progressed, I decided to have a shot at becoming a full-time professional."

Stuart's early football years were spent with Capalaba and Mt Gravatt in Brisbane and later with Rockhampton club Berserker.

It was during his time at Berserker that Stuart first met Queensland Soccer coaching identity Gary Johnson.

"Gary was a big influence on my career as I played under him at Berserker and numerous Queensland junior sides," he said.

"He is such an easy guy to talk to and even now, I find that I can sit down and get his thoughts on various parts of my game.

"The other big influence on my career has

been my dad who was quite a good amateur footballer in Scotland.

"He always encouraged and supported me, but never pushed and after every match I give him a call to discuss how I went."

In 1992, Stuart took up a two-year scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport. From 1993 —96 he played for Wollongong before making the move to Scottish First Division side Stirling Albion.

Stuart said it was beneficial to see how the game functions in Britain and gained valuable experience during a two-season stint.

"The league in Australia is certainly comparable to the first division in Scotland with the only major difference being the pace of the game," he said.

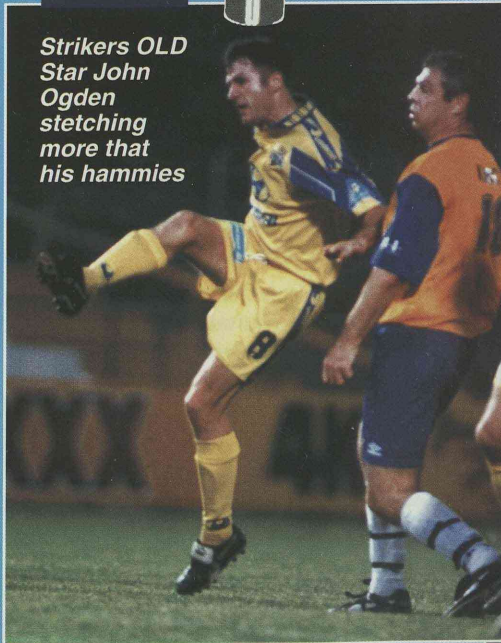
"I think that has a lot to do with the climate as it's very hard to keep running for ninety minutes in the Australian heat while over there, you have to keep running to stay warm."

McLaren said he had enjoyed his time with the Strikers to date and was looking forward to attaining future goals with the club.

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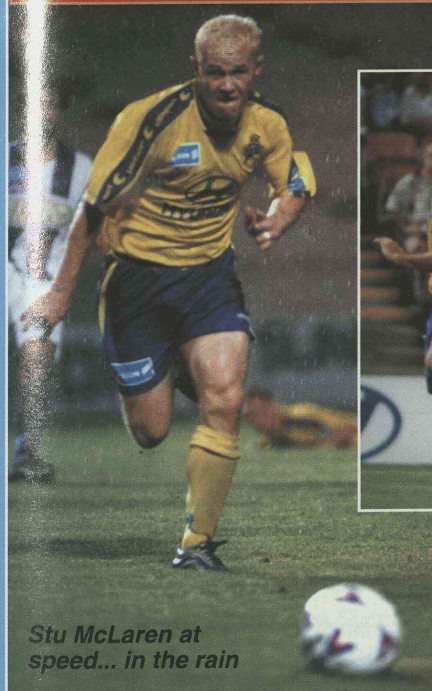
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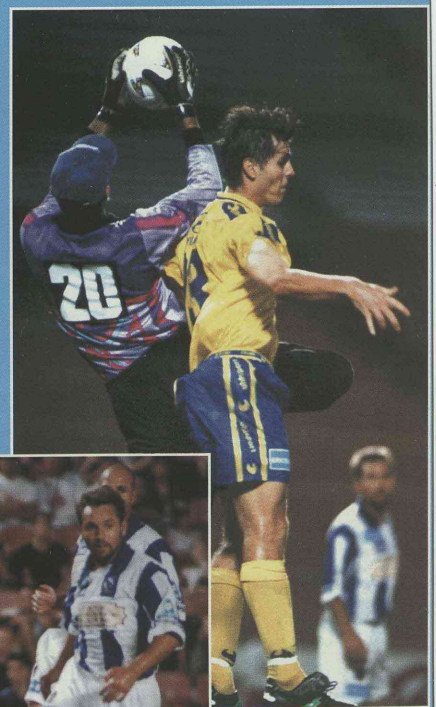
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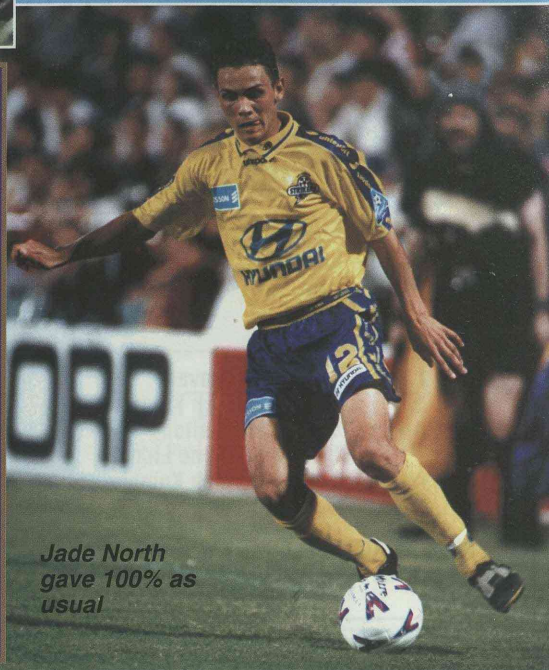


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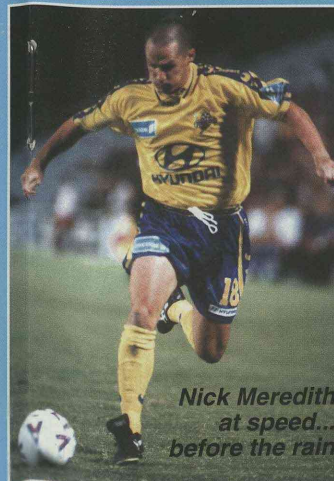
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QAS SQUAD NEWS

At time of writing we are yet to face Marconi but in Round 15 against Newcastle we went down 3-2.

A disappointing first half in Newcastle saw us down 2-0 at drinks but we found our legs in the second half to draw level with the Breakers through two fine goals by Russell Miner.

The first was a classic far post header in the style of a young and fit Kosmina of days gone by. Miner's second goal was also well taken but he could have well had a hat trick.

We fell asleep in the last five minutes and conceded a soft loopy header to give them the win.

Saturday's game against Marconi was an opportunity for the players to impress U17 and Youth coach Les Scheinflug.

I spoke to Scheinflug and invited him to the game to look at the quality of the QAS side.

He was very interested and the players would not have let themselves down.

Tonight's game against Sydney Olympic, probably the country's best youth side, who play open attractive football, will certainly bring out the best amongst our athletes.

And being my former club, a win tonight for the QAS is the only result thinkable to avoid a transfer to Woop Woop FC!

Finally congratulations to the QAS Women's team who had a very successful recent weekend in Sydney where they defeated a very strong NSW ITC team who are reigning National Champions.

A 1-1 draw on the Saturday was followed up by a 2-0 victory on the Sunday. Goals were courtesy of Sarah Garven and Kim Revell.

QAS SQUAD MEMBERS

- * Shane Barnes
- * Mark Bradley
- * Allan Cameron
- * Morgan Cawley
- * Mark Davidson
- * Duncan Easton
- * Chris Fields
- * Morgan Hartney
- * James Johnson
- * Russell Miner
- * Jonathan McKain
- * Shane Smeltz
- * Malcolm van de Graaf
- * Adam Webber
- * Damien Volker
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- * Owen Filewood
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- LANZOGE
- RETNEOM
- BLIEAIL
- SOURKIT

Fan-bag

To Wayne, you are my favourite player. I go to all your home games with my mum, dad and brother. I am 6. I'm the little kid from the Christmas party that you said dyed his hair blonde to look like yours. I guess that I will see you at the next home game. Good luck to you and the rest of the team.

From Timothy and family.

Dear John,
I have been an avid supporter of Brisbane since the move to Suncorp Stadium and this season (1998/99) I have made a solemn commitment to attend every home game, including tonight's. The purpose of writing this email is to congratulate your handling of the Strikers team and the appetite you must have created with in the team, including the QAS.

Understandably, Brisbane does not have the greatest depth of quality players, but our immediate short comings will result in long term ambitions and goals being achieved. Brisbane Strikers are an organisation to be proud of to have a team of young yet experienced players combined with young players with plenty of ambition and determination can be only the greatest asset any team could have.

Brisbane may not win the championship in 1999 and I don't think any right minded person would expect them to, but the grass roots have been layed, the foundations are set for many glorious years to come. To be in the situation of many QAS players and to be playing in the national competition at any age under 21 would be the greatest opportunity anyone could ask for. But to have these young players performing at such a high quality and determination would be any coach's dream. Let alone the players themselves.

Congratulations on your team and the performances. Good luck tonight and I hope the result is positive.

See you there.... Rob Sinnamon

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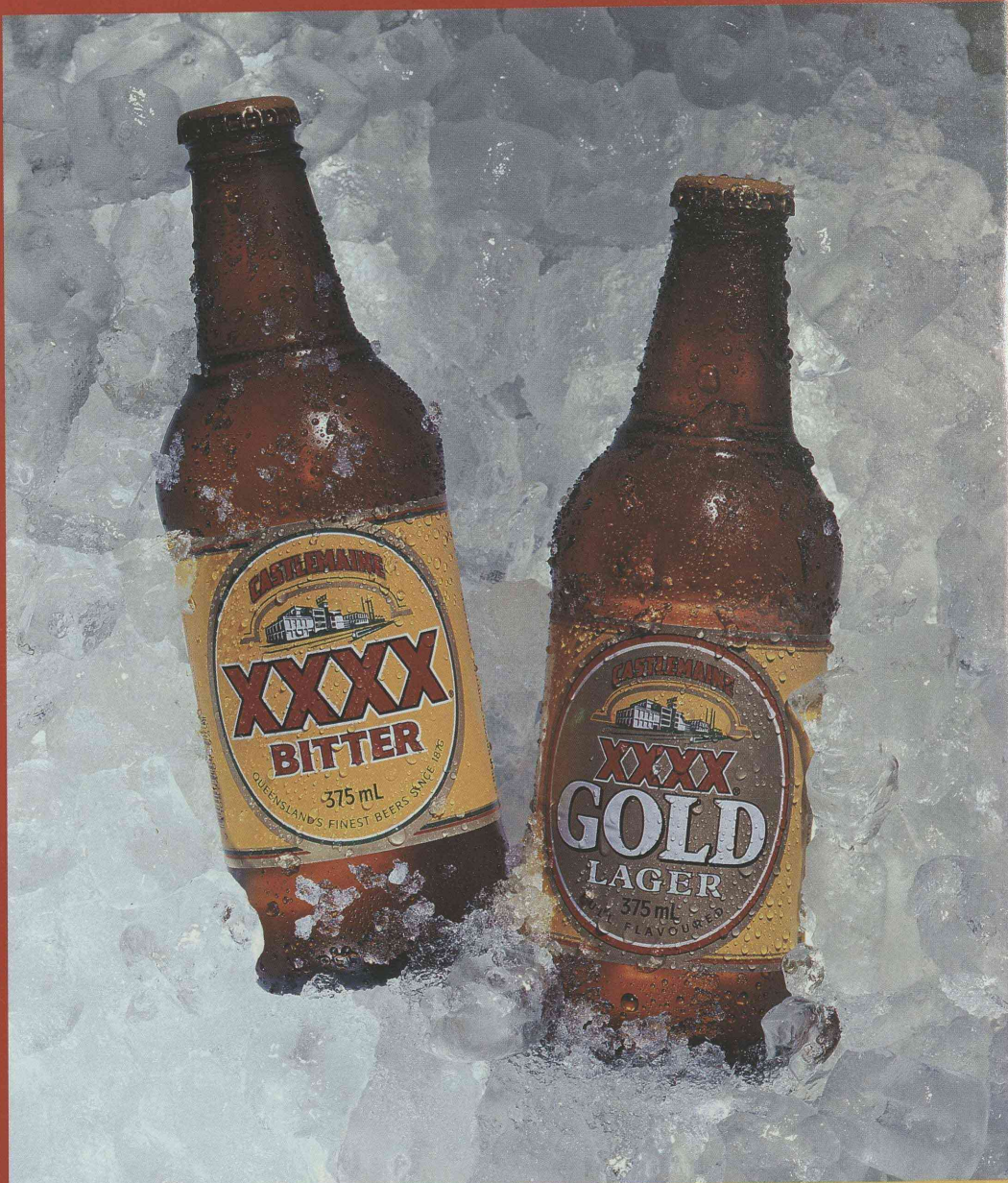
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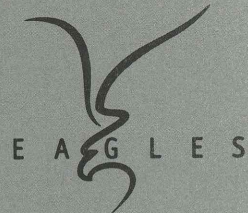
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A DIFFERENT View

By Brent Read

Lets' get the spotlight away from the national league for a week and look at the bigger picture. More particularly, Mark Viduka and his trials and tribulations with Scottish club Celtic.

Now blow me down with a feather, but sitting down here in Australia and watching the whole ordeal you'd think the big V-Bomber was a few sandwiches short of a picnic.

A few million dollars, playing for one of the biggest clubs in Europe - sounds like all his dreams have come true.

But instead of hitting cold Scotland and getting ready for the Old Firm game against Rangers, Viduka decides he needs a holiday to relieve some of the stress he's been going through.

If the V-Bomber thinks he was under stress before he went to Celtic, God only knows what he's going to be like after a few months at that club.

Book a room at the asylum and get the straight jacket ready. The Celtic supporters (if that's what you can call them) are going to expect plenty from their Australian star.

Word is he's already not so popular with the rabid Celtic faithful. Now I just returned from a trip over there and took in a Celtic game.

It was against St Johnstone at St Johnstone. My mates were Celtic fans so we had nosebleed seats in the back of the grandstand at the Celtic end.

Celtic played like a Queensland semi-pro division one side as they slumped to defeat. Let's just say the supporters weren't happy.

To me a supporter is someone who sticks with his side through thick and thin. Fair enough, the Celtic supporters have done that. But how they enjoy their football is beyond me. They sat there hurling abuse, booing and gesticulating the whole game. And that was at their own players.

The club's supporters expect the world and if they don't get it they can turn on you like a mongrel dog.

It's a world away from Australia and difficult to understand unless you actually sample it first hand. You can read books about the Celtic-Rangers rivalry, see it on television.

But unless you actually go to a game you can't begin to truly understand what the game means to these people.

A season pass to Celtic is worth its weight in gold. Stories of people going without food and clothes for the sake of their ticket to Parkhead is not uncommon.

I can only speak for myself but I hope the game never gets to that stage in Australia. At this time it looks a long way off. In fact I doubt it will happen in my lifetime.

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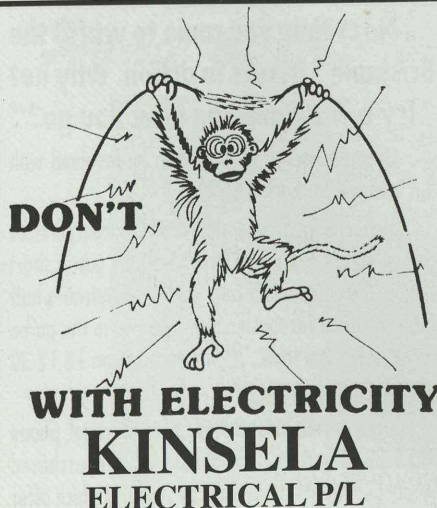
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Grand-Pa Final will excite

Put away the walking sticks and forget about the false teeth. The veterans of Queensland soccer are about to showcase the skills which made them household names in this state for well over a decade.

The Strikers OLD Stars, featuring the likes of Jim Hermiston, Calvin Daunt, Frank Pimblett and Gary McDowell, take on the Acacia Ridge RELICS in the Grand Final of the Lowe Lippmann Bott Masters Invitation Series tonight.

The Relics also contain a number of the state's former soccer legends, including Frank Mengotti, Kieran Cooper and Mike Mulvey.

The game promises a feast of football. While their fitness may not be what it was, this group of ageless veterans will have the silky skills which made them stars in their playing days. Most are still involved with the game, be it coaching or playing. The likes of

Pimblett, Mengotti, Cooper and Relic Davey Richardson have only recently hung up the boots.

Cooper is known to be considering a comeback and the deadly marksman was a regular goalscorer in the commercial league last season.

For more than a decade he toyed with opposition defences and the Strikers OLD Stars will have to be on guard when the wily Rochedale target man goes sniffing around the penalty box tonight.

Expect the likes of McDowell and Col Bennett to give Cooper no freedom. Pimblett player-coached Pine Rivers to the semi-pro finals last year and the two-time best and fairest winner has been a star in the round robin games. All players are over 35 years of age and have played in the national soccer league. The sides progressed through a round robin series, and enter the final level pegging.

LOWE LIPPMANN BOTT GRAND FINAL

Kickoff 6.10pm

Strikers OLD Stars

John Kosmina
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ERICSSON CUP

Round 17 - 26/1/99



BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Clint Bolton - FO
- 2 Glenn Gwynne (C) - S
- 3 Matthew Bell
- 4 Chris Zoricich - OI
- 5 Craig Williams
- 6 Stephen Laybutt - FO
- 7 Andy Harper
- 8 Sean Cranney - FS
- 9 Reece Tollenaere
- 10 Kasey Wehrman - S
- 11 Glen Kolpak - FO
- 12 Jade North
- 13 Stuart McLaren
- 14 Wayne Knipe
- 15 Wayne Srhoj
- 16 Chay Hews
- 17 Jeromy Harris
- 18 Nick Meredith
- 21 Andrew Packer
- 23 Des Hughes
- 24 Andrew Davidson
- 25 Shane Stefanutto
- Rgk Daniel Duke
- Coach - John Kosmina

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

- 1 Jim Kourtis
- 2 Scott Thomas
- 3 Adam Ciantar
- 4 Peter Tsekenis - FO
- 5 Kimon Taliadoros - FS
- 7 Norman Tome - FO
- 8 Jason Culina - S
- 9 Pablo Cardozo
- 10 Brett Emerton - S
- 11 Chris Kalantzis - FS
- 12 Mark Brennan - OI
- 14 Elias Augerinos
- 15 Ante Juric - FYS
- 16 Adrian Cervinski - FO
- 17 Scott Baillie - O
- 18 Leo Carle - O
- 19 Nick Carle
- 21 Mehmed Durakovic - FS
- 22 Peter Zorbas
- 23 Carlos Gonzalez - O
- 24 Milan Blagojevic - FS
- Rgk George Bouhoutsos
- Coach - Branko Culina

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
South Melbourne	15	10	3	2	32	18	33
Sydney United	15	9	2	4	25	16	29
Perth Glory	15	8	3	4	30	18	27
Carlton SC	15	8	3	4	32	18	26
Adelaide City	15	8	2	5	23	14	26
Northern Spirit	15	8	2	5	18	16	26
Sydney Olympic	15	7	3	5	26	21	24
Marconi Fairfield	15	7	9	5	27	25	24
STRIKERS	15	6	4	5	20	18	22
Adelaide Sharks	15	5	3	7	24	25	18
Newcastle Breakers	15	5	3	7	16	22	18
Wollongong Wolves	15	4	4	7	25	29	16
Gippsland Falcons	15	6	6	9	8	28	12
Melbourne Knights	14	3	2	9	14	24	11
Canberra Cosmos	15	0	2	13	9	36	2

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northern Spirit	15	11	1	3	30	11	34
Marconi Fairfield	15	9	5	1	46	12	32
Aust Inst of Sport	14	9	4	1	41	11	31
Sydney Olympic	15	9	2	4	40	17	29
Wollongong Wolves	13	9	1	3	38	11	28
QAS	14	9	1	4	44	18	28
Newcastle Breakers	14	8	4	2	27	14	28
NSW Inst Sport	12	7	3	2	27	7	24
Sydney United	15	6	3	6	27	22	21
Marconi Fairfield Colts	14	5	1	8	15	25	16
ACT Acad. Sport	15	3	1	11	23	42	10
Sydney United Colts	14	3	0	11	15	43	9
Northern Spirit Colts	14	2	2	10	14	56	8
Sydney Olympic Acad	14	0	3	11	9	45	3
W'gong Wolves Colts	14	0	1	13	3	65	1

OTHER ROUND 17 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- TUE 26 JAN South Melb v Adelaide Sharks
- TUE 26 JAN Adelaide City v Carlton
- TUE 26 JAN Northern Spirit v Perth Glory
- TUE 26 JAN Sydney United v Marconi Fairfield
- TUE 26 JAN W'gong Wolves v Melb Knights
- TUE 26 JAN Canberra Cosmos v Newcastle

ROUND 18 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- FRI 15 JAN Northern Spirit v Sydney United
- SUN 31 JAN Carlton SC v Adelaide Sharks
- SUN 31 JAN Adelaide City v Canberra Cosmos
- SUN 31 JAN Melb Knights v Gippsland Falcons
- SUN 31 JAN W'gong Wolves v Sth Melbourne
- SUN 31 JAN Syd Olympic v Marconi Fairfield
- SUN 31 JAN Perth Glory v Newcastle

ERICSSON CUP HOT SHOTS

- Pablo Cardozo Syd. Olympic 13
- Mile Sterjovski Syd. United 10
- John Markovski Perth Glory 9
- Alex Moriera Carlton SC 8
- Vaughan Coveny Sth Melb 7



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